



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

Meanderings from the Super

Well, it is October already---but the weather has been so good---not conducive to confining oneself to the basement to re-start the myriad railroad modeling projects. I generally only run trains on my layout once a year, at best, for the annual LENS club festivities at my house in January! I have plenty of work to do to bite into the at least 170 plus projects on my to do list!

But enough about my personal lament.....We had a good meeting with our 'far eastern' new brethren in Erie at the October meeting. Our new members from the Lake Shore Modelers group housed in their new digs at the church right across from the GE complex. They have a great new facility, replete with kitchen, and plenty of space for their new layout and to host meetings. We'll probably go there again. Program for the afternoon was good by lengthy---all about braking systems technology on real locomotives. About 25 of our 'west side' Division 5 members attended, as did almost the same number of the 'eastern' folks from Erie, Crawford and Chatauqua counties.

Several Division 5 members

attended the Berea show and thanks to those who helped out at the Division NMRA table. We actually sold a couple of items from the company store.

Coming events:

Our regular Division meeting will be at Hambden on Friday, November 4. An unusual program: Following our regular meeting, bring and brag, raffle and refreshments, those who wish may adjourn to **Harley Smith's house** just down the street (Rt 6) for an abbreviated operating session. **I am asking Harley, Dale, and other regulars who operate with Harley on the Saturday night OP sessions to provide a brief 5-10 minute introduction on their specific operating concepts AT THE LAYOUT before operating begins.** For any of you who are not familiar with operations on a model railroad, this will be a good opportunity to get acquainted.

On Saturday, November 5, many of us will be at Lakeland for **'How to Build a Model Railroad Day'**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Specific techniques will be addressed including layout construction, wiring, tack and ballasting, scenery techniques, structure building, and the HO and LENS module groups will run trains.



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

Sunday, November 6, is the Erie Train Show at Waldamere Park in Erie. Great opportunity to browse many vendors. Division 5 will maintain a membership table for our 'eastern' folks and hopefully gain a few new members. (the Kacprzaks and I would like some help there!!!) *-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

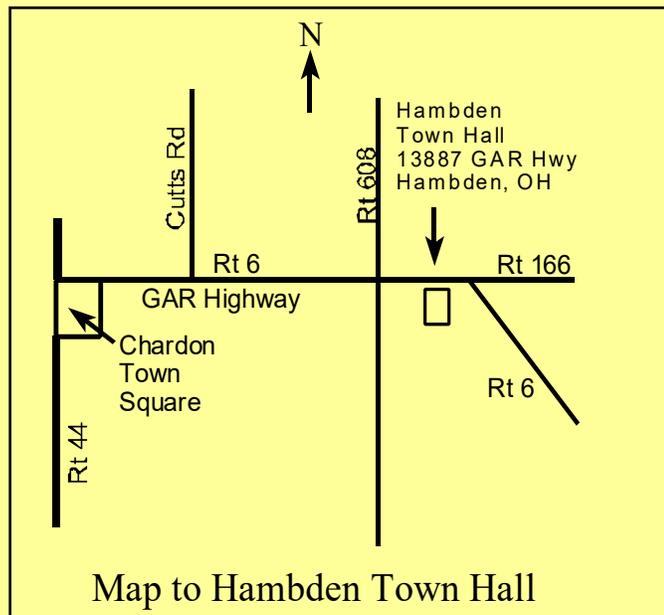
Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.

November 4th, 2016

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Operating Session at Harley Smith's after meeting
Bring & Brag: Caboose, FREDs, caboose detailing.

December 2nd, 2016

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



SCHEDULED EVENTS

2 Rail "O" Gauge Meet **November 5**
 Lakeland Community College
 Kirtland, Ohio **(9:00 am - 2:00 pm)**

Building a Model Railroad **November 5**
 Lakeland Community College *(flyer on page 10)*
 Kirtland, Ohio **(9:00 am - 2:00 pm)**

Division 1 Model RR Flea Market **November 6**
 The Akron Yacht Club
 3575 South Main St. *(flyer on page 15)*
 Akron, Ohio **(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)**

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

TCA Train Meet **November 26**
 UAW hall
 5616 Chevrolet Blvd. *(flyer on page 13)*
 Cleveland, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)**

Christmas Train Show **December 18**
 Lakeland Community College *(flyer on page 14)*
 Kirtland, Ohio **(10:00 am - 3:30 pm)**

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2016

The **October 2016 membership meeting** was held on a Saturday morning/afternoon in Erie, PA on October 8th. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 11:10 AM at Eastminister Presbyterian Church, Erie, PA which is the club home for the Lakeshore Model Railroad Association, our host for this meeting. 26 members and 16 guests were present.

Since the meeting was being held in our **new Division territory** and there were a lot of guests, Superintendent Neff did a special welcome to those present and then had everyone introduce themselves.

The upcoming shows and events were reviewed. **Division 5** will have a table at the train show in Erie, PA on November 6 to promote the NMRA and our division in particular.

Division 5's "**How To Build A Model Railroad**" event is coming up quickly. It will be on Saturday, November 5th, the day after our November Division 5 meeting.

The program for the November Division 5 meeting has not yet been determined. Dave Neff is trying to find someone to talk about how to use popular small computer modules for model railroad applications.

Erie area N-scaler Jim Watson invited those at the meeting to visit his layout after the meeting. About 9 people took him up on his offer and were treated to a very nicely done layout that was essentially fully completed.

Reviewed the benefits of being an **NMRA member** and encouraged current members to invite their friends to join.

Division 5 member Jim Mitch presented a proposal for a **Nickel Plate Modular Model Railroad Project** to be based in the Historical Society facility in Conneaut, OH. The goal is to increase interest and membership in the Historical Society and model railroading. They would especially like to get young people and their parents interested. The groups main railroading focus would be on the NKP, NYC, and B&LE railroads which were found in the area. The plan would be to build a modular layout following NMRA standards. This is still just in the proposal phase. They are looking to see if there is enough interest to get the group started. For the full details, see the detailed proposal that is available. Contact Jim Mitch if you are interested - 724-544-2353 or mitchja@comcast.net.

Longtime Division 5 member **Bob Cook** passed away on September 30th. His son Rick will be selling Bob's model railroad items. He would like to sell it as one big lot. More details as they become available.

As a fund raiser and promotional item, the Lakeshore Model Railroad Association has HO custom painted wood chip cars available for sale at \$25 apiece. These are Bowser cars. Contact the club if you are interested lakeshoremra@gmail.com or visit their website www.lakeshoremra.wix.com/lmra.

Modeling Question: *Have a problem with a 3-way switch.* The two outer legs work fine but locomotives always hesitate at the same spot going through on the center track. The frog is not powered. The general response was that it is an issue with frog power but not sure how to resolve without more information.

Bring & Brag: Theme – "GE Locomotives"

Bryan Persing	Jan Nagle	Jerry Longo	Dave Neff
Terry Kolenc	Rich Kacprzak	Don Bittner	Tim Clint

Program: Bill Wolf, a retired employee of GE Locomotive who worked in the test and maintenance areas, gave a presentation on how air brakes work and how they are controlled from the locomotive. He also answered general miscellaneous and locomotive related questions.

Submitted by:
Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the October Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting November 4, 2016

Division 5 BOD Meeting

October 10, 2016

Attendees: Wayne Lette, Bob Gittinger, Harley Smith, Dave Neff, Tom Pescha, Don Bittner, Bonnie Lette, Bob Frieden, Rob Bowers.

Discussed the **Membership Meeting** that was held in Erie, PA on 10/8/16.

Approximately 46 Attended the meeting.

Enjoyed viewing the club layouts and progress.

We will do another meeting in Spring 2017 – will discuss closer to time.

Erie Train Show will be November 6, 2016.

We will have a table to promote NMRA.

How to Build a Model Railroad (**Promo Day**) – November 5, 2016.

We can get in at 7:00 AM to setup the room.

The Hours for the Public is 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

We have about 12-15 presenters, along with a couple of layouts.

Discussed the **2017 Budget**.

Was suggested to keep the budget the same as 2016.

We are accepting budget requests

We are to review and approve the 2017 budget at the November BOD meeting.

Division 4 Train Show in Berea

We sold some cars from the company store

Saturday was busier than Sunday.

Programs and Bring N Brag for November & December are still being arranged.

A couple of the possibilities could be:

Electronics for the railroad – having a tech from Micro Center

Operating Session at Harley Smith

We are always opened to suggestions and volunteers.

Holiday Party in January 2017, Dale to check for the 2nd Saturday, 1/14/17.

Possible Money Lending for **National Convention Silent Auction**.

Dave spoke with an attorney; it would fit our charter as long as it is to a sister organization of 501C3. Make sure everything is in writing.

2016 Picnic Venue – motion carried to make a donation of \$200 to the Painesville Depot for hosting our picnic.

Cars kits from Manufacture to the NMRA – Dave to contact to see if we would be able to receive some of these cars for the **Boy Scout Merit Badge**.

2017 Trip – Discussed that we will need to get information for a trip next year.

Division 4 Layout Tours – Dave received an invite for layout tours in November

Submitted by:

Bonnie Lette, Treasurer

Narrow Gauge: Another Point of View

By: Linda Kacprzak



Narrow gauge modelers tend to focus on fine detail and early prototype railroads. In September Rich and I saw some examples of outstanding craftsmanship when we attended the four-day National Narrow Gauge Convention in Augusta, Maine. On our way there, we visited five layouts open to registered attendees. Our first stop was George

Sellios' Franklin & South Manchester Railroad, an awesome 23' x 42' HO scale fictional New England-based railroad set in 1935. He is the retired owner of Fine Scale Miniatures. We also saw three impressive layouts before arriving at our fifth stop, the Bar Mills Scale Model Works facility. Art Fahie, the owner, provided a 1-1/2 hour tour of his production shop, which is a reproduction

of a train station, featuring his Wharf Street Sn2 layout, and also saw his home layouts (an HO shelf layout and a large N-scale layout). A total of 50 clinics were presented at the convention center, most scheduled twice over the four days, which were informative and educational. Among my favorites were "Ohio River & Western Railway; Ohio's Last Narrow Gauge" by Bill Logan, "3D Machines for



Modeling" by Miles Hale MMR (which also included the 2D Cricut machine plus a demo and list of free software used to create and produce parts on the machines), "Building the Sea Port Model Works Display" and "Building the Fiddletown and Copperopolis Display RR" by Dave Frary, and several how-to clinics including "Great Dioramas Aren't

Ever Done; You Just Quit Working on Them" by Mike Engler. The contest entries were spectacular (Ted Wiese took 2nd place in color prototype photography), as were the modular displays, and there were many opportunities to spend money at more than 100 dealers' tables in the exhibition hall. At narrow gauge conventions, all of the convention

center activities including the exhibitors' hall are closed from noon until 6:30, when bus tours and home layout tours are scheduled. Our afternoons were spent at the Boothbay Railway Village, the Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum, and the Great Falls Model Railroad Club to see their New

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Narrow Gauge: Another Point of View cont.....



England-themed HO, N, Z and G scale layouts. On the last evening we attended the awards program and meeting (no banquet is held) where we saw presentations of future convention venues, including Denver in 2017. On our way home, we stopped to ride the Mt. Wash-

ington Cog Railway but couldn't go all the way to the top because of 90 mph winds at the summit. Instead, our conductor offered us a souvenir piece of Mt. Washington from an area about three-quarters of the way up. We stayed in North Conway, New Hampshire for the

night and spent part of the morning walking around the Conway Scenic Railroad grounds. (P.S. Our Maine lobster dinner was worth the trip.) - [Linda Kacprzak](#)

Condolences To The Cook Family

Longtime Division 5 member Bob Cook passed away on Friday, September 30 in Chardon, OH. Bob joined the NMRA in January 1963 and was active in Division 5 until about 5 years ago when health problems kept him from attending regularly. He was Superintendent of the Division from 1972 through 1973.

Robert P. Cook, age 83, was born on February 7, 1933 in Cleveland and passed away on September 30, 2016. He was the beloved husband for 60 years of Dorothy

(nee Sziszak) and loving father of Richard (wife Tracy) of Concord. U.S. Army Korean Conflict veteran.

Robert was a resident of Concord for 60 years, formerly of South Euclid. He was a member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church where he was an usher. Robert was a member of Lakeshore Live Steamers and the National Model Railroad Association (Mid Central Region – Division 5). He graduated from Brush High School and worked as an auto mechanic for Ford. Robert loved

trains, especially his HO scale model trains. He will be remembered as an easy-going, quiet, and hardworking man. Robert will be greatly missed.

Contributions may be made in Robert's memory to St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord Twp., OH 44060. All services private. Cremation by DeJohn Crematory.

Robert P. Cook
1933 - 2016

Condolences To The Craig Family

Longtime Division 5 member Chuck Craig passed away on September 19, 2016. Chuck was the owner of The Train Shop in Painesville for many years. He was a longtime dealer at Division 5's Railfest, having his tables right inside the doors to the big gym, next to the Lake Erie N-scale Society modular layout.

Memorial services for Charles E. "Chuck" Craig, 82, of Concord Twp., will be 8 P.M. on Monday, September 26, 2016 at Davis-Babcock Funeral Home, 4154 Clark Avenue, Willoughby. The Rev. Michael J. Currier will officiate at the service.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, prior to the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Craig passed away on September 19, 2016 in Claridon Twp. He was born on October 20, 1933 in Cleveland.

He was a United States Army Veteran and a member of

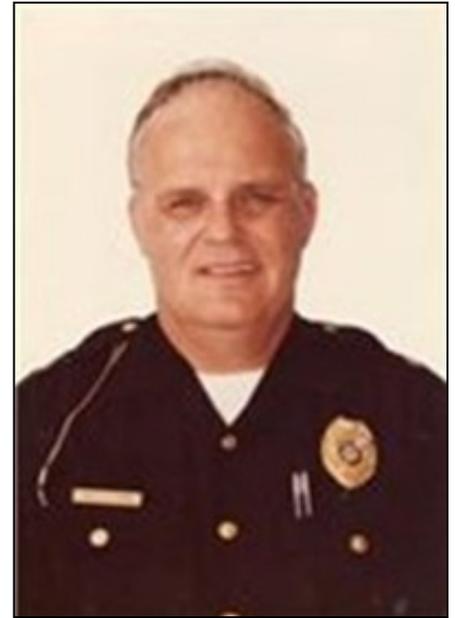
Willoughby Lodge 302 Free and Accepted Masons.

Chuck was the Chief of Police in Chesterland retiring in 1985. Prior to that, he served as a Sergeant on the Mentor Police Department. Following retirement, he owned The Train Shop in Painesville. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Barbara J. (Klima) Craig; sons, Scott (Sherry) Craig of Concord Twp. and John (Colleen) Craig of Perry Twp.; grandchildren, Katie (Ian) Herner and Kevin and Daniel Craig. He also leaves many nieces and nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Delbert and Richard Craig and parents, Delbert and Elizabeth Craig.

Family suggests in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to a favorite charity.

Final resting place will be in Whitehaven Memorial Park, Mayfield Village



Charles E. Craig
1933 - 2016

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
Bova's Music & Train Shoppe

Willoughby, Ohio
Mentor, Ohio
Chardon, Ohio
Geneva, Ohio
Westfield, New York



Please support these dealers!

Proposed Nickel Plate Modular Model Railroad Project

Space provided by Conneaut, Ohio Historical Society. We would use the space as their guests.

This space might be considered as a meeting place for the Ashtabula model railroad group or occasionally as a centrally located meeting place between Erie and Mentor.

Goal is to increase interest and membership in the Historical Society and model railroading. Especially we would like to entice young people and also their parents.

Focus would be the Nickel Plate, New York Central, and Bessemer and Lake Erie RR which were found in the area.

Standard NMRA modular construction will be used.

Only non-combustible materials would be used.

Consider providing pre-fab construction kits to standardize and simplify building of basic modules.

Project would support BSA Merit Badges

Once completed modules could be taken to area high schools and malls for display to generate interest.

The project is strictly non-profit. 501 – 3C donations would be accepted for layout parts which would be redistributed to young people to help create interest, possibly through an achievement program. Initially no items of any value would be kept on site.

Possibly we would be able to open up for display, perhaps at Christmas. Eventually, donations might be accepted to offset costs of heat and light.

Volunteers will be needed for a steering committee.

Committees interested in various facets would support the project, i.e. Studying history of Nickel Plate and the businesses served by it, scenery, operations, achievement program for young people, library of model railroading and history materials for reference, military significance [tie to Re-enactment Days], safety rules on rr, train simulator, switching module, history on how things work.



Building a Model Railroad

Saturday, November 5, 2016



9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Open Free to the Public

The "How To" of Building a Model Railroad

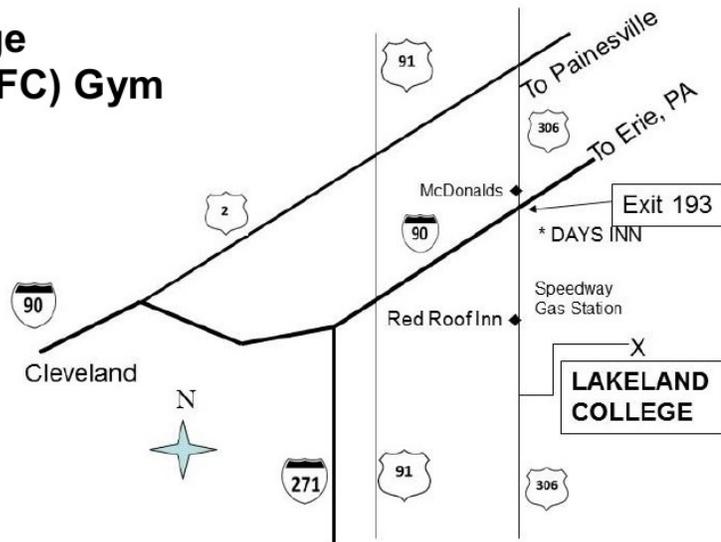
- Basic layout framing
- Basics of laying Track
- Basic transformer wiring
- Simple wiring / types
- Basic Scenery
- Model Building
- your railroad support structure (Benchwork)
- including the roadbed
- how to connect your transformer to your track
- to run your trains
- different construction techniques
- add that station or factory

Attend one or all Topics

Held At:

**Lakeland Community College
Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Gym
7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, Ohio 44094**

- Non-members are **Welcome**
- Note: Under the age of 15, must be accompanied by an adult.
- Each Topic is taught by experienced model railroader.
- Bring a current Project
- Bring your questions; Take home a wealth of knowledge.



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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. - *The Editor*

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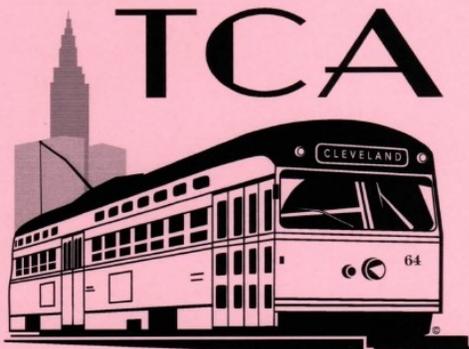


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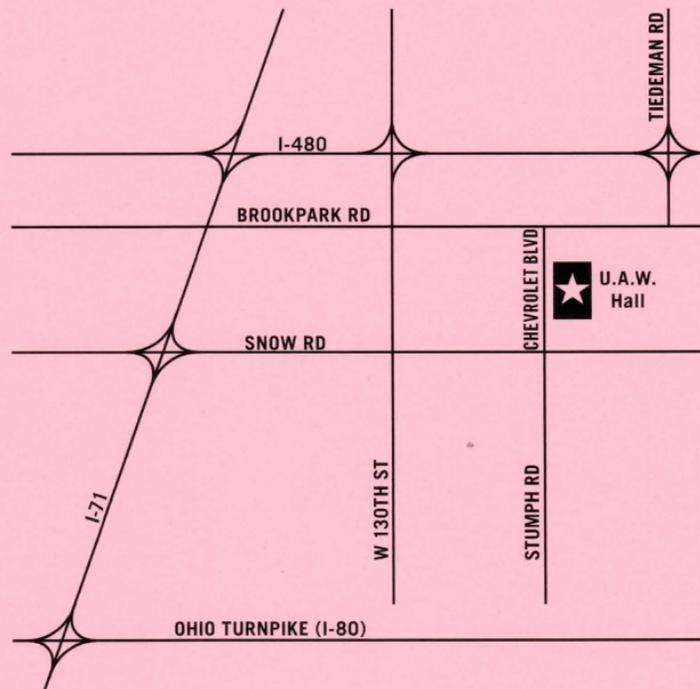
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Saturday, November 26th, 2016

U.A.W. Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

- Free Parking
- Ground-Level Entrance
- Good Lighting
- Wide Aisles
- Refreshments Available

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- Parts, Repair Manuals, Price Guides, Books, etc.
- Train Videos
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- Lionel, American Flyer, MTH, Williams, Weaver, LGB
- O, S, HO, N, Z & Large Scale



NEXT LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEET: MAY 6TH, 2017

All TCA National Division Chapter Rules will be enforced.

ADMISSION: Adults \$6 • Children Free

Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

For More Information Contact: David Stachnik at tcalakeerie@gmail.com or 440-845-2700.



Christmas Train and TOY SHOW

2016  2016  2016  2016  2016  2016

REVSIED DATE!!!

REVSIED DATE!!!

BUY - SELL - TRADE

**Sunday, December 18, 2016
10:00 am to 3:30 pm**



Santa Claus will be at the show from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. If you wish to take your child's picture with Santa, we ask that you make a \$5.00 donation to JDRF.

(440) 256-8141

Email: cleveshows@att.net
www.cleveshows.com

**Dealer info at:
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Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)**



**Admission: Adults \$6.00 Family \$15.00
Children (6-12) \$3.00, Under 6 Free
Active Military Personnel Free**

Toy Collection for needy families - New in-box toys only (unwrapped). Please no stuffed animals.
JDRF - Stop by the LCJDWF table and help find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes with your donation.



Dealer Redeemable this Show
\$25.00 Door Prize Certificate
Drawings at 11am, 1 pm, 3 pm



Featuring:
300 + Tables * One Floor * Operating Train Layouts * Free Parking
HO Trains - Structures - Accessories - Lionel, American Flyer, G-gauge, N scale trains
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BUY - SELL - TRADE



DIVISION 1 MODEL RAILROAD FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

10 AM - 3 PM

SMALL SIZE: 22 tables

NO LONG LINES

DIVISION 1 N GAGE MODULAR LAYOUT

LOW PRICE: \$3; \$5 family

CLOSE, FREE PARKING

CONCESSION STAND

THIS IS THE PLACE FOR A MODEL RAILROADER TO SELL OR TRADE HIS RAILROAD ITEMS.

You might find that one item you saw years ago and didn't buy.

You will **not** find the newest and latest items here.

Here you will find individuals offering older, used or excess equipment.



The Flea Market will be held at:

The Akron Yacht Club
3575 South Main St.
Akron, Ohio



Tables (@6 feet) are \$15 each.

Contact: Bob Ashley, Jr.
3656 Shikellamy Dr.
Akron, OH 44319-3742

330-645-6175 evenings

tubtoy3656@aol.com

22 tables available. Request your tables early. Setup starts at 8 am.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Number of tables: _____ x \$15 = _____
Limit of 4 tables.