



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report

### TRAINS OF THOUGHT

I'm writing this a few days before Christmas ---although you won't receive this issue until afterward. It's at this time that I often link my interest in model railroading to that magical time when I received my first train---at Christmas---like many of us. I was maybe eight or nine, and my train was an American Flyer---steam engine, gondola, coal car, and a caboose. How I longed for a boxcar---which my best little friend had!

Fast forward to the present, and that budding interest then has given rise to my little N scale empire during the intervening decades. I'll bet that most of us have similar model train histories. But it's now the turn of a new year, and we have much to look forward to in our hobby. Certainly there is almost always much more to do on our own model railroads, with construction, scenery, trackwork, structures, and new products, new electronic applications, etc, to consider and incorporate.

And in our model railroad organization lives---our Division---many activities to participate in, nurturing our long-time friendships, and making new ones with other fellow modelers and with new members. Therefore, let's make a few New Year's resolutions and see how many we can fulfill:

*Resolve to attend as many Division meetings as possible*

*Invite those folks who are not current members to come to a meeting*

*Offer to do a clinic on a topic for which you have experience, passion, or interest*

*Volunteer to help at our Division 5 Railfest in March*

*Attend the Mid Central Region Convention in Louisville in May*

*Attend an RPM (Railroad Prototype Modelers) convention*

*Support our (few) local hobby shops!*



Dave Neff - Superintendent  
Division 5  
NMRA - Mid Central Region

No meeting in January!! But our annual Holiday party is Saturday Jan. 14 at Hambden, 12:00 social hour, dinner at 1 p.m. You must RSVP by Jan. 7---email to Bonnie or myself. Cost is \$5 per person (mail or pay at the door if you have sent RSVP). Dinner will be followed by our usual Chinese Drawing/Auction and Loser's Raffle. Bring a gift for the Drawing/Auction.



## 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.

January, 2017 Meeting has been cancelled.

### February 3rd, 2017

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

### March 3rd, 2017

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

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**- 2017 -**

**Antique & Collectible Toy Show** January 7  
Lakeland Community College (*flyer on page 9*)  
Kirtland, Ohio (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** January 9  
Hambden Town Hall  
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

**Division 5 Holiday Party** January 14  
Hambden Town Hall  
Hambden, Ohio (Noon, dinner at 1 pm)

**Railfest 2017** March 18 & 19  
Lakeland Community College (*flyer on page 5*)  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

**Railfest 2017 Dinner** March 18  
The Painesville Depot  
475 Railroad Street (*flyer on page 6*)  
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (5:30 pm)

## Division 5 Holiday Party

The Division 5 Holiday Party this year will be held **Saturday, January 14**, at Hambden. Social hour 12 noon, 'dinner' at 1 p.m., followed by Chinese Gift Auction and Loser's Raffle. Cost \$5 per person, guests welcome. Payable at December 2 meeting if at all possible or send a check to Bonnie.

You can pay at the door on Saturday Jan. 14, **only if you have RSVP'd by January 7 latest to Bonnie or Dave so that we can plan for the meal.**

**The reasons for the change of date, day, and time:**

First Friday too soon after New Years  
Saturday afternoon easier daylight drive-time for all, including our far eastern members in Ashtabula and Erie.

**Dave, *Division 5 Superintendent***

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2016

The December 2, 2016 membership meeting was called to order by **Superintendent Dave Neff** at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 27 members and 3 guests were present.

**Paul Emch** brought in a collection of old train related newsletters and magazines for people to take.

A person in Division 4 is looking for someone to do **CAD/CAM** work for a model railroad related project.

Reviewed the HO and N scale modular layout setups that will be at Lake Farmpark in December for **their Country Lights program**.

The next Division 5 membership meeting in the **Erie, PA area** will be in May 2017, probably on a Saturday.

All the dealer and exhibitor invitations and forms are being printed. They will be mailed soon. **Lakeland Community College** has doubled their charge for security. This has forced us to raise our table prices to cover the increased cost.

The Division 5 **Holiday Party** details were in the December Trainwire. The party will be on Saturday, January 14, 2017. Reservations are required by January 7, 2017. Contact Bonnie Lette or Dave Neff to make your reservation.

Upcoming **area shows** were reviewed.

**Modeling Question:** Sources for very small 3V batteries? Suggestions were Bulldog Battery in Willoughby, OH or Batteries Plus in Mayfield, OH.

**Modeling Question:** Source for very small pushbutton switches (push on/push off)? Suggestions were DigiKey, Mouser, or MCM Electronics, all web-based suppliers.

Some of the possible destinations for a **Division 5 trip** this year are EnterTrainMent Junction near Cincinnati, OH (and maybe the Sign Museum that is close by) or the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum near Washington, PA.

**Bring & Brag:** Theme – *“Animation”*

Dave Neff	Matt Kross	Bryan Persing	Ray Newnes
Dave Metzger	Bill Osborne	Tom Pescha	Bill Berger
Randy Hahn	Bob Orlando	Dennis Lloyd	

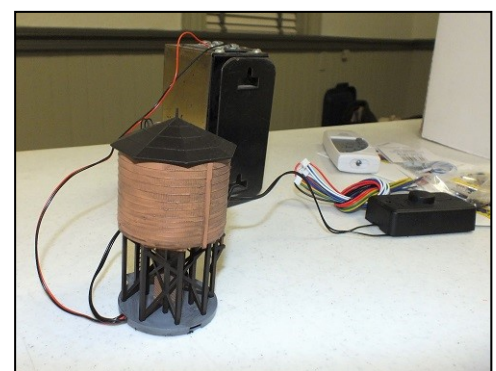
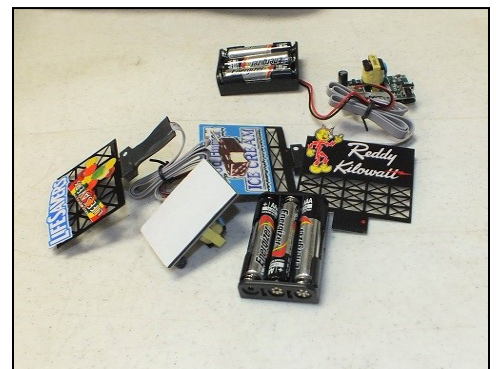
Program: **Craig Potter** provided a presentation on a visit he made to EnterTrainMent Junction.

*Submitted by*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Pictures from the December Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



## Next Division 5 Meeting February 3, 2017



# RAILFEST 2017



## Saturday and Sunday March 18 & 19, 2017

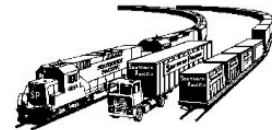
### 10 am to 4 pm

Located at:

## Lakeland Community College

### 7700 Clocktower Dr. Kirtland, Ohio 44094

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193



#### Operating Layouts

**N Scale Layouts**  
(LENS)

**HO Scale layout**  
(LG HO G)

**S Scale & American  
Flyer**  
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge  
Association)

**Lionel O Gauge**

**LGB G Gauge**

**Live Steam Display**  
(Lake Shore Live Steam)

<b>Admission</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
Two Day Pass	\$12.00
Family (couples)	\$12.00
Family (max)	\$12.00
<i>(Adults with Children under 18)</i>	

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

#### Features

Dealers

RR Flea market

Exhibitors

Operating Layouts

Video Tapes  
Historical Displays  
Train Ride Info

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Available

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## Free Parking

**Free Shuttle Bus**  
9:30am – 4:30pm

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### MCR – Division 5 Event

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Largest continuous running two day train show in OHIO!



# RAILFEST 2017 DINNER

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Railfest Dinner March 18, 2017

Will be held at Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)  
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
Eleven miles east of College.

**Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!**



**Time:**  
Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 18, 2017

**Price:**  
\$20.00 per person

**SPEAKER & SUBJECT**  
The Euclid Railroad - by Tom Pappas

**RESERVATION DEADLINE**

March 11, 2017

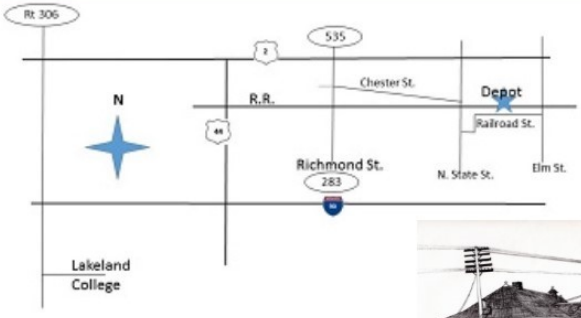
**DINNER MENU**

- Tossed Green Salad
- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Chicken
- Roast Beef
- Corn Beef and Cabbage
- Mixed vegetables
- Red Skin Potatoes
- Rigatoni

**Beverages Stations:**

- Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
- Pitchers of Coke - Pitchers of Diet Coke
- Coffee Condiments: Creamer, Sugar, Sweeteners

**Direction to Painesville Depot**  
 Exit College, turn right (North) onto Rt. 306  
 North on Rt 306 to OH Rt 2 (2 miles)  
 East on Rt. 2 (8 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.



*This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.*

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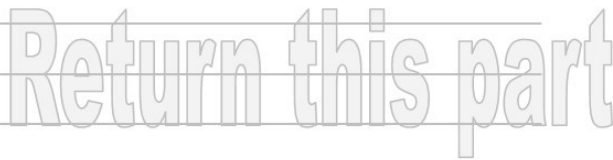
**Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 11, 2017.**  
**(Check will be held & deposited March 20, 2017)**  
**Make Checks payable to: Railfest**

Print you name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and Print all Attending

**Mail to:**  
 Tom Pescha  
 3942 E, 364th St.  
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.



## Notice

I will be compiling the next Trainwire on the 19th of the month and any articles or reports that come in after the 19th will probably be published in the following issue. - *The Editor*

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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## The Susquehannock Is Coming!

2017 MER Convention

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The Susquehanna Division

October 12 – 15, 2017

[www.mer2017.org](http://www.mer2017.org)

The name Susquehannock appears to have originated as an Algonquin name meaning the "people of the Muddy River" (Susquehanna). Their territory ranged along the Susquehanna River and its branches from the north end of Chesapeake Bay in Maryland across Pennsylvania into southern New York, very much the area encompassed by our Susquehanna division.

Moving forward, the Pennsylvania Railroad chose to name its passenger train which ran from Williamsport to Philadelphia "The Susquehannock." Wanting to know more about this train I went to Jerry Britton's Keystone Crossings website [www.pennsyr.com](http://www.pennsyr.com) to look at consist lists. The April 28, 1957 edition gives the list as; (1) B60, Mail-Baggage-Express Messenger, (1) P70CGSR, Coach, and (1) PL, Parlor Car – Buffet/10 Table seats – 24 Coach Seats. On the trip to Philadelphia the B60 was dropped at Harrisburg and the Coach and Parlor Car were attached to train #604. And on the return trip train #605 The Coach and Parlor Car were added to the B60 for the remainder of the trip to Williamsport.

The more we explore the name the more it applies to our event. The name Susquehannock and the Susquehanna Division makes this an obvious choice. The PRR route was from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, then on to Williamsport following the Susquehanna River, thus specifically designed to service the area our division services. And finally it is the perfect prototype to model, no selective compression required. So, there you have it, some very good reasons why our convention became THE SUSQUEHANNOCK!

The convention will be held at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel. Our hotel is convenient to both the Harrisburg International Airport and the Harrisburg Amtrak (former Pennsylvania RR) Station. Tours aimed at both rail and non-rail interests will be offered. For our rail fans, tours of East Broad Top Railroad, American Car and Foundry tank car plant, Strasburg Railroad, Bowser Manufacturing and more are in planning. For non-rail interests available are tours of Hershey, the Harrisburg State Capitol, the National Civil War Museum and more. Space on tours is limited, so they are first come, first served.

Planned are some 30 +/- layout visitations as well as slots for many operators in scheduled operating sessions. Banquet, clinics, raffle, white elephant sale and a live auction round out the very busy schedule for this event. Of note is a beautiful Peter Lerro framed print of a PRR T-1 at the Harrisburg station to be given away to a lucky early registrant. Registration is now open and we look forward to seeing you in Harrisburg next October.