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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

The June Division Membership Meeting has been cancelled due to Covid-19 guidelines.

BOD Meeting:
Monday June 8 @ 7:30
Zoom Meeting

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Super Reflections -June 2020 Weird Times / Lost Year / New Ways

Wow! What a way to take over as Superintendent! Lockdowns. Stay At Home orders. All events cancelled. To me, 2020 is going to be a lost year. There were so many things that I was planning to do but now I can't. No Division 5 Railfest. No model railroad meetings for quite a while. No train shows. No conventions. Yes, if you are a "non-essential" worker, you have lots of time at home to work on your model railroad but money may be tight. And, if you need some parts quickly, you are probably out of luck. Just a weird time! Hang in there. Hopefully it will be over by the end of 2020, if not before. At the moment, Division 4 is still planning on having their train show in October, so maybe this will be the first real model railroad event in our area this year. Keep your fingers crossed.

A big thanks to Mike Buehner and Bryan Persing for their service as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent this past term. For those that don't remember who Mike is, he's the one that would occasionally show up at a meeting and give Bryan a break from being in charge. Just kidding Mike. We know you are a very important part of ODOT. We appreciate you keeping our roads cleared of snow and well maintained throughout the year.

As far as my situation, up until April 30th, I was still working (from home) since the company I worked for supported a lot of essential businesses. However, as of May 1, 2020, I am officially retired. Retirement has not started out as I had planned. My wife, Barbara, suffered a stroke April 1 and I have been spending most of my time taking care of her at home. She has made significant progress in her recovery and so I am now starting to have a little bit of free time. I haven't been able to spend that free time on model railroad-ing yet. Hopefully that will be coming soon.

I'm not sure yet when Division 5 will be able to meet again. Ohio still has limits on how many people can gather together for a meeting, even if they do properly "distance" themselves. Also, the majority of our membership is in the "at risk" group for the virus.

An Important Note: Even when we have the government okay to gather for a meeting or event, do not feel obligated to attend. We want everyone to be as safe as possible. If you are concerned about attending a meeting or event, please stay home. If you do attend one of our future events, please be prepared to wear a mask and properly distance yourself until we are told that we don't have to anymore. Even if you don't care about your own health, please be considerate of others.

One thing that has come out of these weird times are new ways of doing things and getting together "virtually". The NMRA has come up with NMRA-X on their Facebook page that allows people to watch live clinics for a full day. If you missed these, they are available on the NMRA YouTube channel. A number of divisions are sending out several e-mails a week with interesting pictures and videos for people to check out while stuck at home. Clubs are holding web-based video meetings using software tools like Zoom or FaceTime. More and more innovative and/or alternative ways of doing typical model railroading activities are being introduced every week. Some of these new ways may become the new normal going forward. We will have to wait and see.

Until we get back to "normal", whatever normal means, enjoy whatever extra time you have to work on your railroad. Once we are able to have a real meeting, I am hoping we can have some type of special Bring 'n' Brag where everyone can show what they got done while being stuck at home.

See you down the line.

Matt Kross
Div 5 Superintendent

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

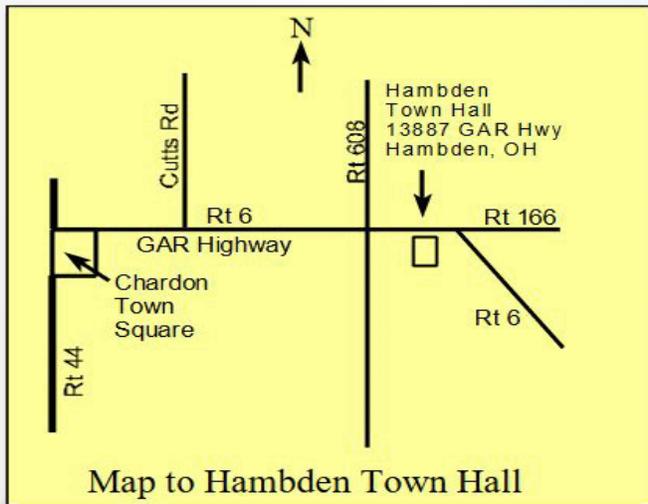
LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
13887 GAR HIGHWAY (ROUTE 6)
CHARDON, OHIO

JUNE 5, 2020 MEETING CANCELLED

The June meeting has been cancelled to follow government Covid-19 guidelines. No decisions have been made on future months 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.

JUNE 8, 2020 BOD MEETING

The June BOD meeting will be a virtual zoom meeting starting at 7:30. More information about how to virtually attend is posted in this issue of 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.

JUNE 13 & 14 10-5

MODEL TRAIN DAYS
PAINESVILLE DEPOT

Bring & Brag

DIVISION CERTIFICATE POLICY UPDATE

Due to Covid 19 business closures, which includes hobby shops, the division is temporarily updating their division certificate deadline policies. The current policy is that you must use the certificate by the expiration date or it becomes expired and there is no reissuing of expired certificates. However, the board realizes that because of the current pandemic using the certificates has not been possible so we are temporarily fixing that situation. Any certificates expiring March, April, May, or June 2020 (other months maybe included if businesses stay closed beyond June) can be reissued for an expiration date in the future. In order to do this you would need to email/contact Bonnie before Tuesday of the next division meeting (currently scheduled for August) with the number on the certificate(s) that you will need to transfer. Those certificates would then be exchanged for new ones with a later expiration date (probably 4 months). If you have any questions contact a member of the BOD for answers.

DIVISION FACEBOOK PAGE

Remember that the division has a Facebook page (NMRA Western Reserve Division Group) and that if you want to share projects that you are currently working on you may do so there. Once we can begin having meetings again you may bring in those projects and still discuss them during our Bring & Brag time and earn division certificates.

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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Division Announcements

Linda Kacprzak New Div 5 Director

Since Mike Carovac has moved from being a Division 5 Director to being the Assistant Superintendent, we have a Director opening. Linda Kacprzak has agreed to fill that position. Linda has been very active in the Division for many years. She has provided a Scenery Details demonstration for quite a few years at our How To Build A Model Railroad Day. She has built a number of small scenery dioramas. Linda was one of the women featured in the NMRA Magazine's "Women in Model Railroading". Linda and Rich have attended many model railroad conventions, layout tours, and operating sessions. They also like to tour prototype industries served by the railroads as well as railroad museums. We look forward to having Linda's input on the BOD to help guide us in the upcoming years.

New Division 5 Clerk Needed

Since Matt Kross is now Division 5 Superintendent, the Clerk position is available if anyone is interested. The Clerk is an appointed position. The biggest duty of the Clerk is to take meeting minutes for the monthly membership meetings and the BOD meetings. The Clerk is a voting member of the BOD. Other duties of the Clerk include: handling correspondence with various groups and Division members, generating and mailing ballots for elections and Division votes, publication of notices, and maintaining the Division Regulations. The complete set of duties are spelled out in the Division 5 Regulations (available on the Division website). If you are interested, please contact Matt Kross (440-668-9462 or Super@mcr5.org).

June 2020 Div 5 BOD Meeting

We are going to try to have a Division 5 BOD meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:30pm. This will be a virtual meeting on the computer using Zoom. If you would like to attend the meeting, please email Matt Kross at Super@mcr5.org and a meeting link will be emailed to you. It is not required that you have a webcam but a computer with an internet connection is required.

Meeting Program / Bring & Brag Coordinator Needed

Dave Neff has been our Program Coordinator for quite a few years (9 years?) and would like to take a break. The Division is currently in need of someone to take on this position. The duties include lining up a program for each membership meeting and deciding on our Bring & Brag themes. The meeting programs can consist of getting someone to put on a clinic/presentation, getting an outside person to speak on a topic of interest to the membership, showing a train related video, or anything else you can think of to entertain/educate those in attendance for about 45 to 60 minutes. This position keeps the BOD updated on the upcoming programs but is not a member of the BOD. If you are interested in this position, please contact Matt Kross (440-668-9462 or Super@mcr5.org).

Articles

So Much Time

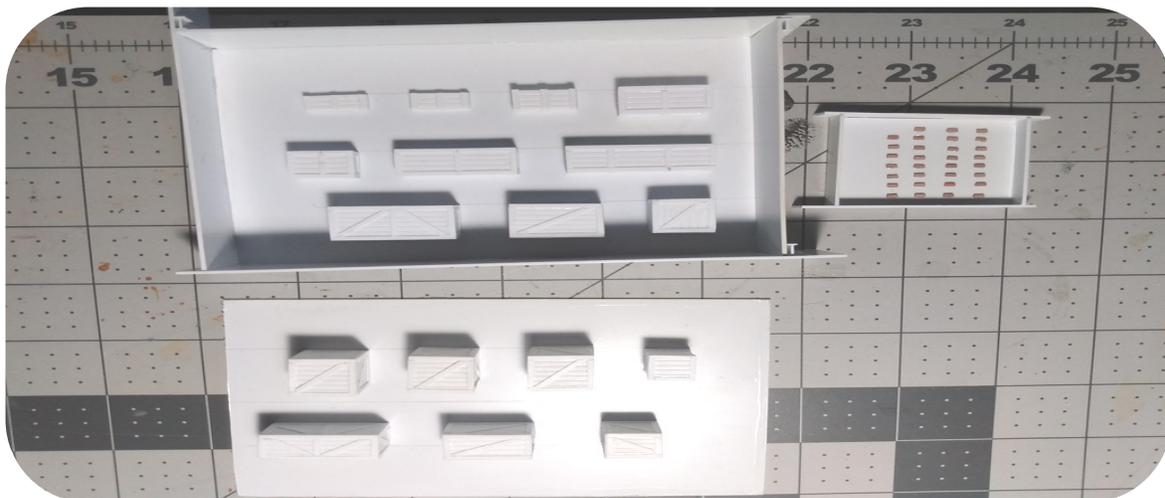
As we enter our fourth month of the COVID-19 virus restrictions, I am considered to be in an essential job so no home lock down, I have found myself to have a ton of time on my hands. I have completed the "honey do list" set forth by my wife, got the property ready for summer (before the last snow fall), started to create a sewing and craft room for the wife but stopped because my wife started to sew mask for the local hospitals and doctor offices. Even though all this was completed I still found myself with a lot of time on my hands. I have realized I now have a serious problem that I am fighting and struggling with – hobby shop withdrawal!

As the evening and weekends have afforded me the time to finish a large amount of the loads for my flat and bulk head cars I ran into a problem, I was running out of supplies. This was very apparent when I started making my load for my hopper cars so, being the resourceful kind of guy I am I started to do my kit bashing projects. But it was not long before I started to run out of styrene plastic, paint, the glue I was using and No.11 blades. Yes I know that I could order these items on line but when it comes to supplies and even kits, I prefer to support my local hobby shops. So, as my wife has called it, "The Dangerous Times" have begun. To the catalogs we go!

As I rifled through the endless stack of catalogs picking out the next twenty years of Christmas gifts, I ran across something I have never attempted before – mold making. So, with card in my wife's hand I ordered the starter kit from Micro Mark. Upon its arrival I was like a kid in a candy shop opening the box slowly inspecting each item with care. My son said, although I don't believe it, that I began to droll a little. Then my wife brought me back to reality with one question, "So, what are you going to make a mold of?" Crap, didn't think of that. Off to the work bench! I have been restricted from using any of the house hold tables just because of that little accident I had. Oh well to continue. I scoured anything and everything looking for something to make a mold of that I was going to need multiple copies of then I found it, a roll up garage door. Once I found something the ideas just kept rolling in, bricks, tunnel portals, culvert openings and abutments both tunnel and bridge. I even spent two days making boxes and crates to mold. I now have a list of about twelve items. Let the fun begin!

Once I master this project maybe I start looking into printing decals, especially white ones or maybe I'll try 3D printing or maybe.....Aha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!

~Mike Carovac





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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.

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

Hobo 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



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Program, Bring & Brag	(OPEN)	

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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