



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report

### Lights.....Camera....Action!

Such is the familiar call from the director on the movie-making set. In our model railroading days of yore, that meant grain-of-wheat street lamps, rotating beacon searchlights, operating crossbuck flashers, vibrating coal and barrel loaders and cattle ramps, etc. Lionel and American Flyer trains were the rage then. Cameras were not model-based, but we had 'Brownies'. Action was steam locomotives running with actual 'steam' smoke pellets.

My how the railroad modeling world has changed. Today we have LED lighting illuminating our overall layout, on and in structures, cabooses, extra lighting on locomotives, floodlights, complex operating signal systems, locos with multiple sound functions, and miniature cameras that fit on a flat car in even the smaller scales, so that we can gain an engineer's eye-view on our pikes.

Electronics thus have re-made the model railroad scene today. And let us not

fail to mention digital command control, JMRI and Arduino computer applications to govern how the trains operate. NMRA has alerted us that Layout Command Control is coming, the 'Dead Rail Society', in which our trains and all that happens on the layout becomes totally wireless!

All of this activity and especially animation with our railroad empires makes and will make the layout and model railroading more interesting, especially to the non - modeling viewer. Electronics and computers also make the hobby attractive to the younger generations, who did not grow up with trains as we did, but who are certainly adept with the former. This says that model railroading is not a stagnant hobby but is dynamic with new possibilities--- electronic gadgetry, different modeling materials and techniques, 3-D manufacturing, etc.

Recently I entered a new era on my railroad by installing optical sensors to govern the automatic operation of a tortoise turnout control from either of two approach



Dave Neff – Superintendent  
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tracks. This eliminates the need to operate the switch manually or to 'track' the train movements visually and respond with a digital controller. I'm also preparing to install an operating NJ International signal system, plus a pair of operating crossing flashers. Animated billboards and structure signage--even in N scale--are next. As another example, come to the August meeting and learn how Al Arthur and Bob Orlando are incorporating LED lighting into their model railroads!

Dave - Supt.



## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**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.

**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

**October 2nd, 2015**

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program:  
 Bring & Brag:

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

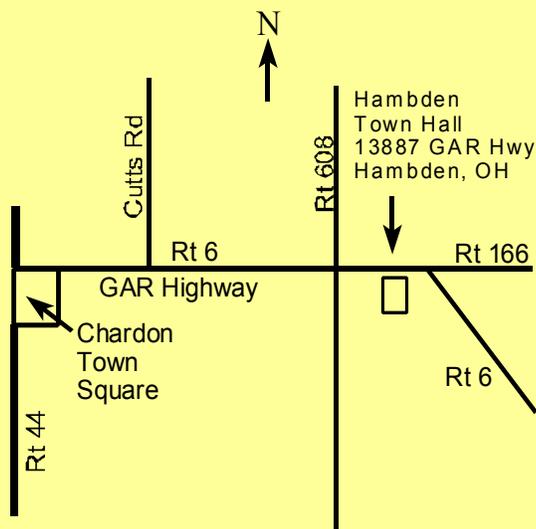
**Division 5 BOD Meeting** **August 10**  
 Hambden Town Hall  
 Hambden, Ohio *(7:30 pm)*

**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 6)*  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 *(10 am - 6 pm)*

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** **September 14**  
 Hambden Town Hall  
 Hambden, Ohio *(7:30 pm)*

**Model Train & Toy Auction** **September 26**  
 3680 Ben Hur Ave. *(see flyer on page 5)*  
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094 *(preview 10am - auction noon)*



Map to Hambden Town Hall

There were no scheduled Division 5 meetings, **membership or BOD**, for the month of July. However, a special BOD meeting was called for by Superintendent Neff to review the financial results of the Lincoln Funeral Train event that was held at the Painesville Depot in June. With some questions not answered to everyone's satisfaction, a second special BOD meeting was called for by Superintendent Neff to reassess the financial report of the event. Below are the minutes of both of those meetings.

## Division 5 Special BOD Meetings

### Special BOD Meeting

June 29, 2015

A special meeting of the Division 5 BOD was held on June 29, 2015, at the Painesville Railroad Museum in Painesville, OH at 7:30 pm to review the financial results of the Lincoln Funeral Train Display. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Jim Wendorf, Tom Pescha, Bob Frieden, Rob Bowers, Lenny Kessler, and several members of the Painesville Depot Railroad Museum.

The Painesville display of the **Lincoln Funeral Train** set a record for attendance for all the locations that this train has been. Besides drawing a large number of local residents, there were people there from all around Ohio as well as nearby states such as New York and Indiana.

**The Painesville Railroad Museum and Division 5** got lots of publicity out of the event. At this point, we don't know if we were able to obtain any new NMRA members. A number of people took copies of the membership application.

**Kudos to Tom Pescha and Jim Wendorf** for putting together such a successful event in a very short period of time.

A report of the **event finances** was submitted to the Division 5 BOD and details were discussed. Division 5 provided \$14,000 towards the funding of the event and received back \$10,642.41 resulting in an actual cost to the Division of \$3,357.59 for the event. There was also the cost for getting the NMRA insurance certificate to cover this event that Division 5 paid separately.

*Submitted by*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

### Special BOD Meeting

July 9, 2015

A special meeting of the Division 5 BOD was held on July 9, 2015, at the Painesville Railroad Museum in Painesville, OH at 7:30 pm for a follow-up discussion of the financial results of the Lincoln Funeral Train Display. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Jim Wendorf, Tom Pescha, Bob Frieden, Rob Bowers, Lenny Kessler, Don Bittner, Rich Kacprzak, and Ted Wiese.

The details of the **Lincoln Funeral Train Display** finances were discussed further. There was discussion about what the specific details were regarding the agreement made between the Painesville Railroad Museum and Division 5 for this event. A majority of the Division 5 BOD members indicated that they were satisfied that the terms of the agreement had been met and that the financial results are as indicated in the report provided to us.

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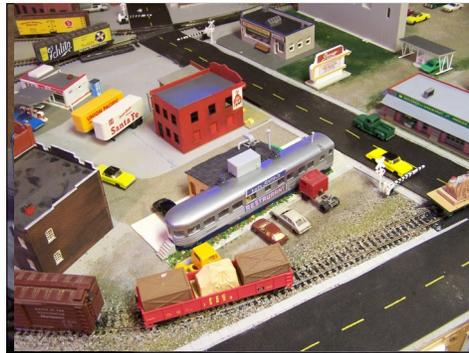
# The Modeler's Corner.



If your layout features a small city, town or suburb, what could be more appropriate than a diner? A diner is a great place for truckers, vacation travelers and even local people looking for a place to grab a quick breakfast

or lunch and not spend a lot of time off the road. Now there are a few kits of diners out there on the market but when a friend asked me to build a special diner for his suburb, Loganville, I opted to kitbash one for him. I found an old stainless steel passenger car and

cut a base out of Styrofoam, added people, counter area and an interior light. After installing a black skirt around the base of the car, I added a small building from my collection to be the kitchen on one side of the passenger car. The signage on the front of the eatery came



from the internet, the RESTAURANT sign is a copy from Monk's restaurant on the Seinfeld show. To finish the model I added a sidewalk and steps that lead to the entrances

of the diner. The last three pictures show the building in its final resting place on one side of Loganville. The rail cars that might be in the area of the diner could be Box cars, flat cars or

even a gondola. If you are presently working on a project, take plenty of pictures, write down some information on your project and join me in the

**Modeler's Corner.** -Al Arthur

## Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



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

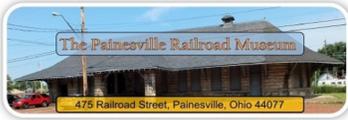
Willoughby, Ohio  
Mentor, Ohio  
Chardon, Ohio  
Geneva, Ohio



Please support these dealers!

**2015 RAILPANNING 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  
 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](http://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, Colelaw, 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)

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**NETS - SWAP & TRADE MEET**  
**All Scale Model Train Meet**  
**Buy \* Sell \* Trade \* By collectors, For collectors**  
 Sponsored by North East Train Society  
 Food and Drinks available  
 216-470-5780  
[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)  
 prrm@att.net 501(c)3 non-profit

**MODEL TRAIN & TOY AUCTION**  
**September 26, 2015**  
 Preview 10 am - Auction Noon  
**MILESTONE AUCTIONS**  
 3860 Ben Hur Ave., Willoughby, Ohio 44094  
 HO scale, S gauge, O gauge, G Gauge, Pre-War, Post War and Modern  
 American Flyer - Lionel - MTH - Williams - Astro-Craft - LGB - Bachmann - Pola - UAS Trains  
 Athearn - AHM



Carrette, Marx, Courtland, Buddy L, Wyandotte, Germany, Japan, Tin, Pressed Steel, Wind-ups

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- Internet bidding is available through [liveauctioneers.com](http://liveauctioneers.com), [proxibid.com](http://proxibid.com)
- Telephone bidding is available by contacting us in advance. One of our staff will call you when your particular lot comes for sale.
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**Wanted**

**T**he 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.

**September Trainwire Deadline  
 August 15th.**

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