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# The Trainwire



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**TCA LAKE ERIE CHAPTER  
 TRAIN COLLECTORS  
 ASSOCIATION**

**SPRING  
 TRAIN MEET**

**Saturday, May 2nd, 2015**  
 U.A.W. Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

- Free Parking
- Ground-Level Entrance
- Good Lighting
- Wide Aisles
- Refreshments Available

- New and Old Trains
- Parts, Repair Manuals, Price Guides, Books, etc.
- Train Videos
- Model Building Supplies and Kits
- Lionel, American Flyer, MTH, Williams, Weaver, LGB
- O, S, HO, N, Z & Large Scale

**NEXT LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEET: NOV. 28, 2015**  
*All TCA National Division Chapter Rules will be enforced.*  
**ADMISSION:** Adults \$6 • Children Free  
 Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm  
 For More Information Contact: David Stachnik at 440-845-2700 or tcalakeerie@earthlink.net

**Div. 5 Picnic**  
 Saturday, August 8, 2015  
 At  
**The Painesville Depot**  
 475 Railroad Street

Driving directions  
 Exit Rt 2 at Richmond Street, South one block to Chester,  
 East on Chester to N. State Street,  
 South on N. State Street (under the RR bridge),  
 East on Railroad Street to Depot

**Join in on good fellowship  
 and railfanning!**

**Menu:**  
 KFC Chicken - Original Recipe, Crispy or Grilled  
 Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw, Chips  
 Hobo Beans, Desert  
 Pop & water

Food is being provide by Div. 5  
 Admission: **Free** to all Div. 5 members and immediate family.  
**RSVP** by August 1, 2015 to Bonnie at:  
 (440) 298-3075 or send an e-mail to [Treasurer@MCR5.org](mailto:Treasurer@MCR5.org)

*Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!*



**2015 Railfanning Days**  
 at  
 The Painesville Railroad Museum,  
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

Spend a day *Railfanning* at the Painesville Depot  
**VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT**

THE DEPOT OPENED IN 1893 FOR THE  
 LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN LINE  
 THE DEPOT IS ON THE CSX MAIN LINE -Mile Post 153.2-

**Saturday, May 16, 2015**  
**Saturday, July 25, 2015**  
**Sunday, September 13, 2015**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2015**  
**10:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
*Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!*

Food and Drinks available  
 216-905-0198  
 prmm@att.net  
[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)



# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2015

Meeting was called to order by **Superintendent Dave Neff** at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 27 members and 4 guests were present.

An overview of the results from **Railfest 2015** were reported. We had near record attendance on Saturday. There were lots of kids and families. The Saturday dinner and presentation went well but we would like to get higher attendance. Thanks to all that helped put on the show.

It was noted that the **Dalton Show** will be on the same weekend as Railfest 2016. Not sure if there is anything that can be done about it at this time. We will have to see how this affects the dealers that sign up for Railfest.

**The Kids Show** at the Great Lakes Mall went well. Thanks to everyone that helped man the Division 5 booth. Lots of kids and parents visited our booth. Thanks to Bob Orlando for having his layout on display.

We can take **Division 5 Company Store** items to the MCR 2015 convention to sell. Division 5 members that we know of going to the convention are Dave Neff, Dick Naramore, and Gary Shaffer.

**Farmpark** has decided that they no longer have the space for the HO/N display layout that Division 5 built for them. They are looking for another home for it. It was suggested that we approach the Painesville Depot to see if they would be willing to take it.

For the **Railroads In The Parks event**, we have the chance for some great TV advertising if we can set up the layouts Thursday evening. Fox TV 8's morning show is willing to do its Friday morning "**Kickin' It With Kenny**" segments at Farmpark and feature the layouts. We will check with the HO and N modular groups to see if they are willing and able to set their layouts up early.

An idea of a **DVD "How To" library** was presented and discussion of the idea followed. This would require a coordinator to handle this. What do our public libraries have? Would anyone actually use it? YouTube has lots of "how to" model railroading videos that anyone can access at any time. What about just compiling a list of peoples' favorite websites and links.

## **Bring & Brag Theme: – Locomotives**

Bill Berger	Alan Arthur	Tom Pescha
Bob Gittinger	Mike Rudder	Matt Kross
Rich Kacprzak	Don Bittner	Bill Osborne
Paul Chapple	Bryan Persing	

**Program:** Rich Kacprzak presented an excellent program on the history of **the B&O Lake Branch – Fairport to Youngstown.**

*Submitted by:*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Pictures from

# April Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



**Next Division 5 Meeting May 1st, 2015**

# Division 5 BOD Meeting

April 13, 2015

**Attendees:** Bob Gittinger, Dave Neff, Don Bittner, Dale Smith, Lenny Kessler, Rob Bowers, Bob Frieden, Jim Wendorf, Wayne & Bonnie Lette.

**Railfest 2015** – Jim reported that the show was a good show and that we received compliments from the different dealers for the help of setup & teardown plus the box lunches. Jim was able to fill the waiting lists as we had a couple of cancelations right up to the day of the show.

**Discussion** of how we could encourage new dealers to participate in Railfest

**2016 Railfest** – it has come to our attention that the one day show in Dalton will conflict with Railfest on Sunday.

**Railroads in the Park** at Lake Farm Park – May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. The HO Module Group & LENS will be setting up their modular layouts on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> so they will be ready to run early Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> morning for TV 8 Fox News to have Kickin' It With Kenny do 5 segments starting around 6:30 *am*. HO, Division5 and LENS members are requested to be at Farm Park about 6:00 AM to get ready for interviews and demonstrations. This will help promote the hobby.

**Boy Scout Merit Badge** will be offered by Farm Park again this year. Division 5 will be donating the railroad car kits to assemble which is one of the requirements for their badge. We are requesting members to volunteer to help the Boy Scouts assemble their kits. Generally the kit assembly is around 10*am*; however, it would be advised to be at Farm Park earlier to find out the exact time you will be needed. If you have rail nippers and tools to help put the kits together, please put your name on them and bring them along.

**The membership meeting** will be held at Farm Park Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. Program will be on Building an Ethanol Plant by Ron Morgan; Bring N Brag will be Granaries and Grain Hoppers.

**NMRA MCR Regional Convention** – Division 5 will be participating in the Company Store – Dave Neff will be taking items from our Company Store down to the convention to sell.

**Trainwire** – discussed the upcoming events, programs and Bring N Brag. **Division 5 Picnic** will be August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Painesville Depot. August program will be Lighting Structures by Alan Arthur & Bob Orlando.

**Lake Farm Park Module** – the HO/N scale module that Division 5 built and donated to Farm Park will now have a new home. Farm Park no longer has room for this module and the Painesville Depot has agreed to take it to the depot.

**Microsoft Office program** – to do the Trainwire, Lenny needs a new Publisher copy. It was voted to purchase the program needed. Wayne & Tom will be checking out prices to purchase.

**Organization Donations** – LENS submitted their report on the 2014 donation that Division 5 gave them for their DCC unit, thanking the division for their donation. In addition, LENS submitted a request for a donation in 2015 to build a power cart. The request was passed around and will be voted on at a later BOD meeting.

**Charter One** – sent a letter stating that their name will be changing to Citizens Bank.

**Operating Session** in Jamestown, New York. Dave Egelston in Jamestown, New York has invited Division 5 to an operating session on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We would car pool from Dale Smith's house approximately 8:00 - 8:30 *am*; go to lunch and the hobby store; then run trains around 1:00 *pm* – 4:30 *pm*; return home (*maybe stopping for dinner*).

**Another operating session** – Brad White has invited Division 5 to come to Erie soon for an operating session date to be determined.

**Age of Steam Roundhouse** – Dale has not heard any word yet on this trip.

*Submitted by:*

**Bonnie Lette, Treasurer**

# Spring Cleaning @ the Depot



Well, the weather has finally broken and the hibernation at the Depot has come to an end. A large dumpster was delivered on site and spring cleaning began on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Depot members and volunteers will be working on cleanup projects, renovations to the building and the

caboose, repairs inside and out, ground maintenance and preparations for upcoming events. The first paranormal event has been booked for June 12<sup>th</sup>, with possibly two more later this year. Four railfanning days have been scheduled, including a “swap meet” by the NETS group this September. In addition, Division 5 will be holding

their annual picnic once again at the Depot in August. Tom Tylicki and Jack Liles along with other interested members have already started rebuilding the multi-gauge, multi-level layout that was donated to the Depot by John Ashman. The wall shelves that were donated by the Thrasher TV store and the 1939 Mercury luggage cart that was



donated by Tom Bassett will be on display at all future events. An ornate chandelier was found in storage and will become a highlight in the main room of the building. Monies have been set aside for the rebuilding of the caboose that was donated by the

Lubrizol Company, and the project will be well underway this summer. Now that we are open for the season, all Depot meetings will convene at the Depot for the rest of the 2015 season. When the season ends, meetings will be held off site.

In the coming months, we are looking forward to meeting our guests and supporters while reliving the nostalgia of an outstanding railway era.

*by: Lenny Kessler*



*It won't be long now*



*There's always time for Railfanning*

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# Wanted

The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular view point on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the Modelers Corner; then we want to hear from you. Everyone wants to be kept current on Division information, but we all enjoy an interesting article written by a member of this organization. So take your pictures and article and send them to the Editor by email and share them will all of us.

**June Trainwire Deadline  
 May 15th.**

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