



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report

# WELCOME!

**T**his month marks the formal get acquainted with our new Division 5 friends in Erie, Crawford, and Chautauqua counties. Our monthly meeting, *nay* 'event' will be held at **St. Michael's church in Fairview, PA. on Friday, May 6 (see accompanying map for directions and location).** (Pennsylvania and New York folks can find Rt 5 coming from the East and South). **The schedule:**

**6:30 pm.** Social hour with pizza, salad, soft drinks, and coffee.

**7:30 pm.** Meeting/event continues with short introductions, Division business.

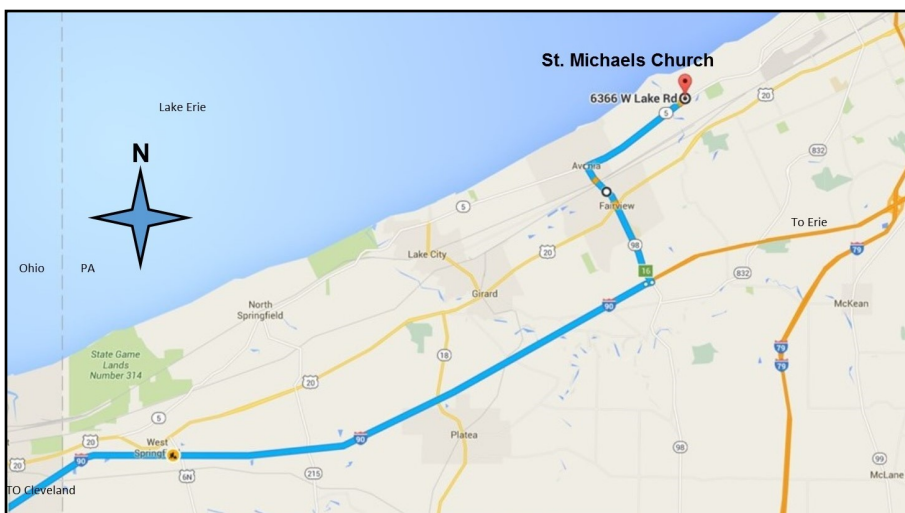
**8:00 pm.** Bring 'n' Brag a show and tell on a recent modeling project.

**8:30 pm.** Program by Jerry Skrypzak on the *Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad*.

**Calling your attention** especially to the Bring 'n' Brag section.



Dave Neff – Superintendent  
Division 5  
NMRA – Mid Central Region



I-90 east to PA-98 (exit 16) (fourth exit from Ohio – PA boarder)  
North on PA-98 to PA-5 Lake Road, (6.4 miles)  
East on PA-5 Lake Road to 6366 W. Lake Road. (approx. 2.5 miles)

Church is on North side of road.

**T**his is an opportunity to take a few minutes to show off and briefly talk about a newly completed model (within last six months), or one just in progress. Usually there is a designated theme, but it's not necessary to follow that. The May 6 'theme' is simply *'anything goes'*. *So bring a loco, rolling stock, structure, electronic gadget, or just any other thing 'railroady' and speak just a minute on it!* Bring 'n' Brag is a very enjoyable part of Division 5 meetings, spurring on ideas, techniques, and getting to know each other's modeling interests. *And participants each receive a \$5 gift certificate good at participating hobby stores in the Division.*

For Ohio-side Division 5 members carpool and let's have a great showing. For our new PA and NY friends, we hope to see as many of you there as possible!

*Dave Neff, Superintendent*



# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2016

The April 1, 2016 membership meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 34 members and 4 guests were present.

**Announcements** included an invitation by the Lake Shore Live Steamers to their September 10<sup>th</sup> club run at the Blueberry Railroad in Geneva, Ohio from noon on. Food will be provided. Other reminders included the Western Reserve Railroad Museum (*Painesville Depot*) fundraiser on April 11<sup>th</sup>, and the NETS swap meet on April 9<sup>th</sup>, KidShow at Great Lakes Mall on April 9-10. The Painesville Depot is going to begin a series of model railroading clinics starting April 2. Clinics will be at 10 am and repeat at 1 pm.

**Jim Wendorf** thanked the approximately 52 people that helped with **Railfest 2016**. We had 106 vendors that brought 410 workers. Public attendance was estimated to be around 3000 for the two days. The gate was down from last year due to it being Palm Sunday and the Dalton show going on the same weekend. There weren't any problems during the show and everything went well. The box lunches continue to be well received. We had 39 people attend the Saturday evening dinner at the Painesville Depot.

It was noted that our **Division storage unit** needs to be cleaned out. There are a lot of items in there that we no longer use.

Members were reminded to send in their **election ballots**.

Superintendent Neff encouraged members to attend the **Mid Central Region convention** in Columbus, Ohio at the end of April.

**The Lake Geauga HO Module Group** reported that their setup at Railfest 2016 went very well. They had a number of new modules in the layout and also have several new members. The group received some donations of old buildings. They will use them as give-aways at Lake Farmpark Country Lights in December.

The **Lake Erie N-scale Society** reported that they had their largest setup in a long time at Railfest 2016. Four people expressed some interest in joining LENS.

Reviewed the plans for the **May membership meeting** in Erie, PA. We will provide pizza, salad, soft drinks, and coffee starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will start at our regular time of 7:30 pm. The program will consist of several parts. We will have a brief introduction to Division 5 and the NMRA. We will then have a presentation on the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad in and around the Erie, PA area. We will be sending out special invitations to people in our new PA and NY counties as well as contacts we obtained at the recent Erie, PA show. Directions and map will be in the May Trainwire.

Our June meeting will be at **Lake Farmpark** in Kirtland, Ohio. The modular groups will be setting up their layouts that afternoon/evening for the Railroads In The Parks weekend. We will not have a program that evening. The meeting will not start until 8 pm. We will have a Bring & Brag.

Reviewed our plans for the July 23<sup>rd</sup> trip to the **NYC RR Museum** in Medina, NY. The trip will leave the Chardon, OH area at 7:30 am and arrive at the museum around 11 am. We will have lunch at the museum. We will leave the museum around 3:30 pm and travel to a surprise location. We will then stop for dinner. We should be back to the Chardon, OH area around 9:30 pm.

**Modeling Questions:** How do you attach a ground throw (made of Delrin plastic) to foam or any other base material? The following suggestions were provided.

1. Use a thin metal/wood/styrene base then nail/screw ground throw to that base. Glue that base to your layout.
2. Use Walthers Goo (*rubber cement type of adhesive*).
3. Use double-sided carpet tape.

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April 1, 2016

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How do you adjust the ground throw to properly throw the turnout points? Add shims to hold the turnout points in the center and set the ground throw in its center position. Secure the ground throw and remove the shims.

**Bring & Brag:** Theme – *Tank Cars*

Bill Berger	Bob Orlando	Gary Shaffer	Dale Desser	Rich Kacprzak
Bob Gittinger	Don Bittner	Bryan Persing	Dave Metzger	Dave Neff
Bill Osborne	Mike Rudder	Tom Pescha	Alan Arthur	


**Program:** Rick Kacprzak put on an interesting program about **tank cars** and had a lot of pictures of all sorts of tank car variations.

**Submitted by:** Matt Kross – *Division 5 Clerk*

## Kids Days 2016 @ Great Lakes Mall

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Once again, Division 5 had a booth at this year's Kidshow, held at the Great Lakes Mall in Mentor, Ohio. Attendance was very high with an estimated crowd of over 30,000 attending. Boy were there a lot of kids. The Saturday booth was maned by Dave Neff, Dan Chuppa, Bob Orlando and Matt Bolyard. On Sunday, the booth was maned by Tom Pescha, Bob Orlando, Dan Chuppa, Rob Bowers, and Jim Wendorf. We talked to many families about model railroading and building a layout. Many were invited to our monthly meetings, the 'How to do's of building a model railroad' and of course to next year's Railfest. This event gave the Division great exposure in a non-train show venue. 

–Tom Pescha



## Division 5 Loses Two Former Members

# Obituary for Richard T. Denner

**R**ichard "Dick" Thomas Denner of Perry Twp., died on April 6, 2016 at the David Simpson Hospice House. He was born on November 23, 1926 in Zanesville, Ohio. Dick was a graduate of Ohio University and taught in the Painesville Twp. Schools for 41 years. He was also a Lake Metro Park Ranger and part of the Painesville Police Auxiliary. He was a WWII Air Corp Army Veteran and served in the Army Reserves for 22 years. Dick loved band music and played and directed many bands from Geauga, Ashtabula, Lake, and Cuyahoga Counties including; The Great Geauga County Fair Band, Hillcrest Concert Band, The Shrine Circus Band,

The U.S. Army Band, and the River City Brass Band. With some of these bands, he was able to travel to China, Alaska, New Zealand, and Australia. He also served on the All American Judges Association Ohio Chapter. Dick was a member of St. James Episcopal Church and served two terms on The Vestry. He was also a member of Temple Lodge #28 F. & A.M., and a Past Patron of Urania Chapter #284 Order of Eastern Star. He volunteered at Lake Hospital System for 30 years where he started the Pet Therapy Program with his black Lab, Koda. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Patterson) whom he married in May of 1950 at St. James Episcopal Church; sons, David (Therese) and Andy

(Linda); daughter-in-law, Mary Lois; 9 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Visitation were held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Johnson Funeral Home in Painesville, Ohio. A celebration of his life was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at St. James Episcopal Church in Painesville, Ohio. Interment was follow with military honors. The family would like to thank Hospice of the Western Reserve for the excellent and loving care they gave their husband, father, and grandfather. ❀



**Richard T. Denner**

1926 - 2016

## Condolences to the Giddings Family

**F**rancis A. (Skip) Giddings age 90 of Willoughby, passed away April 14, 2016. Skip was born October 24, 1925 in Cleveland. He was a proud US Navy veteran having served on the USS Henley. He was on the board of directors of Case Alumni Association, a longtime member and Eucharistic minister of St. Anselm Parish. Skip was on the board of directors of the Geauga United Way and he belonged to

“LENS”- Lake Erie “N” scale society and the southwest Florida “N” scale society. Francis is the beloved husband of Arline C. (nee Malecek) of 67 years; loving father of Lynne Dowling, Deborah (Frederick) Goerz and the late Beth (Kevin) Snyder; dear grandfather of six; and great-grandfather of ten; brother of James G. Giddings.

The family received friends at the Brickman Bros. Funeral Home, 37433 Euclid Ave. in Willoughby

on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 *am* at St. Anselm Parish, 12969 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland ❀



**Francis A. Giddings**

1925 - 2016



# The NETS Swap & Trade Meet



On Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the NETS group held its third Swap Meet. They returned to the First Church of Christ in Painesville, Ohio where it all began two years ago. The purpose of the meet


was to rekindle the days of the old swap meet where camaraderie and interest in the hobby thrives. Where a good deal could be found for cash or trade. A place where an estate or extra rolling stock, buildings and locomotives can find new homes on

some other modeler's train layout. Despite several days of seventy degree plus days in January, February and March on the morning of April 9<sup>th</sup>, Mother Nature dumped six to eight inches of lake effect right in our laps. This is probably the reason



for the low turnout, but at least a dozen vendors and an interesting N scale layout did showed up. Randy Wolfe and the other volunteer of the Crooked River N scale modular group put on a fine display that was well appreciated. Several vendors

were very successful, a lot of good deals were made and the Church profited from numerous non-perishable food items (*the cost of admission*) for their panty to feed the less fortunate in the area. In addition, the NETS were able to

make a modest cash donation to the church. While the attendance was small, the event was deemed a big success and a worthwhile endeavor and will probably be repeated in the future.  - *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.



## Notice

I will be compiling the next Trainwire on the 22nd of the month and any articles or reports that come in after the 22nd will probably be published in the following issue.

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Division 5 Membership  
as of April 1st, 2016



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# 'S' Gauge Spree



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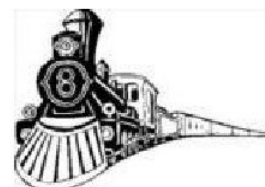
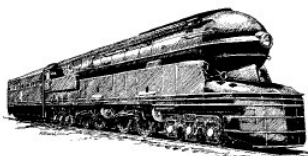
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**Saturday May 14, 2016**

**9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

Admission: \$6.00, Kids under twelve Free



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# Spring Spree



# Train Show



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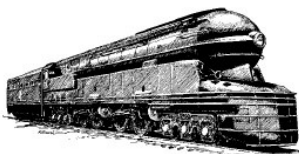
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# DIV. 5 PICNIC

## Saturday, August 6, 2016

At

**The Painesville Depot**  
475 Railroad Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077

[www.painesvilleraillroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvilleraillroadmuseum.org)

### 2 pm to 5 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:

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Hobo Beans,  
Desert  
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Food is being provide by Div. 5

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