



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

As the Train Rolls by.....

By the time you read this, our annual Railfest will be but a memory---and hopefully a good one with almost all of our active members participating in setup, security, the membership table, company store, and the many other functions necessary to make this one of the best, if not the best model railroad show in Ohio. As you know, our net revenues from this show funds all of our activities in the next year. Thanks to all who helped! Last month at our Division meeting we voted (although the verdict was close) to go to the Entertainment Junction and Sign Museum near West Chester Ohio near Cincinnati this summer. At the April meeting we will need to make a reasonably firm commitment as to the specific date in order to begin to make arrangements with the bus company and seek restaurants to

accommodate our group for meals - lunch & dinner. The potential dates are **July 22 or August 12 or August 19**. This will be an all-day trip, departing Lakeland CC (?) at 7:15 a.m. and returning about 10 p.m. Cost will be \$25 per person (NMRA member or immediate family members), payable in advance only. The Board voted to subsidize all additional costs to cover the bus, meals, etc. ***Be prepared at the April meeting to state your preference of date and intention at this point in time to participate!*** As winter comes to a close and our indoor model railroading efforts turn to the usual outdoor chores---and we look back at what we thought we might accomplish but didn't during the winter---let's be thankful for what projects we *did* start or even finish and look to the next round of activities! With warmer weather on the way, there are still plenty of railroad



Dave Neff – Superintendent
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sites to visit for rail fanning, old structures to photograph before they are demolished in the name of 'progress', museums with railroading within a few hours drive time. All to be shared with the comradery of a few of our friends who have similar interests. Is this a great hobby or what?

- 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.

April 7th, 2017

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Jack Ellis' (Bar Mills) "Signage" CD clinic
(*Dave Neff*)
Bring & Brag: Structures with signs—how were they applied?

May 13rd, 2017

Location: Erie, Pennsylvania
Program: Western Roads and Shortlines Motive Power
(*Gary Widell*)
Bring & Brag: Western Roads locomotives (*SP, UP, ATSF, other*)

June 2nd, 2017

Location: Farmpark - Kirtland, Ohio
Program: Weathering with Oils (*Mike Hawk*)
Bring & Brag: Weathered Locomotives, Rolling Stock, Structures
(*any weather technique*)

No Meeting in July

August 4th, 2017

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Soldering (*Larry Madson*)
Bring & Brag: Anything soldered--details on locos, etc, or discussion of pictures of soldered items which can't be brought in.

September 8th, 2017

Location: Bill Osborn's home
Program: Railroad Movie Night. Outside with Popcorn!
Bring & Brag: RR prototype artifacts
(*signs, signals, dining car ware, timetables, etc*)

October 13th, 2017

Location: Erie, Pennsylvania
Program: Railroad Slide Show (subjects TBD)
Bring & Brag: Anything goes

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Medina Train & Toy Show	April 2
Medina Fairgrounds Medina, Ohio	(<i>flyer on page 8</i>) (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)
Painesville Railroad Museum Fundraiser	April 8
Harry Buffalo Restaurant 2119 Mentor Ave. Painesville, Ohio 44077	(<i>flyer on page 9</i>) (3:00 pm - 5:00 pm)
Toy Train & RR Flea Market	April 9
Salem Center Plex 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave. Salem, Ohio 44460	(<i>flyer on page 8</i>) (10:00 am - 3:30 pm)
Division 5 BOD Meeting	April 10
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	(7:30 pm)
Model Train Days	May 6 & 7
The Painesville Depot 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077	(<i>flyer on page 10</i>) (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)
Open House	July 22
The Painesville Depot	
Railroad Memorabilia Show	August 27,
The Painesville Depot	
Corn Festival Open House	September 9
The Painesville Depot	
Oktoberfest	October 14
The Painesville Depot	
Antique Toy and Diecast Show	October 21
Lakeland College	
Building a Model Railroad	November 4
Lakeland College	
2 Rail "O" Scale Train Show	November 4
Lakeland College	

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2017

The March 3, 2017 **membership meeting** was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 35 members and 6 guests were present.

Welcomed a number of **new visitors** to the meeting.

Reviewed upcoming events. Asked for volunteers to help at the Division 5 table at the Erie, PA trainshow during the coming weekend.

MCR President Steve Kaplan was at the meeting and encouraged everyone to attend this year's MCR regional convention. He also suggested that, if you want to experience what a regional convention is all about in a smaller way, attend Division 2's annual jamboree in Pittsburgh on April 29th.

Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf reported on Railfest 2017 preparations. All but a couple of single tables have been sold. Everything is ready, we just need everyone to pitch in and help. Reviewed the hours for setup, teardown, and the public show time. A signup sheet was passed around for members to indicate what jobs they would help with.

KidsShow at Great Lakes Mall in Mentor will be the weekend after Railfest. Help is needed to man the Division 5 display.

Modeling Question: Do you need fusing or circuit breakers for standard block control like you need for DCC? Answer is no, the power packs provide built-in circuit protection.

Bring & Brag: Theme – *“Backgrounds and Backdrops”*

Dave Neff	Dennis Lloyd	Bill Osborne
Dave Metzger	Dale Desser	Jim Mitch
Bill Berger	Mike Rudder	Brad White
Gary Shaffer		

Program: Dave Ellis presented a clinic on creating backdrops and backgrounds.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



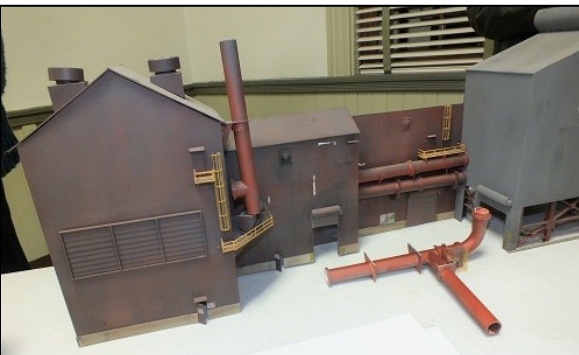
Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys	Willoughby, Ohio
Hobby Town USA	Mentor, Ohio
Train Specialty Company	Chardon, Ohio
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters	Geneva, Ohio
Bova's Music & Train Shoppe	Westfield, New York



Please support these dealers!

Pictures from the March Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting April 7, 2017

Division 5 BOD Meeting

March 13, 2017

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on March 13, 2017 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Tom Pescha, Ted Wiese, Bob Gittinger, Dale Smith, and Rich Kacprzak.

Railfest status: We are sold out except a few scattered 6-ft tables. Table set-up/covering is Thursday. Friday is the set-up of the registration table, putting up signs, and getting dealers in and set up. Dealers will be asked for door prize items as they check-in. Question had been raised whether we wanted to continue to do a raffle since we usually lose money. In looking at the last four years, two of the years we made money on the raffle and two of the years we lost money. The raffle is good for public relations so the Railfest chairman decided we would continue to have it but we should limit our purchases to \$300 this year (we already have an HO set that was donated).

Discussed what **Company Store** items the Division would be willing to donate for door prizes. It was decided that we would donate up to 20 of the N-scale reefers and several of the leftover HO cars from the Boy Scout merit badge workshop that are complete kits.

Lake Farmpark management has changed their mind and will now continue to put on the Boy Scout Railroading merit badge workshop. Farmpark will be in charge of the program and Division 5 will just provide support. Division 5 will provide 25 HO railroad car kits for the workshop.

We got a box of partial HO railroad car kits back from Lake Farmpark that were left over from past Boy Scout Railroading merit badge workshops. A number of the kits are missing parts or parts are broken. **Bob Gittinger** was able to piece together enough parts to make a few complete kits. The remaining partial kits will be put on the Division 5 sales table at Railfest marked As-Is.

Tom Pescha showed the advertising packet he generated for the KidShow. The packet will also be used for Railfest and the Depot. 800 sets were printed and the cost proportionally split between Division 5, Railfest, and the Depot.

A report was given on the **Erie, PA train show** that was held the previous weekend. The Division sold a couple of cars from the Company Store. We got some sign-ups of people interested in the NMRA and our Division. Briefly talked to some Division 11 members. The show attendance was fair. The promoter may be looking for an alternate location to hold the show in the future.

We have been looking for a location in the Erie, PA area where we could hold our **“How To Build A Model Railroad”** day. Bonnie Lette is getting information on a facility near Presque Isle, PA that is part of the park system. It is also a place where we might be able to hold a meeting. Currently waiting for them to provide more information, including room sizes. Another possible location is an Erie sports complex.

Matt Kross reported that we have three people so far that are willing to open their layouts for the Fall 2017 Division 5 layout tours. Bryan Persing said he would create a sign-up sheet to have at the meetings.

Dave Neff reviewed the list of programs he has lined up for the meetings. This is the same list that was detailed in the March BOD minutes.

Received a little more information about the **train show in Jefferson, Ohio** that is being planned for July 2017. The LENS N-Trak club will have a 3 ft x 30 ft. layout. There is room for another layout and the HO module group will be asked if they want to participate. There will be 43 vendor tables. Division 5 will have a table there to promote the Division and the NMRA.

Discussed the plans for the Division 5 trip to **EnterTrainMent Junction**. Possible dates include July 8, July 22, or sometime in August after the Division picnic. We will put the dates in the Trainwire and get feedback from the membership as to what date they would prefer. The Division will subsidize a major portion of the cost but participants will still need to pay approximately \$25 per person.

Everyone was reminded that **Trainwire submissions**, especially the superintendent's report and meeting minutes, need to be received by the editor by the date listed in the previous month's Trainwire in order to get the Trainwire out on time.

It was mentioned that other divisions provide a different color nametag to **new members** to show other members that these people are new members. When the new member decides he doesn't want to show that he is new, he switches his nametag to the normal color.

We are getting information on a source and the cost of a **defibrillator for the Hambden Town Hall**. Once we have the information we need, we will proceed with purchasing a unit.

The next regular **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be April 10, 2017 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Rails Across the Nation

By: Len Kessler



San Francisco

I had the opportunity to travel the streets of San Francisco in the front seat of a rental car. San Francisco is a beautiful and unique city, but I don't think I would want to lose my heart there. I couldn't possibly live in this exceptional city with its numerous steep

hills. While all these stunning streets add some kind of charm to the city by the sea, I could never walk on most of them, up or down. Public transportation is readily available in the form of distinctive cable cars, as well as trolleys, trackless trolleys, city and private buses and taxi cabs of all varieties. We drove past Fisherman's Wharf but without my deluxe walker I was unable to get out of



the car and walk around. I had no idea how big the area is, it roughly encompasses the northern waterfront area of San Francisco. There's something there for everyone, you can pose with a celebrity wax figure, catch a shark feeding, or jump into a 3D interactive film. At night, you can stay entertained with live music, theater, dancing,

comedy clubs and much more. If I ever go back to this place again, I definitely will have my *deluxe walker*. Next on the list was a chance to drive down the *crookedest* street in the world, Lombard St. The sheer, hilly street was created with sharp curves to switchback down the one-way hill past beautiful Victorian mansions. Some of San Francisco's

most expensive real estate sits on Lombard Street. I was surprised how many tourists were in such a small area of the city. There were hundreds taking pictures, selfies and walking up and down the street. After the crookedest street we crossed the Golden Gate Bridge and took a road that climbed high into

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Rails Across the Nation cont....



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the mountain side. There we were provided with a fabulous view of San Francisco Bay including the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, the city shoreline and numerous pleasure and commercial boats. It was a beautiful sunny day and the outstanding panorama was incredible. Then it was back to the city including a ride through Chinatown, past several iconic city buildings and

some very steep streets. Greg made a special point to get me to Hayes and Steiner Streets across from Alamo Square Park. There for the first time I got to meet the painted ladies of San Francisco. For those that never met them, the *Painted Ladies* are Victorian and Edwardian houses and buildings painted in three or more colors that embellish or enhance their architectural details. Many Victorian homes of the Queen Anne era have similar unique

features: *multiple balconies, large porches and are usually two-and-a-half to three-and-a-half stories tall.* Any of these buildings would sell for well over a couple of million dollars. What's so special about them? There are five models of them in my basement, check the picture below. Near the end of the day, Greg insisted on dinner at the Cliff house. The renowned restaurant was striking and located on the top of a cliff with a




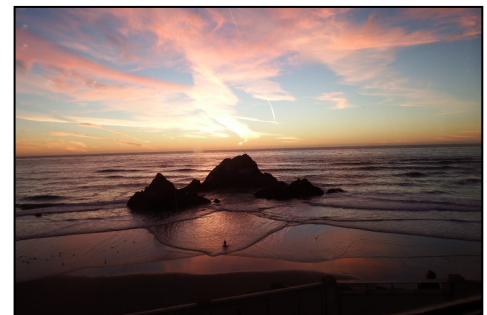
The Painted Ladies of San Francisco

The Painted Ladies of Perry, Ohio

spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean. The presentation of the meal was as impressive as the taste of the dinner. It goes without saying that the martinis were superb, *all three of them.* If the experience wasn't

beyond great, the sunset was magnificent from our window table. By now it was time to head back to the Marriot hotel which was on the other side of the city and across the Oakland Bay Bridge. It had been a long and

beautiful day but now it was time to get some sleep because tomorrow the California Zephyr would be pulling out of the station at 9 *am.* Once again I got the second greatest sleep on this trip. *- to be continued.....* 



Front of the restaurant

Delicious, but very expensive


Sunset into the Pacific

Division 5 Layout Tours In The Fall

We are looking at having Division 5 layout tours in the Fall. We are considering spreading them over four weekends (*Saturday or Sunday*) with just a few layouts open each weekend to make it easy for people to get to all the layouts. We are targeting the following weekends: October 21/22 and 28/29 and November 11/12 and 18/19. Start thinking about whether you would like to have your layout open for the tours and what weekend

and day you would want to do it on. More information and details as we get closer. Matt Kross will be organizing the layout tours. You can contact Matt at Clerk@mcr5.org or call 440-668-9462 if you would like more details about hosting a layout tour or if you want to go ahead and add your layout to the tour list.

So far, we have four layouts on the list. Please consider opening up your layout for others to see. It can be at any stage from just starting the

benchwork, to functioning trackwork but no scenery, to fully finished. People are interested in seeing the techniques that other modelers have used. We are also interested in seeing the layouts of our new members in Pennsylvania and New York. We are giving you plenty of advanced notice so you have time to get the layout spruced up and ready for visitors. 

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MEDINA MODEL RAILROAD & TOY SHOWS

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 5th

SUNDAY - APRIL 2nd

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 29th

CHRISTMAS XTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd

~ ~ **New Hours 9 AM TO 3 PM** ~ ~

MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

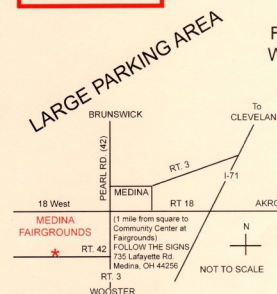
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Medina, Ohio



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PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 8, 2017 3 to 5 p.m.

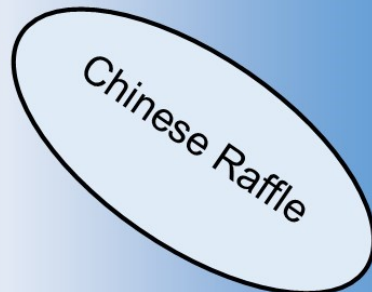
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Harry Buffalo

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Liquors from 3 pm to 5 pm

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



MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at

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475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Len at 440-417-6746

MAY 6-7 2017

10 am to 5 pm

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



Admission \$5.00 each, Family \$7.00



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.

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

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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 5 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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Restored UP Passenger Cars (North Platte, Nebraska)

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