



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

More This n That

The countdown begins! Just a few more months and yours truly will have served out a full two terms as Supt. Plus two years as Asst. Super, plus one year as fill-in Asst. Supt. Seven years in total---the time has flown. But in order to have a transition, it's that time for elections once again. At the February meeting, I will make up for the tardiness in calling on a few of you to become a nominating committee to solicit the next officer candidates----should have been appointed a month or two ago. If you are a nominator, you cannot be elected!!

As usual, interesting programs for our monthly meetings are and will be continuously needed. Brad White of Div. 12 will present the February

program on some aspects of basic JMRI. March will see Paul Emch reprising a talk on steel mill modeling given by a former long time member. April - who will step up, and on what topic? May will be our joint meeting with newly formed Division 12 in Erie area (meeting place TBD) and Dick Bradley will present a slide show. June - the month I hand over the reins, we will meet at Farmpark for the usual Rails in the Park weekend. How about a farm/agriculture - related railroad theme clinic? Volunteer anyone??

Are you perusing the new NMRA monthly emailed Turntable? Lots of very interesting short topics there on many different modeling topics. Do you subscribe to Model Railroad Hobbyist? Those two sources alone provide wonderful information on model railroad interests



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

and techniques.

The annual Mid-Central Region Convention is coming up in May in Cincinnati and gives us a wonderful opportunity to visit some great layouts on tours as well as hear good clinics given by Allen McClelland, Gerry Albers, and many others. It's a short drive - unlike Louisville last year. Plan now!

- 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.

February 2nd, 2018

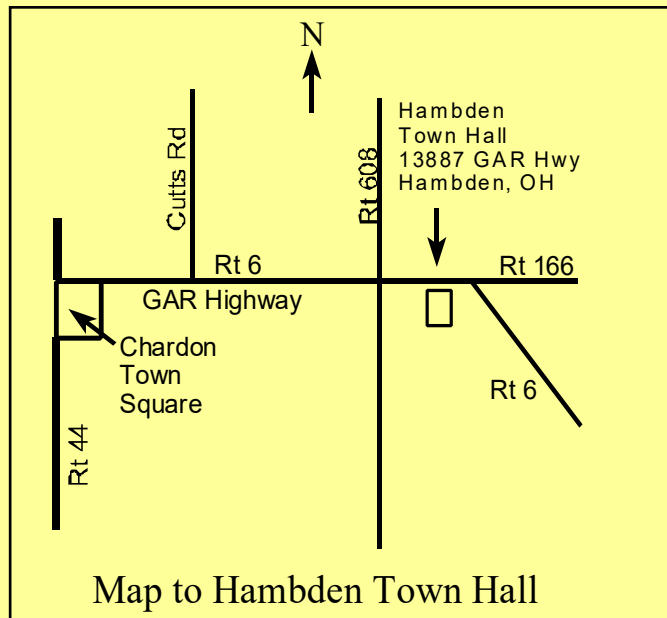
Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: JMRI applications and signaling by Brad White
 Bring & Brag: TBA

March 2nd, 2018

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

April 6th, 2018

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



SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

Railfest 2018



Railfest 2018 Model Train Show

National Model Railroad Association MCR Division 5 is Celebrating 31 years of Railfest at Lakeland Community College on Saturday, March 17, 2018, and Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission	\$7.00 each
	\$12.00 Two Day Pass
	\$12.00 Family
	Free Parking – Shuttle Bus service available (free)

This is the largest two day continuous running ALL Gauge Train Show in Ohio!

See *13 Operating Layout* in many different scales

Buy – Sell – Trade - New and use trains!

ATM is now in lobby of ACF.

110 + Dealers and over 420 tables to view, see exhibitors with all scales of trains and accessories for sell and trade, video tapes, train ride information, and historical displays. This year we have many new vendors which will add a fresh look to the show.

This is the place to look for and find you're hard to find items and your train treasures. Use the *Luck of the Irish* and find your Pot of Gold filled with your Train Treasures, and hard to find items.

Enjoy our Food Service train show specials!

This program is funded in part by a grant from The Lake County Visitor's Bureau Arts and Culture Fund to further participation in, and awareness of, arts and culture in Lake County and News-Herald.

Lakeland Community College (AFC)
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Exit I-90 at Rt. 306 (exit 193), South on Rt. 306, ¼ mile, College on left.

440-357-8890

railfest@mcr5.org

www.Railfest.org

www.facebook.com/RailfestTrainshow

Railfest 2018 Fifth Annual Dinner

This year Division 5 will be hosting its Fifth Annual Railfest Dinner at the Historic Painesville Depot, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 440707.

The Painesville Depot is only 11 miles east of the College. A short drive for a great night.

Come and enjoy a great dinner at the Historic Painesville Depot. This dinner is open to anyone who is a railroad enthusiast not just our Railfest vendors.

The Painesville Depot, now the home of the Painesville Railroad Museum, was built in 1893 for the Lake Shore and Southern Michigan Railroad and is on the CSX Water Front mainline. Spend an evening at the depot, do a little railfanning, enjoy a great meal, and the company of other railroad enthusiast.

The dinner menu:

Tossed Green Salad
Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
Chicken
Roast Beef
Corn Beef and Cabbage
Red Skin Potatoes
Rigatoni

With our dinner being on Saint Patty Day, so we added Corn Beef and Cabbage to the menu.

You must clip off the bottom of the form and mail it in with your payment. We will hold your checks until March 10, 2018

Guest speaker will be **Barbara Hacha** will talk about hobo culture.

Join us for a night of good food, history and trains.

RAILFEST 2018 DINNER

5th Annual Railfest Dinner ☘ March 17, 2018

Will be held at Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Eleven miles east of College.

Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!



Time:

Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 17, 2018

Price:

\$22.50 per person

SPEAKER & SUBJECT

Barbara Hacha will talk about hobo culture.

RESERVATION DEADLINE

March 10, 2018

DINNER MENU

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- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Chicken
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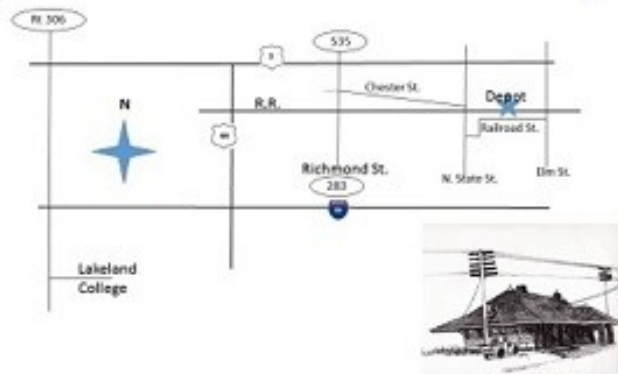
Beverages Stations:

- Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
- Pitchers of Coke - Pitchers of Diet Coke
- Coffee Condiments: Creamer, Sugar, Sweeteners



Direction to Painesville Depot

Exit College, turn right (North) onto Rt. 306
 North on Rt 306 to OH Rt 2 (2 miles)
 East on Rt. 2 (8 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.



Please retain this part for your information

This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.

Cut and Return

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Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 10, 2018.
 (Check will be held & deposited March 19, 2018)
 Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Print you name: _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Please list and Print all Attending

Mail to:

Tom Pescha Name: _____
 3942 E. 364th St. Name: _____
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094 Name: _____

Return this part



Name: _____

Please return this part only

Division 5 Promo Day



Every year Division 5 runs a Promo Day to further the interest in starting a layout at home. The event is billed as *"How to build a model railroad"* and is usually held at Lakeland College in Kirtland, Ohio. The 2017 "How to build a model railroad" was a big

success. Over 120 guests learned different aspects of building a layout and seeing several different operating layouts from the LENS 'N' scale layout to Jim McLaughlin 'O' gauge winter layout with Legacy command control, to Tom Pescha's 1950 style 'O' scale layout. The Lake Geauga HO Modular Group provided an HO layout that kids

could interact with, supervised by Sam Monturi. There were also clinics on multiple features of model railroad layout along with several knowledgeable modelers available to answer the most difficult questions.

Advertising for this special event included newspaper, radio and for the first time TV ads.

- Tom Pescha



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**Sleeping accommodations onboard Amtrak.****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

**Boarding Amtrak in 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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Picturesque curve in the California mountains

February, 2018

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as of January 1st, 2018



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The Great Lakes Division
TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Winter of 2018
TRAIN MEET

Saturday, January 27, 2018

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

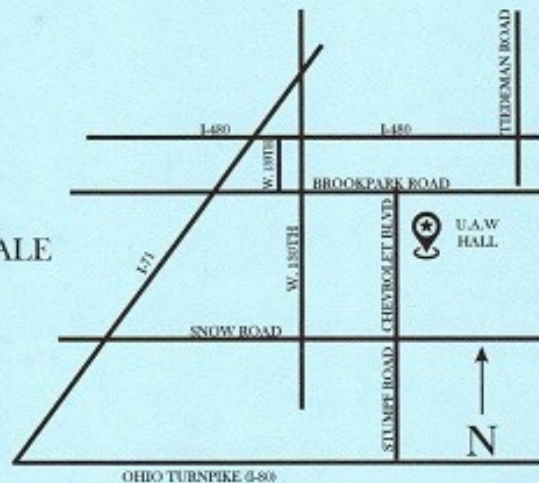


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All TCA National Rules will be enforced.

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 Children Free
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For Meet Information Contact Ed Mularz:
 (440) 665-0882
 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.

INDEPENDENCE



Saturday March 3, 2018 **TRAIN & TOY SHOW** 10 am to 3 pm

The Independence High School *Fieldhouse*

6001 Archwood Road

Independence, Oh 44131

Adults \$6.00 * Children 12 and under FREE

300 Dealer Tables - Operating Layouts
Door Prizes - Good Food
Tables - 8ft @ \$25.00 each

Directions:

Rt 480/77—Rockside Rd Exit
East to Brecksville Rd—Right Turn
-south to Selig Dr.-right turn



For info/tables call **Dennis Peffer (216) 642-0692**
Email: kdtrains@att.net

Rules for Dealers:

Dealers will set up Friday 6pm—10pm,
Saturday - 7am-10.00am

Dealers will accept full responsibility for any injuries or loss to them or their property while attending the show. Dealers expressly release the promoters, KD Trains LLC, and the Independence Fieldhouse from any liability and agree to hold promoters harmless therefore. If show is cancelled, all monies refunded. All boxes/storage



material placed under tables. All loading/unloading to be done at designated entrance. There is to be nothing attached to wall/floors. Dealer must give KD Trains, LLC two weeks prior notice if unable to attend.

No pack-up before 3 PM

March 2018 KD Train Show **PAYMENT MUST BE SENT WITH APPLICATION**

PLEASE PRINT

Two free admissions per exhibitor

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Items selling _____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____ No of Tables _____

Sponsored by KD Trains

8' X 30" Tables

Selling items - Table cost \$25.00 each

Load in Fri.6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Sat. 7 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Make Checks Payable To:

KD Trains, LLC
Mail To:

KD Trains, LLC
C/O Dennis Peffer
5415 Hillside Rd.
Independence, Ohio 44131

ALL TABLES MUST BE PREPAID

Please send table request by Feb 18, 2018

PUT ME ON EMAIL LIST: YES _____

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Please return this part only



RAILFEST 2018

Saturday and Sunday

March 17 & 18, 2018

10 am to 4 pm

Buy – Sell – Trade

Located at:

Lakeland Community College

7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193



Use the Luck of the Irish and find your Pot of Gold filled with your Train Treasures.

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(LENS)

HO Scale layout
(LG HO G)

S Scale & American Flyer
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association)

Lionel O Gauge

LGB G Gauge

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(Lake Shore Live Steam)

Admission \$7.00

Two Day Pass \$12.00

Family (couples) \$12.00

Family (max) \$12.00

(Adults with Children under 18)

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Dealers

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Operating Layouts

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ATM

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PO Box 5081
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RAILFEST 2018

Box Lunch



This year we will once again be offering Box Lunches. These will be delivered to the main show lobby for your pick-up.

You will have the following choices of Box Lunches.

Choice of:

- 1. Italian Sub
- 2. Turkey & Cheese on Kaiser roll
- 3. Veggie Wrap

Sides choice of: A. Potato Salad B. Pasta Salad



All Box Lunches include chips and a cookie for only **\$7.00 each**
Pop and water will be available on the carts for additional cost.

Make your Checks out to **RAILFEST**

Mail check and order form to:
Tom Pescha
3942 East 364th Street
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

If you have any questions, Call Tom at 216-470-5780



Please retain this part for your information

Your order must be received by **March 5**

Cut and Return

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Box Lunch Order Form

Business Name / Contact _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Cell Phone: _____

Check # _____

*Return **ONLY** this part back to Tom Pescha*

SAT

Italian Sub		Turkey & Cheese		Veggie Wrap	
Potato Salad	Pasta Salad	Potato Salad	Pasta Salad	Potato Salad	Pasta Salad

SUN

Italian Sub		Turkey & Cheese		Veggie Wrap	
Potato Salad	Pasta Salad	Potato Salad	Pasta Salad	Potato Salad	Pasta Salad

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