



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report

### A New Christmas Story

T'was the night before Christmas, and all through the barn, the animals were stirring, for they'd heard a new yarn.

A babe was a coming, and soon to be born, right there among them, before the new morn.

The babe would become mighty, a King among Kings, and the animals all thought, 'what a marvelous thing!'

Just then two travelers, named Joseph and Mary, entered the stable and began to make ready.

For they were sent by God, their mission sublime-- the straw and the stable, would suit them just fine.

And shepherds in fields, tending flocks by night, knew that something was up, when they saw a bright light.

A star in the heavens was moving quite fast, and appeared to grow larger as it beckoned them past.

They knew in an instant, they'd better be quick, and follow the star, 'cause this wasn't a trick.

Soon they arrived, at the most simple stable, and were met with a sight that history would fable.

The star shown above them, giving light down below, creating for all a most special glow.

The baby was birthing, the donkey was braying; the cattle were lowing, the sheep were baa-baaing;

Now wise guys from afar-- no, not the ones from New Jersey---were moved to consider, how *they* could be worthy.....

So they followed the Star, and went straight to the stable, each bearing gifts of which they were able

Melchior with gold, Gaspar with myrrh, Balthazar with frankincense----but scholars concur---

They came not that night, but later in time--- though that is quite useful in completing this rhyme.

And everyone wondered, just what the birth meant--- but soon the whole world, would know this event.

The Angels on high began a great chorus, exclaiming God's son, was now 'ere before us

Yes Jesus had come, the point of this story, sent to earth by God, to proclaim all His glory.



Dave Neff – Superintendent  
Division 5  
NMRA – Mid Central Region

The wise guys then knelt, before the babe in the manger, for they knew then that He, had come as their Savior.

And they were heard to exclaim as they rode out of sight, Merry Christmas to all --- God's gift for this night.

- Dave, Bard of Willoughby



## 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.

# 2018

### January 5th, 2018

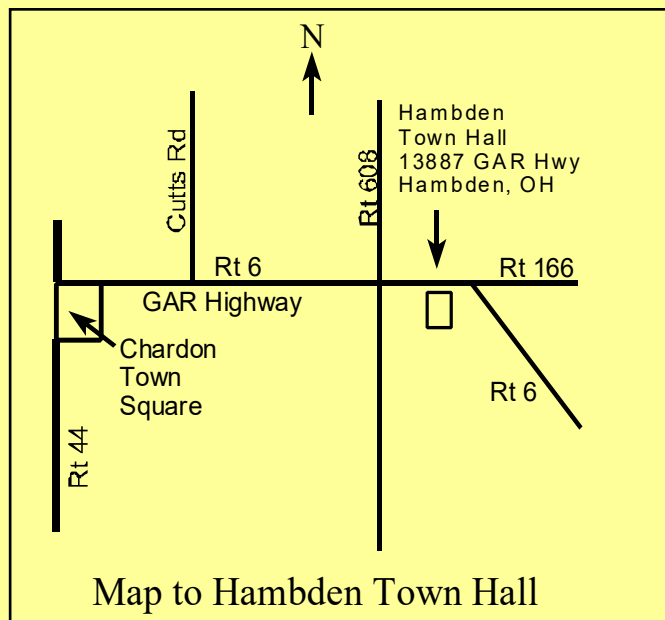
No meeting in January.

### February 2nd, 2018

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** JMRI applications and signaling by Brad White  
**Bring & Brag:** TBA

### March 2nd, 2018

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** Steel Mill modeling by Paul Emch  
**Bring & Brag:** TBA



## SCHEDULED EVENTS

# 2018

- Snow Dog Train Show** **January 6**  
UAW Hall 5616 Chevrolet Blvd. *(flyer on page 9)*  
Parma, Ohio 44130 *(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)*
- Division Holiday Party** **January 13**  
Hambden Town Hall  
Hambden, Ohio *(12:00 pm)*
- TCA Winter Meet** **January 27**  
UAW Hall 5616 Chevrolet Blvd. *(flyer on page 10)*  
Parma, Ohio 44130 *(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)*
- Medina Train and Toy Show** **February 4**  
Medina Fairgrounds,  
Medina, Ohio 44256 *(9:00 am - 3:00 pm)*
- Division 5 BOD Meeting** **February 12**  
Hambden Town Hall  
Hambden, Ohio *(7:30 pm)*
- Independence Train Show** **March 3**  
6001 Archwood Rd.  
Independence, Ohio 44131 *(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)*
- Division 5 Railfest** **March 17 - 18**  
Lakeland Community College  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 *(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)*
- Division 5 Railfest Dinner** **March 17**  
475 Railroad St.  
Painesville, Ohio 44077 *(5:30 pm)*

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2017

The December 1, 2017 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Dave Neff at Hambden Township Hall. 27 members and 4 guests were present.

Tom Elesh Sr., the owner of the new hobby shop / museum in Middlefield, OH (Huntsburg Township) called "**Corner Field Model Railroad & Hobby**", was at the meeting and described their facility. The hobby shop is mainly geared towards 3-rail O gauge at the moment. The museum has a large 3-rail O gauge layout packed with details and animation. Address is 16720 Pioneer Road, Middlefield, OH 44062. Phone 440636-5162. Website: [Cornerfieldmodelrailroadmuseumandhobby.com](http://Cornerfieldmodelrailroadmuseumandhobby.com)

**Division 5** has presented the new defibrillator to the Hambden Township trustees who were very appreciative of the donation. The cabinet still needs to be mounted in the entrance hallway but that should be done soon.

The formation of the new **Division 12** within the Mid Central Region has been approved. The new division is off and running. They have their officers and most of their BOD members. Division 5 will continue to have a couple of joint meetings with Division 12 (May and Oct 2018).

The **HO modules** will be set up at Lake Farmpark until December 8th. The **N-Trak modules** will be set up December 9th thru the 23rd.

The Division 5 **Holiday Party** is set for Saturday, Jan 13, 2018. Cost is \$5 per person. Reservations are required. Social time beginning at 12:00 PM with the food being served at 1:00 PM. We will have the usual Losers Raffle and Chinese Gift Exchange.

The **February meeting program** will be on JMRI applications and signaling by Brad White. The **March program** will be on steel mill modeling by Paul Emch.

Division 5's "**How To Build A Model Railroad**" event was mentioned in the NMRA Magazine's Business Car section.

A Division member has offered to donate his collection of **model railroading VHS tapes**. The Division in the past decided to get rid of the group's VHS tapes due to lack of interest. We are looking for a place that these could be donated to.

The attendance at our recent **Division 5 layout tours** was pretty dismal. Very few Division members visited the layouts that were open. We did try something new this time by spreading the layouts over eight different days on four weekends. We will most likely not do that again since it did not improve attendance.

**Modeling Question:** How do you make a realistic water fall? The main response was to use clear silicone caulk applied in strips on wax paper, allow to dry, peel off wax paper and then apply to layout vertically, adding cotton at the base to simulate the foam.

**Bring & Brag:**

Bill Berger  
Bill Osborne

**Theme – "Signals/Electronics"**

Matt Kross  
Bryan Persing

Dave Metzger  
Dave Neff

**Program:** Prototype Signals and Suggestions For Implementing Signals On A Model Railroad by Bill Osborne.

**Submitted by:**

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

## Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed

2018 will be an election year for Division 5 so we need to form a Nominating Committee to put together a slate of candidates. We are looking for three representatives, preferably each from a different county. Your job would be to determine good candidates for office. You would then need to contact them to see if they would be willing to run.

If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please contact Superintendent Dave Neff.

Refer to the section elsewhere in this Trainwire on the Division 5 Election Process for more details on the Nominating Committee duties.

**OPENING NOVEMBER 3, 2017**

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***Look For the Ball Field and Find the Trains!***

## Division 5 2018 Elections

This coming spring will be election time again for Division 5.

There are 2 elected officers in the Division:

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent

Elections are held every two years in the Spring of the even-numbered years. Only Division 5 members may hold office. Terms are two years in length and are limited to 4 consecutive years (two terms) in a row in the same office. If a member has been in a position for two consecutive terms, they can be elected for that position again after they have been out of that position for one term.

*If you are interested in running for Superintendent or Assistant, please contact a member of the Division 5 Nominating Committee or the Superintendent.*

## Division 5 2018 Elections

***The following are excerpts from our Division 5 Regulations explaining the election process:***

The Division Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Superintendent. It shall be composed of a Chairperson and two other members. Each person on the committee shall be from a different county of the Division. The current Superintendent shall not serve on the committee, nor sit with it during its deliberations. The Nominating Committee will report the nominations to the Clerk and the membership.

Members of the Nominating Committee may not nominate themselves for any office, including re-election for office.

The Teller shall report the results of the election to the officers of the Division and to all nominees prior to the May meeting. The results are to be announced by the Teller at the May meeting. Those elected shall be invited to participate in the May Board of Directors meeting. The newly elected officers will assume office June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Nominations for Division 5 offices may be made by a petition signed by two members and the nominee and submitted to the Nominating Committee. The signatures must be legible and the member's NMRA membership number and their membership expiration date must appear with the signature. The petition shall state for what office the candidate is seeking nomination. No candidate can be nominated for more than one office in an election.

Nominations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the January meeting of the election year. Nominations of members from the floor shall be presented at the February meeting of the election year. Nominations from the floor shall be by a motion and must be seconded. Nominees cannot nominate themselves.

No member shall be nominated to an elective office without their approval.

Election for Division officers shall be conducted by mail ballot. Nominees for office and qualifications for same shall be included in the March issue of the Trainwire for elected office balloting.

## Chinese Gift Exchange Rules for the Holiday Party

For those people wishing to participate in the Chinese Gift Exchange, bring a **new or unused model railroad related gift** costing approximately \$15 to \$20 to the party. Mark on the gift what scale it is such as "HO", "N", "Any", etc.

***Note: Only those bringing a gift may participate!***

All those participating will be assigned a number. Once the exchange is started, a designated person will pick numbers. As numbers are picked, the person with that number gets to take their turn. The first person picked takes a gift from the table, opens it, and shows it to everyone. The next number is drawn and that person can then either pick a gift from the table or take the gift from the first person. If he takes the one from the first person, then the first person gets to pick another gift from the table. The third person picked can then either pick a gift from the table or take the gift from either #1 or #2. If someone has their gift taken, they get to pick a new one from the table or take one of the gifts from someone else. They cannot take back the gift that was just taken from them! This continues with each person having the choice of either picking a gift from the table or taking a gift from one of the other participants until everyone has a gift. At the end, the first person picked then gets to trade their gift with any of the other people. If you want, you can bring more than one gift so that you can get additional picks. It is a lot of fun and everyone is encouraged to participate!

## Division 5 Losers Raffle at the Christmas Party

At the end of each year, we take all the losing raffle tickets from our Division meetings since the beginning of the year and then draw 18 tickets. The prizes are Division Award Certificates in various dollar amounts, depending on the order your name is drawn. Thus, you have a second chance of winning something with your losing raffle tickets! Only one prize per member, though. Once your name has been drawn, you are not eligible for another prize. You do not have to be present to win.

***Only Division 5 members are eligible.***

### Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys  
Hobby Town USA  
Train Specialty Company  
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters  
Bova's Music & Train Shoppe

Willoughby, Ohio  
Mentor, Ohio  
Chardon, Ohio  
Geneva, Ohio  
Westfield, New York



*Please support these dealers!*

**Team Track****www.MCR5.org****Division 5 Officers****(Terms expire June 2018)**

Superintendent	Dave Neff	440-269-1229	<a href="mailto:Super@MCR5.org">Super@MCR5.org</a>
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Don Bittner	440-257-7555	Robert Gittinger	440-585-0237
Wayne Lette	440-298-3075	Tom Pescha	216-470-5780

Division 5 Board of Directors: [BOD@MCR5.org](mailto:BOD@MCR5.org)

**Division 5 Appointed Positions:** (Terms expire June 2018)

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Company Store	Ted Wiese	440-256-5212	<a href="mailto:CompanyStore@MCR5.org">CompanyStore@MCR5.org</a>
Bring & Brag	(Open Position)		
Layout Tours	Matt Kross	440-729-3045	<a href="mailto:Membership@MCR5.org">Membership@MCR5.org</a>

**Railfanning @ the Painesville Depot**

## 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.

**View on the way to Seattle, Washington**

## 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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Riding the Blueberry Railroad in Geneva, Ohio

## January, 2018

Division 5 Membership  
as of December 1st, 2017



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# ***Snow Dogs Train Show***

## **Saturday, January 6, 2018**

Wind, nor Rain, nor Snow will kept a train fan from a good train show!

**UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130**



**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**



**Admission: \$6.00, Kids under twelve Free**

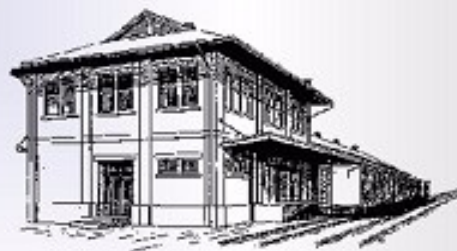
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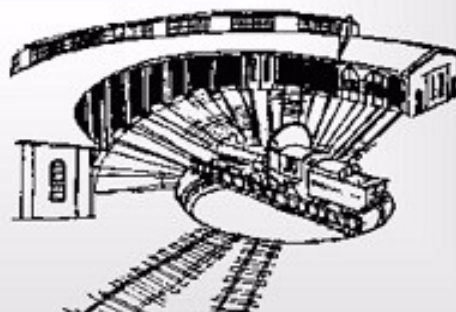
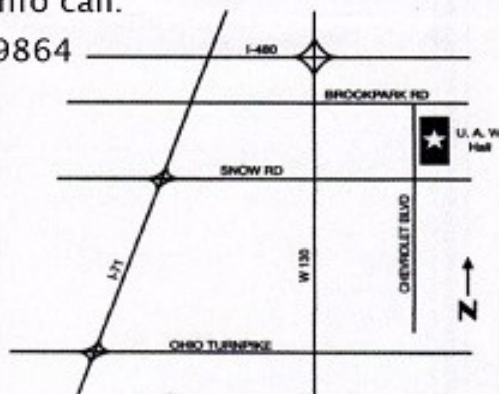
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Winter of 2018  
**TRAIN MEET**

Saturday, January 27, 2018

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

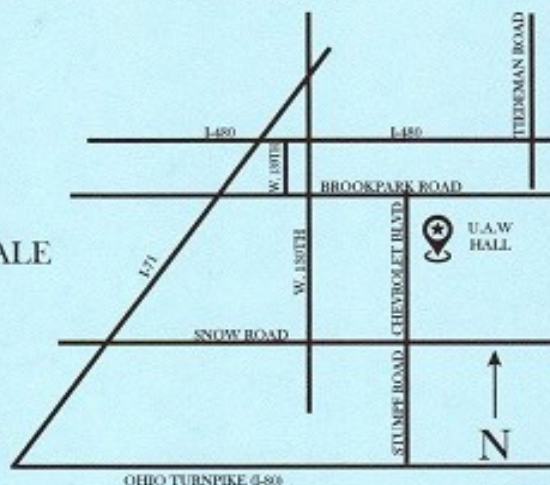


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## LOCATION

### 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.