

# TRAINWIRE



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## THIS MONTH:

**Friday March 6**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**Hambden Town Hall**  
**7:30**

**No BOD Meeting This**  
**Month**

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## Last Call For Division 5 Officer Nominations

Currently, we have the following slate of candidates for our upcoming Division 5 elections:

Superintendent: Matt Kross  
Assistant Superintendent: Mike Carovac

If no further nominations are received by March 15, 2020, the nominations will be closed. If we only have one candidate per elected position, then no ballots will be mailed and the election will be done by acclamation by the BOD. If we do get additional candidates, then a paper ballot will be mailed to each Division 5 member (active as of March 15, 2020). Ballots will need to be returned by April 17, 2020. The new officers will be announced at the May 2020 Division 5 membership meeting and start their terms as of June 1, 2020.

## Reminder

Let me remind everyone about one of the great members only features when you sign up through our divisions website. (see last 2 trainwires on how to sign up) You now have the option under MY PREFERENCES to be emailed the instant this fabulous Trainwire gets published. No longer do you have to wait until Matt gets done creating another thousand or so trees on his layout to get the update. I mean last month you could have known right away how Rich's wife destroyed him again in the loser's raffle and how he hid his head in shame. Also you can get access to our calendar of events so if you volunteer for certain events such as the Promo Day, you might be able to get a request in for your area and not get stuck next to the creepy mannequin. So for all these reasons and more sign up and take advantage of this month's special FREE to the first 100 signees.

# 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

### MARCH 7, 2020

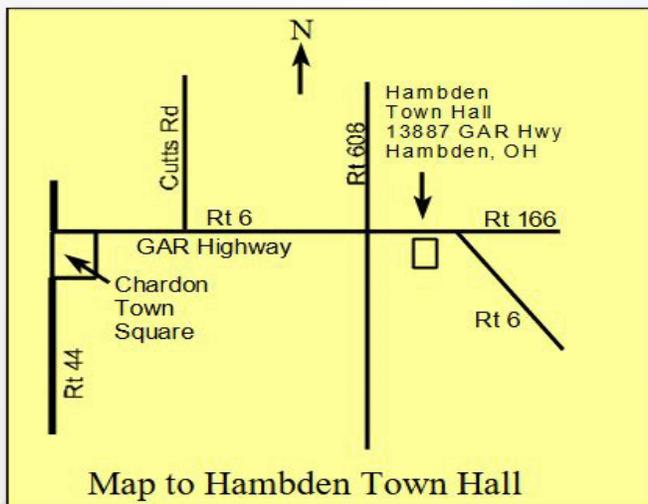
LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL  
PROGRAM: LOCAL RAILROADS  
BILL OSBORNE  
BRING/BRAG: BILLBOARD REEFERS

### APRIL 3, 2020

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL  
PROGRAM: STRUCTURE LIGHTING NCE/DCC  
DOUG SANDMEYER, DIV. 12  
BRING/BRAG: STRUCTURES

### APRIL 13, 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)

MARCH 1 10-4

ERIE TRAIN SHOW  
RAINBOW GARDENS - WALDAMEER PK, PA

MARCH 7 10-3

INDEPENDENCE TRAIN SHOW  
INDEPENDENCE HS FIELD HOUSE

MARCH 14 & 15 10-4

DIVISION 5 RAILFEST  
LAKELAND COLLEGE

MARCH 14 5:30

RAILFEST DINNER  
PAINESVILLE DEPOT

MARCH 27 & 28

MIDWEST SCALE SHOW  
SALEM, OH  
F 12 TO 7:00; S 9:00 TO 4:00

MARCH 28 10-3

TCA TRAIN SHOW  
CHEVROLET BLVD—PARMA

APRIL 5 9-3

MEDINA TRAIN SHOW  
MEDINA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

MAY 2 & 3 10-5

MODEL TRAIN DAYS  
PAINESVILLE DEPOT

MAY 17 10-3

NYCSHS TRAIN SHOW  
HOLIDAY INN—INDEPENDENCE

# MINUTES

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

Feb 7, 2020

The February 7, 2020 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Assistant Superintendent Bryan Persing at Hambden Town Hall. 18 members and 1 guest were present.

We welcomed guest Dave Burke of Concord. He models in G scale.

Railfest 2020 chairman Jim Wendorf provided an e-mail report on the show status. Tables are reserved at Sun Rental. College is all set...Wednesday table delivery, Thursday table set up/covering 2-6pm, Friday vendors unload 11am-7pm, Saturday & Sunday our show. Need help to pick up our gate stand, PC stands & wagons from our Sun Rental unit and returned Sunday after the show. Need help setting up signs, unloading vendors, security, etc. About 50 tables remaining to be sold – opening to new returning vendors this week and then new vendors after checking the PO Box this weekend. Nine vendor cancellations. Eight vendors on waiting list. Eighty-one vendors to date (normally 100-110 with sell out). Advertising has been ordered, cut back from last year, still no Lake County Visitor Bureau Grant to date. Lakeland is offering Box Lunches (must pre-order). Railfest dinner at the Depot.

The Nominating Committee did not have any additional nominations to submit. We currently have Mike Carovac running for Assistant Superintendent. We are checking to see if Mike Buehner is running again as Superintendent.

It was reported that there will be a T-Trak module construction clinic (make and take) at the MCR regional convention at the end of May. This will include everything from building the basic module frame, installing track, wiring, and adding scenery. You will be able to put your finished module in the convention T-Trak layout after the clinic.

Dave Neff has started refreshing the MCR Clinician Database. He is looking for submissions from our Division members who have put on clinics at the meetings.

Webmaster Wayne Lette reviewed the operation and features of the new Members Only section of our Division 5 website. Everyone is encouraged to sign-in and add any information they are willing to share about themselves (phone number, address, e-mail address, areas you are willing to help others with). The information on this section of the website is only available to Division 5 members.

Reviewed upcoming shows and events. New York Central Historical Society 50th anniversary convention. Cleveland Ohio. May 15th -17th. Includes tours of Collinwood shops all 3 days and bus tour to Conneaut train station and museum and then Northeast Pa train station and museum. Also, Central Ohio prototype modelers meet at Marion station April 30th - May 1st. Marion station has many great train exhibits and also train watching from Marion tower. There will be a B&O Historical Society mini-convention in Burton, OH on Saturday, May 16, 2020.

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# MINUTES

Modeling Questions: 1.) What is a good material to use for modular scenery bases that is relatively thin but won't warp? Responses: Gatorboard (get at art stores or where school supplies are sold), thin plywood. 2.) How can you make replacement rubber tires for damaged/cracked ones on vehicles? Responses: Use O-rings, make a mold of the original and use silicone or liquid rubber to cast a new part.

Bring & Brag: Theme: "Loads"

Bryan Persing

Dave Neff

Bob Gittinger

Matt Kross

Dave Metzger

Mike Rudder

Chuck Limbert

Mike Carovac

Program: Mike Carovac gave a Power Point presentation on railroad car loads.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

## FEBRUARY BOD MEETING

BOD Meeting 10 February 2020

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on February 10, 2020 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Chuck Limbert, Matt Kross, Ray Newnes, Bob Gittinger, Mike Carovac, and Ted Wiese.

The Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group has folded and will not be doing anymore shows.

Superintendent Mike Buehner has said he will not run for a second term. Due to his work schedule, he is rarely able to make it to Division events. The BOD is searching for a member that is willing to take on the Superintendent position.

Dates being considered for the Division 5 Picnic are Saturday June 27, Sunday July 12, or Saturday August 1.

Division 5 Promo Day 2020 will be at the Painesville Depot on Saturday November 7.

Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop will be at the Painesville Depot on Saturday September 19.

No update on the Burton Historical Society model railroad display. Bonnie Lette will follow-up with them.

There have been a couple of opportunities recently when it would have been nice to have a Division 5 business card to give to someone interested in the Division. Matt Kross will work up a new design and get some printed.

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# MINUTES

Railfest 2020 preparations: 1) Security – we will no longer require Lakeland Community College to provide a physical officer to be present at the Athletic Facility overnight. All the rooms are locked, the facility is closed at night, and the college has about a dozen cameras maintaining surveillance 24/7. This will save us about \$1200. 2) Laketrans - We are now contracting directly with Laketrans for our shuttle bus. Still need to verify pricing. 3) Contract - The contract is still being finalized by Lakeland, hopefully by the end of the week, no handball courts. 4) Lu Ann Burger would like a table to sell Harley's trains. She will use one of the Division 5 tables. 5) Setup times - Thursday - 2pm to 6pm (Sun Rental at 1pm to pick up supplies), Friday – 11am to 7pm, Saturday 7AM – 10AM then the show opens 10AM – 4PM, Sunday 8AM – 10AM then the show opens 10AM – 4PM, 4PM – 6PM to help the dealers get loaded – usually longer to 7:30pm. 6) Raffle - We will once again will be doing a raffle, items to be purchased from our vendor(s) Saturday morning. 7) Door prizes - Same as years past, request donation from vendors.

The BOD approved using the following Division 5 Company Store stock for door prizes at Railfest: N-scale reefers, HO railroad car kits remaining, Div 5 pins.

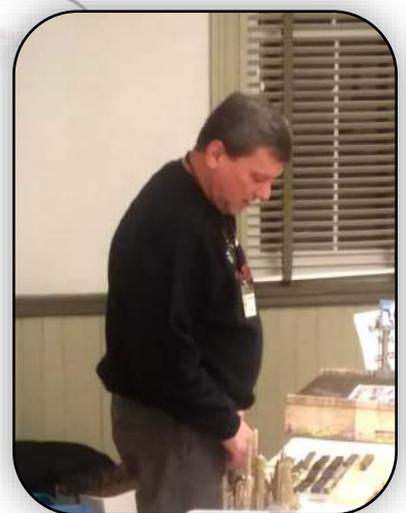
The BOD reviewed our Division grant procedures. There are some clarifications that we need to make. In addition, it was decided that any group requesting a Division grant must submit the request by the November BOD meeting. It is highly recommended that the grant requests be submitted earlier than that since, if there are any issues or questions, they can be resolved by the November BOD meeting. If there are open issues with a grant request as of the November BOD meeting, then the next time the request will be considered won't be until the following February BOD meeting. Funding requests may be submitted via e-mail but it is recommended that a representative of the group requesting the funds attend a BOD meeting to answer questions. It was decided that we need to create a Division 5 grant request form that lists the requirements and prompts for pertinent information. The main thing the form will emphasize is for the group to explain how this funding will promote model railroading. This form will be provided to a group when they request funding. Clerk Matt Kross will develop the form.

Funding request from the Painesville Railroad Museum for \$500 was approved to begin the process of building an "engine house" to store/display two large acquisitions: 1.) American Type 4-4-0, 7" gauge live steam locomotive with tender, flat car and caboose; 2.) reproduction of the NYC Empire Express 999 locomotive that was built at Collinwood Yard in 1941 to be used in parades.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

# 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
- Mentor, Ohio



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# Candidates

## Candidate Bio - Matt Kross Running for the office of Superintendent



Growing up, my older brother was the one that had the Lionel O trains. The trains were only set up around Thanksgiving and taken down in early January. But, they were set up in the basement on larger and larger platforms each year. I loved watching them and running them when my brother would let me. My grandfather also put up a Lionel train under the Christmas tree that we were allowed to run. The big thing there was the operating milk car where the man in the car would throw out a milk can on the platform.

When I was six years old, my parents got me a Lionel HO trainset for Christmas. With my brother off to college, I had more of the basement available and my train layout would grow every year. In junior high, I decided to leave my layout up year-round. I never asked my parents if that was ok but they never asked me to take it down, especially when they saw how much work I had put into it.

In high school, I saw N scale and decided to switch. I liked the better scenery to trains ratio and the ability to put more in the same space. I was hooked on N and have never looked back. I am still in N to this day.

Like many of us, I had a lull in my model railroading in my mid-20's and early 30's. After getting married and buying a house that had a basement, I got back into railroading again. I built a 12' by 10' L-shaped layout but it never was quite what I wanted. I loved the N-Trak modules I saw at the local train shows and in 1990 decided to join LENS and build

some modules. I learned a lot from building the modules and working with the other club members. After about 20 years in my current house, I decided to finish off the basement and build my dream layout. In 2003 I started on what is my current layout. It is still very much under construction but is gradually getting more and more items completed.

I love trains and creating miniature scenes. I love doing scenery, structures, electronics, and animation. As an electrical engineer by profession, I have the ability to design custom electronics/software and I have lots of ideas I would like to try. I am going to retire in April 2020 and I am looking forward to spending a lot of time on my layout.

I have been a member of the NMRA since 1989 and became a Life member in 2001. I served as the Division 5 Trainwire Editor for 10 years and have been the Clerk for the last 12 years. Thus, I have been a member of the Division 5 Board of Directors for the last 22 years.

As Division 5 Superintendent, I would like to get more members to talk about what interests them and show us what they are working on. I feel our Bring 'n Brag time at meetings is the best part of the meeting. We get to see all sorts of interesting things, learn new ways of doing things, see old and new products, and hear about other people's modeling challenges. We obviously need to work on growing the Division membership, but that has always been a tough problem and I don't have any magic to throw at that problem at this time. I want us to continue to do all we can to promote model railroading. We need to keep Railfest going strong, not just because it is our main fund raiser, but because it is an important model railroading event in our community that the public enjoys coming to see. We all need to help with this event as much as we can.

## Candidate Bio - Mike Carovac Running for the office of Assistant Superintendent

*Mike's Bio can be found in the January Trainwire*

# Articles

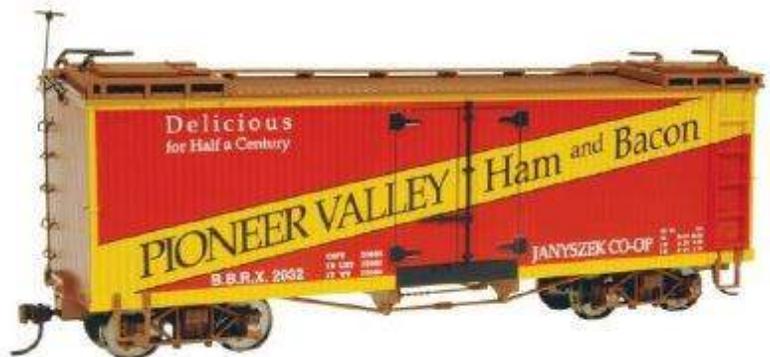
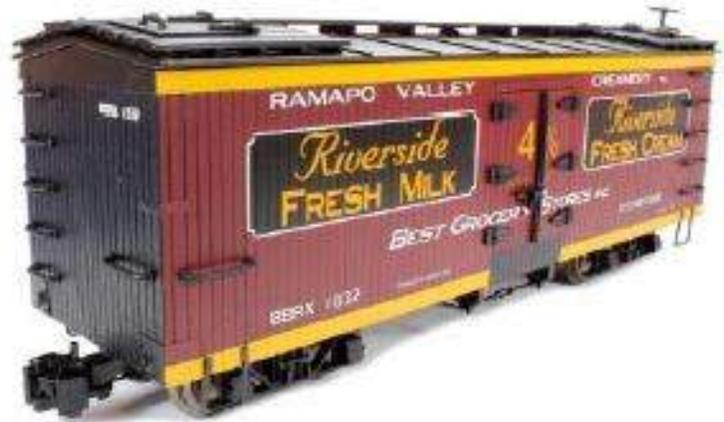
## BILLBOARD REEFERS

This month's bring n brag theme is 'billboard reefers'. No, you will not see Cheech and Chong puffing away on a roadside announcement (or will you?). Actually, in our model railroad world billboard reefers are the moving advertisements on iced box cars that were in operation until 1937 when the government disallowed their use (in most instances). Seems like the products they contained were getting free advertising throughout the country as the cars were freely interchanged between roads, and in many instances they actually hauled products very different from their original intent, particularly on back-hauls.

Various fruits and vegetables, meats, beers, soaps, and household products were among the most common products featured on these iced-refrigerator cars. Certain billboard-like cars persisted into the early 1960's that were exclusive haulers---Coors, Hamms beers; etc.

In our model railroad operations, anything from steam era up through the transition era well into the 50's would be fair game for an icehouse and a string of colorful reefers. Here are a few of the literally hundreds of billboard reefers available in many gauges. Most are replicas of actual prototypes.

~Dave Neff



# Articles

## NAPLES TRAIN MUSEUM AND DEPOT

During Christmas break Liz and I usually travel down to Florida to spend the holidays with the in-laws in Fort Myers. Now anytime we go somewhere and spend at least a few days I always look for anything that may be model train or railroad related. This past break I had heard about the Naples Train Museum & Railroad Depot so I asked if anyone would mind driving about 45 minutes south to check it out. I knew going in Liz (she enjoys these trips) and her Father (who worked on the DT&I Railroad in his younger days) wouldn't take much convincing.

The grounds, which are surrounded by million dollar con-

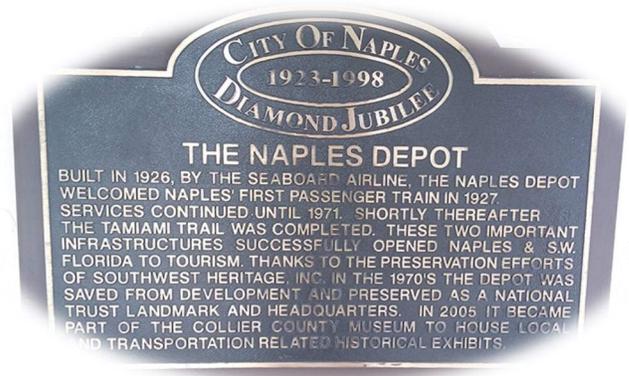
dos and sits on some prime real estate, are divided into a couple of different areas. The front of the building is the restored Naples Depot. They have many exhibits from the Naples area, including many railroad displays. It is all very well showcased and the best part this area is completely free to the public.

The back half of the building is where the model trains are kept and operated. For \$7 dollars you have access to the rather large 3 rail O gauge layout with many operating accessories. Most of these are push button so the kids that are there can operate all of them over and over and over. They also have many trains in cases that have been donated to the Train Museum over the years. Also included in the \$7

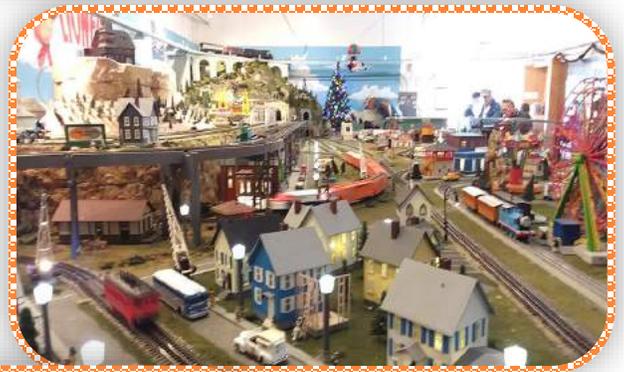
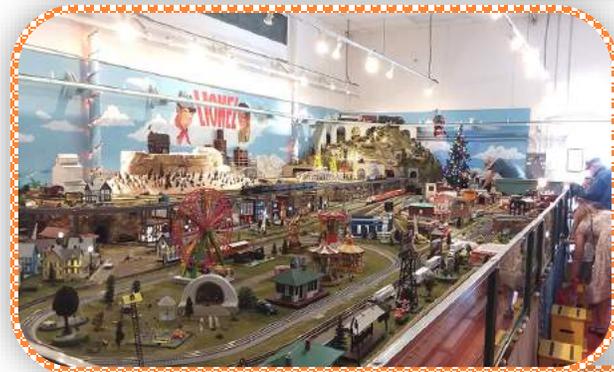
admission is a twice around the property ride on their 7.5 gauge train; unfortunately for us the owner of the steam engine was on vacation so we had the diesel pulling us that day. We finished up our day with a tour of a passenger car and caboose that they have on the property.

If you are ever in the southwestern part of Florida I would highly recommend checking out this attraction. For more information you can go to each website [www.colliermuseums.com/locations/naples-depot-museum](http://www.colliermuseums.com/locations/naples-depot-museum) (Depot) or [www.naplestrainmuseum.org/](http://www.naplestrainmuseum.org/) (Trains).

~Bryan Persing



# Articles



## Member Profile

Bob Gittinger  
Trains and Motorcycling

There is a black and white photograph of me at 4 or 5 years old. I'm on the floor watching my American Flyer locomotive circling the Christmas tree. That's quite typical, but then it got real. As a kid we would go to my mom's uncle's house in Pennsylvania. Nearly every time we were there I saw Pennsylvania Railroad F-units idling across the street. But it was more than that. Although the house was close to the street, there were six steps from their front porch UP to the street. The tracks were only 50 feet from the street and then up another ten feet higher than the street. It seemed that every time we were there, a locomotive was parked there. I would look up in awe at the HUGE diesel locomotives. Needless to say I had never been this close to an idling diesel. Some evenings I would stare at the dim headlight and the numbers on the nose. Strangely enough, I never saw any trains in motion there. This was truly bigger than life; with that said, I should be modeling the Pennsylvania Railroad, right? (It never happened.)

I became aware of the Burlington Northern Railroad while riding my Harley to the West Coast in 1993. Just before crossing the Idaho- Montana boarder, I saw the first train since

leaving Ohio. In five days I don't remember seeing any trains. Tracks, yes. Trains in motion, no. So here I was cruising downhill on I-90 and across this valley was this train WORKING its way uphill. I was so impressed with that view. Six! Six Cascade green locomotives ...and I never did see the end of the train. I was hooked; my life had changed. Then and there I became a railfan and Burlington Northern became the road I would model.

My 1994 Colorado vacation came from the words of an early 1970s John Sebastian record. (Ask me sometime and I'll sing a verse for you.) I wanted to go to one of the places he was singing about. Red Wing, Colorado could have been a made-up name but one day I found it on a large map of the state. During a break, my co-worker just so happened to step in as I found it. Bubba (everyone should have a friend named Bubba!)...Bubba looked over my shoulder as I pointed to the little town and asked him if he wanted to ride out to Colorado. And just like that, the plans for the vacation started. Bubba had a Honda Goldwing and was a "train person". The only problem was that fifty miles was a LONG ride for Bubba. I had my work cut out for myself if we were going cover three thousand miles in three weeks! In Denver we met up with three other bikers (friends of

Bubba) who became our tour guides for a few days. Unfortunately they were not into trains. Two of the guys headed back to Denver after the weekend was over. The last guy showed us a few of his favorite places then two days later he was returning to his home and to work. He gave us a vote of confidence when he said that he'd been watching us and we were ready to tackle Colorado roads by ourselves now. A few days later Bubba and I were aboard the Durango-Silverton narrow-gauge train. The 45 + mile trip takes about 3 1/2 hours each way. I enjoyed wandering around the town of Silverton. If you ever get the chance, this is one train you should ride.



The next day we were beginning the return to Ohio. We stopped in Chama, New Mexico and were invited to come in and see the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic railroad engine repair facilities. We actually expected to be chased away. We got a short tour. They were very proud of their locomotives. I never saw a locomotive with its drivers

## Member Profile Cont...

removed nor the inside of the boiler. From there we rode up to Cumbres Pass, Colorado (elevation 10,022 feet). We looked around, nothing was happening and we rode off. A few miles beyond the pass we saw the train returning from Alamosa, CO heading back to Chama. A quick U-turn and we were back at the pass to see the locomotive taking on water. I was able to get a few photos. I have to say that walking fast at that altitude, you run out of oxygen quickly. Sadly, the rest of the trip home was void of trains.

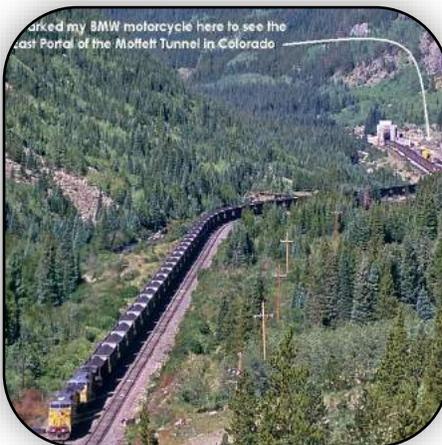
In 1998 there was a family reunion in Yosemite, California and I was going. There was no question about that. I've wanted to ride back to California where I was stationed in the Air Force in the mid-1970s. For years I planned the trip but every year the people that planned to ride would back out. Not this time. I planned a solo ride. Looking in the mirror I would see the total tour committee. ME! But then two weeks before my vacation, my Harley crapped out. I could have taken it back to the dealer who just rebuilt the engine but I needed something I could trust. Fortunately I was in-between wives at that time and had money. :) I bought a BMW motorcycle.

This time because I was riding alone, I had added in time to see the railroad places that I

wanted to visit. Once again I saw the Durango-Silverton train up at Silverton, Colorado.



I made a special side trip to see the East portal of the Moffett Tunnel and I was thankful that I had a motorcycle with lots of ground clearance. I was dodging boulders imbedded in the dirt road that would have ripped the oil pan on my truck!



I also visited the Colorado Railroad Museum. I had a very cold ride through the Rocky Mountain National Park with roads plowed that left a wall of snow fifteen-foot tall.

My journey allowed me to see the Grand Canyon, to ride



over the Golden Gate Bridge and see the California RR museum in Sacramento. The family reunion was great too. On the return to Ohio, I was once again in Colorado. I rode through the nearly two mile long Eisenhower Memorial Tunnel on I-70 (which was like the world's longest walk-in freezer!). I was looking for a place to warm up. Not too far after exiting the tunnel I saw a sign for Georgetown Loop Railroad. I stopped and got a cup of coffee (A hot coffee cup never felt so good in my hands!). After I warmed up, I saddled up again and followed part of the dirt road to watch the train climb the famous Georgetown Loop.



## Member Profile Cont...

By now I was wanting to get home to OHIO with food in the refrigerator, my own bed, and a garage for the bike (What a concept!). The last day of this tour was from Topeka, Kansas to Cleveland. A long ride of 932 miles but the day before was

'only' 836 miles. Some days are for sightseeing. Some days are solely for the purpose of covering a lot of ground.

I've been able to see many trains and museums and much of this great country of ours because of my touring on a

motorcycle. Could this have been done in a car? Maybe ... but it wouldn't have been the same experience. Four wheels moves the body. Two wheels moves the soul.

~Bob Gittenger

Remember the Trainwire is always looking for members to share a little about themselves. It is a great way to get to know one another besides what we know at the meetings and events. If your interested send a short bio to the editor and look for it in an upcoming issue.

## Event Opportunity

### T-TRAK Clinic at the 2020 Convention

Where: Mid Central Region Convention Doubletree by Hilton, Greentree PA

Time: Friday May 29, 10:30 am (nearly all day) Build Your Own T-trak Module Build & Take Clinic

Clinicians: Gary Kohler (Portland Locomotive Works), Bryan Hartle (CMR), Richie & Laura Jodon presenting

Schedule: Friday 10:30am beginning with T-trak background and module assembly, break for lunch then 1pm & 2:30pm for landscaping (2 sessions)

Clinic Description: Building a 1x single module (12" x 12") from a CMR/ TabTec kit, Adding track then decorating it with grass, trees, and other items to make it uniquely yours. After class, on Saturday morning, the modules will be added to the T-trak layout displayed at the convention.

Price: \$40, 10-20 participants MAX



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**RAILFEST 2020**  
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**March 14 & 15, 2020**  
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 Kirtland, Ohio 44094  
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**ERIE PA RAILRODIANA AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW**  
 Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

**RAINBOW GARDENS - WALDAMEER PARK**  
 200 Peninsula Drive, Millcreek, PA

FROM PITTSBURGH: Take I-79 to Rt. 90 West to 832 North to Alt. 5 West  
 FROM BUFFALO: Take I-90 West to 832 North to Alt. 5 West  
 FROM CLEVELAND: Take I-90 East to 832 North to Alt. 5 West  
 FROM RT. ALT. 5: Take Rt. Alt. 5 turn left go 1/4 mile, turn right and drive through the arches marked Rainbow Gardens.

**DOOR PRIZE**  
 ---ADMISSION---

Adults --- \$5.00 Senior Citizens & Students 12-16 --- \$4.00  
 Under 12 accompanied by an adult --- FREE

**DEALER TABLES AVAILABLE**  
 14FT. --- \$35.00 per Table 8FT. \$25.00  
 \$30.00 - 2 Tables or more per Table

**CONTACT:** IRON SPIKE PRODUCTIONS  
 244 Creechview Rd  
 Sperry Rock, PA 16057  
 (724) 992-2035

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**INDEPENDENCE, OHIO**  
**TRAIN & TOY SHOW**  
**MARCH 7, 2020 10AM-3PM**

Independence High School Fieldhouse (NEAR OF H.S.)  
 6001 Archwood, Independence, OH 44131 (15 miles from Cleveland)

Adults \$6.00 \*Children under 12 FREE  
 Featuring Model Trains \*\*\*New & Old  
 All Scales, Operating Layouts, Door Prizes, Food, Free Parking  
 Info/Tickets: Barbara Peffer (216) 942-0932/140-335-5458 Email: barbarapfeffer@aol.com Facebook: KD Trains, LLC

**Dealer Info:**  
 Tables are 8ft @ \$25.00 each. ALL TABLES PREPARED!  
 Dealers will accept full responsibility for any injuries or damage to their property while attending this show.  
 Dealers are responsible for their own parking and vehicle insurance.  
 Dealers are responsible for their own liability and insurance.  
 The Independence Fieldhouse from the liability and insurance to the Independence business community.  
 RT 77/466-Twohills Rd Exit East to RT 211 South to Selig

**Mail to:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RAILFEST 2020 DINNER**  
 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Railfest Dinner March 14, 2020  
 Will be held at Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)  
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
 Eleven miles east of Copleig  
 Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!

**Times:**  
 Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 14, 2020

**Price:**  
 \$22.50 per person  
**SPEAKER & SUBJECT**  
 Tom Pascha presents Cleveland, Painesville and Eastern Railway (CE) story.  
**RESERVATION DEADLINE**  
 March 7, 2020  
**DINNER MENU**  
 Tossed Green Salad  
 Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side  
 Chicken  
 Roast Beef  
 Corn Beef and Cabbage  
 Red Skin Potatoes  
 Rigatoni  
**Beverage Stations:**  
 Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee  
 Soft Drinks, Coffee Condiments, Creamer,  
 Sugar, Sweeteners

**Direction to Painesville Depot**  
 Exit College, turn right (North) onto Rt. 306  
 North on Rt 306 to CH Rt 2 (2 miles)  
 East on Rt. 2 (4 miles) to OH 620 / 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.

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

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

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please fill out Print at Addressing

**Mail to:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**28th Midwest Scale Train Show**  
 March 27-28, 2020  
 Manufacturers, Clinics, Operating Layouts, Model Contest  
 All Scales and Gauges Welcome: N scale to 7/8" scale

**Operating Layouts and Modules:**  
 Large Scale Display  
 Deck Top Layouts  
 New for 2020:  
 N Scale T Train  
 Battery and Remote Control Demos  
 by Bennett Hill Trains and the O'Logguy  
 Live from Boston, Massachusetts, Alan Carroll  
 will do demos all day Friday and Saturday on  
 how to rework plastic locomotives

**CLINICS**  
 by top area and regional modelers  
 all day Friday and Saturday

**Top area and regional manufacturers and vendors**

**Only at:**  
**SALEM CENTERPLEX**  
 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460  
 www.salemcenterplex.com  
 https://www.facebook.com/pages/Salem-Centerplex/183350220089734  
 https://www.portlandlocosmokeworks.com/event/28th-annual-midwest-narrow-gauge-show/  
 Food by Linda's Home Cooking

**Show Times**  
 Friday: 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information, Contact:  
 Gary Kohler, P.O. Box 133, Washingtonville, OH 44490-0133  
 330-719-0264 m2g@aol.com

**TCA LAKE ERIE CHAPTER**  
**TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION**  
**SPRINGTIME TRAIN MEET**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2020**  
 U.A.W. Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

**Free Parking**  
**Ground Level Entrance**  
**Good Lighting**  
**Wide Aisles**  
**Refreshments Available**  
**New and Old Trains**  
**Parts, Repair Manuals, Price Guides, Books, Etc.**  
**Train Videos**  
**Model Building Supplies and Kits**  
**Lionel, American Flyer, MTH, Williams, LGB, and Many Other Brands**  
**O, S, HO, N, Z & Large Scale**

**ADMISSION: Adults \$6 • Children under 18 Free with Adult**  
 Open to the Public 10AM - 3PM  
 For More Information Contact: tcalakeerie@gmail.com

**2020 MEDINA MODEL RAILROAD & TOY SHOWS**  
 SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 SUNDAY - APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>  
 SUNDAY - OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS XTRAVAGANZA**  
 SUNDAY DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>  
**New Hours 9 AM TO 3 PM**  
 MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER  
 (Medina Fairgrounds)  
 Medina, Ohio

**MEMORABILIA**

**LARGE PARKING AREA**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WRITE, CALL or VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

**ADDRESS:**  
 Corvett & Oswood Productions, Inc.  
 19075 Neward Rd., Lodi, OH 43024  
 330-948-4400 (Day or Night 330-722-0293)  
 www.corvettandoswood.com

**TABLES:**  
 200 Day Show - \$25 (if probably Wednesday before show)  
 100 Day Show - \$15 (if probably Wednesday before show)

**SET-UP:**  
 Right Before Show 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Day of Show: 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. --- **More Hours**  
 Door Prizes - Food & Drink  
 ADMISSION:  
 Adults \$6.00 - Children Under 12 FREE

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**WANTED**

The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular viewpoint on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the members profile; 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 write your article and send them to the Editor by email.

**NOTICE**

I work on the Trainwire throughout the month and publish it around the 20th. If you absolutely need something in the next Trainwire issue please send it as soon as possible or let me know to hold space for you. Many times space allotted for certain items may already be spoken for. However, if you send items in early I can rearrange the format. Also when items are submitted I will inform you that I received them and when to look for them in the Trainwire.

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