



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

Model Railroad Fiction and Fantasy

We're all familiar with some pristine and precision model railroads and railroaders within our hobby. You know, 'rivet counters' and prototype modelers who wouldn't be caught dead with a non-prototypical freight car on their layout. Why, even in N scale we have peculiar rolling stock collectors who refuse to open an unused, new model in its plastic box lest fresh air begin to deteriorate the little sucker or some such.

Fortunately, not many of us fall into this category. Our model railroads are *ours*, to exist primarily for our own enjoyment, and we all have learned that there is probably an actual prototype for almost anything we wish to populate our layouts with. It's also easy to invent and imagine some strange scenario. Fiction and fantasy are every bit a cornerstone of this hobby as well as true-to-life replication of actual railroading.

Case in point---Broadway Limited is now coming out later this year with N scale livestock cars with sound, as they have in the larger scales. But not in my favorite road names, as I'm trying to loosely base my home pike on the Pocahontas Roads—C & O, N & W, Virginian. I have a slaughterhouse/packing plant structure on my layout, and am featuring hogs as livestock rather than cattle. Hogs were fairly common in this region and especially in Virginia. Think Virginia ham. The new livestock cars with sound have mostly *western* road-names, and ones like Dubuque Packing. Not exactly appropriate for the West Virginia/Virginia region. But they do have a hog-sound car decorated for the Pennsy. How do I fit that one in? Very simply, this is where creative thinking takes over. You see, there are choices which can satisfy the usual question of the purist who says "why do you have a Pennsy cattle car on your layout"? Two choices for answers: (1) the car is leased; (2) there was excess slaughter house/



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

packing plant capacity so the company brought in some 'Pennsylvania' hogs!

You get the idea—we can create our own reality, virtually 'anything goes' in our little empires. Even model-building 'mistakes' have their place---the real world isn't perfect. So be creative, be flexible, have fun. Helps keep us sane, off the streets and out of the bars---but don't try to get too far off-track! - *Dave Neff*



Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys
Hobby Town USA
Train Specialty Company
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

Willoughby, Ohio
Mentor, Ohio
Chardon, Ohio
Geneva, Ohio



UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
 Chardon, Ohio

Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.

June 5th, 2015

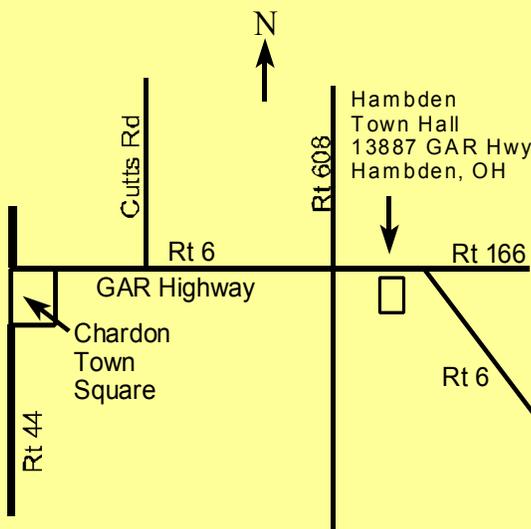
Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Track Maint. & Inspec. Vehicles (*Dennis Sautters*)
 Bring & Brag: Speeders, MOW

July, 2015

There is no Meeting in July

August 7th, 2015

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Surface mounted LED's (*Al Arthur & Bob Orlando*)
 Bring & Brag: Anything Electronic



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

The Lincoln Funeral Train **June 6 & 7**
 The Painesville Railroad Museum
 475 Railroad Street *(see flyer on page 10)*
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 *(10 am - 6 pm)*

Division 5 BOD Meeting **June 8**
 Hambden Town Hall
 Hambden, Ohio *(7:30 pm)*

Sunset Harbor Fundraiser **July 13**
 Sunset Harbor Bar and Grill
 625 Prospect Street *(see flyer on page 11)*
 Fairport Harbor, Ohio 44077 *(5 pm - 8 pm)*
(Lake Counties ONLY lake front dining)

Painesville Party in the Park **July 17, 18 & 19**
 Painesville Public Square
 Painesville, Ohio 44077

Railfanning Day **July 25**
 The Painesville Railroad Museum
 475 Railroad Street *(see flyer on page 12)*
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 *(10 am - 6 pm)*

Division 5 Annual Picnic **August 8**
 The Painesville Railroad Museum
 475 Railroad Street *(see flyer on page 13)*
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 *(2 pm - 6 pm)*

NETS - Swap & Trade Meet **September 13**
 The Painesville Railroad Museum
 475 Railroad Street *(see details on page 15)*
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 *(10 am - 5 pm)*

Special BOD Meeting

April 30, 2015

A **special meeting** of the Division 5 BOD was held on April 30, 2015 at Lake Farmpark in Kirtland, OH at 7:30 pm to discuss the opportunity of sponsoring the Lincoln Funeral Train Display. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Jim Wendorf, Tom Pescha, Rob Bowers, Don Bittner, and Lenny Kessler.

Overview: For the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's death, a group has created replicas of the Lincoln Funeral Car and the locomotive that pulled the funeral train. They are taking this display around to various cities. We have the opportunity to bring this display to the Painesville Depot on June 6 - 7th, 2015. However, there are significant costs involved in hosting the display (cost of equipment transportation, travel and lodging expenses for the display crew, creation of an area to set the equipment, insurance, etc.). Tom Pescha has been working furiously to line up sponsors and donations. We have a number of companies/organizations that are willing to donate money, advertising, construction work, etc. Division 5 will need to be the primary sponsor at a cost of around \$14,000. An entrance fee will be charged and so at least some of the cost of this event can be recovered.

This opportunity came about less than a week ago and a decision needs to be made very quickly in order for us to get on the display schedule.

The BOD spent a considerable amount of time discussing all aspects of the project: budget, grants/donations, parking, advertising, food, logistics, ticket prices, insurance, permits, hours, volunteer tasks, IRS regulations on how the Division's money can be spent, site requirements, split of revenues received, etc.

The following motion was passed by the BOD: Division 5 will proceed with being the primary sponsor (up to a maximum of \$14,000) of the Lincoln Funeral Train Display on June 6-7, 2015 at the Painesville Depot with profits returned to the sponsors in proportion to their level of investment.

The Treasurer will obtain an **NMRA insurance certificate** for the event listing the Painesville Depot as the host location.

Many thanks to Tom Pescha for an incredible amount of leg work, phone calls, and arm twisting in a very short amount of time to bring this event together. Tom generated a very detailed event plan that covered the majority of the questions that the BOD had. He was also able to wrangle a number of very helpful donations.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Lake Farmpark in Kirtland, OH. 23 members and 7 guests were present.

An outside person is selling some large N-scale architectural models. Photos of the buildings were on hand. Anyone interested should contact Bob Frieden or Dennis Lloyd for the contact information for the person selling.

Those present were reminded of the upcoming **Division 4 layout tours**.

We just received a box of approximately **100 DVDs from the NMRA national office**. These are video recordings of clinics presented at various conventions. Dave Neff will skim through what was provided and report back on specifics of what is available. We believe a catalog of the DVDs has already been generated. We need to get a copy of this list and post it on our website.

Those present were reminded that the **Mid Central Region 2015 convention** will be May 14 – 17. A couple members of Div 5 will be attending.

Division 5 will be **the primary sponsor** of the Lincoln Funeral Train Display on June 6 & 7 at the Painesville Depot. Fliers are available. Replicas of Lincoln's funeral car and the locomotive that pulled the train will be displayed, the Depot will be open, visitors can watch trains, and we may have some Civil War reenactors present. **This will be a major Division 5 event**. We will need lots of help: directing traffic for parking, crowd management, selling tickets, keeping people moving through the displays, etc. Please plan to help!

Unfortunately, **TV 8** had to cancel the Friday morning **"Kickin' It With Kenny"** at Farmpark for the Railroads In The Parks weekend so we didn't get the extra TV publicity for the event.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Grain

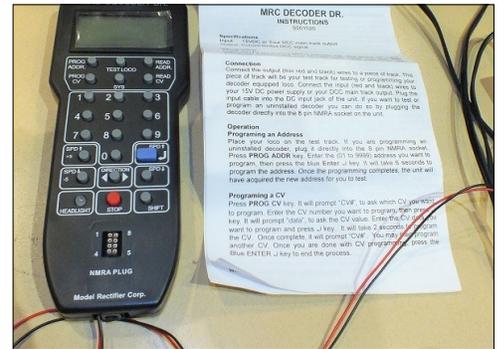
Dave Neff	Matt Kross	Bob Gittinger
Mike Rudder	Bryan Persing	Paul Chapple
Tom Pescha	Bob Orlando	

Program: Ron Morgan of Division 4 provided a program on building an Ethanol Plant using the Walthers HO Cornerstone building kits.

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from May Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting June 7th, 2015

Division 5 BOD Meeting

May 11, 2015

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

Division 5 Picnic – August 8th at Painesville Depot from 2PM – 5PM. We will be doing KFC Chicken in place of the hamburger & hot dogs. All the side dishes will be the same as last year. We will be donating all non-perishable items and drinks to the Painesville Depot.

Organization Donation – The cap for a donation was decided to be changed from \$450 to \$500 per organization in a year. Lake Erie N-Scale Society (LENS) has submitted a proposal for funding to build an electronic cart to house the DC and DCC items to make it easier to switch from one to the other. It was agreed to give LENS \$500 towards this project.

Division 5 Trip – 5/23/15 there is an operating session in Jamestown, NY at 1:00 PM – we will be carpooling and leaving Dale Smith's house at 8:30 AM. A light lunch and a stop at the hobby store before going to run trains.

Lake County Farm Park – Railroads in the Park event had approximate increase of 67% this year from 2014. The event was well attended. There is talk that the 2016 Railroads in the Park could be moved to the 1st weekend in June instead of May.

Events and Bring-N-Brag – reviewed the upcoming events and Bring-N-Brag themes. For the month of July – it was decided not to hold a BOD meeting. Plus we don't have a membership meeting in July.

Trainwire deadline – Please remember that if you are submitting an article, announcement, reports, etc. to be published in the Trainwire – the DEADLINE is the 15th of the month to go into the next month's Trainwire.

Lincoln Funeral Train – Everything is on schedule. Discussed the contract and reviewed the budget.

Lincoln Funeral Train Volunteers – Bob Orlando is the Volunteer Chairperson – There will be a list to sign up for your 4 hours slot at the 6/5th membership meeting.

Treasurer Duty – has increased with the taxes and keeping our division a 401(c)3; this will be tabled till the next BOD meeting (*Bonnie to check into the cost for doing the Non-Profit taxes*)

2015 MCR Convention in Lexington – Dave Neff will be attending; the division is lending our projector for the clinics if needed, Company Store items and Dave will be presenting our semi-annual report about Division 5 at the MCR BOD Meeting.

Submitted by:
Bonnie Lette, Treasurer

Division 5 Semi-annual Report to MCR BOD

May 7, 2015

Division 5 is comprised of Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula counties in Northeastern Ohio. Membership rolls as communicated by NMRA national show just over 100 paid members. Our average monthly 'event' attendance is 30-35---but usually many of the very same individuals each month.

We continue to have successful Bring 'n Brag session with very good participation by members displaying items in all scales—Z, N, HO, S, O and narrow gauge.

In early November, our 'Build a Model Railroad' event, free to the public, drew good attendance and many of our members participated with 'topic' stations such as discussing and displaying benchwork, scenery, track-laying, electrical, structure building, trees, etc. We also have operating layouts at this event. We've gained

new members here also.

Our annual Railfest, held in mid-March at Lakeland Community College, continues to be one of the most successful model railroading 'event's in the state. Our revenues from this event fully fund our operating budget for the year, and our bank balance is very healthy.

Programs on modeling techniques have been solicited from our Division members and also from neighboring Divisions. The fledgling NMRA Edu-Train program should also generate opportunities for additional clinic-type programs. Several of our members have operating sessions on a monthly basis, and trips are planned in the next few months to operating sessions in Western New York.

Division 5 is sponsoring the replica Lincoln Funeral Train coming to the Painesville, Ohio Depot June 6-7. This will be open to the public, with a modest admission charge. Funds to cover the major cost for this event were generated by the shared revenues coming to the Division from the 2014 NMRA National Convention held in Cleveland.

Our annual Division picnic will be held Aug. 8 at the Painesville Depot.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Neff, Superintendent

Lincoln Train Volunteers Needed

When the Lincoln Funeral Train replica comes to the Painesville Depot on June 6-7---sponsored by YOUR Division---many volunteers will be needed to make this a successful unique event.

Volunteers will be needed at the gate, Membership Table, Room monitors, Parking Lots, etc. We are asking for a four (4) hour commitment 10-2 or 2-6 each day.

As many as fifteen or more volunteers may be needed for each time slot. If you volunteer, *there is no admission fee for you AND your immediate family (i.e. spouse/significant other and children 13 and under).*

Bob Orlando is the Coordinator of Volunteer activities, and you will be wearing the Division yellow vest during your time of volunteer service. Final volunteer signup sheet will be at the Friday June 5 Division Meeting---

-but you can sign up earlier with Bob to get your assignment and day/time of choice:

Bob Orlando: (440- 539-4041) *or*
ror1913005@aol.com

Team Track www.MCR5.org

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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.

**July Trainwire Deadline
 June 15th.**

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**Division 5 Membership
as of May 1st, 2015**



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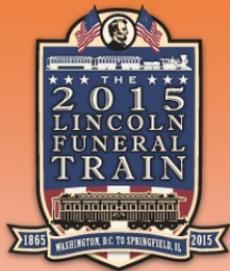
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2015 Lincoln Funeral Train

June 6 & 7, 2015

Painesville Railroad Museum

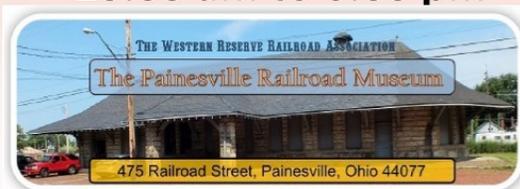
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475 Railroad Street

Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

10:00 am to 6:00 pm



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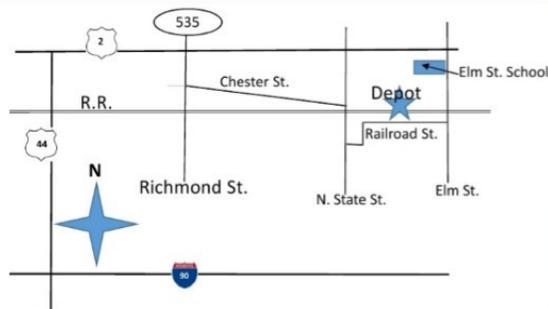
WITH A TOUR OF A FULL SIZE REPLICA OF THE

LINCOLN FUNERAL TRAIN.

SEE THE STEAM ENGINE AND TENDER

THAT POWERED THIS FAMOUS TRAIN

AND ACTUALLY TOUR THE FUNERAL CAR.



Admission: \$5.00 each (13 years old and above),



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PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Monday, July 13, 2015 5 to 8 p.m.

Come and join us for an evening of great Hors d'oeuvres and the fellowship of railroad enthusiast at:

Sunset Harbor Bar and Grill
625 Prospect Street
Fairport Harbor, Ohio 44077



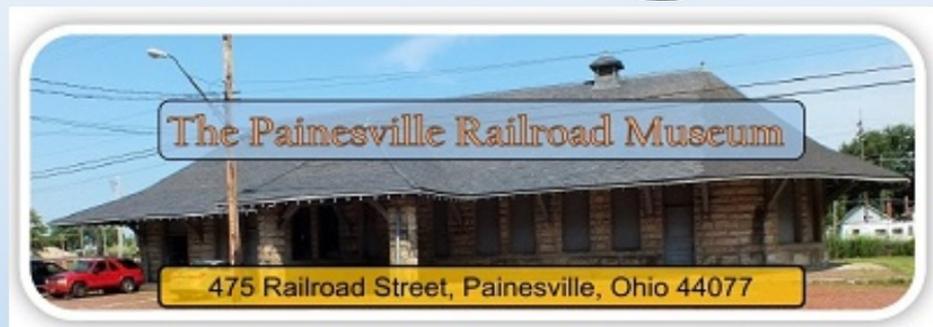
Lake Counties ONLY
lake front dining!

Cost: \$10.00 Each
Limited to only 50 guest
Pre-sale only
For Tickets, contact:

Lenny Kessler
3257 Center Road
Perry, Ohio 44081
Phone (440) 417-6746
 cyberlen@roadrunner.com



Direction: Enter Fairport Harbor via Rt. 535, Continue north onto East Street to the lake, Turn East onto Prospect Street.



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2015 RAILFANNING DAYS

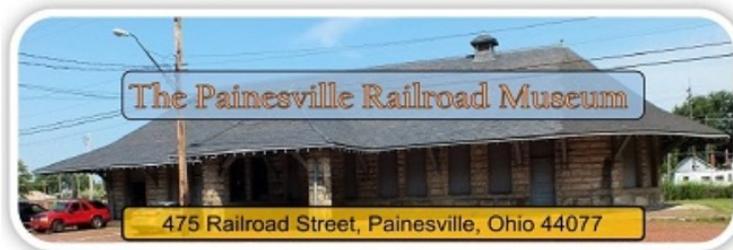
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The Painesville Railroad Museum,
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077



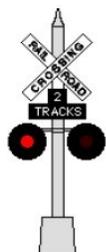
Spend a day RailFanning at the Painesville Depot

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, 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

prrm@att.net





DIV. 5 PICNIC

Saturday, August 8, 2015

At

The Painesville Depot
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

2 pm to 6 pm

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

Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!





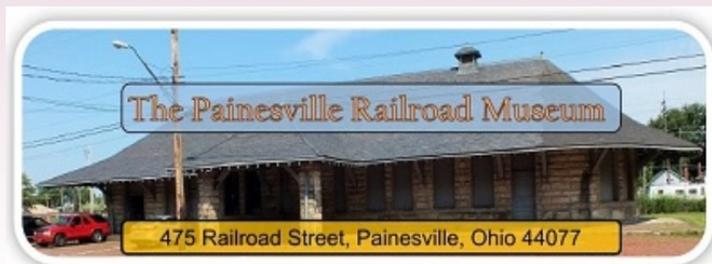
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NETS - SWAP & TRADE MEET

All Scale Model Train Meet

Buy * Sell * Trade * By collectors, For collectors

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During the

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM RAILFANNING DAY

Painesville Depot

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Painesville, Ohio 44077



Bringing back the days of old Swap meets, this event is Open to the Public

Buy * Sell * Trade * By collectors, For collectors

Be sure to bring items you want to sell or swap

Admission = Free, Donation accepted and appreciated

Food and Drinks available

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Nets Swap and Trade Meet Sept 13, 2015

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