



The Trainwire



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The Boy Scout's Merit Badge Clinic



If you weren't at the Boy Scout Day, you all missed a great time, with the Boy Scout's Merit Badge clinic and the sleep over Saturday night on September 15th, 2018. We had twenty boys plus their scout leaders, Lake Farm Park scout leader/members, Division 5 members and our Depot volunteers (one being our own Eagle Scout Robert Parvin) for a total of approximately 43 individuals. This started at 10 am with the

pledge of allegiance & scout oath. Tom gave them a brief history of the Depot and railroading followed by several power point presentations. After lunch, Operation Life-saver was presented by Gus Ubaldi. Then there were more power points followed by the building of their box car kit. After they completed their car, they took a test and received a passing grade. The local group went home about 4:30 pm.

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Boy Scout's Merit Badge Clinic continued.....



Zak's troop (Troop 111) then set up camp for the night. In the evening they made a foil dinner of a very moist piece of chicken with potatoes, carrots, onions and green peppers and a buttered roll, very delicious. I did make my pasta to keep my



pasta days going, (now 1998 days today). For dessert they made a non-cook cherry cheese cake, again very good. I had Lenny and Rick join me for dinner Rob came later and had a late dinner. Later in the evening, the boys were playing with their box cars, running the N scale layout



and one ran his car on the HO layout, all had a good time. Finally got to bed Sunday about 12:30 am. Ten minutes later the trains started coming, every twenty minutes for the next three and half hours and then slowed to two trains per hour until 6:30 am when Amtrak came thru and it



was time to get up. The horns were loud and long with the rumbling of the cars squeaky wheels at which time seemed to never ending. Walking thru the building about 3:15 am, while waiting for Amtrak to go thru, seemed very peaceful and very



quiet until the train arrived, rattling the windows. The boys did a fantastic job on their tear down and cleanup, they were very efficient, like a well-oiled machine. All went well and we should do it again with other troops and girl scouts too.



My Granddaughter is upset they do not offer a Railroad badge for the girls, so she will be requesting they add it to their offerings for the girl scouts in the future. We wish to thank Division 5 for helping set up and sharing this event with us. *- Jim Wendorf*



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.

October 5th, 2018

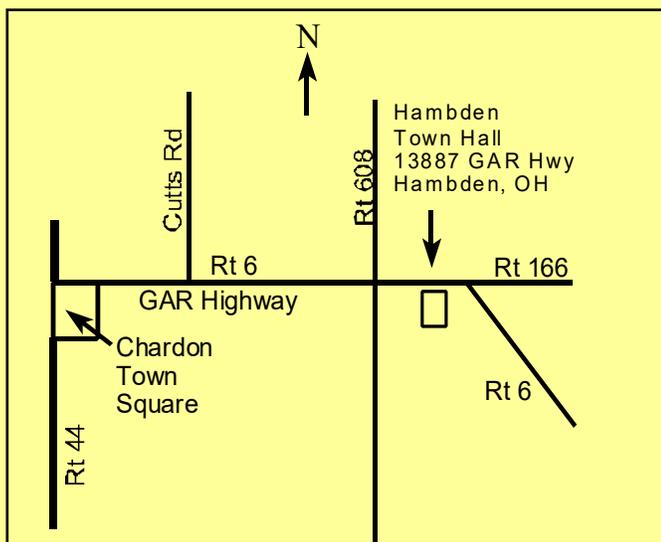
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Scratch Building in the Digital Age 1 – Laser cutting - Steve Zapytowski
Bring & Brag: laser-cut or etched structures/rolling stock

November 2nd, 2018

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Scratch Building in the Digital Age 2 – 3D Printing - Steve Zapytowski
Bring & Brag: 3D printed articles

December 7th, 2018

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: “Operations on the Chautauqua Branch PRR”. - Brad White
Bring & Brag: Anything Pennsy related



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

The Great Berea Train Show October 6 & 7
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
19201 Bagley Rd. (flyer on page 9)
Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Division 5 BOD Meeting October 8
Hambden Town Hall
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

Oktoberfest October 13
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 10)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (12:00 pm - 10:00 pm)

TCA Train Meet October 27
UAW Hall (Parma)
5616 Chevrolet Blvd. (flyer on page 11)
Cleveland, Ohio 44130 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Building a Model Railroad November 3
Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Drive (flyer on page 12)
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

NETS Train Show November 10
Highland Heights Community Center
5827 Highland Road (flyer on page 13)
Highland Hts., Ohio 44043 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Paranormal Investigation November 17
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 14)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (9:00 pm - Midnight)

The Handmade Market November 24
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 15)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2018

The September 7, 2018 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Mike Buehner at Hambden Town Hall. 21 members and 1 guest were present.

Those that attended **the Division's outdoor movie night** at Bill Osborne's home said that they enjoyed it a lot.

All preparations are in place for **the Boy Scout Railroading merit badge workshop** next weekend (September 15) at the Painesville Depot. We have a full roster of 20 scouts signed up and lots of volunteers planning to help.

The missing **HO car kits** at Lake Farmpark were found and Division 5 currently has them.

Reviewed a number of **upcoming events in our area**.

We are assuming Division 4 will be asking us to help man the **NMRA table at the Berea** show the first weekend of October. We will need Division 5 members to volunteer to help out. Bryan Persing and Rich Kacprzak said they would help.

The **Railfest and Division 5 annual audits** for 2018 have been completed. No problems were found.

It was noted that the date of the **next Division 5 BOD meeting** was wrong in the August BOD minutes. The next BOD meeting will be on Monday, October 8, 2018 at Hambden Town Hall.

Division 5's Promo Day is set for Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Lakeland Community College. Those willing to put on various demonstrations of basic model railroading skills should contact Bob Frieden or Tom Pescha.

Modeling Questions: It is recommended to soak 3D printed parts in Bestine solvent for 24 hours to remove the waxy coating the parts have prior to you painting them. Does it damage the parts if you soak them for longer periods of time such as days? (No one had an answer.) Is there a way to tell if the parts had already been soaked? (No one had a definite answer.)

Bill Berger has agreed to be **the new Division 5 Historian**, replacing Don Bittner who had the job for many years.

The Geauga Historical Society is looking for information regarding the original interior colors of the 1915 B&O Altman station that is currently located in Century Village in Burton, Ohio. They also would like to know how the interior was laid out.

Bring & Brag:

Bob Gittinger
Dennis Lloyd

Theme - Stations

Wayne Lette
Bill Osborne

Bryan Persing
Tom Pescha

Program: Tom Pescha provided an overview of the history of the Painesville depot, all the renovations that have been done to date, and their proposed expansion plans to house a special Lionel post-war collection.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the September Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



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



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Working on the Railroad



The Fitzwater Roundhouse

On the Grand River Basin Railroad, the Fitzwater engine facility is where all mainline engines and most switch engines are housed, maintained and refueled. The steam era is still integral with sand

capabilities, coaling tower and ash dump. The roundhouse can manage six engines at a time and the maintenance shop can work on six different railroad rolling stock or passenger cars at any given time. There are two permanently based switch engines designated to move incoming sand gondolas, coal

hoppers, oil tankers, box cars, a snow plow, cranes and other maintenance cars vital to the operations of the Fitzwater multifaceted complex. While the Walthers Cornerstone turntable is programmable, its memory leaves a lot to be desired. Anyone that draws the Fitzwater roundhouse during an operating



session will have their hands full manually trying to align the turntable with any of the 21 tracks that can be accessed from the turntable. Only 15 of the subsidiary track can accommodate an

engine so they are the only ones powered. Each track is powered one at a time through a selector switch so that all engines in the roundhouse are not drawing power when idle. Delivering

coal to the coaling tower is a tricky maneuver because the operator can only unload one car at a time. - *Len Kessler*



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Picture from Larry Novak's files.

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.



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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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The new Painesville railroad bridge - *Larry Novak*

October, 2018

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Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 13, 2018
Noon to 10:00 pm

at

The Painesville Railroad Museum

Painesville Railroad Depot

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

Enjoy Authentic German Food:

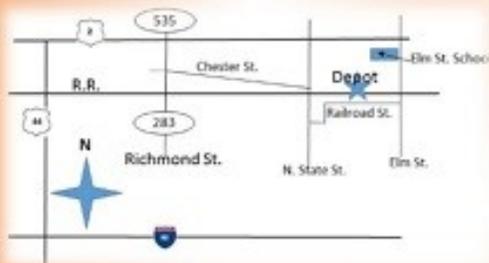
German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, and Bratwurst
Hot Dogs, and Hamburgers also available.

Admission: \$5.00 adult, \$3.00 child (3 to 12 year old)
\$12.00 Family (max 2 adults, 3 children)

Learn the History of Oktoberfest
See authentic German Dancing
Live Music



VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT



Direction to Painesville Depot

I-90 (exit 200) to Rt. 44
North on Rt. 44 to Rt. 2
East on Rt. 2 (1.5 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.

German
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Domestic Beer!

**Be sure to bring your Camera and take pictures of
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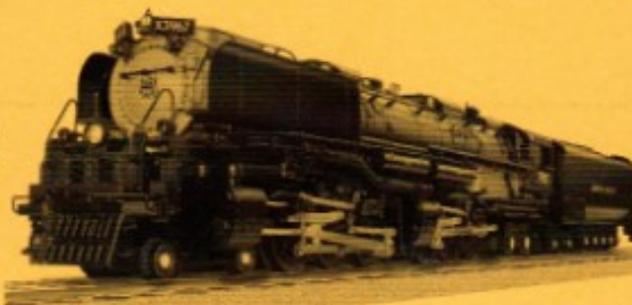
2018/2019 Season

Train Meets

Saturday, October 27th, 2018

Saturday, January 26, 2019

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



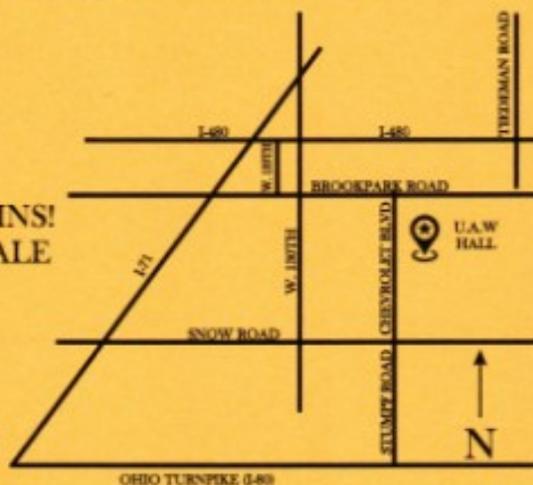
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NEXT TCA LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEETS
MAY 5TH, 2018 & NOVEMBER 24TH, 2018



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.



Building a Model Railroad

Saturday, November 3, 2018

9:00 am to 2:00 pm



Open Free to the Public

The "How To" of Building a Model Railroad

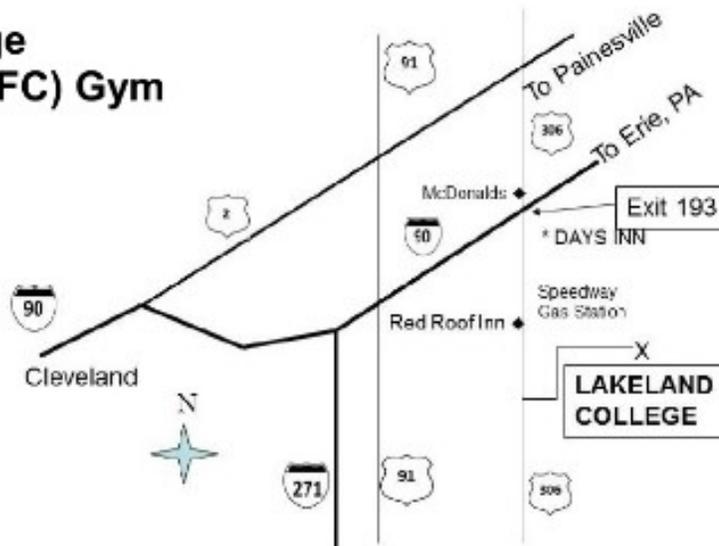
- Basic layout framing
 - Basics of laying Track
 - Basic transformer wiring
 - Simple wiring / types
 - Basic Scenery
 - Model Building
- your railroad support structure (Benchwork)
 - including the roadbed
 - how to connect your transformer to your track
 - to run your trains
 - different construction techniques
 - add that station or factory

Attend one or all Topics

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**Lakeland Community College
Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Gym
7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, Ohio 44094**

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NETS Model Train Show

All Scale Model Train Show

In Memorial of Bob Orlando

Saturday, November 10, 2018

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



In Memorial of Bob Orlando

For information, contact:
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Nov. 2018 NETS Model Train Show

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Paranormal Investigation

Of The

Painesville Railroad Depot

November 17, 2018, 9 pm to Midnight

Presented by the ladies of
Haunted Housewives

The Painesville Railroad Museum

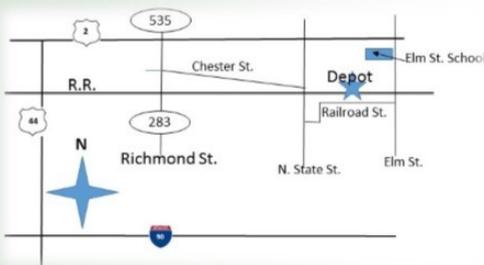
Painesville Railroad Depot

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077



This historic building, built in 1893, was used as a passenger depot up until 1971. This haunted building has more than its share of paranormal activity.

VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT



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North on Rt. 44 to Rt. 2

East on Rt. 2 (1.5 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.

A \$20 donation will be accepted. All proceeds from this paranormal exploration will go to the Painesville Railroad Museum, the group dedicated to the restoration of the NYC Painesville Depot. Visit www.willoughbyghostwalk.com/special-events for ordering tickets.

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org

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Art and Craft Show
Hand-Crafted
The Handmade Market



November 24, 2018
10 am. to 4 pm.

Chinese Raffle

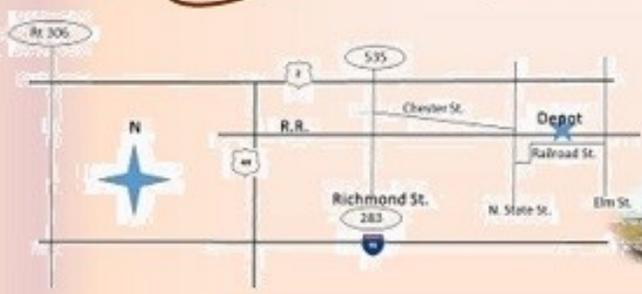
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