



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

Let's Play Railroad Clue

A little fun and frivolity since I'm out of fresh material for the lead article. How about 'Name that Railroad' - the one that would be most identified with these teaser clues: *warning* - many are a result of my twisted mind and the clues may be *indirect!*

1. Famous railroad song (near Headquarters)
2. City of New Orleans
3. Orange blossom Special
4. Cycling around the lake
5. Mexican settlement
6. Four Seasons train
7. Old Spice Deodorant
8. Phoebe Snow
9. Labor and peace
10. Broncos to the River
11. Paul Revere and the Gateway to the Adirondacks
12. Large container
13. Similar to 'Bonanza TV western location
14. Beer town highway
15. Potato country
16. Tony Koester's former railroad
17. Railroad headquartered in a city not served
18. Boxer music
19. Zeph
20. Nickname tri-state connection
21. Monopoly ride
22. "Rocky"
23. Tight farmland
24. Buffalo china
25. Artillery munition



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

Congratulations To Bonnie Lette!

Division 5 member Bonnie Lette won First Place in the People's Choice award for the "Photo - Prototype Print" category in the contest at the 2016 NMRA national convention. The photo was of Nickel Plate Railroad #765 steam locomotive as it traveled through Ashtabula County this past year.



Bring a list of your answers to the September meeting. Top three members with the highest number of correct answers will receive a \$5 gift certificate! If there's more than three---I'll have a tiebreaker! -Dave

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.

September 2nd, 2016

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: *Description below*
Bring & Brag: *Description below*

October 8th, 2016

Location: Erie, Pennsylvania
Program: TBA
Bring & Brag: TBA.

November 4th, 2016

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: TBA
Bring & Brag: TBA.

September's Meeting:

The program for the September meeting will be: Bob Gittinger, Bob Orlando, Dave Neff doing *show and tell* on building specific rolling stock of their choice---details on how-to regarding the construction, painting, decaling, detailing. This is hands-on description and we'll use the overhead camera. The program is separate from Bring n Brag and each presenter will have 8-10 minutes each. *If anyone else would like to participate in this format---please contact Dave.*

Bring n Brag - Opportunity to show off any rolling stock *with a creative story to tell* - origin, uniqueness, why I built/painted/decaled/detailed it the way I did - revenue, non-revenue, MOW, specialty cars.

- Dave

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Railfanning Day (*Corn Roast*) September 10
The Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street (*flyer on page 9*)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

NETS Fall Train Show September 10
Wildcat Sport and Fitness
6116 Wilson Mills Road (*flyer on page 10*)
Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Blueberry Live Steam Railroad September 10
Geneva, Ohio 44077 (Noon - 5:00 pm)

Division 5 BOD Meeting September 12
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

Model Train Days September 24 & 25
The Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street (*flyer on page 11*)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Berea Train Show October 1 & 2
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds (*flyer on page 12*)
Berea, Ohio (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Railfanning Day (*Oktoberfest*) October 15
The Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street (*flyer on page 13*)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2016

The August 5, 2016 membership meeting was called to order by **Superintendent Dave Neff** at 7:30 pm at Hamden Town Hall. 36 members and 6 guests were present.

Division 5 member Bonnie Lette won first place in **the People's Choice award** for the Photo Prototype Print category in the contest at the 2016 NMRA national convention.

The Division 5 trip to the **New York Central Railroad museum in Medina, NY** went well. Everyone enjoyed the trip and said it was a great museum. Only 28 members went on the trip.

Those present were reminded about the **Division 5 picnic** on Saturday, August 6.

For the September meeting program, **the theme will be rolling stock** and we are going to try something different by having three different people put on 10 to 15 minute mini-clinics. Bob Orlando and Bob Gittinger volunteered to be presenters. We still need one more presenter.

Bring and Brag theme for September will be **Rolling Stock**.

Upcoming events:

- August 28:** Railroad memorabilia show at Painesville Depot. Displays and sales. 10 am to 4 pm.
- September 10:** Blueberry live steam railroad in Geneva, OH is hosting a run that Division 5 is invited to attend. We are told to come anytime after 12 noon.
- September 10:** Railfanning Day / Corn Roast at the Painesville Depot
- September 10:** Trainshow at Mayfield Heights High School Fitness Center. \$5 admission.
- September 24-25:** Modular layout display at Painesville Depot. There will also be an outdoor fleamarket and food.
- October 1-2:** Division 4 Carnival Trainshow at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea, OH.
- November 5:** Div 5 Promo Day at Lakeland Community College.
- November 6:** Erie, PA trainshow

We are looking for people to volunteer to be presenters at our **"How To Build A Model Railroad" Promo Day** on Saturday, November 5. All previous presenters are invited to repeat their presentations. Please contact Bob Frieden if you are willing to help out.

We are looking at holding our **October Division 5 membership meeting** in Erie, PA. Members of the Lakeshore Model Railroad Association will host the meeting.

Bring & Brag: Theme - *"Locomotives and Engine Houses"*

Bill Berger	Don Bittner	Bob Gittinger
Bryan Persing	Bonnie Lette	Dave Metzger
Bill Osborne	Alan Arthur	Paul Emch
Dennis Lloyd	Bob Orlando	

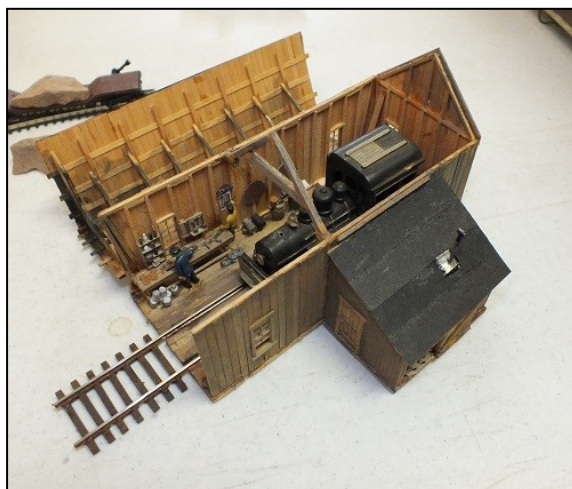
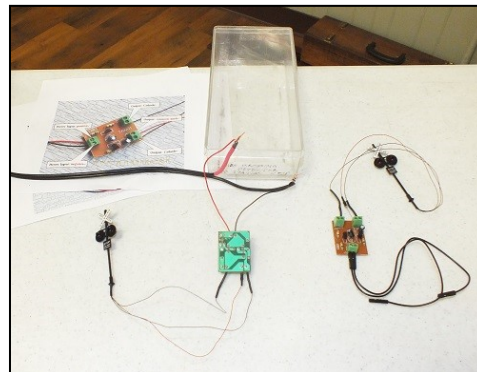
Program: A very interesting video about the history of the Lima Locomotive Works was shown.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the August Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting September 4, 2016

Division 5 BOD Meeting

August 8, 2016

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on August 8, 2016 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Tom Pescha, Don Bittner, Bob Gittinger, Bob Frieden, and Dale Smith.

Discussed holding the **October membership meeting** in Erie, PA. The Lakeshore Model Railroad Association has agreed to host the meeting. It was decided to try and have the meeting on either Saturday or Sunday afternoon. We will need to contact Russ Bova to see what day will work for his group.

An idea was presented to the BOD regarding setting up an optional loan each year to the silent auction committee of the annual **NMRA national convention**. The silent auction at the national convention is not controlled by the NMRA national office. It is up to the convention host committee whether they want to hold a silent auction and to run it. One of the biggest issues with running a silent auction is having funds available to pay the sellers at the end before the money collected from the buyers is processed by the bank. This requires having a significant sum of money in the bank in order to be able to ride through this period of several weeks. Many host groups don't have the funds available to do this and therefore decide not to hold a silent auction. As a solution to this, it was suggested that Division 5 set up a loan program that would be available each year to the national convention host committee if they wanted to make use of it. The money would be loaned to the group for 4 to 6 weeks. A service charge would be included along with penalty fees for late repayment. Division 5 successfully did this with this year's silent auction committee for the 2016 NMRA national convention. If the idea is pursued, we would need to get a lawyer to review the plan and draw up a contract template. Based on experience from the last couple years of national silent auctions, the loan amount would need to be on the order of \$20,000. This would be a direct transaction between Division 5 and the convention host committee. The NMRA national office would not be involved. The idea was tabled for further discussion at upcoming Division 5 BOD meetings.

There is still some confusion regarding which MCR division the former **Allegheny Highlands Division members** have been transferred to. Some misinformation was published that indicated people in the Warren, PA area are part of Division 5. As of the moment, the new counties added to Division 5 have not changed. They are Crawford and Erie counties in PA, and Chautauqua county in NY. Any additional members would only be added by zip code for a specific area if all the NMRA members in that zip code agreed on joining Division 5. MCR President Steve Kaplan is making sure this is clear with everyone.

With new counties having been added to Division 5, it was suggested that now might be the time to discuss changing the **monthly membership meeting location, day, and time**. The BOD discussed various issues involved with this. It was decided to table this for now and see what level of participation we have from the members in the new counties.

Information was received from **Atheam** regarding their support of special run cars. They are open to doing it but they can only do it when they are doing a production run. The minimum quantity is 400 cars. They generally have the same car in both HO and N, so either scale is an option.

It was noted that **NMRA national office** had a large number of railroad car kits donated to them for use in Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshops. They are free but divisions have to submit a specific request to get them. It was suggested we request kits to support next year's workshop.

Cost to the Division for the Medina, NY trip was \$2,024.

The next regular **Division 5 BOD** meeting will be September 12, 2016 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 Annual Picnic



Division 5 held its annual picnic at the Painesville Depot on Saturday August 6th, 2106. The weather was still hot and humid, but at least the rain held off until after the picnic.

With the sun popping in and out to brighten the day, forty-two to forty-five dedicated members of division 5 gathered with family and friends to share a common bond, a love of trains. The participants enjoyed several freight

trains displaying a wide variety of rolling stock and some very fascinating graffiti. The Division provided an excellent array of picnic food, the chicken was outstanding and a cooler full of ice cold beverages, sorry still no



beer. Tom Pescha once again supplied his now famous *"hobo beans"*, which are everyone's favorite. His savory concoction of a multiple variety of beans laced with his own secret ingredients were a delight to the pal-

ate. It was quite apparent to the members of Division 5, all of the improvements to the Painesville Depot including the addition of two working bathrooms. It is obvious that the Depot can only get better and better as a great place

to hold events. Here's hoping that we can do this again next year and maybe this time Mother Nature will present a dazzling day for railfanning.

- Len Kessler



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(Terms expire June 2018)

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Bulletin Board:

MODEL RAILROAD AND PROTO-TYPE RAILROAD SALE

To: Fellow Model Railroaders**When:** Saturday, September 17 10 am - 2 pm
Sunday, September 18 10 am - 2 pm**Where:** 7313 Wilson Mills Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026 (near County Line Road).**Items:** Various "G", "ON₃", "HO", "HON₃", and "N" scale items including cars, power packs, track, turnouts, tools, scenic material, train sets, trolley, display cases, books, magazines, assorted toys, etc.**Prototype items** include switch-stand lanterns, brakeman's lanterns, metal signs, track crossing signs, utility car (mow), locks, tools, manual car mover, other miscellaneous items.

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. - *The Editor*

The Trainwire Newsletter

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as of August 1st, 2016



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CORN ROAST

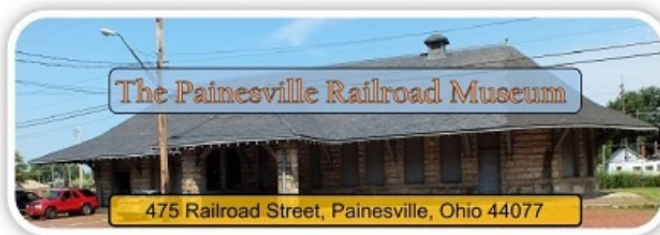
SEPTEMBER RAILFAN DAY

at

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

Spend a day *RailFanning* at the Painesville Depot

And enjoy a great **Corn Roast**



THE DEPOT IS ON THE CSX MAIN LINE - Mile Post 153.2

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Sponsored in part by Harry Buffalo, Painesville

CORN ROAST

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Sponsored in part by LCJDWF

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

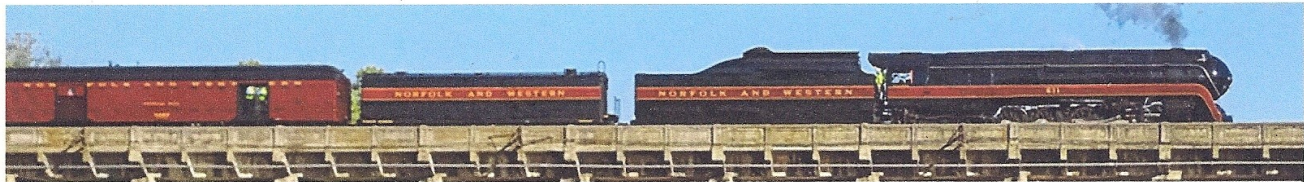
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NORTHEAST TRAIN SOCIETY
PRESENTS

All Aboard!
Fall Train Show 2016

Vendors
and
Dealers

Saturday
September 10th.
10:00A.M. to 4:00P.M.
All Gauge Show
Admission = \$5.00
Children under 12 Free
Free Parking

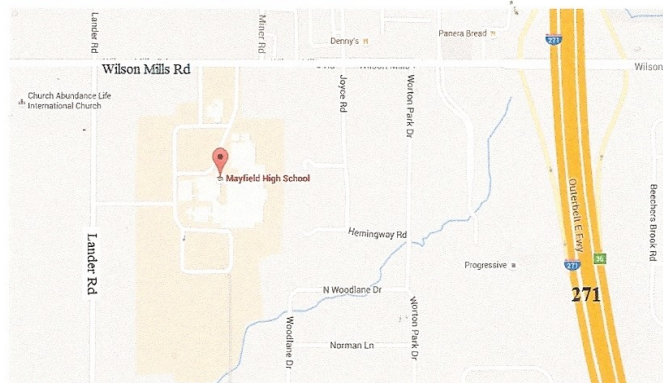
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Layouts

Located at:

Wildcat Sport and Fitness
6116 Wilson Mills Road,
Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143

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Located on the Mayfield Heights
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MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at
THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Len at 440-417-6746

SEPTEMBER 24 - 25 2016

10 am to 4 pm

See operating Model Train Layouts in N scale,
 HO scale, S scale, O gauge and G gauge.
 14 Different Layouts to see!
 Model Train flea market on grounds.



Admission \$3.00 each, Family \$5.00



Direction to Painesville Depot

- I-90 (exit 200) to Rt. 44
- North on Rt. 44 to Rt. 2
- East on Rt. 2 (1.5 miles) to OH 535 / OH 283 (exit 223)
- South on OH 283 for 200 feet, left turn (east onto Chester St.)
- East on Chester St (0.7 miles) to North State Street
- South on North State Street (under RR Bridge) to Railroad Street.
- East on Railroad Street to Depot.



Food and Drinks available.

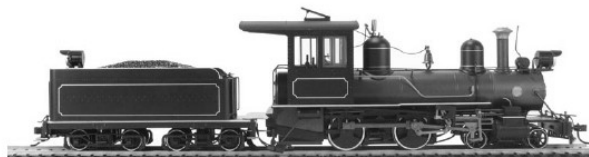
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501(c)3 non-profit

Proceeds to help the restoration and preservation of the historic NYC Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC.



**THE GREAT
BEREA
TRAIN SHOW**



Saturday, October 1, 2016
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 2, 2016
11a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds – Berea, Ohio
USE BAGLEY ROAD ENTRANCE



- Free Parking
- 4 Buildings
- Over 60,000 sq. ft.
- Over 300 Dealer Tables
- Operating Displays
- Great Food
- Handicap Accessible
- ATM

Admission \$7.50
Under 16 Free with Adult
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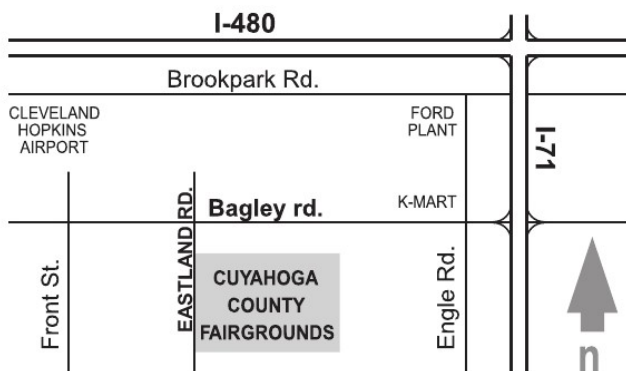
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OUR 43RD YEAR!



Oktoberfest

October 15, 2016

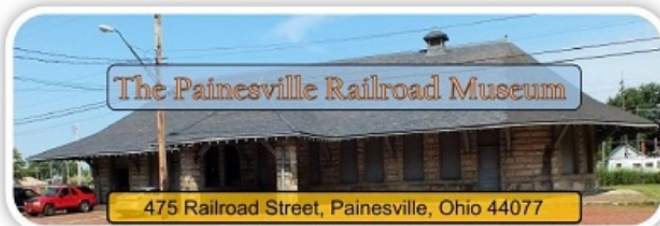
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