



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report

### Springing Ahead

By the time you read this, Railfest (and St. Paddy's Day weekend) will be but a memory----but another successful one at that, with well over 2000 in attendance for the two day----despite the great weather which begets other activities. Many thanks to all who helped out during the actual four days, which included the two days of preparation. At the risk of leaving someone out (my apologies)---here's your Division member heroes who setup, helped vendors, provided security, manned registration, auction, etc: Rich and Linda Kacprzak, Gary Shaffer, Dave Barnes, Wayne and Bonnie Lette, Matt Kross, Chuck Limbert, Dan Chuppa, Dennis Lloyd, Bryan Persing, Ted Weise, Bill Berger, Bob Gittinger and myself, **Dave Neff**. Of course I have to mention Jim Wendorf, Tom Pescha, and Bob Frieden who did a tremendous amount of organization, publicity, and other work behind the scenes leading up to and during the event. A few

vendors and non-members also pitched in to make the table set-ups on Thursday go smoothly.

We have an important meeting coming up Friday April 6! Be there as we resolve how we are going to get a new Division Supt. We do have options and plans, so come and find out what (who's) in store!. Additionally, our Mid Central Region President Bob Weinheimer of Division 9 will give us an overview of what's happening on both a Regional and National basis, and he will present our program clinic for the month on "Getting Started in Operations:". While many of us are very familiar with 'operations', there are many different flavors to this simple word, so learning different techniques to run our trains like a prototype is definitely worthwhile.

With a spur from Rich Kacprzak, I have approached Division 4 and Division 1 personnel and the three of us will be putting together a list of



Dave Neff – Superintendent  
Division 5  
NMRA – Mid Central Region

clinicians and programs that we can hopefully call upon for 'exchange programs' within our three Divisions. We may also incorporate Division 12 into this directory as well.

We also expect a presentation (live or otherwise) concerning the upcoming Mid Central Retion in Cincinnati, hosted by Division 7 May 17-20<sup>th</sup>.

No foolin, see you in April!

-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.

**April 6th, 2018**

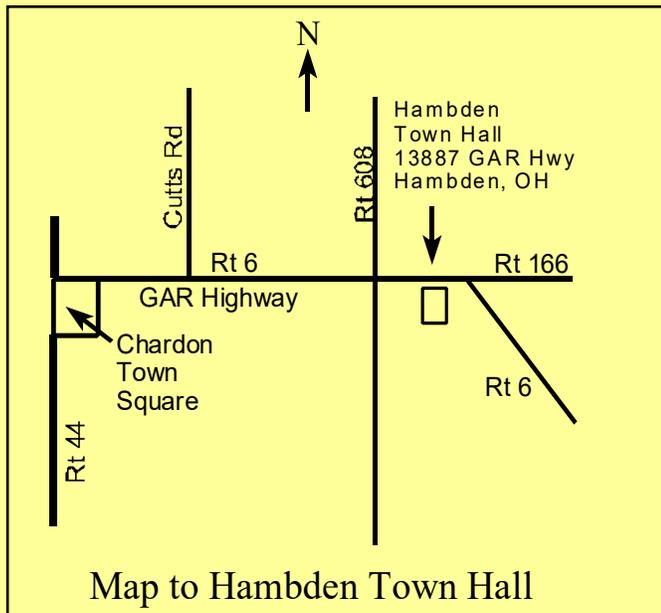
**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** "Getting Started in Operations:" Bob Weinheimer  
**Bring & Brag:** Anything goes

**May 4th, 2018**

**Location:** Cambridge Springs, PA  
**Program:** A Slide show by Dick Bradley  
**Bring & Brag:** "Appalachia" (could be rural structures (sheds, moon shine stills) pigs (anyone for Virginia ham?) etc.

**June 1st, 2018**

**Location:** Lake Farmpark  
**Program:** TBA  
**Bring & Brag:** Agriculture Related



## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Pancake Breakfast** **March 31**  
 Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 8)*  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(8:00 am - 12:00 noon)**

**Painesville Depot Fundraiser** **April 7**  
 Harry Buffalo Restaurant  
 2119 Mentor Ave. *(flyer on page 10)*  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(2:00 pm - 4:00 noon)**

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** **April 9**  
 Hambden Town Hall  
 Hambden, Ohio **(7:30 pm)**

**Model Train Days** **May 5 & 6**  
 Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 19)*  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(8:00 am - 12:00 noon)**

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2018

The February 2, 2018 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Dave Neff at Hambden Township Hall. 29 members and 2 guests were present.

The members present had a moment of silence in memory of **longtime member Dale Smith**.

Division 5 is nominating Dale Smith posthumously for both a **region and national award in recognition** of Dale's many accomplishments within Division 5 and model railroading in general.

We are in need of people to come early to **the Division meetings** to help setup the room for our monthly meeting. You would need to be there by 6:45 pm. We are also in need of a backup person to haul the trash from the meeting home with them. Dennis Lloyd has volunteered to do this task when he is able to attend the meeting. We need someone who can fill in for Dennis when he isn't there.

We are ready for **Railfest 2018** in just two weeks! All tables have been sold. Jim Wendorf and Tom Pescha ran through the various times when members were needed at Lakeland Community College to help with setup, teardown, and the general running of the show.

The election of a **Division superintendent** is proving difficult this year. Dave Neff has filled the office for two terms and is required by the Division's and Region's Regulations to sit out a term before running again. The Nominating Committee was unable to find anyone willing to run for Superintendent. A lengthy discussion of the various options available to us were discussed. One option is to disband the Division. No one was in favor of that. Another option proposed was to have someone run for Superintendent and then resign after being elected, forcing the MCR President to have to appoint a superintendent for the Division. Dennis Lloyd volunteered to do this but he was on the Nominating Committee and they cannot nominate themselves. Dennis resigned from the Nominating Committee. Since Dale Smith was the other member of the Nominating Committee and he had recently passed away, the Division was left without a Nominating Committee. Wayne Lette and Paul Emch volunteered to form the new Nominating Committee. Dennis Lloyd was nominated to run for Superintendent. Also, since Dennis was to be the election Teller, a replacement Teller was needed. Don Thomas volunteered to take on this role. There was also discussion about changing the Division Regulations but it was noted that this takes some time plus we are bound by the Regulations of the Mid Central Region. It was also noted that no one in the Division is entirely clear on how the MCR's Regulations apply to our situation. We need to review the MCR Regulations and talk with the MCR President. *(Clerk's Note: It was later determined after the meeting that the MCR President can appoint a division superintendent in the case where no one is willing to run for division superintendent. Thus, there is no need for us to have someone run with the intention of resigning shortly after being elected. Because of this, Dennis Lloyd has withdrawn his nomination.)*

**Upcoming meetings and programs:** We currently do not have a program for the April meeting. The May meeting is planned to be a joint meeting with Division 12 in Cambridge Springs, PA with a slide program by Dick Bradley. The June meeting will be held at Lake Farmpark. We don't have a program for this meeting yet. The Bring & Brag theme will be Agriculture Related.

**Upcoming events:** Jefferson, Ohio train show on Saturday, July 21. The Division 5 picnic on Sunday, July 22 at the Painesville Depot. An August movie night at Bill Osborne's home, possibly in place of our August meeting. Model Train Days will be held at the Painesville Depot on May 5-6. The Painesville Depot will be celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the depot building on August 4.

**Bring & Brag:** Theme: "Steel Mill Related"

Matt Kross	Bill Berger	Bill Osborne	Bob Gittinger
Bryan Persing	Dave Neff	Dave Metzger	Dennis Lloyd

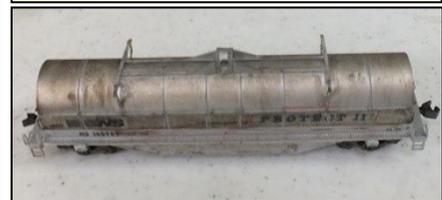
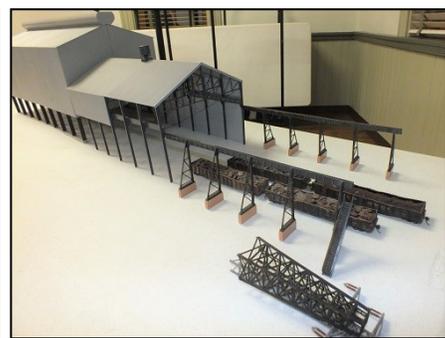
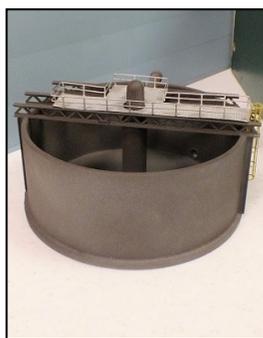
**Program:** Paul Emch went through a PowerPoint presentation that gave an overview of the steel making process that included some pictures of how people have modeled various aspects of the process.

**Submitted by:**

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Pictures from the March Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



# Division 5 2018 Election Nominations

As of March 18, 2018

The following candidates are running for Division 5 offices. The terms run from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2020.

**Office of Superintendent:**

Mike Buehner

**Office of Assistant Superintendent:**

Bryan Persing

If you are willing to run for any of the above offices, contact the Division 5 Nominating Committee (Wayne Lette and Paul Emch) before the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting or follow the Division 5 rules for having someone make a nomination from the floor at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

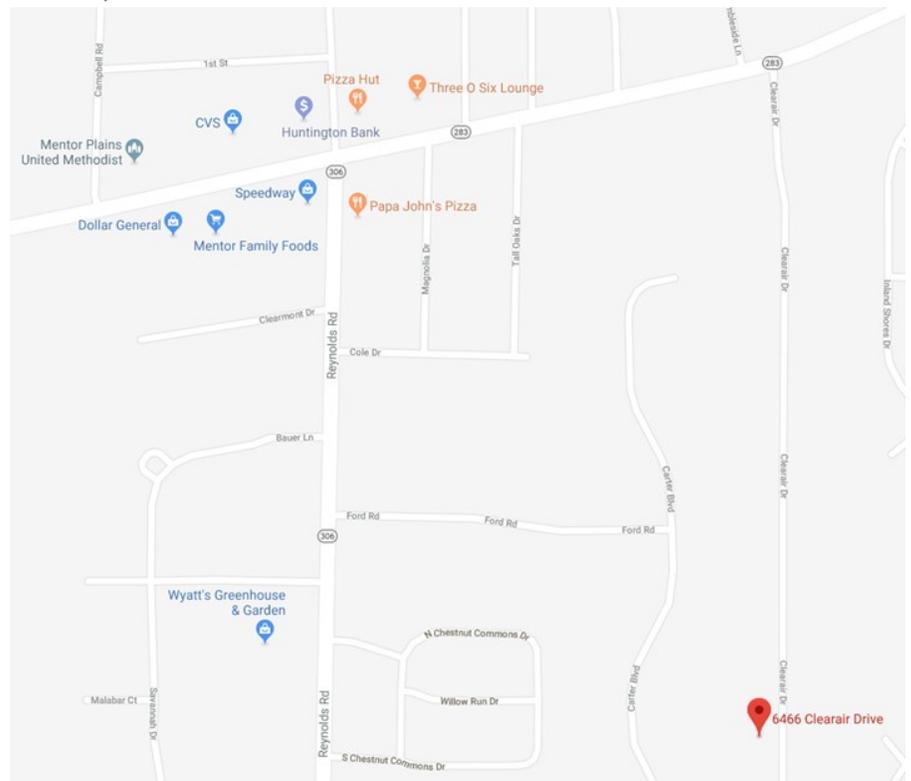
## Personal HO Collection Sale

**Who:** Tom Sizer (Division 5 Member)

**When:** Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

**Where:** 6466 Clearair Drive, Mentor, OH 44060

**What:** Nickel Plate HO items, passenger cars, buildings, turntables, roundhouse, steam and diesel locomotives, approximately 80 box cars, plywood.



# Pictures from Railfest 2018

*Photos by: Tom Pescha*



# More Pictures from Railfest 2018

Photos by: Tom Pescha



# Pictures from the Railfest 2018 Dinner

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Every year the Painesville Railroad Museum hosts a dinner at the Depot. This dinner is mainly for the vendors and workers that participate in Railfest, but is open to the public. With the dinner being held on St. Patrick's Day, corned beef and cabbage was added to the great menu that was catered by IGA of Perry, Ohio. Barb Hacha was the guest speaker and she talked about Hobo life on the rails. The event was a great success enjoyed by 40 guests.





**Date:** Saturday March 31, 2018  
**Location:** Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad St., Painesville, Ohio 44077  
**Time:** 8:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Cost:** \$7.00/Adults \$5.00 Sr Citizen \$3.00/Children (10 under)  
 \$15 family of 4 = 2 Adults 2 Children (10 under)

**Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am**



**Proceeds Benefit:  
 Restoration of Painesville Depot  
 and  
 Diabetic Children**



Lake County Juvenile Diabetes Walk Family  
 www.lcjdwf.org  
 A 501(c)3 Non-profit  
 440-479-5461

Painesville Railroad Museum  
 www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org  
 A 501(c)3 Non-profit  
 216-470-5780

# Working on the Railroad

## A Great Tool and an Interesting View

### The Camera Car

One of the most interesting tools on my layout was a camera car. About six years ago I bought a camera for the layout and had it mounted in an F7 diesel engine dummy, cost about \$100. It gave me a grand view of the 225 feet of main line track while sitting in front of a monitor positioned above the



were actually riding in the cab of the engine. The camera provided a beautiful picture without those irritating static lines. Everything ran great but the unit needed to be fine-tuned at Al's work place at his home. I loved everything about the car except for the fact that there was no coupler in front of the car. So I asked Al to install a coupler on the front of

power station of the layout. But as time went on, the camera started failing and the picture on the monitor was constantly tearing and full of annoying static lines. In addition to that problem, every time the engine was maneuvering a curve, the camera was unable to see the track in front of itself. When I mentioned my dilemma to Al Arthur, he suggested a new



the car and possibly raise the height of the camera so it would simulate riding in the cupola of a caboose when pulled at the end of a train. A week later the car was returned and pressed into service. With approximately 20 per cent of my main line traversing tunnels, subways and traveling behind mountains, the operator still gets a great view

camera that would be mounted on its own set of trucks. Within 2 weeks, Al presented me with an old passenger car with a camera in front mounted on its own set of trucks directly under the camera, all for a ridiculously low price of \$20. The new camera car only had one coupler on the rear of the car because it was pushed by a powered engine giving you a view on the monitor as if you



from the cab of his engine without even seeing his train. This powerful tool has helped avoid multiple derailments, collisions, switches set in the wrong position and running off the mainline onto an unwanted siding, all with impressive views from the engine cab or the cupola of the caboose.

*- Len Kessler, Editor*



# PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 7, 2018 2 to 4 p.m.

## HORS D'OEUVRES & DRINKS

Come and join us for an evening of great Hors d'oeuvres and the fellowship of railroad enthusiast at:

**Harry Buffalo**  
 2119 Mentor Ave.  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077



**Menu: *All you can eat and drink for 2 hours***

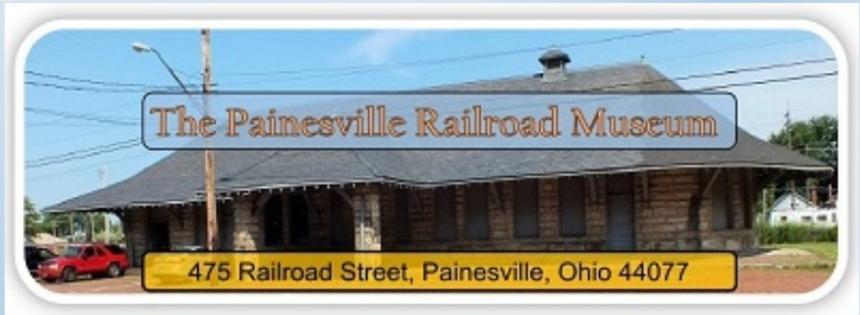
- Smothered Chicken
- Sheet Pizza
- Bonesless Wings
- Salad - Fries



**All you can Drink** - Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine & Well  
 Liquors from 2 pm to 4 pm

**Cost:**  
**\$20.00 Each Pre-Sale**  
**\$25.00 Each at Door**

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 Andover, Ohio 44033  
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www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org  
 501(c)3 non-profit

**Proceeds** to help the restoration and preservation of the historic Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC.



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**N/S near the Horseshoe Curve**

## Wanted

**T**he 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.

**The Cassandra Cut in Pa.**

## 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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