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THIS MONTH:

The April and May Division Membership as well as the April BOD Meetings have been cancelled due to Covid-19 guidelines.

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WOW! What a month we have had since the last Trainwire was published. I'm sure everyone was looking forward to seeing and reading about Railfest in this issue; but as you know Railfest this year had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus. The Division and Lakeland Community College followed government guidelines when having to make this decision.

As we move forward the division will continue to follow the practices set forth by State and Federal governments. With that stated all division events and meetings will be cancelled to the end of May. At that time we will see what current recommendations are before planning events/meetings going forward. It would also be very wise to call events before travelling to attend. I know in this issue the Mid Central Region Convention is advertised for the end of May. At time of publication (March 20) no decision has been made, but please call before making plans to attend.

Now with all of that said lets try and find some unique opportuni-

ties to still keep our division connected. As your humble editor I am requesting, pleading, and begging for material for the new few issues. With so many cancellations there is going to be very few opportunities for content. No meeting wrap-ups, bring & brag, up coming shows, and division activities. This would be a great time for some of you to send in content for the Trainwire. I could use trips that you recommend or that you have experienced, member profiles, or what you have done on your layout during this social distancing period.

Of course this will all end, sometime hopefully in the near future, and we can all get back to the normalcy of our lives. I am sure that we will have meetings/activities again and what a great theme for our first bring & brag when we return to be is what did you get done during the quarantine/social distancing period.

Wishing everyone continued health and looking forward to seeing everyone shortly.

~Bryan Persing, Editor

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

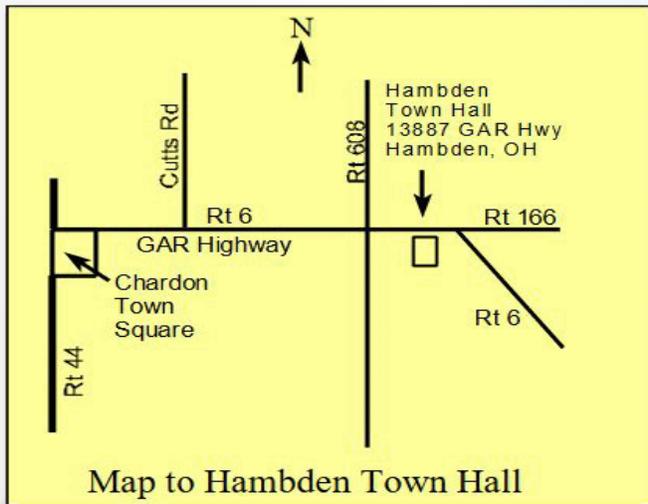
LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
13887 GAR HIGHWAY (ROUTE 6)
CHARDON, OHIO

APRIL 3, 2020 MEETING CANCELLED

APRIL 13, 2020 BOD CANCELLED

MAY 1, 2020 MEETING CANCELLED

All April and May meetings and have been cancelled to follow government Covid-19 guidelines. No decisions have been made on the June activities but the division will follow government guidelines about cancellations. Information about activities will be posted on our social media platforms and in the Trainwire.



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

Obviously with everything being the way it is right now it is important to confirm if an event listed will actually be held. These are events that have not yet official cancelled. (April & May)

MAY 17 10-3

NYCSHS TRAIN SHOW
HOLIDAY INN—INDEPENDENCE

JUNE 13 & 14 10-5

MODEL TRAIN DAYS
PAINESVILLE DEPOT

MINUTES

MARCH MEETING

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

Mar 6, 2020

The March 6, 2020 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Assistant Superintendent Bryan Persing at Hambden Town Hall. 20 members and 1 guest were present.

Reviewed upcoming shows and events

Reviewed readiness for Railfest 2020. Chairman Jim Wendorf provided a status on tables still available and reviewed set up times, show times, and jobs that volunteers are needed for. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Everything is ready to go.

Reviewed the current list of nominations for the upcoming Division 5 elections. Matt Kross is running for Superintendent and Mike Carovac is running for Assistant Superintendent. Nominations will close on March 15. 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.

It was reported that the recent Erie train show was down about 16 tables and the attendance was down.

Dave Neff is actively working on getting entries for the Mid Central Region clinician database. We have three entries from Division 5 so far.

Members were reminded again to go to the Members Only section of the Division 5 website and enter the information that they are willing to share with other Division 5 members.

The Division 5 summer picnic date will be Sunday, July 12, 2020.

A quick summary of our Division financial grant procedures was given. It was noted that a grant request form is being developed.

The Painesville Museum thanked Division 5 for the recent grant to help the museum build a new storage building for several large model railroad items they have received.

The Painesville Museum reviewed the status of several of their projects. The prototype boxcar that was donated is currently in storage. It will eventually be moved to the museum property and used as a multipurpose building, mainly for storage. The prototype caboose that was donated is still sitting in Ashtabula.

Modeling Questions: 1.) How to simulate varnished finish on a plastic base inside an old passenger car? Response: No one had any ideas offhand. 2.) Anyone have experience using 3D printers? Response: several people provided possible contacts.

Bring & Brag: Theme: "Billboard Reefers"

Bryan Persing

Dave Neff

Bob Gittinger

Matt Kross

Dave Metzger

Mike Rudder

Ray Newnes

Bill Berger

Bill Osborne

Program: Bill Osborne showed videos he took in the late 1980's of Conrail trains in the local area.

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



PLEASE SUPPORT THESE DEALERS!

Division Activities

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

Norfolk & Western Historical Society

The Norfolk & Western Historical Society is holding it's 2020 convention here in Cleveland (okay; actually in Independence) June 4-6. The convention will be at the Holiday Inn in Independence. That facility has been the site of some NMRA Regionals, and has been the site of conventions for the Nickel Plate Historical Society and the New York Central System Historical Society, but this is the first time that the Norfolk and Western Historical Society has come to the Cleveland area.

Because the convention is here, the emphasis will be on the post 1964 Norfolk & Western. We want to include the fans of the railroads that got merged into the N&W in 1964: the Nickel Plate, the Wabash, the Pittsburgh & West Virginia, the Akron, Canton and Youngstown. The banquet speaker will

be Mike Connor, whose long history working in the railroad industry includes tours with Jerry Jacobsen's Ohio Central, the Erie, the New York Central, the Army Transportation Corps, and the Erie Lackawanna. His banquet speech will be about Dereco, the holding company that was controlled by the N&W, and in its turn controlled the Erie Lackawanna and the Delaware & Hudson.

The convention tour will be an all day tour of the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Dover, Ohio, and a tour of the Warther Museum. There will be clinics/seminars, including modeling clinics.

Registration is available at NWHS.org. Note that there is no surcharge for non-members to register for the convention.

Frank Bongiovanni (Div 4)

Division Activities

2020

Call for T-Trak Modules

Mid Central Region Convention
National Model Railroad Association
May 28-31, 2020

Steel City Express MCR Regional Convention
Hosted by The Keystone Division #2

The Doubletree by Hilton Pittsburgh Downtown
One Bigelow Square, Pittsburgh PA

This is to alert all members of the Mid Central Region of the NMRA that there will be a Region Sponsored Layout comprised of member built T-TRAK Modules at the 2020 Region Convention.

The layout will be built in the hotel ballroom and will follow the simple rules of interconnecting modules. There may be a limitation of space. We will keep you informed as we get closer to that point.

Members that have built, or who are considering building a module are encouraged to respond to this call by completing the attached MCR Form #803 (Revised 12/01/2018) and sending it as an attachment to an email or by US Mail to the Regional Committee Chair. (see below)

This form will help us design the layout

Each Division has a T-TRAK Coordinator and their job is to help you get your module ready for the layout.

Your module can be for display only or can be entered in the Convention Contest and can qualify for awards.

Enjoy the fun of building modules and displaying them in a layout with your friends from the region.

https://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/mcr_home2.html

Member Contributions

Articles

Acela Avelia Train

We had an impromptu Railfanning Day on February 17, 2020 at the Painesville Railroad Museum as we witness an historical event as Amtrak's newest Acela Avelia Liberty Train set passed by the station. Amtrak moved the new train from New York to Chicago today for a year of testing at the FRA facility in Pueblo, Colorado. This new, more advanced train built by Alstom will replace the current Acela now used on the North East corridor (NYC-DC) with speeds up to 186mph. We had over a dozen fans join us for this historic event.



Articles



Painesville Railroad Museum

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Press Release – Collinwood Alumni Engine #999

Collinwood Alumni Train has a new Home!

It is with great pleasure and pride that we announce that the Collinwood Alumni Engine #999 has a new home at the Painesville Railroad Museum. This historic replica of the New York Central Empire Express Engine #999, which was the first train to exceed 112 miles per hour on May 10, 1893, was built in 1930's at the NYC Collinwood Yard.

Under the leadership of Peter P. Ducosky, the American Legion's Collinwood Post #999 members, many whom worked at the New York Central Collinwood Yard, started to build this replica after work hours. The engine was built on a 1930 Hudson truck frame, with rubber tires, so it could be used on roads, for parades and to be used to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the original #999's record setting performance. Soon NYC management learned of the project and supported it 100% and moved the project to first shift.



The #999, in its early years was supported by the New York Central Rail Road and toured the United States. Parade locations included Cleveland, OH, Pittsburgh, PA, New York City, NY, Washington, DC and the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles, CA. Our plans are to once again have her support CHS Reunions & events and will be seen in local parades, such as, the Fairport Harbor Mardi-Gras Parade, Last Stop Willoughby Parade, and the Lake County Fair Parade, just to name a few.

In conjunction with this, we will be building an Engine Barn, which will have the flavor of design, of the first wood frame station that was built at the Painesville Depot in 1850. Our current sandstone station with slate roof replaced the original station in 1893, the same year #999 set its record.

With the addition of this building, the #999 Engine will be on permanent display along with its history and other Collinwood High School memorabilia, and other railroad displays and artifacts.

Micheal F. Cavotta, President of the Collinwood High School Alumni Association (CHASS) stated, *"We are very optimistic of our relationship with the Painesville Railroad Museum. They have shown great interest in helping with the preservation, maintenance & operation of the beloved #999 and have the talent within their group to succeed"*.

James A. Wendorf, President of Painesville Railroad Museum stated, *"We are proud to be working together with CHASS to preserve the #999 Engine and Railroading now and for the future generation to come"*

Tom Pescha, Vice President of Painesville Railroad Museum stated *"We are very excited with adding the Engine Barn and being able to have the #999 Engine here for all to see and appreciate it for many years to come."*

Articles

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Present day at the Painesville Railroad Museum.



Syracuse Centennial Parade 1948



Chicago Parade June 1949



Peter at the controls in front of his Collinwood home, 1932

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MODEL TRAIN DAYS
at
THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
For info call Tom at 216-470-5780
JUNE 13-14 2020
10 am to 5 pm
REVISED DATE

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY 1970-2020

The NYC SHS All Scale Train Show
Free Admission
Sunday, May 17, 2020
Holiday Inn Cleveland South
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, OH 44131
Show Hours 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

- Models in All Scales
- Railroad Items, Including Timetables and Railroad collectibles
- Railroad Artists.
- Books, DVDs and Videos
- Model Railroad Dealers, in all Scales
- **Modular Railroad Display - Need to Get!!**
- NYC SHS *Collinwood Shop* Featuring NYC Products
- Free Parking
- Free admission

Tables \$25.00

For Information or Table Reservations Contact:
Sam Shumaker
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Jefferson Historical Society
Train and Toy Swap Meet

Saturday July 18, 2020 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Admission \$2.00 Children under 12 FREE!

Good Food Available
Train and Toy related items only

Jefferson Community Center
11 East Jefferson St., Jefferson, OH 44047
Email: jeffersonohiohistoricalsociety@centurylink.net
Website: www.jeffersonohiohistoricalsociety.org
Phone: 1 (440) 576-5333 (leave a message)

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Name: _____
Phone: () _____
Address: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email: _____

Make checks payable to:
Jefferson Historical Society
P.O. Box 574 Jefferson, OH 44047

The officers and members of the Jefferson Historical Society are not responsible for any loss, damage, injury or tort during this event or related events.

Tables (6') @ \$12.00 ea \$ _____
Tables (8') @ \$16.00 ea \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

Return this part with your payment

Note - Table Rental Money will be refunded if this event is cancelled

HOB0 DAY
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020
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 6 pm)
Hobo Stew and Hobo Beans (1 pm to 6 pm)

Live Music by The Miracle Band 1 to 3 pm

RAILPANNING
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
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Another great source for events and flyers is www.cleveshows.com



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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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