



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report

I have returned from the Snow and Ice duties and have reenergized enthusiasm for the hobby of model railroad. With a gentle nudge, more of a shove, I have started the GRRT Railroad OPS Sessions. I thought of this as a dreaded task with the lack of use of the model railroad. I was asked if I would be holding WORK Sessions to prepare, never really have done this before. Turns out that many hands make light work and the tasks not so daunting. Just this little amount of camaraderie amongst model railroaders gained a very measurable and noticeable difference. Look out, Chief Dispatcher Certificate!! More about the AP Program coming soon.

I guess I am not such a lone wolf after all, if you know a lone wolf modeler ask them to come to a Division event.

**The 2019 MCR officer election** has been completed. Here are the election results;

President - Bob Weinheimer  
Vice President - Dave Neff  
Secretary - Jerry Doyle  
Treasurer - Bob McKay



Mike Buehner - Superintendent  
Division 5  
NMRA - Mid Central Region

Congratulations to Dave Neff from Division 5 on the VP again. 🚂

Mike Buehner  
Division 5 Superintendent,  
MCR, NMRA



## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**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.

**May 3rd, 2019**

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** DVD: Modeling with DPM by Fran & Miles Hale MMR  
**Bring & Brag:** Anything goes

**June 7th, 2019**

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** DVD: Modeling & Scratch building Tips and Tricks by Leslie Eaton MMR  
**Bring & Brag:** Anything goes

**July 5th, 2019**

**NO JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING.**

**Model Train Days** **May 4 & 5**

Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 9)*  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 5:00 pm)**

**Rails in the Park** **June 1 & 2**

Lake Farmpark  
 Kirkland, Ohio **(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)**

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** **June 10**

Hambden Town Hall  
 Hambden, Ohio **(7:30 pm)**

**Division 5 Picnic** **July 13**

Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 5:00 pm)**

**Hobo Day** **July 27**

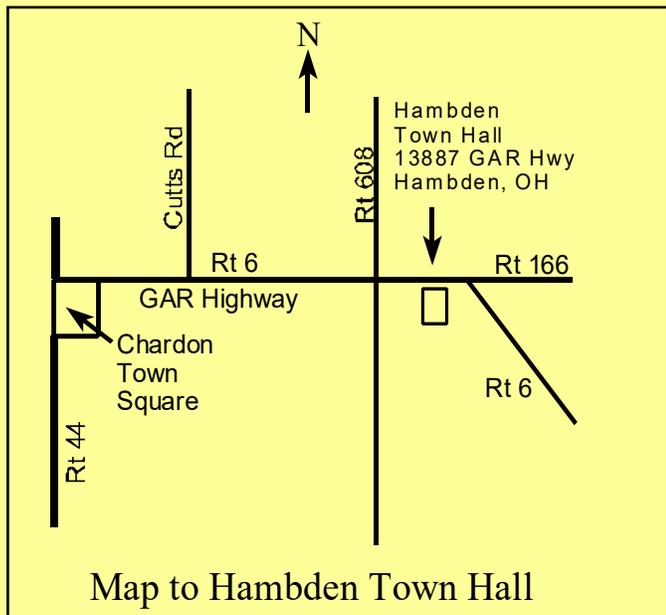
Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 10)*  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 8:00 pm)**

**Railrod Memorabilia Show** **August 25**

Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 11)*  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 5:00 pm)**

**Boy Scout Day** **September 14**

Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 12)*  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)**



# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2019

The **April 5, 2019 membership meeting** was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Mike Buehner at Hambden Town Hall. 30 members and 3 guests were present.

**Railfest 2019** results and execution were reviewed. This year's show went quite well and the numbers are up about 10% over last year.

A couple of **Railfest 2019 feedback items** were brought up. We need more good wagons for unloading/loading vendors' vehicles. In order to store more wagons, either clean out the existing storage space or get a larger storage space. The new special raffle caused a lot of confusion for the public. Need to improve/clarify instructions and make sure volunteers are informed about the operations.

There were a number of **items for sale** by members at the meeting.

The **May 3 meeting program** will be a video from one of the NMRA's clinic library.

**Upcoming events** and shows were reviewed.

**Model Railroad Days** at the Painesville Depot will be May 4 – 5.

**Railroads In The Parks** event will be held at Lake Metroparks Farmpark on June 1 -2.

**Bring & Brag:** Theme - *Scenery*

Bryan Persing	Bill Berger	Bob Gittinger
Mike Carovac	Dave Metzger	Dennis Lloyd
Dave Neff	Bill Osborne	Mike Rudder

**Program:** *“EZ Scenery and Goop”* by Dave Ellis of Division 12. Dave presented a how-to video presentation and then did a live demonstration.

**Submitted by:**  
**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

## Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



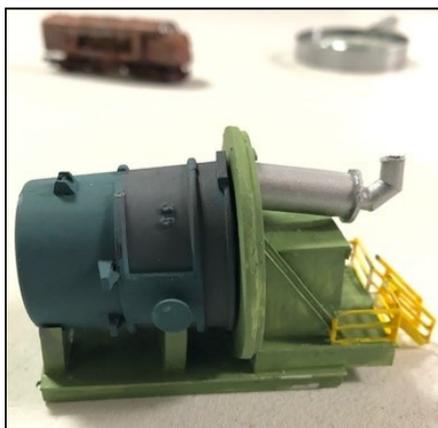
Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys	Willoughby, Ohio
Hobby Town USA	Mentor, Ohio
Train Specialty Company	Chardon, Ohio
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters	Geneva, Ohio
The Painesville Railroad Museum	Painesville, Ohio
CW Trains, LLC	Mentor, Ohio



*Please support these dealers!*

# Pictures from the April Meeting

*Photos by: Mike Buehner*



# Division 5 BOD Meeting

April 8, 2019

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on April 8, 2019 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Mike Buehner, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Chuck Limbert, and Mike Carovac.

**Wayne Lette** has "*retired*" as a Division 5 Director. Mike Carovac has been selected as the new Division 5 Director. Thank you Wayne for your years of service on the BOD and we welcome Mike as the newest member on the BOD.

Reviewed how **Railfest 2019** went. Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf sent the BOD an e-mail summarizing the attendance and financial numbers. The show was successful and went fairly well. We will not be able to apply for the Lake County Visitor Bureau's grant next year and so we need to determine how we handle that hole in our advertising income. The new "*Train Ride Ticket Survey*" program needs some refinement – more/better communication to the public and the volunteers about how it operates. We should look at alternate ways of running the door prizes. Instead of soliciting door prizes from the vendors, it was suggested that we print a stack of special Railfest certificates to hand out that are good for a dollar amount at any dealer. We definitely need to get more and better carts for hauling dealer merchandise. If we can't store the carts, consider selling/raffling off/giving away the carts once the show is over.

Reviewed the upcoming **MCR convention** in Boardman, Ohio and the MCR BOD meeting that will be held there. It was suggested that the topic of NMRA Family Memberships with their limitations be brought up at the MCR BOD. A number of Division 5 BOD members feel that the NMRA restriction that Family Members cannot hold office or serve on the BOD is ridiculous. The current NMRA rules require that a husband and wife both be Full Members in order to serve instead of one being a Full Member and the other a Family Member.

The **Division 5 picnic** will be on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at the Painesville Depot.

**No Division 5 membership meeting in July.**

We believe **Lake Farmpark** will be conducting their Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop during Railroads In The Parks on June 1, 2019. We do not know at this time whether they need or want Division 5's help with this event? The Division has already supplied the HO boxcar kits for the program.

Nothing has been done yet with the **membership survey** that was going to be put together. Mike Buehner will work on and get something into the Trainwire.

It was suggested that we put together a Division guideline for putting on a **clinic at our meetings**.

We need to start adding the phrase "**Subject to Change – check the Division 5 website for current details**" to all future Division flyers. A number of things have changed lately on future events where we have already printed the flyers for the event.

Reviewed how we will adapt our "**How To Build A Model Railroad**" promo day at its new location, the Painesville Depot. There is concern that we will not have enough space and need to cut back on the number demonstration tables. We need to discuss this with the Painesville Depot coordinators.

The next scheduled **Division 5 BOD** meeting will be June 10, 2019 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

**Submitted by:**

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Model Kits vs. Ready to Run

By: Bill Osborne

As many of you know I collect and restore railroad equipment, signs, signals, whistle posts etc. and anything that brings a tear to my eye when I move it. As I get older I find it's getting harder and harder to lift. I'm currently in a race to finish the barn full of signals I have before I'm drooling in my oatmeal. I have put model railroading on the back burner for the past 10 to 15 years to work with this stuff. I still attended NMRA meetings because I enjoy the people in the group. I like being around people with the same interests especially the people of division 5. During the winter months I would do limited work on my signals but this winter I decided to get back to modelling. When I was in it heavy I was kind of in a buying frenzy and I realized that I have dozens and dozens of kits that I haven't built yet. So I have decided to start building them. The hobby has changed a bit since I have been out of it. The companies that made kits (Branchline, Proto 2000, Intermountain etc.) no longer make kits. Today's modeler doesn't want to build kits but wants ready to run open the box and put it on the track stuff. That's okay I get it as I have bought (RTR) stuff as well. As I look at the cost of the kits compared to the cost of assembled cars, I begin to wonder "What's my time worth?" Time is a commodity that we can't bank, store, purchase more or sell off excess, (who has excess time to sell off anyway?), so make the most of it. With kits I can assemble a fleet of rolling stock more economically than with RTR stuff as those cars are 30 to 40 dollars more. The feeling of satisfaction when a model is completed is priceless. So as I build these kits this winter I think today's modeler is missing out on all the fun like being on your hands and knees searching the carpet for the grab iron that disappeared from your tweezers on its way to the

car, or wrestling with glue that sets up before you can get the part in the hole **because** your hand is shaking a little. Or the magnifier that goes out of focus because you move your head a little. This is all very rewarding. So, "What's my time worth?" A lot because I'm model railroading and not at work. **Just my thoughts.** 

*Can you tell the factory assembled car in the picture?*



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A Picture from the Internet.

## 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.



Another Picture from the Internet.

## 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

# Electronic Version

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Photo from the Internet.

## May, 2019

Division 5 Membership  
as of April 1st, 2019



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# MODEL TRAIN DAYS

at

## THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Len at 440-417-6746

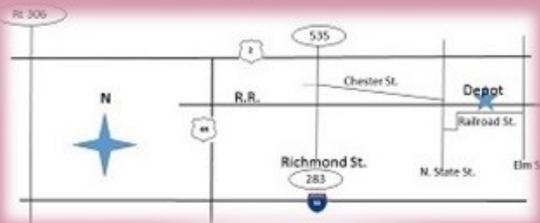
# MAY 4-5 2019

10 am to 5 pm

See operating Model Train Layouts in N scale,  
HO scale, S scale, O gauge and G gauge.  
12 Different Layouts to see!  
Model Train flea market on grounds.



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



### 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.

### Food and Drinks available.

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

[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)

501(c)3 non-profit

# HOBO DAY

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019**

**10 AM TO 8 PM**

At the

**Painesville Railroad Museum**

**475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077**

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

Food and Refreshments available  
for small donation  
Hamburg's and Hot Dogs  
(Noon to 8 pm)  
Hobo Stew and Hobo Beans  
(4 pm to 8 pm)



Live Music by  
The Miracle  
Band  
4 to 7 pm

## RAILFANNING



The Depot is located on  
CSX Main Line, with plenty of  
rail traffic to take pics of.

**Be sure to bring your Camera!**



## COSTUME CONTEST

Get into the spirit of the Day  
Win a prize



[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)

A 501(c)3 Non-Profit



# RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW

## COME AND SEE ARTIFACTS OF RAILROADS GLORY DAYS

### Sunday, August 25, 2019 10 am to 5 pm

#### PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077



#999 Engine

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



See railroad signals, plate setting ware (Dinner Ware) that were used in the dining cars, railroad lanterns, paper work from different railroads, conductor hats, engineer hats, and much more from railroads of the past. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be available for purchase.



**Vendors** - If you wish to only display your item (not sell them) then your table is Free  
If you wish to sell items, then your table cost is \$25.00 per table

Food and Drinks available.



[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)  
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### Aug. 2019 Railroad Memorabilia Show

PLEASE PRINT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Return this part

6' X 30" Tables

Display only - Tables are free  
Selling items - Table cost \$25.00 each

Load in Sat. 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Sun. 8 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

**Make Checks Payable To:**  
**WRRRA**

**Mail To:**

Tom Pescha  
3942 East 364<sup>th</sup> Street  
Willoughby, Ohio 44094  
Phone (216) 470-5780  
[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)

Please send table request by Aug. 16, 2019

Please return this part only

# BOY SCOUT DAY

## AT

# PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM



### September 14, 2019

### 10 am to 4 pm



### Earn your Railroad Merit Badge

### Classes being present by National Model Railroad Association

### MCR Division 5 cost \$25.00 each



**Painesville Railroad Museum**  
475 Railroad Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077  
A 501c3 non-profit  
[www.painessvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painessvillerrailroadmuseum.org)

**lunch included  
Limited to max. 20**



Boy Scout Day Sept 2019

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Boy Scout Day Sept 2019 merit badge

Make Check payable to: **NMRA MCR Division 5**

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