



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

Musings

Here we are in mid-May and *finally* the weather has turned nice. But I can't say I really did a lot of good modeling during the previous three weeks when the temperature stayed in the 50's with mostly rain where it was not feasible to be outside. But I'm reminded by one of my contacts in model railroad kit manufacturing (Marshall Thompson of Republic Locomotive Works) that we shouldn't tarry too long in beginning (or finishing) our modeling projects. As we get longer in the tooth, our energy, manual dexterity, and eyesight begin to wane. He suggests that age 80 is the practical limit for most of us to 'finish up' any serious modeling! (As I look around the room at our meetings----most of us don't have a lot of time left! *(haha)*)

But with so many projects great and small awaiting activity on our model railroad empire, which of those do we work on? Some might say--stay with the largest project and persevere to see it through. Others would say, pick up gain on a small, *short time to complete project* and gain the satisfaction of 'finishing'----as an incentive then to begin or pick up the next project.

Whichever way you proceed, avoid total procrastination. With the National N scale convention coming up in just one month in Pittsburgh---where our LENS group will participate in a large modular layout with other clubs---I've already squandered several months' time available---although I have completed some tasks. But I'm now left with just that one month and several small projects still needed to be completed for my modules.

As a departure from the above, here's an ode to railroad 'slanguage'. Back in the day when railroads ruled the economy, rail workers had their own colorful language---slang for all things 'railroad'. Here's an example.

"In the old days in West Virginia, I worked a sacred ox rattle with a string of sow bellies, when the brains in the crumb box picked up a pink from the brass pounder to mind the bear and don't get caught by the monkey. The ashcat worked the bowling alley, the hoghead lit out on a ball of fire pounding her to rattle her hocks." Translation? Come to the June meeting at Farmpark to find out!



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

Reminder—June 2 meeting will begin at 8 p.m. AT FARM PARK to allow our module groups ample setup time for Rails in the Park at Farmpark Saturday and Sunday June 3-4, 9-5 p.m. Program will be a weathering presentation using oils by Mike Hauk.

- 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.

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: Make and take clinic (*Larry Madson*)
Bring & Brag: Any car/locomotive/structure/electrical project with details that have used soldering.

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 14th, 2017 (11:00 am - 2:30 pm)

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

November 3rd, 2017

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Trainz Computer program (*Randy Hahn*)
Bring & Brag: Anything electronic or explain any computer controls on your layout

December 1st, 2017

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Division 5 BOD Meeting	June 12
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	(7:30 pm)
Open House	July 22
The Painesville Depot 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077	(10:00 am - 5:00 pm)
Division 5 Picnic	August 5
475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077	(flyer on page 9) (1:00 pm - 5:00 pm)
Railroad Memorabilia Show	August 27
The Painesville Depot 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077	(flyer on page 10) (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)
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	
NETS Model Train Show	November 11
Highland Heights Community Center	
The Handmade Market	November 25
The Painesville Depot	
Christmas Toy & Train Show	December 10
Lakeland College	

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2017

The May 13, 2017 membership meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 11:30 am at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Erie, PA. 28 members and 8 guests were present.

Dave Neff provided an introduction and welcome to visitors

Reviewed **upcoming events** and invited new members to participate in Railroads In the Parks (June)

Boy Scout Railroading merit badge workshop (June)

August 4 meeting will have a hands-on soldering clinic

How To Build A Model Railroad (November)

Division 5 presented a check to the Lakeshore Model Railroad Association to help them with the building of their club layout.

Discussed what it would take if the former members of the Allegheny Highlands Division wanted to form a new Division (**Division 12**) that would now be part of the Mid Central Region. Those people interested should contact **Dave Neff** (Division 5 superintendent) or **Steve Kaplan** (MCR President). Russ Bova said he would be willing to be the local area contact. Questions that came out of the discussion:

Sources for names/addresses of model railroaders in the area? - NMRA can provide information on both current and former members for the target counties.

Financial requirements? – new division would need to figure out how to cover their expenses (dues, train shows, other money raising events, etc.)

What would be **the association** between the new division and the LMRA Club?

What counties should be included?

Modeling Question: How to eliminate wear and tear on the axles of Walthers HO passenger cars? Problems with axle length shortening after extension running. Various lubrications have been tried without success. One suggestion was to use a nylon bearing insert made by Tichy.

Encouraged members in the PA and NY counties to consider opening their layouts for the Fall 2017 Division 5 layout tours.

The LMRA Club has HO wood chip cars for sale for \$25.

Bring & Brag: Theme – *“Western Railroad Locomotives”*

Brad White

Bryan Persing

Bill Berger

Russ Bova

Dale Smith

John Whalen

Jeremy Werner

Program: Gary Widell from Warren, PA showed a bunch of wonderful color slides of steam and diesel locomotives of the western US railroads during the 1950's. Gary took all the pictures himself during his early railfanning days.

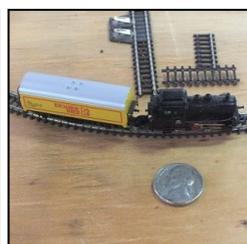
After the meeting, **Shorty Parker** opened his **fabulous HO model railroad** for meeting attendees to visit.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from May Meeting in Erie

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting June 2, 2017

Division 5 BOD Meeting

May 8, 2017

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on May 8, 2017 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, Lenny Kessler, and Dale Smith.

Discussed the grant request from the **Lakeshore Model Railroad Association** for \$500. Reviewed the report the LMRA provided regarding what they spent last year's grant money on along with photos of the purchases and work in progress. Grant request was approved.

Discussed upcoming **membership meeting in Erie, PA**. The LMRA will host the meeting. They have an HO car for sale as a money raising project. There will be one layout open for members to visit after the meeting. During the meeting, there will be a discussion about what it would take to form a new division within the Mid Central Region for the former members of the Allegheny Highlands Division.

Dave Neff will be attending the **MCR BOD meeting** during the upcoming regional convention. Reviewed some of the things that Division 5 has done that should be highlighted in Dave's report to the BOD.

We are going to take another month to get some additional data before deciding on **the defibrillator** to purchase for the Hambden Town Hall.

Division tax forms were filed on May 1. There was no fee to file the federal forms with the IRS. There was a \$100 filing fee for the state of Ohio non-profit organization annual filing.

One of our **Division auditors** may be moving out of the Division 5 territory. The BOD determined it would still be okay if he wishes to continue as auditor.

Discussed the **Division trip to EnterTrainMent Junction** this summer. We have gotten a quote for the bus. Reviewed the duration of the trip and the BOD decided to eliminate the side trip to the sign museum. The sign museum would only be open until 4 pm and so we would have very limited time at that stop. By eliminating that stop, we will cut off about 3 hours from the trip.

Some **upcoming events** to be aware of:

Marion, Ohio meet in June hosted by some Mid Central Region divisions

Jefferson, Ohio train show on July 15

Everything is in place for the **Railroads In The Parks** weekend the first weekend in June. Our regular Division 5 meeting that Friday night will start at 8 PM instead of the normal 7:30 PM. The Boy Scout Rail-roading merit badge workshop will be conducted on Saturday.

The Lake County Visitors Bureau has approved our grant request of \$5,000 for Railfest 2018 advertising.

The next regular **Division 5 BOD** meeting will be June 13, 2017 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

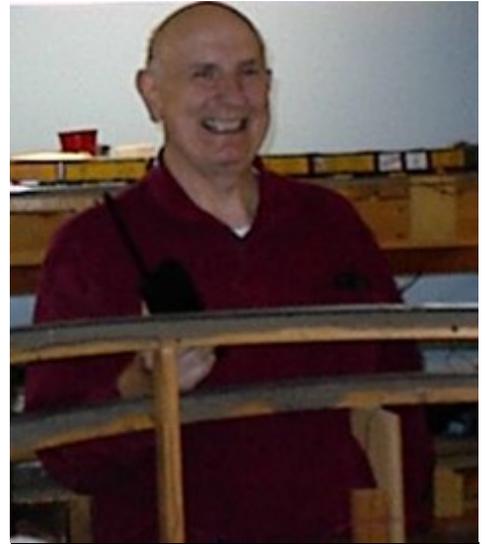
Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Condolences To The Palmer Family

Robert G. Palmer passed away May 10, 2017, at home, surrounded by family, after battling a long illness. Born May 11, 1939, in Union City, Pa., Bob received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Edinboro University of Pa., and began his teaching career in Madison, Ohio, in 1962. Two years later he married Teresa Kay Van Nette, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2014. His dedication to education led him to several administrative positions. He served as the principal for both Lincoln and Pierpont Elementary Schools, coached both basketball and volleyball for the 8th and 9th grade girls, and later completed his career as a sixth-grade teacher at Ridgeview Elementary School. Bob was an avid model railroader; he participated in Tuesday Night Trains for forty-seven years and attended national railroad conventions; traveled across the US on

Amtrak, enjoying the beauty of the country along the way. He was also a sports enthusiast and yearly traveled to Columbus, Ohio to watch the girl's state basketball tournaments. Bob was a generous blood donor, and donated over 5 gallons to the American Red Cross. He believed giving blood was a great humanitarian aid. He often challenged others to go with him and give the gift of life. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Kay Palmer; son, Scott (Marilyn) Palmer of Tampa, Fla.; daughter, Kimberly (Darren) Cook of Waterford, Pa.; and grandchildren, Corwin, Morgan, Gabriella, Sydney, Kathryn, Robert, and Owen. Donations in Bob's name may be given to Great Lakes Caring Hospice, Alzheimer's Association, or the APL in Ashtabula. The family wishes to acknowledge the kindness and great skills shown by the Great Lakes Caring Hospice, and Debbie White Heath Care.



Robert G. Palmer

1939 - 2017

Division 5 Loses a Legend

Harley D. Smith, age 89, a long-time resident of Hambden Twp., died on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He was born in Chardon Village on June 29, 1927. He was a 1945 graduate of Chardon High School, and married Ellen Tucker in Hambden, on April 11, 1952. Harley had worked for the Nickle Plate Rail Road for 5 years before becoming a laborer for the former Chardon Rubber Company, where he retired after 33 1/3 years on July 11, 1990. He was a member of URW Local 557, and had also served as the Township Constable, as well as a member of the Hambden Fire Department. Harley was an NMRA Life Member and a founding member of Division 5 back in 1961. He played a very active role in the Division for many, many years. He had regular monthly operating sessions on his HO Ohio Northern Railroad for the past 50 years. He was the King of open loads, creating unique designs using parts from his junk box for all sorts of railcars. *(These were affectionately referred to as "Harley Loads".)* He was also the proprietor of

Smith & Son Ballast. Harley served as Division 5 Superintendent several different times. He was our Division Trip Master for many years, arranging for Division members to tour numerous railroad and industrial facilities. Harley was presented with the Mid Central Region's "2005 Russ Wenderfer Award" by Mike Brestel, Vice President of the NMRA and member of MCR Division 7. Division 7 sponsors the award and the region BOD chooses the recipient. The award is given to the MCR member that has exhibited extraordinary devotion to, and promotion of, the hobby of model railroading. In 2011, at the Division's 50th anniversary celebration, Harley was one of the Division members presented with the "Division 5 Lifetime Achievement Award". This award is for outstanding service to Division 5 and the hobby of model railroading. Harley (and Ellen) were always happy to open their home and railroad for events and Division meetings.

Survivors include his wife Ellen; daughter LuAnn (Dennis) Burger, son Dale (Deborah) Smith of Hambden Twp.;

4 grandchildren, Juli Stone, Sally Chapek, Paul Burger, Sarah Smith; 6 great-grandchildren, and 3 step grandchildren. Burial will be in the Hambden Cemetery, Thurs, June 1 at 1:00 p.m. Contributions may be made to Hambden Fire Dept., 9867 Old State Rd, Chardon, OH 44024. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.



Harley D. Smith

1927- 2017

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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*

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DIV. 5 PICNIC

Saturday, August 5, 2017

At

The Painesville Depot
475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.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:

- Breaded Chicken
- Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Chips
- Hobo Beans,
- Desert
- Pop & water
- If you wish - Dish to pass



Food is being provide by Div. 5

Admission: **Free** to all Div. 5 members and immediate family.

RSVP by August 1, 2017 to Tom at:

(216) 470-5780 or send an e-mail to Tom.Pescha@MCR5.org

Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!



