



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

MODELING SEASON

As leaves begin to fall and the weather turns sour, back-to-the-basement modeling looms more attractive than before. Time to get back to active model railroading vs yard work, golf, and winter preparations. What specific modeling projects do you have in mind that gets you out of the armchair railroading syndrome? For me I probably have 175 or more specific tasks I would like to accomplish in the hobby while I'm still above ground. Ah, but that's the problem. Contemplating and then executing all we want to accomplish in model railroading can be daunting. What's necessary is to zero in on just a few items, then pare those down to one or two in which one can envision actually starting and finishing---or at least obtain actual progress---and therefore satisfaction.

In my railroad world and vision, what I'd like to do over the long winter months is focus on building a few more laser kits, and outfitting my pike with more signals, lights, and maybe some additional animation. Not to mention the usual maintenance and improving

running capability.

Coming up: The November 3 membership meeting program will be an EduTrain powerpoint program on either General Weathering Techniques or Getting Started in Operations. Bring n Brag will be Anything Goes. *Special note: We will vote on moving the counties we acquired from the Niagara Frontier Region transfer into a NEW SEPARATE DIVISION 12. The MidCentral Regional Board have provisionally authorized such transfer pending our vote. If you can't be at the meeting---please email me your vote!!*

On **Saturday November 4** several of our members will conduct the 'multi-clinic' Build a Model Train Layout Day at Lakeland Community College 9-2 p.m. Topics such as benchwork, module-building, plastic/styrene and laser kit building, wiring, trackwork and ballasting, scenery, trees, soldering, DCC and others will be presented concurrently. Attendance is **FREE** so come on out yourself and freshen up on your modeling techniques---and invite friends



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

and neighbors---anyone who might have even a casual interest in model railroading. We've committed more advertising dollars this year in order to attract increased attendance of the general public.

Dave

Dave - Superintendent



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 3, 2017

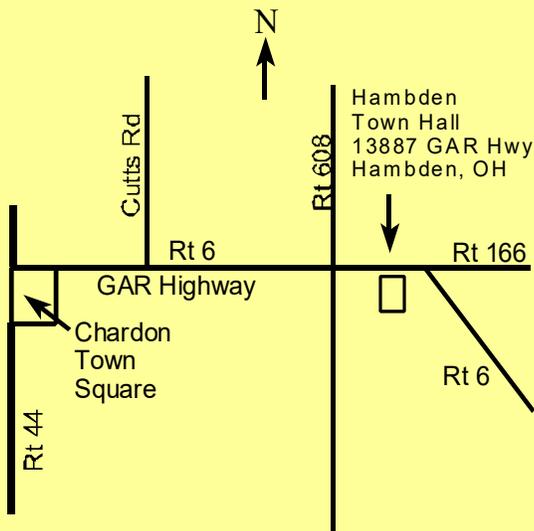
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Edutrain Weathering
Bring & Brag: Bring N Brag Weathering

November 13, 2017

No BOD meeting

December 1, 2017

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Signals Part 2 - Bill Osborne
Bring & Brag: Signals or Anything Electronic



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

TCA Train Meet Oct 28, 2017 10 am - 3 pm
UAW Hall, Parma

2 Rail 'O' Scale Dinner Nov. 3, 2017 7 pm
Painesville Railroad Museum

2 Rail 'O' Scale Show Nov. 4, 2017 9 am - 2 pm
Lakeland Community College

How to build a Model Railroad Nov. 4 9am - 2pm
Lakeland Community College

Erie Model Train Show Nov. 5, 2017 10am - 4 pm.
Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA

NETS Train Show Nov. 11, 2017
Highland Heights Community Center (10 am to 4 pm)

Mansfield Train Show Nov.12, 2017

Christmas Train and Toy Show Dec. 10, 10am to 3:30pm
Lakeland Community College



Painesville Depot 1915

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2017

The October 14, 2017 membership meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 11:00 AM at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Erie, PA. 20 members and 3 guests were present.

- The final list of layout tours was presented. Paper copies of the layout tour guide were available. Electronic copies of the tour guide have been e-mailed to members. Reviewed the general guidelines members are expected to follow when visiting someone's layout.
- The November 3rd Division 5 membership meeting program will be an NMRA EduTrain topic, either on getting started on operations or on basic weathering.
- There were Company Store items available for purchase and some free items available that were donated by members.
- The Lakeshore Model Railroad Association will have its annual open house on December 2 at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. A lot of the club members are not going to be able to attend so the club is asking for Division 5 members, especially those in the Erie, PA area, to help out with putting on the event. The Lake Erie N-scale Society will be setting up modules for this event.
- Reminder that Saturday, November 4th, is Division 5's "How To Build A Model Railroad" day at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, OH. The event is free to the public and meant to show people the various aspects of building a model railroad layout. Lots of help is always needed for this event, especially with setup and teardown.
- Sunday, November 5th, is the train show at Erie Rainbow Gardens. Division 5 will have a table for promoting the Division thanks to Rich and Linda Kacprzak.
- There was an involved discussion regarding the creation of a new Division 12 within the Mid Central Region. This new division would be for those NMRA members living in the following counties that were part of the old Allegheny Highlands Division. In Pennsylvania, this includes Erie, Crawford, Warren, McKean, and Potter counties. In New York, this includes Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties. All these counties were added to Division 5 within the last couple of years and would be broken back out to form the new Division 12. There was also an NMRA member present from the Buffalo, NY area inquiring whether Erie and Niagara counties in New York could be included. There was discussion about what's involved in creating and running a division. Topics covered included officers, regulations, programs, communications, funding, and events to publicize and recruit. Venues for events will also be needed. Dave Neff created a petition of sorts for those living in the affected counties to show their willingness to support the creation of Division 12. Russ Bova made a plea for support of this new division to get model railroading active in north western PA and western NY areas with the focus on attracting more people to the hobby, especially children. Dave Neff will be attending the Mid Central Region BOD meeting next weekend with a focus on getting approval for the creation of Division 12. There was some discussion about possible meeting places for Division 12. Two possibilities are Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Erie, PA and the Salamanca Railroad Museum in Salamanca, NY.

Bring & Brag:

Wayne Lette
Sue Bova

Dennis Lloyd
Brad White

Jan Nagle
Jeremy Werner

Program: Viewed a video on the building of the Trans-Siberian Railroad across Russia.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 BOD Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2017

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on October 9, 2017 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Letter, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, and Bob Frieden.

- Promo Day 2017 status: various print advertisements have started to run, would like to add a video ad. We still need at least volunteer to be the official greeter at the door. We will need help setting up and tearing down tables. Room will be open at 7 AM for setup.
- Division 5 elections will be held this coming Spring 2018. A Nominating Committee needs to be formed by December. We will ask for volunteers at the November membership meeting.
- Still waiting for the defibrillator to be shipped to us.
- Reviewed plans for the upcoming Division 5 membership meeting in Erie, PA. The original program had to be cancelled. Instead, we will be showing a video on the building of the Trans-Siberian Railroad.
- One of the main items that will be discussed at our October membership meeting will be the formation of Division 12 which will be made up of those counties in PA and NY that were added to Division 5. We will see what interest there is from existing NMRA members and possible future members about forming Division 12. Those interested will be asked to sign a form expressing their interest and support of a new division. Dave Neff would like to see a letter generated that states the desire to form Division 12 and what that division's vision for the future would be. Also, how would it be different from the past Allegheny Highlands Division? There has been some work by a potential member of Division 12 to create a draft of the Regulations for the new division, using Division 5's Regulations as a template. There are also some people that are willing to be officers in the Division.
- The Division 5 Fall 2017 Layout Tour Guide was presented. It is ready to be e-mailed to Division 5 members and paper copies are being printed. Divisions 1, 4, and 11 will also be invited to tour our layouts.
- Upcoming meeting programs are:
 - November EduTrain clinic – weathering techniques
 - December Signals by Bill Osborne B&B Theme: electronics or signals
 - January Holiday Party
- The frequency of the Division 5 BOD meetings was discussed. There are various months when we don't have a lot of business to discuss and so some members were wondering if we should change our meeting schedule to be every other month or possibly quarterly. No definite decision was made at this time but it was determined that we do not need to meet again until February 2018 unless something comes up requiring BOD action.
- The Division 5 Holiday Party will be on Saturday, January 13, 2018 in the afternoon at Hambden Town Hall. We will get IGA to cater the event again.
- Next year's Division 5 picnic will be on July 14th at the Painesville Depot.
- We need to submit any event insurance requests in January 2018 for Division 5 events that will be held in 2018. If you know of an event that will require an NMRA insurance certificate, contact Treasurer Bonnie Lette.
- We will have a Division 5 table at the November 5th Erie, PA train show. We need help manning the table.
- A fast clock donated to the Division will be sold at the Division 5 fleamarket table at Railfest 2018.
- The Division 5 and Railfest 2017 audits have been completed. The financial books were reviewed and no problems were found.
- **NOTE:** The next regular Div 5 BOD meeting will not be until February 12, 2018 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by: Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk



Building a Model Railroad

Saturday, November 4, 2017

9:00 am to 2:00 pm



Open Free to the Public

The "How To" of Building a Model Railroad

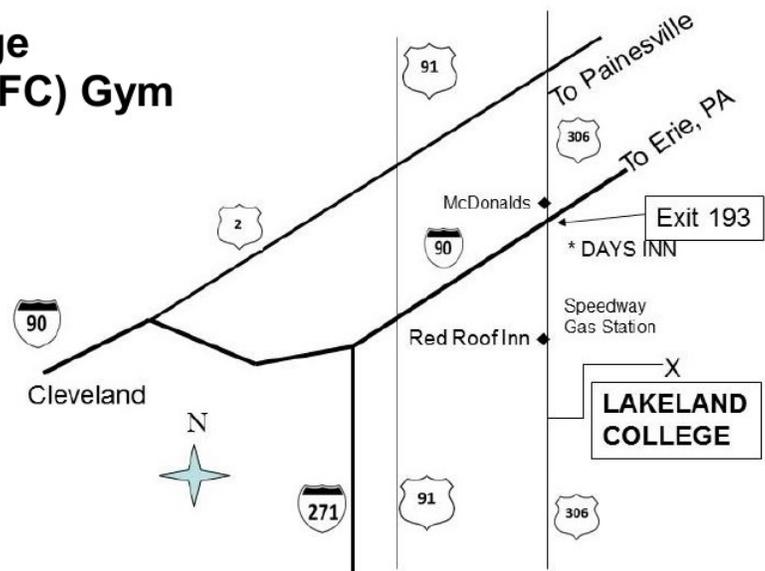
- Basic layout framing
- Basics of laying Track
- Basic transformer wiring
- Simple wiring / types
- Basic Scenery
- Model Building
- your railroad support structure (Benchwork)
- including the roadbed
- how to connect your transformer to your track
- to run your trains
- different construction techniques
- 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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Mid-Central Region – Division 5**

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N-W Painesville Station

Bad Weather Closings

Even though the weather is still very nice and warm, soon it will change to winter with cold and snow. In the event that it becomes necessary for us to cancel our meetings, it will be broadcast on Ch 5, WEWS.

So if the weather looks bad, and you want to know if the meeting has been cancelled, check on Ch 5 or www.newsnet5.com, click on the weather tab, then the closing tab to see if we are listed. "and will be posted on Division 5 web page at www.mcr5.org"

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.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Division 5 Holiday Party this year will be held Saturday, January 13, at HamdenTown Hall.

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 November 3 or December 1 meeting if at all possible or send a check to Bonnie. You must have **RSVP'd** by **January 6** 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



MENU

Tossed Green Salad

Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side

Breaded Chicken

Roast Beef

Ham

Mixed vegetables and Green Beans

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Rigatoni

Assorted pies for desert.



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Men going to War - WWII from Painesville Depot



FPE Roundhouse

November 2017

Division 5 Membership
as of October, 2017



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The Great Lakes Division TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Autumn of 2017 TRAIN MEET

Saturday, October 28, 2017

U.A.W. HALL (Parma)
5615 Chevrolet Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44130

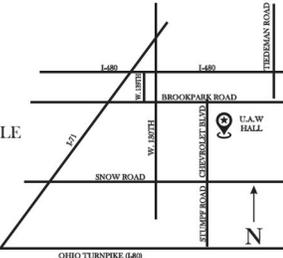


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- WIDE AISLES
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- TRAIN VIDEOS
- MODEL BUILDING SUPPLIES AND KITS
- LIONEL, AMERICAN FLYER, MTH, WILLIAMS, WEAVER
- 175+ TABLES
- REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE!

All TCA National Rules will be enforced.

ADMISSION \$6.00 Each, \$8.00 Family
Children Free
Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

For Meet Information Contact Ed Mularz:
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emularz1124@aol.com
www.greatlakesTCA.com



LOCATION DIRECTIONS

From Northeast
I-90 to I-71 Southwest to W 130th, to Brookpark Road to Chevrolet Blvd.
From Southeast
Ohio Turnpike to I-71 North to Snow Rd. to Chevrolet Blvd.
From East
422 West to I-480 West to Tiedeman Road to Brookpark Road To Chevrolet Blvd.
From West
I-480 East to W. 139th Street Exit to Brookpark Road to Chevrolet Blvd.



CLEVELAND

2-Rail "O" SCALE TRAIN MEET

BUY * SELL * TRADE

Saturday, November 4, 2017* 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Admission: \$7.00 * 12 & under and Active Military Personnel with ID Free

Located at:

LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Auxiliary Gym
7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
I-90 and Rt. 306 (exit 193, S.C. Corner)

Web Page www.cleveshows.com
email: j1d464@yahoo.com

Public Welcome
Free Parking * 24 Hour Security



2 - RAIL "O" SCALE ONLY
PLEASE - NO TINPLATE - HI RAIL OR OTHER GAUGES ALLOWED

Door Prizes

Drawings at 10am, 11:30 am, 1 pm



Layout Tours

Visit 2 rail "O" Scale layouts after the show. Contact Sam for reservations at 440-248-3055

JDRF - Stop by the LCJDWF table and help find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes with your donation.

Those Interested in The 2-RAIL DINNER at the Painesville Train Depot Friday Night, CALL ME AT 440-248-3055
FOR DEALERS: WILL HAVE LOAD IN & LOAD OUT CREW & COFFEE AND DONUTS IN MORNING COURTESY OF PROMOTOR

Revised 1-12-17

NETS Model Train Show

All Scale Model Train Show
In Memorial of Bob Orlando

Saturday, November 11, 2017
10 am - 4 pm

Highland Heights Community Center
5827 Highland Road
Highland Hts. Ohio 44143

Admission: \$5.00 adults
Children under 12 Free
Free Parking

For information, contact:
Len Kessler
(440) 417-6746
cyberlen@roadrunner.com

Proceeds to help the restoration and preservation of the historic Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC, Painesville Railroad Museum, a 501c3 Non-profit. And LCJDWF, NETS, and Orlando family.

www.northeasttrainsociety.org



North East Train Society (NETS) Presents Model Train Show *in memory of Bob Orlando* on Saturday, November 11, 2017. Bob was a member of the NETS and Painesville Railroad Museum and NMRA.

Open to the Public 10 am to 4:00 pm.

At new Venue

Highland Heights Community Center
5827 Highland Road
Highland Hts. Ohio 44143

This is an All Gauge show.

Food and Drinks available for a small donation. Veterans receive a 10% discount.

Admission: \$5.00 adults, children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

Proceeds to help the restoration and preservation of the historic Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC, **Painesville Railroad Museum, a 501c3 Non-profit.** And LCJDWF, NETS, and Orlando family.

The Depot will have a booth at this show and will be selling some of the model trains that have been donated for resale.

This is one way that the depot raises money for our restoration.

Nov. 2017 NETS Model Train Show

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Phone: () _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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

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Selling items - Table cost \$25.00 each
Load in Fri. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Sat. 7 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Make Checks Payable To:
Leonard Kessler

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3257 Center Road
Perry, Ohio 44081

Please send table request by Nov. 8, 2017

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