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THIS MONTH:

Friday April 2
Div Meeting @ 7:30
Virtual Using Zoom

Monday April 12
BOD Meeting @ 7:30
Virtual Using Zoom

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Super Reflections April 2021

Good March Meeting

Once again, we had a nice turnout for our March meeting. Approximately 26 people joined our March online meeting. We again invited members of the Lake Erie N-scale Society, Painesville Railroad Museum, and Lake Shore Live Steamers to the meeting. We had four total visitors from those groups join us. We might have had a few more but I think I accidentally locked some people out of joining the meeting when I inadvertently clicked a Zoom setting I shouldn't have. Hey, I'm still learning about Zoom, too. We will all be Zoom experts soon.

Signs Of Some Normalcy?

I hope you are starting to feel a little excitement building as a few signs of normalcy start to show. Schools are back to in-person learning, vaccinated people are "allowed" to visit with each other, various restrictions are being cut back or lifted entirely. A number of small train shows are going on around our area. The Painesville Railroad Museum has several model railroad flea markets planned. The Ohio N-Scale Weekend at the beginning of May is a go. Division 4's Great Berea Train Show in October is still a go. Who knows, we might even be able to hold a normal Railfest in 2022! Yeah, I know, that is another year away. But there is now hope! My wife and I have been vaccinated. Many family members and other people we know have been vaccinated. It won't be too long before "normalcy" returns. Hang in there.

Be Sure To Look Closely Before Buying

You've heard of the "Ah Hah!" moment when you discover something good. I seem

to be having more "Oh Crap!" moments lately. The most recent one involved some products I ordered from P&D Marsh in England. I have been looking for detail parts for my steel mill and refinery scenes. I saw some interesting storage tanks and chemical processing equipment on eBay made by P&D Marsh. They looked good and so I ordered a number of items. I knew P&D Marsh products were white metal castings and had built some of their items in the past without any issues. Surprisingly, I received the package from England within a couple of weeks. I ordered three of one item that consisted of three storage tanks so I decided to start working on that item. I opened one of the packages and dumped the contents onto my workbench. That was the Oh Crap moment. I wasn't expecting how crude the white metal castings would be and that the detail wasn't as good as I was expecting. I am currently working on building that first kit. It is taking a lot of filing, sanding, and filling to clean up the parts. Even with the clean up, the parts aren't fitting all that well. Disappointing. I went back and looked at the original pictures of the finished models that P&D Marsh had posted. When I enlarged the photos and looked closely, I could see the various problems and imperfections that I have been encountering during my build. Lesson learned. Be sure to look closely at any pictures of the product (and enlarge them if you can) before purchasing and then decide if that is really what you want. If I had looked more closely, I probably would not have bought the products. I will try to show some pictures of my build in next month's Trainwire. Oh well, live and learn.

Matt

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 2, 2021 DIVISION MEETING

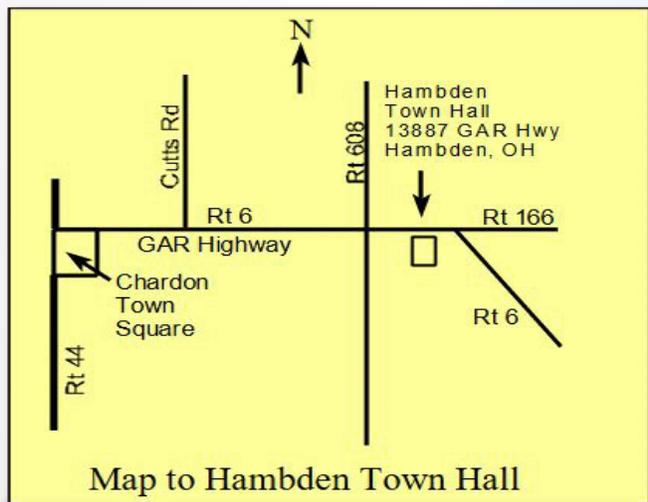
LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM

PROGRAM: TBD

BRING/BRAG: ANYTHING GOES

APRIL 12, 2021 BOD MEETING

LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM



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.

April 10

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma,
9 am to 2 pm Adm. \$6.00
Phone: 440-248-3055

April 11

Medina Train and Toy Show

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina
9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00
Phone: 330-948-4400

May 8

Model Train Flea Market

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville
10am to 3pm Adm. Free
Phone: 216-470-5780

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2021

The March 5, 2021 membership meeting was held online using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 22 members and 4 guests were present.

Opened the meeting by reviewing the Zoom meeting etiquette rules to make sure the meeting runs smoothly and people can be heard. Also reviewed some of the ways to control your local Zoom meeting display.

Welcomed the guests attending the meeting from the Painesville Railroad Museum, Lake Erie N-scale Society, and Lake Shore Live Steamers.

April and May Division 5 membership meetings will continue to be virtual meetings. The April meeting will be held on April 2 which is Good Friday.

Lake Farmpark has informed the LENS N-Trak and T-Trak groups that Farmpark will be having their annual "Railroads In The Parks" weekend on June 5th and 6th. There will be restrictions due to Covid-19 but they want to have at least some layouts set up there. The Friday of that weekend is our normal Division 5 meeting night. In the past, we have held our Division meeting at Farmpark. It is doubtful that we will be doing that this year but we are trying to get more details. It is possible that a meeting at Farmpark could be our first in-person meeting this year.

There are several train shows that will be held in our area soon: O scale show on April 10, Medina show on April 11, and the Painesville Railroad Museum will have a flea market on May 8. Refer to fliers in the Trainwire.

The next Division 5 BOD meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021.

Linda Kacprzak and Mike Carovac both had articles in the latest MCR Kingpin.

We don't have any meeting programs yet for the next couple of months and are asking anyone that has something they would like to show to let us know.

We are still in need of articles for the Trainwire.

Reminder that there is a model railroad dealer in Mentor, Ohio selling off a large collection they obtained.

Several e-mails were sent out to Division members about this.

Modeling Questions:

For a newbie, what tips do people have for painting your first custom locomotive? No Responses:

Items For the Good of the Order:

Mike Carovac talked a little about some weathering solutions he has tried recently. He discussed these in more detail in his MCR Kingpin article.

Ray Newnes talked about his experiences so far with the Bolder Creek Engineering Odometer/Speedometer car kit for N scale.

Bring 'n' Brag: Bob Gittinger Matt Kross Bill Berger Gary Jarkewicz

Program: Chuck Limbert provided a clinic on track cleaning tools, supplies, procedures, and tips that he has developed over the years and uses on N-Trak setups and his home layout.

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk



DISPATCH

SPAM BUTTON MISUSE

NMRA Dispatch emails will be short announcements of important and time-sensitive information that cannot wait for publication in the *NMRA Magazine* or *eBulletin*.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom Meeting Etiquette

The number of people attending our online meetings has continued to grow. Because of that, we are having problems with people talking over each other or trying to talk at the same time. The following are some basic online meeting etiquette rules that we all need to follow during our Zoom meetings.

In the following, “host” refers to the person running the meeting or one of the assigned assistant hosts.

Before the meeting starts, it is generally okay to leave your connection unmuted so that you can join in on the various conversations. However, only one person can talk at a time.

Once the meeting starts, and at the beginning of each major meeting segment, the host will mute everyone.

When a person has the floor, they can unmute themselves and provide the needed information.

Please mute your computer when not talking. You can use your computer space bar to act as a “Push To Talk” button when you are muted. The host will mute your connection if there is background sound interrupting the Zoom meeting.

Everyone forgets that they are muted and start talking without unmuting. Always assume you are muted and check the mute button on the Zoom toolbar when you are given the opportunity to speak.

If you would like to say something, please raise your hand. You can do this either of two ways. The first is to physically wave your hand in front of your camera (and hope the host sees you). The other way is to electronically raise your hand. Zoom has a button called “Raise Hand” that causes an icon to appear by your name/picture that is easy for the host to see. Click on the “Reactions” button on the Zoom toolbar and you will see the “Raise Hand” button. You will need to click on the “Lower Hand” button to clear your raised hand icon.

On the Zoom toolbar, there is a Chat button that will open up a chat window where you can type in questions or provide information. This is handy to use while someone is presenting so that you do not interrupt their presentation.

Showing Your Models During Bring ‘n’ Brag

For our online meetings, we have found that Bring ‘n’ Brag works much better when you show pictures of your models instead of trying to hold the model up to your web cam. We encourage members to take pictures ahead of time and have them ready to share during the meeting if at all possible. There are two ways to show your pictures. The first and best way is to send the Superintendent your pictures ahead of time to put into one Bring ‘n’ Brag Power Point presentation. The meeting host will control showing your pictures while you talk about your model. You can direct the meeting host to move to whichever picture you want at the time. Bob Gittinger did this for his Bring ‘n’ Brag item at the March meeting and it worked well. You need to send your pictures at least 4 hours before the meeting starts so there is time to get them included in the Power Point presentation. E-mail them to Matt Kross at super@mcr5.org or Text them to 440-668-9462. The second way to show your pictures is to have them on your computer or smart device and during Bring ‘n’ Brag, we will allow you to electronically share your pictures from your device. If you don’t know how to do this or would like to practice before the meeting, we will assist you. Please contact Matt Kross at super@mcr5.org or 440-668-9462 to set up a time to work through the process and run a test.

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BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys	Willoughby, Ohio
Hobby Town USA	Mentor, Ohio
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters	Geneva, Ohio
The Painesville Railroad Museum	Painesville, Ohio



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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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