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THIS MONTH:

Friday May 7
Div Meeting @ 7:30
Virtual Using Zoom

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Super Reflections May 2021

When Do We Return To In-Person Meetings?

There are opposing views as to when we should return to holding in-person meetings. Thus, the Division 5 BOD decided to survey the membership to see how you feel about returning to in-person meetings. Please refer to the section in this Trainwire that lists the survey questions. We will use our Division electronic voting system for you to provide your responses. You can also mail in or call in your responses.

Still Looking For Program Presenters

I am going to try and do a program on assembling etched brass kits for May. We really need some other people to step forward and put on a program. I know there are a bunch of you that have something of interest to tell us about. We have had a number of off-the-cuff short presentations during our meetings that were really great so I know there is a lot of great modeling information hidden away in your brains. Try putting it down on paper or the computer. We can help you get it into a form to present at a meeting.

Of Mice And Men (And Trains)

No, this isn't about the John Steinbeck book (which I have not read and don't know what it is about). This is about some destruction on my layout. This isn't something that happened recently but, while looking over my railroad, I saw the remnants and thought I would relate the

problem to you. When I added the section of my layout that represents West Virginia with mountains up close to the ceiling, I decided to try gluing wads of cotton to the backdrop just below the ceiling to simulate 3-dimensional clouds. They didn't look too bad. Weeks or months later, I went down to the basement and found that most of the cotton was gone. The only thing remaining was what was embedded in the glue on the backdrop. Shreds of cotton could be seen throughout the foliage on the side of the mountain. Mice! Damn Mice! Somewhere in the walls of my house are some very soft and comfortable mouse nests. I have had a problem with mice in the basement off and on over the years. Yes, I set a lot of traps and I have caught a lot of mice. But they keep coming. I have searched for holes and cracks in the walls and filled them in. But the mice keep coming. We have a pest exterminator that comes on a regular basis. I had held off on having him set out poison bait stations because I didn't like the smell when mice died somewhere I couldn't find them. However, the problem got worse. I started finding things knocked over or moved on the layout along with mouse droppings all over the layout. About a year ago I told the exterminator to go ahead and put out the poison bait stations. This winter I have not noticed any signs of mice. Problem solved? Probably not, but it is a start and shows some hope. Dang I hate mice. Mice and trains do not go together. If you have any alternate
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MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

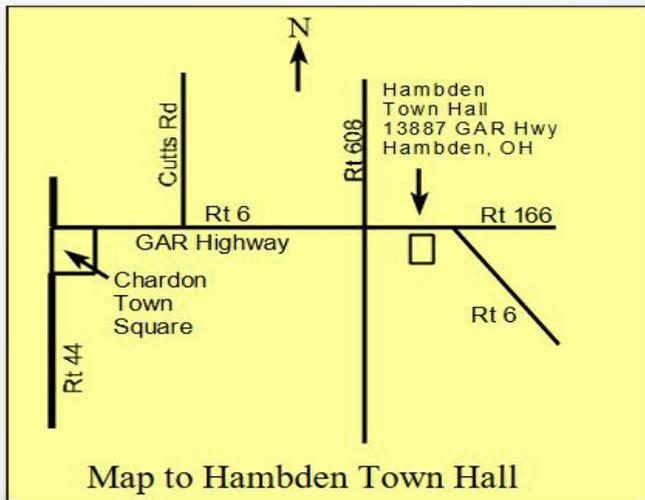
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MAY 7, 2021 DIVISION MEETING

LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM

PROGRAM: TBD

BRING/BRAG: ANYTHING GOES



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.

May 8

Model Train Flea Market

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

June 5

Model Train Flea Market

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. Free
Phone: 216-470-5780
Donations Accepted and Appreciated

June 5,6

Railroads in the Park

Lake Farmparks
8800 Chardon Road, Kirtland, Ohio 44094
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Phone: 440-639-7275
Adm: Farmpark Admission Applies

solutions to my rodent problem, please let me know.

My Past Month Modeling Work

Last month I told you about the problems I was having assembling some white metal kits. This past month I assembled several plastic kits and they were so much easier to do and have much better detail than the white metal kits. I am still working on my white metal kits. I have two of the five kits completed. They have been such a pain to work on that I really don't want to work on the remaining kits for a while. Assembling the plastic kits this past month was such a nice break. It made me want to assemble other plastic kits I had lying around just because they are so much easier to do. I have a

bunch of laser-cut wood kits waiting for me to assemble. I have a feeling these are going to be a pain to build which is why I have been holding off on them. However, I finally have a place ready for them and I'm going to have to bite the bullet and start assembling them. Hopefully I will be pleasantly surprised at how easy they go together. I'll let you know.

Please join us for our May 7th online meeting and please provide your responses to the survey. See you down the line.

Matt



DISPATCH

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

It has come to the attention of the IT department that many NMRA members do not receive NMRA email publications (Turntable, eBulletin, Dispatch) because other members use the Spam button.

If the publication is not of interest, simply delete it. If you no longer want to receive any NMRA email publication, please use the Unsubscribe link (below), which is safe and secure. Never use the Spam or Junk button. If too many people do this, service providers such as Yahoo will block all people from ever seeing the emails. Most NMRA members want to keep in touch. Don't ruin it for them.

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MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2021

The April 2, 2021 membership meeting was held online using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 18 members and 2 guests were present.

Welcomed guest Bob Fink from Division 3.

Former Division 5 member Paul Chapple has moved to Virginia.

Reviewed the status of various upcoming scheduled events.

Noted that the Mid Central Region BOD meeting will be held on May 21, 2021. The MCR annual membership meeting will be held that same night after the BOD meeting is over.

Always looking for program ideas and especially for people to put on a program at the meeting.

Modeling Tips:

When trying to remove lettering or logos from a painted locomotive using 91% isopropyl alcohol, after letting the alcohol set for a while, use a rubber pencil eraser to gently rub what you are trying to remove.

GoJo hand cleaner without the abrasive also works to remove lettering from painted items.

Items For the Good of the Order:

A new book in the Ghost Rails series by Wayne Cole will be released in June that covers the B&O Lake Branch.

Div 5 member Jim McCallum will be moving and is selling some of his HO items.

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

Program: Watched a fallen flags video: "The Nickel Plate and The Akron Canton and Youngstown" by Green Frog.

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk



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WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP

BOD Meeting 12 Apr 2021

A virtual Division 5 BOD meeting was held on April 12, 2021 via online meeting using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Chuck Limbert, Mike Carovac, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Linda Kacprzak, Bob Gittinger, Ray Newnes, and Bryan Persing.

Reviewed how our online Zoom meetings have been going. Everything seems okay for now. Attendance has been slowly increasing. Continue what we have been doing. We only have one Zoom license and need to make sure that someone else can run the Zoom meeting if the Superintendent is not available.

Discussed whether we should start considering to hold in-person meetings. Various groups and some divisions are starting to hold in-person meetings. Our normal meeting place, Hambden Town Hall, is still not open for public gatherings. If we do meet, we will have to find a different place such as the Painesville Depot or Hambden Township Park pavilion. It was decided to conduct a survey of Division 5 members to see what their feelings are on the matter. The survey will be listed in the May Trainwire and voting will use our Div 5 online voting system. Those without internet access can vote by mail.

We discussed whether to try implementing hybrid meetings (in-person meeting but also still available via Zoom) once we started having in-person meetings again. Implementing a hybrid meeting approach would require several people to manage the meeting and seems like it would distract from the meeting flow. Since we are such a small group and we have not had any members attend the Zoom meetings that didn't attend in-person meetings in the past, the BOD felt there wasn't significant benefit to overcome all the cost and effort that would be needed to implement a hybrid meeting.

The preliminary Division 5 Spring 2021 status report to the MCR BOD was provided to the Div 5 BOD members for review and comment. The MCR BOD meeting will be held on Friday, May 21, 2021. Division 5 membership continues to slowly dwindle. Several members have said they are not going to renew their membership until we are back to having in-person meetings. Still looking for ideas on how we can attract new members during the pandemic.

Still looking for ideas for programs and volunteers to put on programs for our monthly meetings.

Matt Kross is working on a program for May on how to assemble etched-brass kits.

Reviewed upcoming potential events through the end of the year.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, June 14, 2021, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming 2021 Events

Besides a number of smaller train shows in the area, the following model railroading related events are currently on the schedule for 2021. As always, during the pandemic, they are subject to cancellation.

- Ohio N-scale Weekend – May 15,16 – Franklin County Fairgrounds (Columbus, OH area)
- Painesville RR Museum Model Train Flea Market – May 8
- Railroads In The Parks – June 5,6 – Lake County Farmpark and Penitentiary Glen
- Painesville RR Museum Model Train Flea Market – June 5
- Painesville RR Museum Hobo Day and Model Train Flea Market – July 11
- Div 5 outdoor movie night in August
- Div 5 picnic in August
- Painesville RR Museum Railroad Memorabilia show – August 29
- Assist Painesville Railroad Museum with their Boy Scout Railroading merit badge workshop – September?
- Div 4 Great Berea Train Show – October 2,3 – Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
- Div 5 “How To Build A Model Railroad” Day 2021 – November – Painesville RR Museum
- Farmpark Country Lights – December

New Event Cancellations

The 2021 N-scale Weekend in Altoona, PA scheduled for August has been cancelled because they were not able to secure a suitable venue for the event.

May Meeting Program

There was a request to show how to assemble etched brass kits. For the May online Division 5 membership meeting, Matt Kross will provide a clinic showing his techniques for building and finishing etched brass kits of various styles.

Future Meeting Program Ideas?

We are always looking for program ideas. If you have some model railroad technique that you would really like to have explained or want to know about some area of prototype railroading, send your thoughts to Super@mcr5.org or call Matt at 440-668-9462. At the April meeting, we watched a fallen flags video on the Nickel Plate Railroad which most people found very interesting. Do you have an old or obscure video that would have wide appeal to the Division members that we haven't seen before? Then let us know and we could consider showing it in its entirety or some portion of it during a meeting.

When Can We Get Back To In-Person Meetings?

Various things in society are starting to open back up. Some NMRA divisions are starting to hold in-person meetings again. Division 5 members are starting to ask when can we start holding in-person meetings again. Our normal meeting place, Hambden Town Hall, is still not open for public gatherings. If we do meet, we will have to find a different place such as the Painesville Depot or Hambden Township Park pavilion. It was decided to conduct a survey of Division 5 members to see what your feelings are on the matter. The survey is listed below and voting will be done using our Div 5 online voting system. Those without internet access can vote by mail. See instructions at the end of the survey below.

Division 5 Return To In-Person Meeting Survey

As long as there aren't any governmental restrictions against returning to holding in-person meetings and standard health department guidelines are followed (masks, distancing), when would you be comfortable attending Division 5 in-person meetings?

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| A. Anytime | G. November 2021 |
| B. June 2021 | H. December 2021 |
| C. July 2021 | I. 2022 |
| D. August 2021 | J. When the government declares pandemic is over |
| E. September 2021 | K. Never |
| F. October 2021 | L. I don't know |

Would you attend a Division 5 in-person meeting if it were held outdoors during the warm weather months in 2021, ideally in some type of pavilion?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Would you attend a Division 5 outdoor train movie night in July or August 2021 like we have had the last couple of years?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Would you attend a Division 5 picnic at the Painesville Depot or similar venue in August 2021?

- A. Yes
- B. No

Please provide your responses using Division 5's online voting system. Shortly after the May Trainwire is issued, an e-mail will be sent to all those members that have provided us with a valid e-mail address. Use the link contained in that e-mail to access the voting system and provide your responses.

If you do not have e-mail or have not provided the Division with a valid e-mail address, you may vote by calling Matt Kross (440-668-9462) or mailing your responses. To vote by mail, mark down your responses to the above questions on a piece of paper and send to:

Matt Kross – Div 5 12049 Sperry Road Chesterland, OH 44026

The survey will be closed on May 22, 2021. All responses must be in by then.

12th Annual Central Ohio NTrak N Scale Weekend

May 14,15 &16 2021

The 12th Annual Ohio N-Scale Weekend 2021 will be taking place at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. 4100 Columbia St., Hilliard, OH 43026. Vendor and Club setup for the show will be Friday, May 14, 2021 from NOON until 7PM. The show will be open to the public Saturday, May 15, 2021, from 10A-5PM and Sunday, May 16, 2021 from 9AM-3PM.

Masks and social distancing rules set forth by the State of Ohio at the time of the show will be enforced.

At this time, we will be held to half capacity of the buildings for the weekend. It is possible that there could be a waiting time for the general public to enter the show depending the restrictions in place at the time of the show. This could change one way or the other depending on restrictions in place at the time of the show set forth by the State of Ohio.

At this time there will be no provisions for any food service. This will be subject to change as the restrictions set forth from the State of Ohio at the time of show.

Public Admission and Times:

Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday May 16, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Adults: \$5.00

Children (Age 12 and Under): Free

BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES

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Mentor, Ohio

Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

Geneva, Ohio

The Painesville Railroad Museum

Painesville, Ohio



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ARTICLES

Hello fellow Railroaders & friends of the PRRM,

I would like to share this unique true story with you.....

I recently purchased a "Lake Shore Railroad Depot Painesville, Ohio - Antique Train Station Postcard 1913" on March 16, 2021 thru an eBay seller, please see attached files (sellers photos). I wanted the postcard to add to my Railroad memorabilia collection and to share it with our Painesville Railroad Museum organization which I'm the President & BOD member. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization aka Western Reserve Railroad Association, owning & operating the Painesville Depot since 1997.

This postcard will now have a special display at the Depot due to its great history partly due to the sellers offering it for sale recently & the unknown travel history I did not know about until I received it in the mail this past Monday.

The postcard was written & mailed from Painesville, Ohio on March 22, 1913 (postmark) and mailed to Bristol, England. Somehow it found its way back to the states, how or why I do not know and eventually in the sellers possession and then his offering it for sale. I saw the item & purchased it for my collection. Upon examining the postcard I noticed the postmark date, exactly 108 years to the day it was mailed from Painesville I received it back in the mail, Monday March 22, 2021, passing thru Painesville (post office) where it started its journey across the pond & back again.

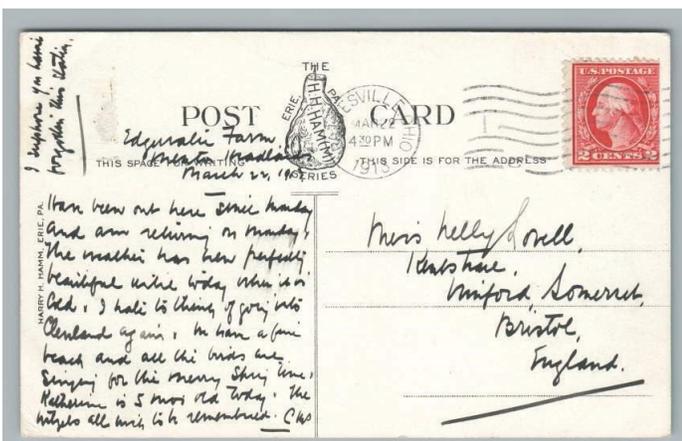
Coincidence or was it meant to be? As per Google dictionary.... "a remarkable concurrence of events or circumstances without apparent casual connection – they met by coincidence". I'm still awe-struck on how this all happened in a very good way. However it happened, I'm thankful to the seller for making it happen and bringing the postcard back home once again, its greatly appreciated and a great addition to the Depot.

Please visit our web page to learn more about our Historic 128 years old Railroad Station at.....

www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org .

Thanks,

Jim Wendorf, President, Painesville Railroad Museum



Track Cleaning Products from Chuck Limbert's Track Cleaning Program for NMRA MCR Division 5 Meeting 03-05-2021

www.traintekllc.com/aero-car-act-6006-track-rail-cleaner-8oz/

www.woodlandscenics.com/show/item/TT4550

www.walthers.com/bright-boy-abrasive-track-cleaner-standard-grit

www.walthers.com/cratex-abrasive-block-extra-fine-3-x-1-x-1-4-quot-7-6-x-2-5-x-6cm

www.modeltrainstuff.com/peco-pl-41-abrasive-rubber-block-rail-track-cleaner/

www.modeltrainstuff.com/life-like-1416-all-purpose-track-cleaner-rubber-eraser/

www.modeltrainstuff.com/cmz-products-n-cmxn-clean-machine-track-cleaning-car-brass-includes-pad/

More products can be viewed here:

www.modeltrainstuff.com/supplies-tools/cleaning-maintenance

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 11, 2021

Dates: Wednesday May 18 to Sunday May 22, 2022

NEXT YEAR NEXT YEAR NEXT YEAR

Sponsors: Midwest, North Central and Mid Central Regions National Model Railroad Association

Event: Indy Junction 2022 Convention

Location: Indianapolis Marriott East 7202 East 21st St Indianapolis, IN 46219

Convention Fee: \$ (not yet available)

Information: Four Full Days, Three Regions, One Convention The Midwest, North Central, and Mid Central Regions of the NMRA will host this Tri-Regional convention in May 2022

Clinics, Layout Tours, Ops Sessions, Prototype Tours, Non-Rail Clinics and Activities and a Train Show

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For more information visit:

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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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