



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

It's That Time Again

Time to get acquainted again with model railroading. Summer is just about over and what did you do about it? Take a break from model railroading? Visit and ride prototypes? If you did, how about offering a short article for the *next* Trainwire. Any other exciting ventures that were railroad-oriented this summer?

For five of us from Divisions 1-4-5, the latest highlight was attending the Steel Mill Modelers Meet in Bethlehem PA August 12-15. This is a Special Interest group under the NMRA banner like Opsig and DesignSig, obviously featuring steel mills, modeling and the railroads that operated within and without. The convention was held at the Sands Hotel and Casino which is within the old Bethlehem Steel property. A walkway along the highline extends from the hotel to the 'Stacks'---the remaining 5 of 7 blast furnaces that were once operated by Bethlehem. You can get a real close-up view of the massive structures and details. A retired general foreman of Bethlehem Steel gave an extensive presentation on the mill's history. Several other clinics were given on modeling specific steel mill

processes.

The last day of the meet was devoted to layout tours which were more than impressive. Ken McCorry's HO PRR layout in Downingtown PA---1 and 1/2 hours from Bethlehem (but well worth the drive) is nationally recognized as one of the finest (and largest) layouts in the country. The layout is in a remodeled stone barn probably 7500 square feet, uses an operating crew of 30, and has an extensive model CTC control center. There is also a replica full size diesel cab in the dispatch area one level below the layout with realistic cab controls which can operate a model locomotive on the layout.

A second fantastic HO layout, right in the heart of Bethlehem, is the Lehigh Valley Model Railroad Club. Yet another outstanding layout in O gauge features the Lehigh Valley and Central New Jersey in the Poconos region, with many scratch-built unique and iconic homes, hotels, and railroad stations that populate that region.

There is also the National Museum of Industrial History in Bethlehem, adjacent to the defunct steel plant, which features excellent full-scale examples of many innovative



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machine tools which helped build America during the period 1870-1900. And of course there was a model of steel plant melting, from the Bessemer through Open Hearth and Basic Oxygen Furnace.

It's always great fun to visit other layouts. When traveling, check the NMRA's National Layout Registry to see what could be available for viewing.

And speaking of layout visits, we need to finalize our Division 5 Layout Tours in September so if you plan to host, please sign up! The tours will take place on weekends in October and in November.

- 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 8th, 2017

Location: Bill Osborn's home - Leroy, Ohio
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

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

Railroad Memorabilia Show August 27
The Painesville Depot
475 Railroad Street (*flyer on page 9*)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Division 5 BOD Meeting September 11
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

Great Berea Train Show October 7 & 8
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
Berea, Ohio (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Antique Toy and Diecast Show October 21
Lakeland College
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Building a Model Railroad November 4
Lakeland College
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

2 Rail "O" Scale Train Show November 4
Lakeland College
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

NETS Model Train Show November 11
Highland Heights Community Center
5827 Highland Road
Highland Hts., Ohio 44143 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Christmas Toy & Train Show December 10
Lakeland College
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (10:00 am - 3:30 pm)

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2017

The August 4, 2017 membership meeting was called to order by Assistant Superintendent Bryan Persing at 7:30 PM at Hambden Town Hall. 29 members and 4 guests were present.

It was noted that a short memoriam for **Harley Smith** appeared on Page 9 of the August 2017 issue of the NMRA Magazine.

The Division 5 trip to **EnterTrainMent Junction** was cancelled because not enough people signed up to meet the minimum needed. Those that had signed up have all been refunded the money they paid.

The **September Division 5 membership meeting** will be something a little different. First, the meeting has been moved to September 8 to avoid the Labor Day weekend. Second, the meeting will be at the home of Bill Osborne. Third, it will be held outside. Bill says to bring a comfortable lawn chair. He will be showing train videos outside on the wall of a building and says he will keep showing videos as long as people want to stick around. For refreshments, we will have pizza and popcorn. We will have Bring & Brag at the meeting. There will be a map to Bill's house in the September Trainwire. For reference, Bill says he lives about 15 minutes north of Hambden Town Hall where we normally hold our meetings.

Still looking for more layouts to add to our **Division 5 Fall 2017 Layout Tours**. We currently have 12 of the possible 24 slots filled.

Upcoming events include the trainshow in memory of Bob Orlando on November 11, Division 5's "How To Build A Model Railroad" Day on November 4 at Lakeland Community College. At the Painesville Depot, they are having a Railroad Memorabilia Show on August 27, a Corn Festival on September 9, and Oktoberfest on October 14.

The **October Division 5 membership meeting** will be held in Erie, PA. It will be on Saturday October 14 to avoid the Division 4 trainshow the first weekend of October.

The **Jefferson trainshow** went well. Division 5 was well represented.

Modeling Questions: (1) Does storing the liquids for resin casting in the refrigerator extend the life of the material? The answers supplied were: no, no significant increase of shelf life. (2) Is there any place locally that still sells electronic surplus via a retail store? Answers provided: no, everything has gone to online ordering. However, the electronic surplus place in mentor will let you schedule a pickup at their place when you order online.

Bring & Brag: Theme – *"Something Soldered"*

Paul Chapple	Bill Berger	Matt Kross
Bill Osborne	Bryan Persing	Dennis Lloyd
Dale Desser	Don Thomas	Dave Metzger

Program: Larry Madson of Division 4 provided a clinic on soldering. Larry started with a PowerPoint program outlining the tools, supplies, and general techniques needed to create good solder joints. He then did a live clinic showing the use of the tools and demonstrated soldering feeder wires to HO track.

Submitted by:
Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 BOD Meeting

August 14, 2017

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on August 14, 2017 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, and Tom Pescha.

The **September membership meeting** has been moved to September 8, 2017 due to the holiday weekend. It will be held at Division 5 member Bill Osborne's home in Leroy Township (Ohio) and be outside. We will have pizza and popcorn available. Bill will be showing train videos outside on the wall of a building. His vast collection of prototype railroad signals and signs will be on display.

The **defibrillator** that Division 5 is purchasing for the Hambden Town Hall is on order and should be available towards the end of September.

No additional layouts have been signed up for our **Fall 2017 layout tours**. We currently have 12 of the 24 possible slots filled. The cutoff date for signing up will be the end of August so that we have time to put the layout tour guide together.

The **Railfest and Division financial audits** have not been done yet for 2017. We are waiting for some Railfest checks to clear.

We are starting the **2018 Division 5 budgeting process**. It was suggested that we just keep the budget the same as 2017. However, it turns out that some people would like to see changes in a couple of key areas. A formal review of the budget will begin at the September meeting.

Work is currently being done to create a commercial for our "**How To Build A Model Railroad**" program on November 4, 2017.

It was noted that a couple of things need to be revised in the **Trainwire's Team Track** list of contacts.

There is a new requirement for anyone volunteering at **Lake Farmpark**. All volunteers must now provide their name and phone number in order to be permitted to help there. This includes all the model railroaders helping with Country Lights in December and Railroads In Parks in June.

The next regular **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be September 11, 2017 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:
Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

And Now For Something A Little Different ...

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What: September Division 5 Meeting

When: Friday, September 8, 2017 (Note change in date)

Time: Any time after 6 PM to view Bill's collection Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

Where: Home of Bill Osborne (see map)

12795 Carter Road

Painesville (Leroy Township), OH 44077

440-254-0107

Parking: Plenty of parking on the grass

Bring & Brag: Railroad Prototype Artifacts

Program: Viewing Bill's vast collection of prototype railroad signals, signs, and memorabilia

Watching train videos for as long as you want (or can stand)

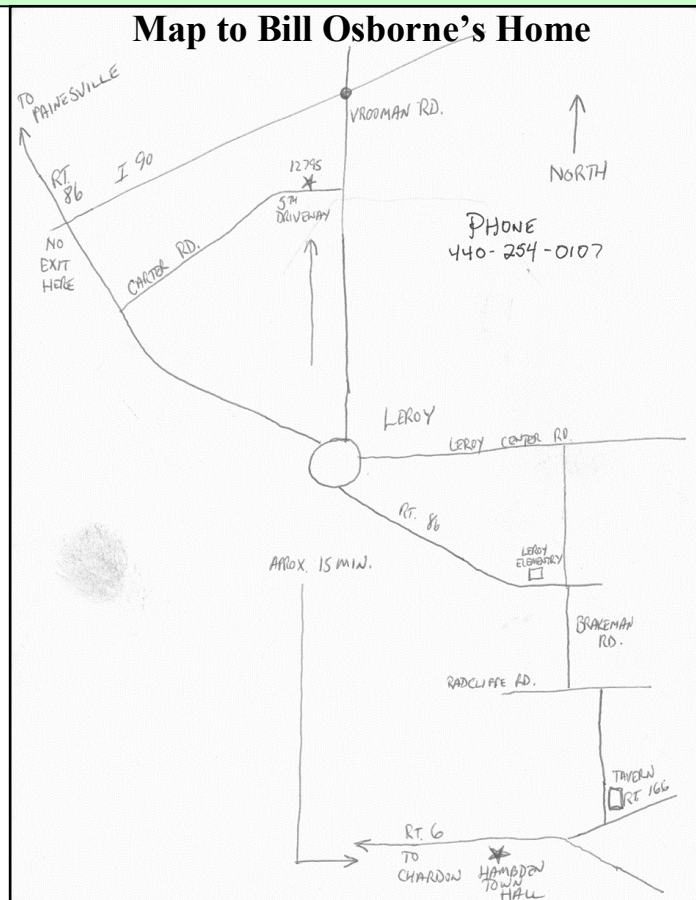
Refreshments: Pizza, popcorn, soft drinks, water, coffee

What to Bring: Yourself, your friends, comfortable lawn chairs (preferably with pads) or a blanket to lie on the grass

Directions: For those traveling on I-90, exit at Vrooman Road (Exit 205) and head south. Turn right (west) on Carter Road. Bill's house is the 5th driveway on Carter when coming from Vrooman Road.

Bill absolutely guarantees that it won't rain for this event!

Map to Bill Osborne's Home



2017 Small Layout Meet in Findlay

Part 2 By: Linda Kacprzak



Modelers build small layouts for many reasons: time and/or space constraints, response to a challenge, satisfaction of finishing a project, and more. Attending and participating in the small layout meet held this year at Northwestern Ohio Railroad Preservation, Inc. in


Findlay, Ohio provided a variety of interesting small layouts to see and allowed me to get ideas and constructive criticism from fellow modelers. Russ Haigh, a co-host, displayed several of his small layouts, including the first place winner of the diorama contest at the 48th Annual O-Gauge National Show

held in Indianapolis in September, 2016. The 3-D printed engines shown were designed by him. The smallest layout at the meet was his Solitary Stump Lumber, a whimsical end to the Lone Pine Lumber Co. Jeff Schumaker, the other co-host, showed his “puzzle” layouts seen in the last issue of the Trainwire.



Bill Vollmer brought his completed HOn30 quarry (also in the last issue), which is fascinating to watch as the train runs to the bottom of the quarry and climbs back to the top, and a new On30 project he started building. The Gum Stump & Snowshoe is Tom Hoermann's shelf layout under construction. Marshall

Stull and his family displayed his Dinotrain Amusement Park, an On18 layout that was a big hit with the visitors who passed through while attending Family Fun Day. (What kid doesn't like amusement park rides, dinosaurs and volcanoes?) Marshall posted a 7-minute video on the website Small Model

Railroads (smallmr.com/wordpress/small-layout-meet-2017-video-available) of the train rides, modules and layouts, if you'd like to see them in action. 

-Linda Kacprzak

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Condolences To The Eggleston Family

David E. Eggleston, 80, of Jamestown passed away unexpectedly Sunday August 13, 2017. A lifelong area resident he was born May 28, 1937 in Jamestown. David was a graduate of Jamestown High School and was employed by MRC-SKF for 38 years retiring in 1999. He was a member of the W&P – CST Model Train Club and Independent Model Railroads Club. David enjoyed spending time with his family and engineering his model train collection. He is survived by his wife Maxine, whom he married November 21, 1959 in Mayville, NY; two children: Cassandra (Robert E.) Lee, Michael Eggleston; a grandson Kyle Lee (Stephanie Bane); three step grandchildren: ten step great grandchildren and a sister Sue Liliestedt of Temple, GA. The funeral was held at the Falconer Funeral Home.

Burial was held in the Levant Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be donated to the American Diabetes Association, www.diabetes.org. Dave opened his layout a number of times to Division 5 for operating sessions. May he rest in Peace. ☼



David E. Eggleston
1937 - 2017

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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Six Engines passing the Painesville Depot

September, 2017

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RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW

COME AND SEE ARTIFACTS OF RAILROADS GLORY DAYS



Sunday, August 27, 2017 10 am to 5 pm

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077
216-470-5780



Admission \$5.00 each, Family \$7.00



See railroad signals, plate setting ware (Dinner Ware) that were used in the dining cars, railroad lanterns, paper work from different railroads, conductor hats, engineer hats, and much more from railroads of the past. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be available for purchase.



Vendors - If you wish to only display your item (not sell them) then your table is Free
If you wish to sell items, then your table cost is \$25.00 per table

Food and Drinks available.



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Aug. 2017 Railroad Memorabilia Show

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Permit# _____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____ No of Tables _____

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6' X 30" Tables

Display only - Tables are free
Selling items - Table cost \$25.00 each

Load in Sat. 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Sun. 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

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