



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

A Big THANK YOU

The replica Lincoln Funeral Train event at the Painesville Depot on June 6 & 7 was a huge success---promoting rail-roading, the Museum, and our Division. Tom Pescha deserves the lion's share of credit as he spearheaded the entire affair through one month of detailed planning. As of this writing the financial results are not yet finalized.

Our Division members stepped up big time, with many volunteers working on Saturday and Sunday at parking, registration, marshalling the lines, refreshments, etc. This was a great show of 'can-do', and THANKS to all who gave of their time.

See the additional article on the event later in this issue.

Dave Neff – Superintendent

Save the Date

Our Division 5 will participate in a road trip to Age of Steam Roundhouse and Warthers Museum **Saturday September 12, 2015**. This will be an all-day trip by chartered bus with lunch at an **Amish** Restaurant in Sugar Creek, Ohio in between the two stops.

Further details will be provided at the August 7th meeting and reservations with payment will be required.



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region



Age of Steam Roundhouse

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.

July, 2015

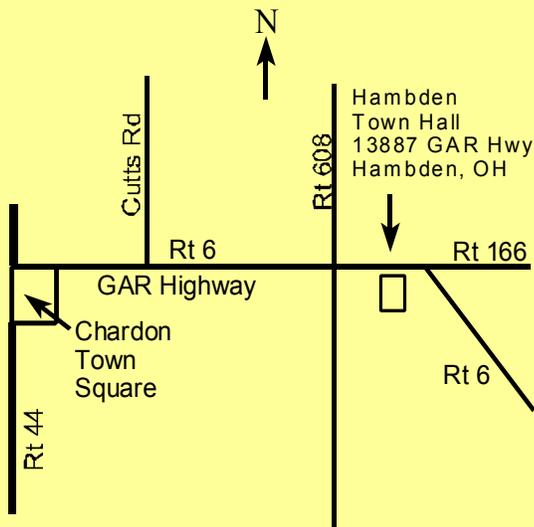
There is no Meeting in July

August 7th, 2015

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

September 4th, 2015

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Southern Railroad Museum (*Bruce Lutheran*)
 Bring & Brag: Locomotives



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunset Harbor Fundraiser **July 13**

Sunset Harbor Bar and Grill
 625 Prospect Street *(see flyer on page 9)*
 Fairport Harbor, Ohio 44077 **(5 pm - 8 pm)**
(Lake Counties ONLY lake front dining)

Railfanning Day **July 25**

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

Division 5 Annual Picnic **August 8**

The Painesville Railroad Museum
 475 Railroad Street *(see flyer on page 11)*
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(2 pm - 6 pm)**

Division 5 BOD Meeting **August 10**

Hambden Town Hall
 Hambden, Ohio **(7:30 pm)**

Division 5 Museum Tour **September 12**

Warthers Museum, *Dover Ohio*
 Age of Steam Roundhouse,
Sugarcreek, Ohio

NETS - Swap & Trade Meet **September 13**

The Painesville Railroad Museum
 475 Railroad Street *(see details on pages 12&13)*
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10 am - 5 pm)**

Division 5 BOD Meeting **September 14**

Hambden Town Hall
 Hambden, Ohio **(7:30 pm)**

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2015

Meeting was called to order by **Assistant Superintendent Dale Smith** at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 25 members and 8 guests were present.

Reviewed planning for **Lincoln Funeral Train** display at the Painesville Depot on June 6-7.

Bob Orlando said there are still spots available for the trip to **North Platte, NE** for their Railfest.

The Mid Central Region has a schoolhouse laser-cut structure in the works. It will be available soon in several scales.

Those that attended the recent **MCR convention** said it was a very nice convention. There were around 230 attendees.

Reviewed plans for the **Division 5 picnic** on Saturday, August 8 at the Painesville Depot. Details are in the Trainwire. This year we will be having **KFC** chicken as the main entrée.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Maintenance Of Way

Wayne Lette	Bonnie Lette	Matt Kross
Charlie Tidd	Gary Shaffer	Bill Berger
Don Bittner	Dave Metzger	Bob Gittinger

Program: Dennis Sautters of Division 1 provided a presentation on the history of railroad speeders and other maintenance of way equipment.

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys	Willoughby, Ohio
Hobby Town USA	Mentor, Ohio
Train Specialty Company	Chardon, Ohio
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters	Geneva, Ohio



Please support these dealers!

Division 5 BOD Meeting

June 8, 2015

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on June 8, 2015 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Lenny Kessler, and Don Bittner.

Talked about the success of the **Lincoln Funeral Train** display over the weekend. Initial estimates are that we had 5000 people over the two days with about 1000 of these being kids. We had lots of volunteer help from Division 5 and the Painesville Depot Museum. Lots of photos were taken. It would be nice to get the pictures up on our website. The public seemed generally quite pleased despite the long time waiting in line. It is too early to know the exact financial results but it looks like we at least recovered our costs. A special Division 5 BOD meeting will be held later in June to review the financial results.

Discussed some thoughts about **planning an event** like this in the future. Need to clearly define the expectations of Division 5 (seed money, insurance, etc.). Determine the amount of risk the BOD can take without getting membership approval. Need more time to plan. Check and recheck the possible expenses.

Dave Neff reported on the recent **MCR BOD meeting**. One of the issues discussed was the requirement by National's insurance policy on limiting the number of times visitors can participate without joining the NMRA. Another main topic was how to bring in new members:

National is developing a program to focus on getting 45 to 65 year olds to join.

Need to **welcome visitors**, take them under our wing, provide personal contact

Possibility of offering **local hobby shops** incentives for passing on potential contacts.

(Discussed ways this might be done.)

Reviewed upcoming **programs and Bring & Brag themes**. August program will be on using Surface Mount LEDs. September program will be on the **Southern Railroad Museum**.

Randy Hahn has volunteered to be the Division 5 video librarian.

Looking at doing more short (5 to 10 minutes) **mini clinics**.

We will hold **Division 5 layout tours** in the fall. These will be on October 24 and November 7. We will limit the times to 4 hour sessions to reduce the imposition on layout owners. The tours will be open to Division 1 and 4 members.

The tour of the **Age of Steam Roundhouse** is planned for September 12. This will be the same date that Division 4 is also going but ours will be a separate tour. It will be an all day trip and will include a stop at the Warthers Museum. The cost to the Division will be \$68 per person. Division 5 will subsidize a portion of the cost. For Division 5 members, the cost will be \$20 per person which must be paid in advance. There will also be a meal stop (cost of the meal is not included). More details will be in the Trainwire as they become available.

The **NMRA EduTrain clinics** are starting to come together.

There was no **Division 5 participation** on the May 23rd operating session on Dave Egelston's layout in Jamestown, NY.

For Division 5 events, **we need a form to provide receipts** for those people that require one. An example of this is when an aide accompanies handicapped individuals to the event. They need a receipt to turn in so that they can be reimbursed for their expenses and also to prove that they were there. The Clerk will develop a generic form for the Division to use.

The next regular **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be **August 10, 2015** at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

The Lincoln Funeral Train

Photos by: Tom Pescha



June 6th and 7th, 2015 will long be remembered as the days the Lincoln Funeral Train came to Painesville, Ohio. This event may prove to have been a once in a life time chance to step back into history

and experience what it was like in 1865 while never leaving the twenty-first century. President Abraham Lincoln visited Painesville while he was alive and his funeral train stopped in Painesville after his death. Lincoln's original funeral rail car was

destroyed in a fire in 1911. An Illinois man, David Kloke, led a coalition to build the funeral train replica, which is a full size scale model built using the blueprints from the Smithsonian Institution. The Lincoln funeral car, which is an



accurate replica, included several artifacts from the original Lincoln funeral car. Actors performing as President Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd were on the grounds both Saturday and Sunday and were accessible to the crowd for pictures and answering questions. While talking to the folks in line, Mr. Lincoln's

favorite yarn was to give a child a penny and tell them, ***"Here is a coin with my picture on it, now take it home and give it to dad and ask for a bill with my picture on it to start your college fund."*** There were times when the visitors had to wait in line for well over an hour to see the Lincoln exhibition. The line started in

the Depot and coiled around show cases and on to our multi-level, multi-gauge model train layout then across the large waiting room and out the back door. Once outside, the line passed and was entertained by a minstrel group dressed in period costume and playing music from that time. It also wound around large



The Lincoln Funeral Train cont.....



tents where several military men from Generals to privates were bivouacked. In addition, the soldiers would fire several rounds through their Gatling gun periodically. Then the line looped around our caboose, which is being restored after a fire

several years ago, and then down the fence line of the CSX right of way. Rail traffic passing the Depot with their blaring horns was heavy, loud and exciting to kids of all ages. At one point on Sunday morning, a large freight train actually stopped on the

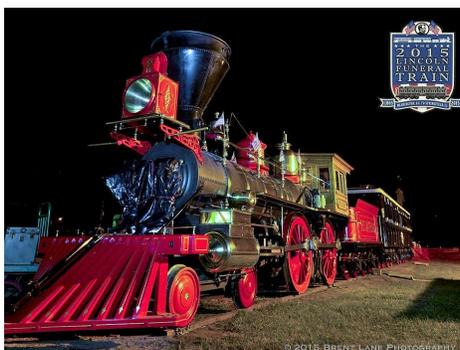
tracks opposite the Lincoln display and took pictures for a minute or two and then were on their way. The numerous character actors interacted with the well behaved visitors in line making their wait a little more tolerable. **Division 5** of the National Model



Railroad Association was the main sponsor of this event. Tom Pescha, vice president of the Painesville Depot Museum, was instrumental in bringing Lincoln's train to the Painesville area. He was responsible for organizing sponsors, applying for grants and generating all correspondence with Painesville officials and

contractors. Several groups, primarily Division 5, provided volunteers to help, monitor, and facilitate the five thousand plus visitors that came to the Depot in two days to view this exquisite static display. Without the help of the dedicated ninety volunteers that participated, this endeavor would not have been possible to present to

the public. I would like to extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to all that donated their time and talent to make this a successful endeavor. To see an interesting slide show of this event and a stunning time-lapsed video taken from a drone, visit our webpage at www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org
- The Editor



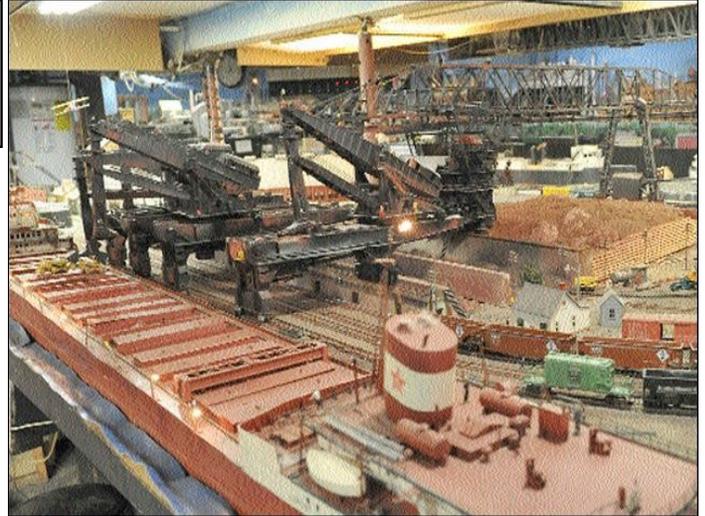
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**Wanted**

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.

**August Trainwire Deadline
July 15th.**

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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:

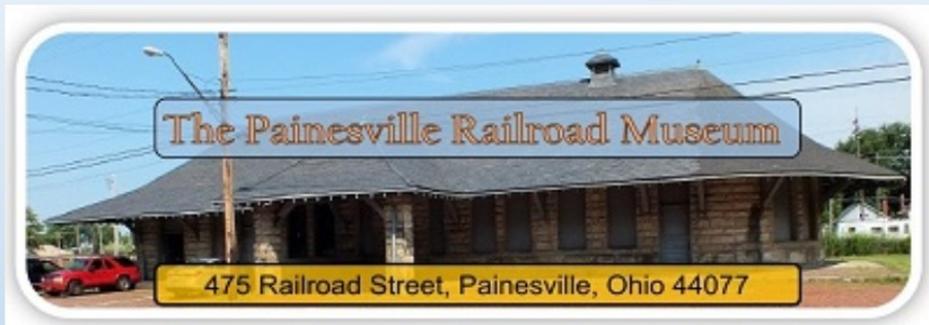
Lenny Kessler
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Chinese Raffle



Cash Bar



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

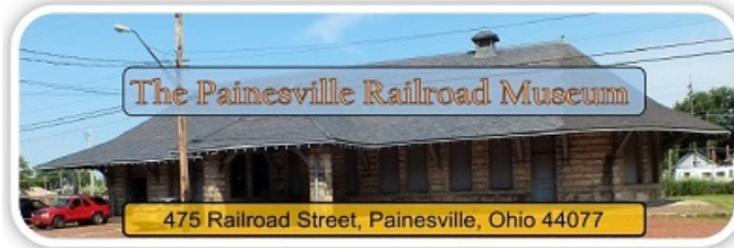
at

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, 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

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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

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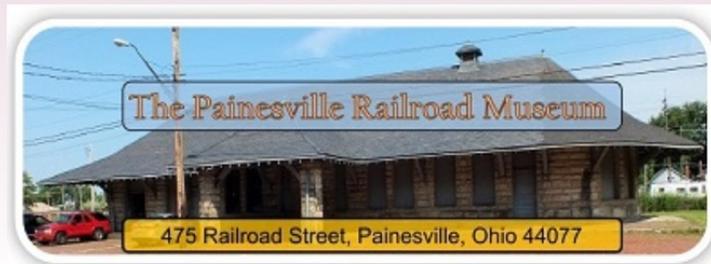
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All Scale Model Train Meet

Buy * Sell * Trade * By collectors, For collectors

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