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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

Friday October 2

Division Meeting @ 7:30
Virtual Using Zoom

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Super Reflections October 2020

Aye Yai Yai! More Cancellations

By now, we all know Division 4's Great Berea Train Show was cancelled. The Erie show on November 1st has been cancelled. More and more upcoming but tentative train shows have been cancelled. The Division 5 BOD has decided not to hold any in-person events through the end of the year, so this means our November Promo Day is cancelled and the October, November, and December membership meetings will be held virtually using Zoom. We have also cancelled our annual Holiday Party that we hold in early January and cancelled the annual Losers Raffle that we conduct at the party. At the moment, even Railfest 2021 in March is looking iffy, but this will mainly depend on whether Lakeland Community College will allow any shows in the gyms by then. We may have to look at holding Railfest sometime during the summer, assuming the situation improves.

Time To Be Creative About Temporarily Adapting

No train shows? Then put on your own! That's what the Lake Erie N-

scale Society (LENS) did in early September. A number of LENS members had items they wanted to sell and there were other members looking to buy various items. We set aside a Saturday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm to have a club train show. We set up the sales tables in my garage and had areas in my yard and on my deck for people to sit and socialize while maintaining proper distancing. We all wore masks and many wore gloves. There were coolers of drinks and packaged snacks. We had 13 members show up with five of them selling items. Everyone had a good time. I don't know how sales were for all the sellers but people were walking away with goodies in hand. I know I bought a bunch of detail parts from Dave Neff. I sold a few buildings and some freight cars. The buying and selling were pretty much over by 3pm. The five of us selling items stayed until 3:45pm, sitting in the backyard BS'ing, waiting to see if we had any late arrivals. Everything was over by 3:45pm. Could your club, operating group, or general circle of train friends do the same thing? It might help to ease the withdrawal pains of not having any significant train shows for a year.

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COLUMNS

Use What Is Available To You

The Painesville Railroad Museum has had several train flea markets, a railroad memorabilia show, and yard sales during the last several months. Have you attended? Did you make use of these events to sell items? The more people that participate, the more items that will be there for sale and the more buyers that will be there.

Advertise in the Trainwire

Division 5 members can put things in our Trainwire for free. List what you have for sale. Include pictures if you can. List items that you are looking for. I know a lot of the online hobby suppliers are out of stock of many items. If you advertise in the Trainwire, maybe someone in our group has what you are looking for.

New Bring & Brag Opportunities

With our Division 5 membership meetings being virtual for the next several months, there is a new opportunity for showing your work to the group. If your webcam device is portable, take it to your lay-

out room during the meeting and show us stuff you have done on your layout during our Bring 'n' Brag period of the meeting. It might be a little awkward, but hold up your webcam device and point the webcam to items you want to show us or take us on a virtual layout tour. Alternatively, if you want to take pictures or videos of your work, then, during Bring 'n' Brag, we can allow you to share your computer screen to show us those pictures and videos.

Send Pictures To The Trainwire

We are always looking for items to put in the Trainwire. Take pictures of the things you have been working on and send them to the Trainwire Editor for publication. Add some text explaining what you did or how you built it. You could earn \$5 or \$10 Division Certificates if you do this.

Unfortunately, like it or not, this pandemic is causing us to do things differently. Try to treat it as a challenge to find ways to adapt.

See you down the line.

Matt

BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES



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

Willoughby, Ohio
Mentor, Ohio
Geneva, Ohio
Painesville, Ohio
Mentor, Ohio



PLEASE SUPPORT THESE DEALERS!

COLUMNS

Assistant Super Comments

Today's world has seemed to have been thrown into turmoil with the attack of the COVID 19 virus and the national unrest within are cities. The hardest part of this for me is that I cannot interact with you, the members of Division 5. It is also sad that there are no train shows or events to go to in order to break up the monotony of the weekend days, doing yard work is starting to get old. Watching You Tube videos can only do so much. So, I have broken away from my HO scale for a while in order to make my wife an N scale Christmas layout, it has only been ten years in the making. Although it is not going to be much more than 32in X 40in in dimension, it is a project that is taking away the drudgery of doing nothing. The only problem that I am currently having is that nasty phrase "Out of Stock".

The September members' meeting was held via Zoom. From what I understand there was approximately 13 members who participated in this virtual online event. It was good to see those who attended. I hope more of you will start to attend our Zoom meetings as this appears to be the only way we will be able to have our meetings for the near future. Sadly, many of our events and meeting have been cancelled. I am sure that the Super has already discussed this in his section so using Zoom is our only option. If you have problems with trying

to use Zoom on your computer, cell phone or laptop, review the instructions in the September Trainwire or contact/email our Super for guidance. Even though we are limited as to what we can do, we can still do the Divisions business portion, discuss and inform members of upcoming item and possible events, and we can still do our Bring and Brag.

Something else that we can do is to share photos of our layouts or projects. How can we do this? Simple, submit your photos to the Trainwire Editor, Bryan. I am sure he will be more than willing to put them in the next issue. If you have (like Matt) a collection of things you have purchased over the years and want to get rid of them, let Bryan know and he could put a list of those items in the Trainwire. Who knows, you may have something someone else in the Division might need. Another thing we, the BOD, would like to see is more of our members sign into the "Members Only" section of the Divisions web site. It can't hurt you but it may benefit you as we are attempting to create lists of things that members have like molds that they have made or purchased that they can let you use.

In closing, by participating we will come out of this time of problems stronger and wiser than when we entered it. I hope you all will stay safe and healthy.

~Mike C.

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

OCTOBER 2, 2020

LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM
(DIRECTIONS ON PAGE 10)

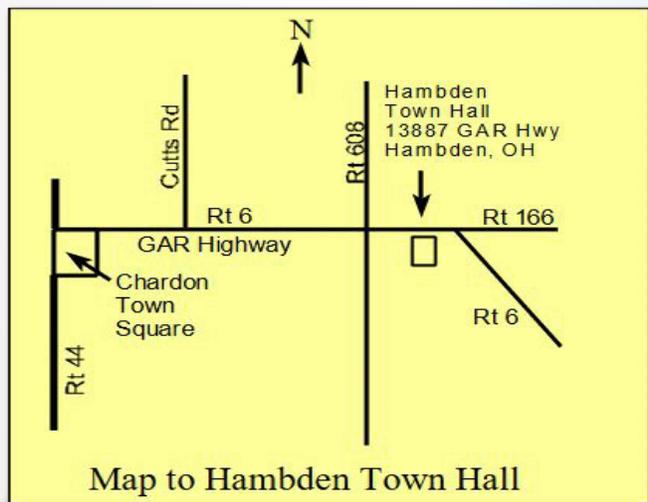
PROGRAM: TBD

BRING/BRAG: WHAT YOU WORKED ON DURING THE LOCKDOWN

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM

PROGRAM: 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)

Obviously with everything being the way it is right now it is important to confirm if an event listed will actually be held.

SEPTEMBER 26 10-3

MODEL TRAIN FLEA MARKET
PAINESVILLE DEPOT

OCTOBER 25 9-3

MEDINA TRAIN SHOW
MEDINA FAIRGROUNDS

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER BOD

BOD Meeting 14 Sep 2020

A virtual Division 5 BOD meeting was held on September 14, 2020 via online meeting using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Mike Carovac, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Ray Newnes, Linda Kacprzak, Tom Pescha, Ted Wiese, and Bryan Persing.

Due to the current state of Covid-19 in the local area as of the time of the BOD meeting and the current limitations on the Painesville Railroad Museum, it was decided to cancel our 2020 Promo Day planned for Saturday, November 7.

It was also decided not to have any Division in-person meetings for the remainder of the year. Therefore, the October, November, and December membership meetings will be done virtually online using Zoom.

Tom Pescha reported that holding Railfest 2021 in March is looking doubtful. Lakeland Community College had a major layoff of personnel which included the people we normally deal with for Railfest. We don't know if they are accepting any reservations for events in 2021. We are still trying to contact someone who may be able to provide the needed answers. The college currently does not have any food service. We might be able to hold Railfest later in the year.

The BOD decided to set the 2021 Division 5 Budget to be the same as this year's with one exception. Due to our lack of income in 2020, we will not budget any money for grants in 2021. Since we did not have any income in 2020, funding for the 2021 budget will have to come out of savings.

Due to the extraordinary events this year, the BOD decided to extend the expiration date on all 2020 Division 5 certificates by one year. Any certificate with a 2020 expiration date will now be valid until 2021.

The BOD decided to forego trying to perform our annual financial audits this year and instead wait until the Summer of 2021 and audit two years worth.

The Division Holiday Party in early January has been cancelled. Also, the Losers Raffle that is held during the Holiday Party is also cancelled. We only had two months (February and March) in 2020 where we sold raffle tickets at meetings. We will combine the losing raffle tickets from 2020 with those from 2021 when we do the Losers Raffle in January of 2022.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 7:30pm online using Zoom.

(Note: Normally, BOD meetings are held on even numbered months from February to October and then in November and not in December.)

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Superintendent / temporary Div 5 Clerk

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2020

The September 11, 2020 membership meeting was held virtually using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 13 members and no guests were present.

This was the Division's first attempt at holding a virtual meeting. In general, the meeting went well, but the attendance was disappointing.

Reviewed the status of various upcoming scheduled events:

Division 5's 2020 Promo Day will probably be cancelled. The Division BOD will meet on September 14 to make a decision.

Division 4's Great Berea Train Show was cancelled.

The Erie show planned for November 1st has been cancelled.

Lake Farmpark's Country Lights event in December will be a drive-through event only. No activities inside the buildings so obviously there won't be any layouts set up. Andy McGovern said he will see us in June for Railroads In The Parks.

The Painesville Railroad Museum is still holding various events. Check their website for all their upcoming activities.

There is a Toy & Train Show scheduled for the end of October in Medina. At this time, it is still to be held.

Railfest 2021 status is unknown at this time. The Division BOD will discuss this at their September 14th meeting.

The Division 5 BOD will meet on September 14, 2020. The following will be agenda topics: Promo Day 2020, October Div 5 meeting, Losers Raffle, Holiday Party, 2021 Budget, Railfest 2021, and 2020 Division certificates.

There will be a Mid Central Region virtual BOD meeting at the end of October.

The Division Webmaster would like to see more members update their information in the Members Only section of the Division website. Also, we would like to see more members join the Division Facebook group.

It was noted that Backdrop Junction was out of business again.

One of the Micro Trains facilities in Talent, Oregon was very close to one of the wild fires but did not incur any damage. However, some of their employees' homes were destroyed.

Bring 'n' Brag:	Bob Gittinger	Dave Neff	Linda Kacprzak
	Dave Metzger	Bill Berger	Bonnie Lette

Program: Matt Kross presented an overview of how to dress up your layout's fascia. He showed how he mounts controls in the fascia and creates laminated signs to stick on your fascia.

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

Division Activities

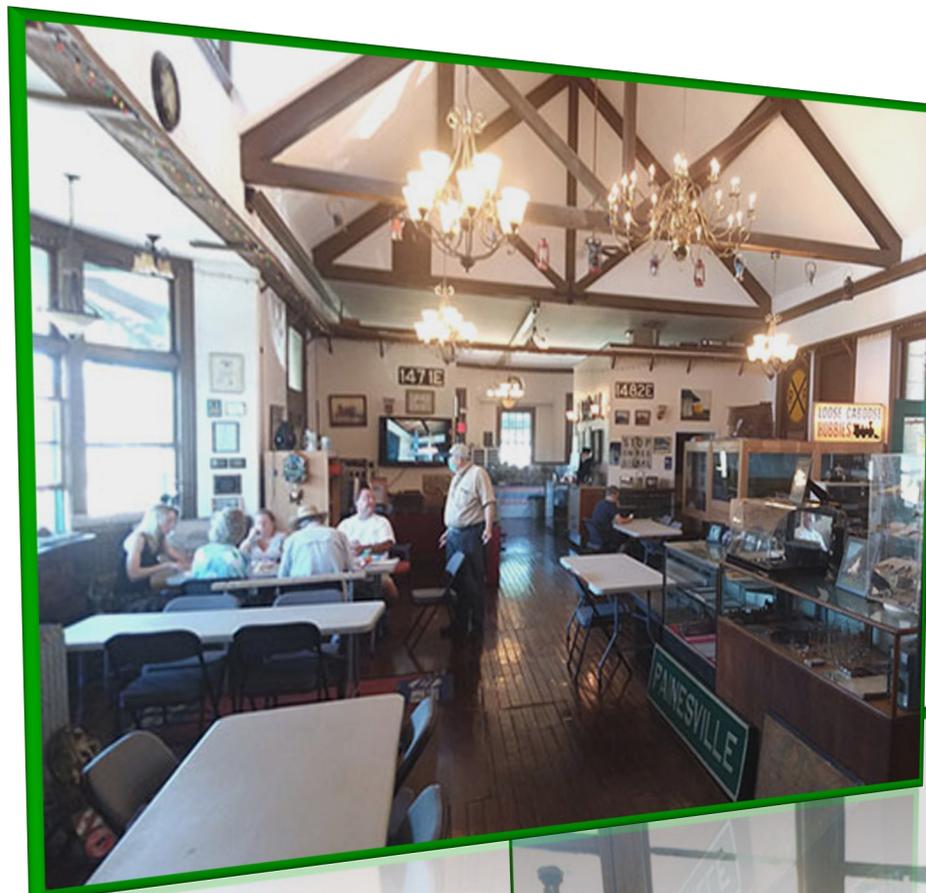
Believe it or not we have had some in person activities in the division that last few months. Here are some photos from Movie Night at Bill Osborne's and the division picnic at the Painesville Depot.



Division Activities



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Division Announcements

Zoom Meeting Instructions

Getting Started

Up to 15 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to start, click on the link you were provided for the Zoom meeting or type it into your web browser.

If you have not used Zoom before on your computer, you will be instructed to download the Zoom application. You need to do this but it doesn't take very long.

Zoom will ask for or show your default name. Enter your name so we know who you are.

You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on "Test Computer Audio." Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on "Join audio by computer."

You will be placed in a waiting room until the meeting host allows you to join the meeting. This is why we need to know who you are.

Once You Are Connected

At the bottom of your screen you should see the following participant controls:



Mute/Unmute your microphone

Start/Stop Video – turns your webcam on or off

View Participant list – opens a pop-out screen that includes a "Raise Hand" icon that you may use to raise a virtual hand. You can also change your screen name that is seen in the participant list and video window.

Chat allows you to type text messages to meeting participants

Somewhere on your Zoom screen you will also see a choice to toggle between "speaker" and "gallery" view. "Speaker view" shows the active speaker. "Gallery view" tiles all of the meeting participants.

General Instructions

If you want to be heard during the meeting, you need to make sure your microphone is Unmuted. Normally, you should leave your microphone muted so that background noises (dogs barking, TV, phone ringing) are not picked up. At times in the meeting, the host may mute all participants to eliminate background noise.

You do not have to turn on your webcam (Start Video). If you do, the other meeting participants will see you which is nice during the social time. But, you can leave it off and a blank box with just your name will be seen by the others.

Gallery View displays all the meeting participants on one screen. The box of the person talking will be highlighted in yellow. Speaker View shows a full screen view of the current person speaking.

During The Meeting

Mute your microphone unless you have something to say

Do not share your screen unless instructed to by the host

Unruly or unwelcome participants can be kicked out of the meeting by the host

Ask questions using the Chat box. The presenter will periodically check these.

Be aware that the meeting may be recorded.

Division Announcements

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).

Request for Clinicians

The planning committee for the 2021 Mid Central Region Convention, The *Northern Express*, is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania from May 20 through 23, 2021. The center will feature three well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet last September, giving participants a chance to get a peek at our future convention center.

Contact Doug Sandmeyer at dsandme@stny.rr.com for more information and the submission form. Visit the *Northern Express* website at <https://www.div12mcr.org/northern-express/>.

List Of Division 5 Events Cancelled

2020 Promo Day that was scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2020
Division Holiday Party planned for January 2021
Losers Raffle planned for January 2021

Division 2020 Certificate Expiration Dates Extended

If you have a Division 5 certificate that has an expiration date in 2020, the expiration date has been extended one year, so they won't expire until 2021. Note: The Division Clerk needs to send a letter out to all the businesses that accept our certificates letting them know about the extended expiration.

Division Announcements

October, November, and December Div 5 Membership Meetings Will Be Virtual

Due to the increase of Covid-19 in the local area, the Division BOD decided to only hold virtual online meetings using Zoom for all our remaining membership meetings in 2020. We will not have a raffle but we will have a Bring & Brag session during these meetings. The October meeting will be October 2, 2020.

Approximately a week before the meeting, an e-mail will be sent to Division 5 members that contains the Zoom meeting link. If you do not receive the e-mail and would like to attend the Division 5 membership meeting, please email Matt Kross at Super@mcr5.org and a Zoom meeting link will be emailed to you. Alternatively, you can go to the Members Only section of the Division 5 website to obtain the meeting link. It is not required that you have a webcam but a computer with an internet connection is needed if you wish to see what is going on.

2020 PSA Model Train Flea Market - Garage Sale Aug

Saturday, **Sept 26**, 2020, 10 am to 3 pm at the Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

The Painesville Railroad Museum will be hosting a Garage Sale including model train sale in 'O' Gauge, 'HO' scale and 'N' scale, plus addition to many good house hold items.

One of the friends of the Museum has moved out of town and has donated many items house hold items from their home to us.

We have also received many new model train items that will be for sale.

We will also once again have an outside flea market for model trains, 10 x 10 foot booth is only \$10.00, with vendors supply their own tents and tables. Dealer set up 8 am.

100% of proceeds to benefit the restoration of the Painesville Depot. The Painesville Railroad Museum is a 501c3 non-profit.

Spend the day railfanning, Food will be available for small donation.

Social Distancing Rules Apply.

Remember we are open Friday evenings, 6 to 9 pm, and 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, May thru October.

Scrap Metal Loads Waiting To Go To The Steel Mill

I bought a bunch of plastic and resin scrap metal loads recently along with a couple of steel mill ladles. I "rusted" them using the Sophisticated Finishes products that I showed at a previous Division 5 meeting. The Iron Metallic Surfacer is a thin film that contains actual iron particles ground very fine. The Rust Antiquing Solution is applied to the dried film of iron particles to give a realistic rust color.

~Matt Kross





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**Garage Sale - Model Trains
and House Hold Items
Flea Market**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 2020

10 AM TO 3 PM

THE PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

For info call Tom at 216-470-5780

New Items
have been
Added



Food and Drink
Available for small donation



Model Train Dealer flea market at depot.

Dealer 10' x 10' spot is only \$10.00. Dealers provide their own tent and tables. Dealer set up 8 am.



www.painesvilleraillroadmuseum.org
501(c)(3) non-profit

Railfanning

Social Distancing Rule apply

2020
**MEDINA MODEL
RAILROAD & TOY SHOWS**

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 2nd

SUNDAY - APRIL 5th

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 25th

CHRISTMAS XTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th

~ ~ **New Hours 9 AM TO 3 PM** ~ ~

MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

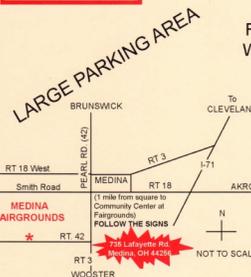
(Medina Fairgrounds)
Medina, Ohio



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
WRITE, CALL or VISIT OUR WEBSITE



ADDRESS
Conrad & Dowdell Productions, Inc.
9047 Kennard Rd., Lodi, OH 44254
330 / 948-4400 Day of Show 330-722-8963
www.conraddowdell.com

TABLES
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SET-UP
Night Before Show 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Day of Show - 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. ~ ~ **New Hours**
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ADMISSION
Adults \$6.00 • Children under 12 FREE



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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