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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

Friday December 6
Membership Meeting
Hamnden Town Hall
7:30
No BOD Meeting This
Month

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Holiday Party Model Railroading Chinese Gift Exchange Rules

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 pick-

ing 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!

Holiday Party Losers Raffle Rules

At the end of each year, we take all the losing raffle entries (electronic tickets) from our Division meetings since January and then draw 19 names from those losing electronic 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 from the monthly meeting raffle! 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. The prize breakdown is as follows:

1	\$100	5	\$40
2	\$75	6,7	\$30
3	\$60	8-18	\$25
4	\$50	19	\$20

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
13887 GAR HIGHWAY (ROUTE 6)
CHARDON, OHIO

DECEMBER 6, 2019

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM: LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR—VIDEO
BRING/BRAG: MOW

JANUARY 11, 2020

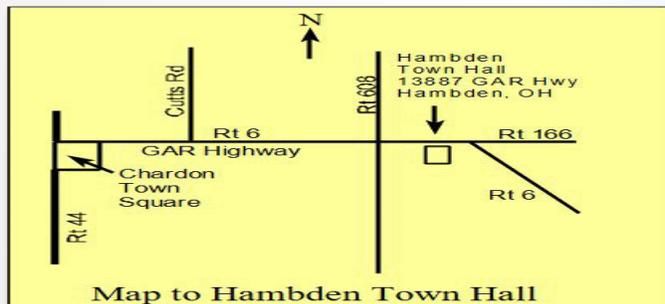
LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
EVENT: DIVISION 5 HOLIDAY PARTY
TIME: 12:00 (SOCIAL HOUR)
1:00 (DINNER SERVED)

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM: TRAIN LOADS
MIKE CAROVAC
BRING/BRAG: TRAIN LOADS

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
BOD MEETING



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

(SEE ATTACHED FLYERS IN TRAINWIRE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS FOR MOST EVENTS OR GO TO WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM)

NOVEMBER 29,30

DECEMBER 1,3-8,11-23 4:45-9

COUNTRY LIGHTS—LAKE FARM PARK
LENS 11/29—12/13
HO GROUP 12/14—12/23

NOVEMBER 30 10-3

TCA TRAIN SHOW
CHEVROLET BLVD—PARMA

DECEMBER 1 9-3

MEDINA TOY & TRAINS SHOW
MEDINA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

DECEMBER 15 10-3:30

CHRISTMAS TRAIN & TOY SHOW
LAKELAND COLLEGE

JANUARY 4 9-2

COLLECTABLE TOY SHOW
LAKELAND COLLEGE

JANUARY 4 10-3

SNOW DOGS TRAIN SHOW
CHEVROLET BLVD—PARMA

JANUARY 11 12-3

DIVISION 5 HOLIDAY PARTY
HAMB DEN TOWN HALL

JANUARY 25 10-3

TCA TRAIN SHOW
CHEVROLET BLVD—PARMA

MARCH 14 & 15 10-4

DIVISION 5 RAILFEST
LAKELAND COLLEGE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER MEETING

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

Nov 1, 2019

The November 1, 2019 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Mike Buehner at Hambden Town Hall. 27 members and 2 guests were present.

Linda Kacprzak was officially presented with her Merit Award certificate from a diorama she entered in the model contest at Division 12's mini-meet.

Members were reminded to fill out and return the Division 5 survey form that was in the October Trainwire. This will help us figure out what programs to have at the meetings.

We are in need of a Refreshments Coordinator. Dan Chuppa has been doing this job for many years and will no longer be able to continue doing it as of January 2020. A couple members expressed a willingness to do the job part time if we can figure out an easy way to rotate the job.

Everything is set for Division 5's Promo Day on Saturday, November 2 at the Painesville Depot.

The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad is looking for volunteers to help with its Polar Express program.

Thanks to Jim McCallum for bringing to the meeting a box of free railroad books.

Division 5 Fall 2019 Layout Tours are all set. We will have seven layouts open spread over two weekends, November 16-17 and November 23.

The BOD is looking at what trips the membership would be interested in. Some suggestions at the meeting were visiting the Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, PA and having another tour/workshop at Scenic Express outside of Pittsburgh, PA.

It was noted that the Division 5 2020 budget was approved by the BOD. It is essentially the same as the 2019 budget.

Reservations and payments for the Division 5 Holiday Party in January are now being taken. The deadline is the December 6, 2019 membership meeting. If you are unable to make it to the meeting, then mail your RSVP and payment to the Division Treasurer.

Rick Kacprzak is taking care of reserving the Hambden Town Hall for our 2020 meetings and events.

Trainwire Editor Bryan Persing thanked all those that have been sending him items for the newsletter. It is making it easy for Bryan to put together an interesting newsletter each month. He would still like to get member profiles and layout pictures. Getting compliments on the new Trainwire look from outside the Division.

We will be holding Division 5 elections in the spring of 2020. We need three members to be on the Nominating Committee. If you are willing to do this, contact Superintendent Mike Buehner.

The Mid Central Region clinician database is being updated. They are looking for those willing to list their clinics. Dave Neff is coordinating this effort. A form will be available at the December meeting for submitting your clinic information.

Reviewed upcoming model railroad events in the area.

Bring & Brag: Theme: "Unusual Scenery or Unusual Scratch built items"

Bryan Persing

Bill Berger

Dave Neff

Mike Rudder

Matt Kross

Dave Metzger

Tony Spena

Bill Osborne

Program: Bob Gittinger showed how he uses foam board for various track base applications as well as for scenery bases.

~Submitted by Matt Kross— Division 5 Clerk

NOVEMBER BOD MEETING

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on November 11, 2019 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Chuck Limbert, Matt Kross, Wayne Lette, Ray Newnes, Mike Carovac, and Ted Wiese.

Reviewed how Promo Day 2019 went. We had about 60 people come to our "How To Build A Model Railroad" event at the Painesville Depot on November 2. All the attendees said the demonstrations were helpful. Some topics they would like to have seen would be ones covering Operations, Layout Planning, and Weathering. They also said it would be nice to have contact information for the presenter in case they had questions later. In general, the space was okay and people said they could hear the presenter. The Basic Scenery demo area could have used another table (four instead of three) and needed a little bit more space behind the tables to walk back and forth. The presenters said they were okay with how things went. The noise level was not bad. It was noted that we had different people attend this year compared to previous years.

Mike Carovac has indicated that he is willing to run for Assistant Superintendent in the Division 5 2020 elections.

Received a report from the Lake Erie N-scale Society (LENS) about the special Tree Farm modules they built using the grant from Division 5 in November 2018.

A grant request from the new T-Trak group for \$500 was approved. The group submitted a detailed request. They will use it to purchase DC and DCC controls for their layout as well as table skirting.

A grant request for \$500 was received from a new O 3-rail modular group in the Cleveland area called the Mod Squad. The modules are being built to a national Lionel standard. At the moment, 25% of the group is from Lake County. They will be doing a number of TCA shows in the Cleveland area. They are trying to get space at Railfest 2020 for a layout. The BOD had a number of questions for the group and wanted to think about the request further. The request was tabled until additional information is obtained. The BOD will conduct an e-mail vote once we get the answers to our questions and look up what past requirements we have put in place for grants.

There is a group from the Burton Century Village that would like to create a model railroad display for the B&O depot they have. A suggestion was made at the BOD meeting that Division 5 consider building a display for them like we did for Farmpark back around 2005. We need to see if the membership would be willing to take on this project. It would help to satisfy our educational non-profit organization requirements. If there is interest and we decide to proceed, a committee would need to be formed to investigate the requirements and work with the Century Village folks. A motion was passed to present this opportunity to the membership and get their feedback. Bonnie Lette will contact the Burton Century Village to see who we should be talking to and when they meet.

There was a question whether everything is place for the Holiday Party food. Bryan Persing will check with Tom Pescha. We will get the pies from Bakers Square again.

Chuck Limbert compiled the Division survey results we have received so far. Thank you, Chuck! The BOD reviewed the comments to date. We have only received about 10 surveys. We want to continue encouraging Division members to fill out the survey to provide feedback in order to put meeting programs together.

Ted Wiese provided an inventory on the items remaining in the Division Company Store.

Still looking for a Refreshment Coordinator. We will consider splitting up the job if we can figure out a way to reliably rotate between several people.

Bill Osborne is now the Division 5 Tripmaster.

The next scheduled Div 5 BOD meeting will be February 10, 2020 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall. *(Note: BOD meetings are held on even numbered months from February to October and then in November and not in December.)*



Bring & Brag



BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES



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

Willoughby, Ohio
 Mentor, Ohio
 Chardon, Ohio
 Geneva, Ohio
 Painesville, Ohio
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Division Activities

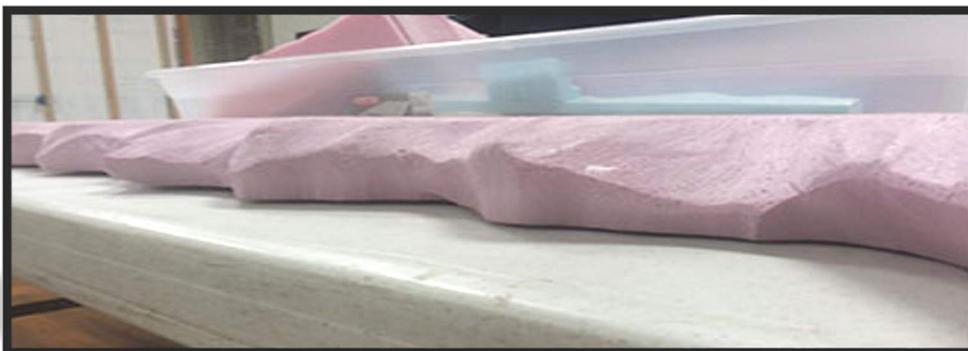
November Meeting



Our very own Linda Kacprzak receiving a NMRA Merit award for one of her outstanding dioramas. Presenting the framed certificate is Mike Buehner, Division 5 Superintendent.



Bob Gittinger giving a very informative clinic on how he works with foam. Bob gave cutting, sanding, and finishing advice. Contact Bob at Bob.Gittinger@MCR5.Org if you need a list of what products he used.



The division is always looking for clinic presenters, contact a BOD member if you have some technique or expertise you want to share with the division.

Division Activities

Promo Day



~submitted by Bryan Persing



~submitted by Tom Pescha

Well since I hate blank space I guess I can give everyone my opinion on what I saw from our Promo Day. I am sure there will be more discussion about it at the next BOD and division meetings. I have had the pleasure of presenting at the last few years' Promo Days. I have worked when we were at the college with the 2 Rail Show and when we were the stand alone event at the college last year. This year we tried something different and held it at the Painesville Railroad Museum. I think attendance was smaller than in years past but the people that did come

really came with their questions and really wanted to learn. Most of the people that stopped at my table ended up staying more than 30 minutes and asked a variety of questions. Many had Lionel trains in their youth and wanted to get back into the hobby but really had no idea where to start. I think we accomplished our main goal of promoting the hobby and from the exit interviews it sounds as if people came away very impressed with our division and the knowledge we shared with them.

~Bryan Persing

In November many members had their layouts open for our division layout tour. If you hosted one of these events and have any pictures you wish to share with the division please forward them to the Trainwire and look for them in the January issue.

Member Contributions

Articles

The Golden Age of Steam Revisited

A halo surrounded the moon as the mist filled the valley on that still but crisp autumn evening. In the distance a rumbling could be heard followed by the shrieking sound of a long forgotten whistle. Then as to announce herself a single light could be seen coming closer and closer until her full majestic beauty could be seen. It was as though a hole in time had opened and allowed her to come through. There we stood, awed by her presence and glory. Then she let off her steam as she settled on the rails inviting us back to the Golden Age of Steam, enticing us to climb aboard her. Nickel Plate Road No. 765 had arrived.

On September 27th of this year me and the wife (Elizabeth) visited the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, it was Steam in the Valley night. We had purchased tickets to ride and dine on a run from the Rockside Road Station to the Akron Northside Station. The train was being pulled by Nickel Plate Road No. 765. We chose the BBQ diner which consisted of pulled pork, shredded chicken, BBQ baked beans, cole slaw and macaroni and cheese. Although

the meats were already seasoned, additional sauces were available if desired. The dining car we were in was simple yet well laid out and comfortable.

We sat across from a very nice couple from the west side of Cleveland, whom we had several hours of enjoyable conversations with. If you get a chance, try an evening dine on a train at the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, you will enjoy yourself.

Now lets get into what is really important, the locomotive and the railroad it worked on. But first a little history to get things started. The actual name of the Nickel Plate Road is the New York, Chicago and St. Louis, or the short version, NYC&StL.

There are two stories on how the Nickel Plate Road got it name. The first story involves a newspaper article printed in 1882 in which the author made the comment that "everything from the tracks to the fittings was polished and perfect as if nickel-



plated". The second story involves William Vanderbilt who wanted to buy the NYC&StL in order to eliminate it as a competitor. It is said that when he received the price of the buyout, he thought that it was so exorbitant that he stated "My God! Your railroad must be nickel-plated!" Regardless of which story you believe, the name stuck.

In 1927 Oris and Mantis Van Sweringen (that is some serious names there) controlled a group of railroads of which the Nickel Plate Road belonged to. The other railroads were the C&O, Pere Marquette and the Hocking Valley Railroad. These brothers established the "Advisory Mechanical.....

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Committee” which studied and tested the best proportions and characteristics of the locomotives of that day. The Erie Railroad’s 2-8-4 locomotives which were designed by William Black were found to be the most favorable. This led to the creation of the C&O Class T-1, 2-10-4 which is considered one of the best steam engines ever built. Mr. Black then reversed engineered the best qualities of the 2-10-4 and placed those qualities back into the 2-8-4’s, the Nickel Plate Road Class S, 2-8-4 was born. The new version was given extra tonnage and pitted against other locomotives on the Boston and Albany Railroad’s infamous Berkshire Hills. After outperforming the other locomotives the Class S, 2-8-4s were nicknamed the “Berkshires”. In all, 16 U.S. railroads and their subsidiaries used the 2-8-4 “Berkshires” from 1925 to 1958. It should be noted that the C&O called their 2-8-4s “Kanawhas”

which is a river that runs along one of their rail lines in West Virginia. Because of the strengths and durability of the 2-8-4 “Berkshires”, they have seen service in more than 20 countries. Sadly, only 20 of the 600 “Berkshires” manufactured still exist and only 2 of these great locomotives are still operational, Nickel Plate Road No. 765 and Pere Marquette No. 1225, which was made famous by the author of the story “The Polar Express”, Chris Van Allsburg.

The Nickel Plate Road owned 80 of the 2-8-4 “Berkshires” with road numbers 700 thru 779. Out of the 80 locomotives only six still exist with as I stated, only one is operational. Nickel Plate Road No. 765 is a third generation 2-8-4 as it is a class S-2 “Berkshire”. She was built at the Lima Locomotive Works in 1944 has a total locomotive weight of 440,800lbs and has a max speed of 80mph. Once received by the Nickel Plate Road on September 8, 1944 she was assigned to the Bellevue Ohio yard and remained in service until June 14, 1958. Her last run was to the Fort Wayne, Indiana yard

where she was stored in the engine house next to her sister Nickel Plate Road No. 767 until 1963. In that year Nickel Plate No. 765 was renumbered to 767 and placed on display at Lawton Park in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was renumbered because the real 767 was deemed to be in too bad of a condition and was scrapped. She stayed this way until 1974 when the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society took charge of her and started to rebuild her. In 1979 she was running under her own power and was used as an excursion train. In the late ‘80s and early 90’s she was the premiere motive of power on the longest and heaviest passenger train at the New River Gorge in West Virginia. After a rebuild in the mid 2000’s she has been traveling around the United States doing excursion runs like the one Elizabeth and I took at the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. If you get a chance to ride on a train pulled by steam do it - you will enjoy it!

If you are modeling the 1920s thru the late 1950s a 2-8-4 “Berkshire” would be a great addition to your layout. If need be I have a list of railroads that ran the “Berkshires”, just ask and I will show you the list. Sadly for me the railroad I am modeling never used the 2-8-4 wheel arrangement.

~Michael L. Carovac



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Pilgrimage can be described as a religious journey, a holy expedition, crusade, or a mission. For many of us model railroading is like a religion where we look for that Holy Grail, that treasure that has eluded us for what seems like eternity. The pilgrimage can take us to a distant "promised land" where we go about looking for these treasures. For the 3 rail model railroader this journey takes us into York, Pennsylvania. Twice a year the Eastern Division of the Train Collectors Associations puts on the biggest exclusive O gauge railroading meet in the world. It is held in 7 large buildings on the York Fairgrounds property and has over 190,000 square feet of companies and members selling and exhibiting O gauge trains and accessories. You will find almost anything related to O gauge trains from the early 1900s to present day releases. Depending on the show 10 to 15 thousand hobbyists make this pilgrimage from all four corners of the planet to this town in eastern Pennsylvania. It is not uncommon to see people from Germany, Australia, Brazil, and China make this trip semi-annually.

I started making this trip back in 2004 and have made it a twice a year event every year since 2013. In addition to buying

trains, buildings, people, vehicles, and supplies there are also many other great aspects to this journey. All of the big manufactures are there and you can get a sneak peek into what is coming down the pipeline in the next year or two. It is also a time to ask questions of them in order to maximize the capabilities of previous releases. Many cottage industries set up at the show and display and sell items that you would never be able to get anywhere else other than at the York meet. One perfect example is Corky Dozier who is a clown for the Ringling Brothers circus. During his down time after a performance Corky makes custom interiors that will fit in many of the O gauge manufactures buildings. His work is really inspiring and he is very helpful with his techniques if you wanted to attempt it on your own. Of course he is more than willing to sell you the supplies to do this.

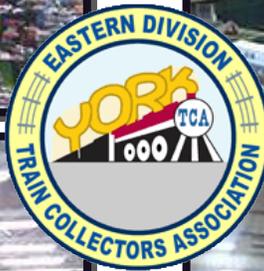
The experience is not just contained to the fairgrounds either as us O gaugers practically take over the town filling hotels and restaurants up to capacity each night during this 3 day event. My own trip starts with breakfast with a large number of fellow O gauge forum members who talk regularly over the Internet throughout the year and ends

with grabbing lunch at the fairgrounds on Saturday with some of my Cleveland area friends. In between I enjoy dinners with other groups, meetings put on by magazine representatives, and of course talking to my many friends from across the country as we stroll up and down the aisles.

If you ever plan on making this trip here are a few tips to make your experience more enjoyable. Bring cash as everyone is more willing to deal when using that form of payment. Also don't think you can just use the ATM's on the fairgrounds as many of them run empty within hours of the show opening. Make sure your vehicle has plenty of room as you never know what surprises you might find and have to bring back. Plan ahead by playing lots of Tetris as it helps you maximize your space when dealing with lots of different shaped boxes. Either that or make sure your friends have large vehicles so that you can "borrow" some of their space. Trust me I have seen this done every York trip. Finally just enjoy your time and the entire experience because if you don't find what you're looking for, don't worry the next York pilgrimage is only a mere 6 months away.

~Bryan Persing

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Maintenance of Way (MOW)

Maintenance of Way (MOW) has come a long way since the early days in which all activity along the railroad right-of-way was done by sheer manpower--and often with conscripted criminal labor. Gone are the days with 'gandy dancers' etc. With December's Division 5 Bring n Brag theme being MOW, let's look at today's modern MOW approach. Kershaw is a well-known name in MOW equipment, dating back almost 100 years with such items as tie carts, ballast spreaders, snowplows, etc. Today the company is part of Progress Rail, itself owned by Caterpillar. There are several pieces of MOW equipment in Kershaw's arsenal:

The Kershaw® 4600 Ballast Regulator has a one-pass transfer plow, 36" wide reversible wings, and a broom attachment for ballast shaping, shoulder profiling, ballast sweeping and a variety of other track maintenance operations.



BALLAST REGULATOR

The Kershaw® 34-7 Horizontal Scarifier is a self-propelled machine designed to loosen and remove ballast and other debris from the cribs where old ties have been removed. The head design enables

the machine to consistently scarify the right amount of ballast for easy tie insertion with a minimum of tie bed disturbance and tamping requirements.



KRIBBER ADZER

The Kershaw® 38-7 Kribber Adzer performs the task of ballast removal from between ties at the tie plate area, then adzes the cross ties at the tie plate seat for the placement of new tie plates. Afterward, debris and wood shavings are swept away from the tie plate seat area. The unit is equipped with two sweeper brooms or cribbers, one on either side of the adzer head.



TIE REPLACER

The Kershaw® Model 47-6 Tie Replacer can remove or insert wood or concrete ties up to 18 feet long. The puller/inserter head operates on a slewing ring to allow functionality and versatility from either side of the track, without turning the machine. Rail lifters grip and lift the rail for tie insertion or removal. The rail lift height is automatically controlled for

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consistency. One operator controls all functions of the machine with two joysticks and foot pedals. The puller head is capable of 16,500 lbs. of force and the kicker head is capable of 14,000 lbs. The inserting force is 14,000 lbs.



The Kershaw® Model 12-12 Bridge Crane is designed to perform bridge and open deck trestle work, the Model 12-12 Bridge Crane has maximum lifting capacity of 1200 lbs. (544 kg) at 25 ft. from center of track. Upper deck and tie grapple are capable of 360° continuous rotation. The Bridge Crane is capable of handling bridge ties, caps, stringers and other bridge components.



The Kershaw® 60-2 Snow Fighter is equipped with a 10 ft. V-type snow plow, benching-type snow wings and a broom/snow switch cleaner attachment for snow removal from the track area. With the addition of the optional Snow Switch Cleaner, snow can be removed from switches and propelled clear of the track.



There are reasonable facsimile models of several of these types of MOW vehicles available to model railroaders in HO and N scales. Great additions to layout scenes.

~ Dave Neff

I want to thank the members for all the great contributions that are being sent to the Trainwire. Just as a reminder I put the Trainwire together throughout the month and then post it and send it out for publishing around the 20th of the month. If you want an article in the next month or an announcement please don't wait, just send it to me as soon as possible. Just as an example I already have 2 articles submitted, formatted, and placed for the January issue.

~Bryan

Member Profile

Meet Chuck Limbert.

I Graduated from Euclid High School in 1978, enlisting in the U. S. Navy Delayed Entry Program November, 1977. I entered active duty in the U. S. Navy November 1st, 1978. I served in an Airborne Minesweeping Squadron, which uses very large helicopters to clear waterways. I was discharged as a Second Class Petty Officer.

After getting discharged, I had a few different jobs and then hired in out at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant for a construction company, and ultimately hired permanent with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company-Centerior Energy-FirstEnergy. I spent 35 years in maintenance, and recently retired. I was also a member of the Utility Workers Union of America. Local 270, and served in various representational positions almost the entire 35 years I worked at Perry. I married my high school sweetheart Janice in July, 1984. We have a daughter,

Jennifer, son Dan, and daughter-in-law Sarah.

My other interests: I've had a 1957 Chevy since 1984, a newer model Dodge Challenger and a few ATV's. I do a couple of long weekend ATV trips every year, and hope to do that more often in the future. I also like spending time with friends and family in Hocking Hills, Ohio.

My interest in model railroading started when my dad bought my brother and I a HO set off of a coworker. We set up a layout on a 4' x 10' piece of homasote board. Being young boys, we treated it more as a toy, and not a hobby. Then came the teenage years, and Model Railroading was not at the top of my list.

I model N-Scale, and have been a member of Lake Erie N-scale Society (LENS) since December 1995. I have a 9 ½' x 19' layout in the basement. It's not modeled after anything in particular, although I am partial to Burlington Northern and CB&Q. I

joined the NMRA in 2008, and have been active since joining, and was appointed to the BOD in 2018. I am also an Auditor for the Division.

After my son Dan was born, I started to get him an n-scale locomotive for him every Christmas. I think he was about 3 ½ when we joined LENS. I was amazed at their display at Country Lights in 1995, and joined the group. I started bringing Dan to the meetings and activities just before he turned 5. The club welcomed him like he was family. I did not have a module, but at setups, when we were assisting the others, I looked around one time and saw my 5 year old with a power tool in his hand helping another member (John Evans) assemble his module. Before I could say anything, John told me 'relax dad'. After that, I worried no more, because the other guys looked out for him.

And that, my friends, is why I enjoy this hobby!

~Chuck Limbert



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2019 MEDINA MODEL RAILROAD & TOY SHOWS

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 3rd
SUNDAY - APRIL 7th
SUNDAY - OCTOBER 27th

CHRISTMAS XTRAVAGANZA
SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st

New Hours 9 AM TO 3 PM
MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
(Medina Fairgrounds)
Medina, Ohio

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Night Before Show 4:00 to 8:00 pm
Day (11:00 am - 2:00 pm, 9:00 am - 11:00 am)
Show Hours - Food & Drink

ADMISSION:
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Sunday, December 15, 2019
10:00 am to 3:30 pm
REVISED DATE

Santa Claus will be at the show from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.

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Kirtland, Ohio 44094
Interstate 90 and Rt. 306 (S.E. Corner)

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Family \$15.00 (2 adults + children under 12)
Active Military Personnel Free

Toy Collection for needy families - New in box toys only (unwrapped). Please no stuffed animals.

Special Recognition to the Show
\$25.00 Beer Prize Certificate
Drawing at 11:00 am - 2 pm

Featuring:
• 300+ Tables • One Floor • Operating Train Layouts • Free Parking
• 100 Trains • Structures • Accessories • Lionel, American Flyer, Gage, N Scale Trains
• NEW AND OLD TRAINS • Good Food • 20+ Price Guides • Drawings at 11:00 am - 2 pm

THE MERSHFIELD BUY - SELL - TRADE

Antique & Collectible Toy Show

BUY - SELL - TRADE

Saturday, January 4, 2020
9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Located at:
LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
7700 CLOCKTOWER DR.
KIRTLAND, OHIO 44094

Admission: Adults \$6.00
Children (6-12) \$3.00
Active Military Personnel FREE

DISCOUNT Hot Wheels • Franklin Mint • Combury West
Pressed Steel • Japanese Tin
Clocks • Matchbox • Plarail • Franklin Toys • Mechanical Toys •
Erector & Mechanical Robots • Dolls
And Much Much More

INFO: (216) 470-5780 Email: cleveshows@att.net Web: www.norcoollcollectibles.com

TOY SHOW Jan. 4, 2020 Toy Show 2 - No "Pack Up" before 2 P.M.

PLEASE PRINT:
Name: _____
Phone: () _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
E-mail: _____
Please send payment with table order by Oct. 30, 2019

Snow Dogs Train Show

Saturday, January 4, 2020

Wind, nor Rain, nor Snow will keep 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
Free Parking

This is an ALL Gauge Show with over 150 tables of trains and toys.

Operating Layout of several gauges
Good Food at reasonable prices
Free Parking

For Table Info call:
440-833-4366
330-633-9097

Show sponsored by Cuyahoga Valley 5 Gauge Association (www.cv5ga.com)

The Great Lakes Division TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

2019/2020 Season

Train Meets

Saturday, October 26, 2019
Saturday, January 25, 2020

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

- FREE PARKING
- GROUND-LEVEL ENTRANCE
- GOOD LIGHTING
- TCA KIDS CLUB: KIDS PLAY WITH TRAINS!
- ALL SCALES: O, S, HO, N, Z & LARGE SCALE
- NEW AND OLD TRAINS
- PARTS, REPAIR MANUALS, PRICE GUIDES, BOOKS, ETC.
- TRAIN VIDEOS
- MODEL BUILDING SUPPLIES AND KITS
- LIONEL, AMERICAN FLYER, MTH, WILLIAMS, WEAVER, ETC.
- 175+ TABLES
- REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE!

All TCA National Rules will be enforced.

ADMISSION \$6.00 Each, \$8.00 Family
Children Free
Open to the Public 10 am - 3 pm

For Meet Information Contact EJ Malarz:
(440) 963-4882
emalz1124@aol.com
www.greatlakesTCA.com
NEXT TCA LAKE ERIE CHAPTER MEETS
MARCH 30TH AND NOVEMBER 30TH, 2019

LOCATION DIRECTIONS:
From Northeast: I-90 to I-71 Southwest to W 130th, to Brookpark Road to Cleveland Blvd.
From Southeast: I-90 to I-71 North to Sewer Rd. to Cleveland Blvd.
From East: I-90 to I-490 West to Tederman Road to Brookpark Road to Cleveland Blvd.
From West: I-490 East to W. 139th Street East to Brookpark Road to Cleveland Blvd.

RAILFEST 2020

Saturday and Sunday
March 14 & 15, 2020

10 am to 4 pm
Buy - Sell - Trade

Located at:
Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Admission: Adults \$8.00
Two Day Pass \$13.00
Family (couple) \$13.00
Family (max) \$12.00
(2 Adults with Children under 12)
Food Service Available at reasonable prices

Specialized Services:
N Scale Layout
HO Scale Layout
S Scale & American Flyer
Lionel O Gauge
LGB O Gauge
Live Steam Display

For Information Write:
NORCOOL Collectibles
PO Box 5200
Mentz, Ohio 44065
Phone: (440) 287-8868
Phone: (440) 471-5786
Email: ret@norcooll.com

Free Parking
Free Shuttle Bus
9:30am - 4:30pm

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Since 1937 at Lakeland
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RAILFEST 2020 DINNER

7th Annual Railfest Dinner • March 14, 2020

Will be held at Painesville Railroad Depot (aka Pennsylvanians Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Event will be east of College
Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!

Time: Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 14, 2020
Price: \$22.50 per person
SPEAKER & SUBJECT
RESERVATION DEADLINE
March 5, 2020
DINNER MENU
Tossed Green Salad
Inland and March Cheesing on the side
Chicken
Roast Beef
Corn Bread and Cabbage
Red Skin Potatoes
Waffles
Beverages Stations:
Pots of Coffee • Pots of Decaf Coffee
Soft Drinks, Coffey Concoctions, Creamer,
Sugar, Sweeteners

This Dinner is open to anyone that is interested in model/railroad or trains in general!

Please mail back with Request Check for the Buffet by March 7, 2020.
(Check will be held & deposited March 16, 2020)
Make Checks payable to: Railfest

Post your name: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

Elections

Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed

2020 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 Mike Buehner.

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

Division 5 2020 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 Elected Officer Duties

The duties of the **Superintendent** are:

- Preside at all Division 5, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings.
- Serve or appoint a proxy as the Division representative on the Region Board of Directors.
- Assign the Assistant Superintendent Suitable duties and keep him/her informed of Division 5 business.
- Appoint chairpersons of committees required to accomplish the stated purposes of the Division.
- Cooperate with other Divisions in every way possible.

The duties of the **Assistant Superintendent** are:

- Assist the Superintendent in any way possible.
- Assume the functions of the office of Superintendent during the absence of the Superintendent.
- Run the Bring 'n' Brag at the meeting.

Elections Cont.

Division 5 Election Process

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 1st.

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.

If all elected offices only have a single candidate, then an Election by Acclimation process can be implemented as long as the Division nominating committee has made a diligent effort/search for multiple candidates for each elected office. The Election by Acclimation process shall consist of the Division 5 Board Of Directors reviewing the actions of the Nominating Committee, and after determining that no suitable additional candidates can be found, passes by majority vote that the election process is complete and the specified candidates will be the new duly elected officers. No membership balloting (paper or otherwise) will be required for this process.

Please print out the survey and turn in your comments at the next division meeting or you may also email your responses to the division BOD at BOD@mcr5.org We have had some very constructive responses so far so if you would like your voice to be heard this will be the last chance to fill out the survey.

NAME _____

The information collected with this survey will be used to better understand what the Membership of Division 5 is looking for. This information will help improve our Division and our activities.

What are the things that are holding you back in building your train layout?

What would you like to see that could help you to build or add to your train layout?

Suggestions for possible Bring & Brag topics?

Suggestions or request for a presentation?

What could YOU do to show how to build or add to a train layout?

What could this Division do to bring more people into this hobby?

Do you have any suggestions for Division fellowship activities such as trips, tours, etc.?

Do you have any suggestions for improving our meeting format?

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