

# TRAINWIRE



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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



### THIS MONTH:

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

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### Super Reflections July 2021

#### Finally Getting Back To Normal

The July meeting will be our last membership meeting using Zoom. In August, we will have our annual in-person outdoor movie night at Bill Osborne's house. We will have our annual Division 5 picnic in August at the Painesville Railroad Museum. Our September meeting will be our return to normal in-person meetings at Hambden Town Hall! Finally. I know everyone is more than ready to get back together.

#### Need a July Meeting Program

We could use a program for our July meeting. Assistant Superintendent Mike Carovac has volunteered to do the meeting programs for September, October, November, and December! Wow! That helps out a lot. Anyone have an old presentation they want to dust off and show the group or perhaps make a video of your layout and give us a virtual layout tour?

#### What household items do you collect for future modeling work?

I noticed recently that there are a lot of things that I collect in boxes for use on the layout. It amused me when thinking about all the stuff I scrounge like a pack rat. The main thing is any kind of empty and cleaned container: margarine container, peanut butter jar, coffee can, yogurt container, 35mm

film canisters, pill bottles, etc. I use these for storing scenery materials and small parts, for mixing paint or plaster, to hold water for cleaning paint brushes, making scenery shakers, etc. Another thing is any type of cap from a small bottle or can. These are used for storage tanks of all kinds on the layout. The third is any kind of small plastic doodad from something I'm about to throw away. You never know when you might need something like it when scratchbuilding some industrial structure. The fourth item is the desiccant packets and plastic cans that come in pill bottles. The sacks can be painted and used as sacks of material being shipped by the railroad. The little plastic cans can be taken apart and used for roof ventilators and various industrial details. There are probably more items that I am forgetting, but those are the main ones. What kind of things do you save for use on the layout or for your modeling work?

#### My Past Month Modeling Work

Nothing to report this month. Spending too much time working out in the yard.

Please join us on Zoom for our July 2nd online meeting. See you down the line.

Matt

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

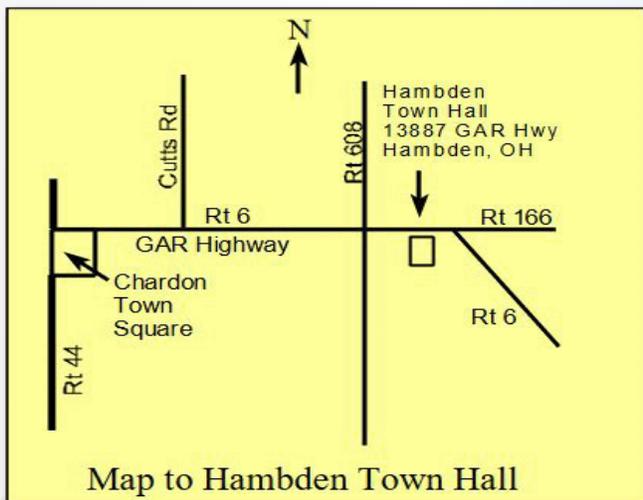
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JULY 2, 2021 DIVISION MEETING

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](http://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.

### July 11 Hobo Day

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

### July 24 Wildwood Train Day

Wildwood Cultural Center  
7645 Little Mountain Rd, Mentor, Ohio  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$2.00  
Phone: 440-974-5735

### August 14 Jefferson Train Meet

Jefferson Community Center  
11 East Jefferson St. Jefferson, Ohio  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$2.00  
Phone: 440-576-5333

### August 29 Railroad Memorabilia Show

Painesville Railroad Museum  
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. 5.00  
Phone: 216-470-5780

### Assistant Super Comments

Now that the world has somewhat returned to normal I find myself being pulled away from my work table and forced to participate in socializing with people other than family or the people I work with. As we all know this time of year also forces us outside if for nothing more than to mow the grass and tend the garden. Less and less time will be spent on our hobby for the next three or so months as we deal with the seasons of summer and fall. Hopefully, the return of train shows and events will ease us back into the hobby we love.

As most of you know I have been trying to follow what has been referred to as the "20 Minutes" in order to see if I could get anything accomplished. I will admit I did use these twenty minutes the last few months as an escape from supporting my wife both before and after my mother-in-law's passing. The main problem I found with the idea of only spending twenty minutes a day on a project was that you could eat up that twenty minutes either gathering your tools or putting them away. So, take a guess what I didn't do – that's right I didn't put the tools and supplies away after time was up. This led to a congested mess on my work table which in turn made it harder to get thing done as I could not readily find the items I needed. This became painfully clear last month as I was trying to finish some coal loads. I could not find my cutting pliers that I have been using all year long. This issue lead to the "120 Minute" work table clean up. What I have come to realize is that I need get or make a tool organizer. I had "stuff" on the table that I forgot I had because I finished making the load I used it on. The bad part is that I purchased supplies that I thought I ran out of but still had plenty of (i.e. scale 4x4 lumber). Even though I cleaned everything up and conducted a thorough search of the table, cabinet, and room looking for

the pliers, I could not locate them. I came to the conclusion that either the wife had taken them for her scrap booking or that a little green alien had come down and swiped them.

The one thing that I did come to find that I had totally forgot about was my brother-in law gave me a box of old train items, mostly books and catalogs, from an estate sale he was handling almost three years ago, yes he is a lawyer. This brought back memories of anger as he didn't tell me about the HO train layout that was part of the estate sale. But, time heals all. As I started to look through the box I found, street maps of Los Angeles and San Diego from 1955-56, instruction books from Kalmbach Publishing printed in 1958 that talked about scenery technics and construction, prototype lettering diagram books from Walthers published in 1956, 1958, 1959 and 1960 and even instruction books on how to wire your HO diorama. There was even a packet of Walthers Building Paper from the late '50s or early '60s. There was a catalog of HO locomotives kits and 1001 car parts by Varney from 1951. It is hard to believe but their locomotives, starting with a dockside switcher and ending with the 2-8-2 Mikado, ranged in price from \$19.75 to \$58.50. Their rolling stock prices were \$2.35 to \$5.75. We have come a long way since these items we published. The thing that is hard to believe is that these items have survived considering that most of them are older than me (I am a 1959er).

I guess if you are going to do the "20 Minutes", you need to spend the first couple of twenty minutes organizing your work area so you can move along without finding yourself digging out a table of clutter. Oh, by the way I did find the pliers when I went to put the new ones I just bought away - in the same drawer!

Mike C.

# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2021

The June 4, 2021 membership meeting was held online using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 13 members and 1 guest were present.

Division 5 member Rob Bowers passed away on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Lake Farmpark is holding their Railroads In The Parks weekend June 5 – 6.

We will once again have an outdoor railroad movie night at Bill Osborne's home, probably in August.

We are planning on having the Division 5 picnic in August at the Painesville Railroad Museum at a date yet to be determined.

Div 5 BOD will meet on June 14 to make decisions on upcoming meetings and events. Check the July Trainwire for updates.

Modeling Question: How do you clean static grass? Should be able to vacuum it since it is glued down. It was suggested to put a nylon stocking over the vacuum cleaner tube to catch any loose static grass to reuse later.

Items For the Good of the Order:

B&O Lake Branch book by Wayne Cole is scheduled to be available in August. Matt Kross met with Mr. Cole recently and had a chance to see a large number of the pictures that will be in the book. It looks like it will be a very interesting book for those interested in the B&O Lake Branch.

Div 5 member Jim McCallum is selling off a large number of HO model railroad items. Contact Superintendent Matt Kross for Jim's contact information.

Matt, Wayne, and Bonnie attended a Zoom presentation by Dan Rager on the Cleveland & Eastern interurban. Excellent presentation. Highly recommended if you are interested in interurbans or the past history of Geauga County. He has written three books (The Maple Leaf Route) and a fourth book will be out shortly.

Bring 'n' Brag: Dave Metzger

Program: Dennis Lloyd provided a short clinic on how to make paper-based loads for center beam flat cars using pictures of real loads, editing the picture, and printing the edited picture to use as the load. Also watched a short video called "Altoona At Work – An Era Of Steam".

Submitted by  
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk



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BOD Meeting 14 June 2021

A virtual Division 5 BOD meeting was held on June 14, 2021 via online meeting using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Mike Carovac, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Linda Kacprzak, Bob Gittinger, Ray Newnes, and Bryan Persing.

Reviewed the results of our Division 5 survey regarding when people would be ready to get back to normal Division activities. The vast majority indicated they were ready to have an outdoor movie night and a Division picnic. About 2/3 were ready to get back to in-person meetings now and 85% would be ready by September.

Hambden Town Hall has indicated that they will be opening back up to the public around June 17, 2021. We will have to see if they are going to require anything special for those using the hall such as having to wear masks.

It was decided that our first back-to-normal in-person meeting would be in September at Hambden Town Hall. Linda Kacprzak will verify the hall availability and get us on the calendar for September through December 2021.

The Bring 'n' Brag theme for the September meeting will be "Show Us What You Built During The Pandemic". The normal 6 month time limit will be relaxed to 18 months.

Even though we don't normally have a July meeting, it was decided that we will hold one this year via Zoom for those members that aren't traveling during the holiday weekend. This should be our last Zoom-only membership meeting. We will try to have the outdoor train movie night for our August meeting. Finalized information will be in the Trainwire. We will have our annual Division 5 picnic in August. Matt Kross will contact the Painesville Railroad Museum to determine a suitable date. We are trying for a Saturday in August with the times being from 10am to 3pm. Finalized information will be in the Trainwire.

Mike Carovac has volunteered to do the meeting programs for the September, October, November, and December meetings. Thank you, Mike! The main topics will be on things to do with scenery and on beginning and advanced weathering techniques.

Reviewed upcoming potential railroading events through the end of the year:

- Div 5 outdoor movie night – August
- Div 5 picnic in August
- Boy Scout merit badge workshop assistance – September
- Div 4 Great Berea Train Show - October
- Promo Day 2021 – November
- Farmpark Country Lights – December

The railroad car kits and supplies that we provided to the Painesville Railroad Museum for the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop that was cancelled in 2020 are still available so we do not need to supply anything for this year's workshop.

We need to decide what we want to do with Promo Day 2021. It is typically held the first Saturday of November. Do we want to have it? Do we want to change the format? Where do we want to hold it? Information will be gathered for discussion at the next Div 5 BOD meeting in August.

We need to decide if we want to have a Holiday Party in January. Attendance has been getting less and less. Information will be gathered for discussion at the next Div 5 BOD meeting in August.

The Tri-Regional convention in 2022 would like to borrow our Division's video projector. Dave Neff said he will be responsible for it during the convention.

Longtime Division 5 member Rob Bowers, Jr. died on May 28<sup>th</sup>. At motion was passed to donate \$250 to the Painesville Railroad Museum in Rob's name.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, August 9, 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

## July Trainwire Items

July Program – unknown at this time

### Upcoming Meetings In 2021

July – Zoom

August – Outdoor Movie Night at Bill Osborne's home

September – Hambden Town Hall (back to in-person meetings!)

October – Hambden Town Hall

November – Hambden Town Hall

December – Hambden Town Hall

### September Meeting Bring 'n' Brag

The Bring 'n' Brag theme for the September meeting will be "Show Us What You Built During The Pandemic". The normal 6 month time limit will be relaxed to 18 months. Hopefully you made use of all the time you were couped up at home over the last year and a half to get some model railroading done. Bring in as many things as you can to show us (though you still only get one \$5 Division certificate no matter how many items your show). If you can't bring it in, take pictures of your work to show us. You will need to send the pictures to Matt Kross at [super@mcr5.org](mailto:super@mcr5.org) ahead of time so they can be incorporated into a Power Point presentation.

### Need a program for the July Zoom meeting

As usual, we are looking for a meeting program for our July meeting. If you have something you would like to share, please contact Matt Kross at [super@mcr5.org](mailto:super@mcr5.org) or 440-668-9462.

### 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.

Painesville RR Museum Hobo Day and Model Train Flea Market – July 11

Div 5 outdoor movie night in place of normal August meeting (August 6)

Div 5 picnic on Saturday, August 28, 2021

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

Farmpark Country Lights – December

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Division 5 August Outdoor Train Movie Night

In place of our normal monthly meeting in August, we will once again have an outdoor movie night at the home of Bill Osborne in Leroy Township. We will hold a short membership meeting at the beginning, break for refreshments (pizza and chips), and then start watching train videos.

Here are the details:

This will be on our regular August meeting night of August 6, 2021.

This is a Division 5 meeting and sponsored event.

Meeting starts at 7:30pm – movies start after meeting once it gets dark.

Meeting will be brief/condensed.

Meeting program will be the movies.

Bill usually has a collection of interesting videos. If you have something you would like to show at this event, please contact Bill so he can get it set up.

No Bring & Brag at this meeting.

No Raffle at this meeting.

Bring Your Own Chair (lawn chair) (and maybe a blanket, raingear, umbrella, bug spray).

Pizza, packaged snacks, soft drinks, coffee, and water – if you want something else, bring your own.

It is open to Division 5 members and anyone else that wants to come.

Bill's address: 12795 Carter Road, Painesville, OH 44077; phone: 440-254-0107.

**SEE MAP PAGE 8**

## Division 5 August Picnic

We will hold our Division picnic on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Painesville Railroad Museum. The food will be the standard museum offerings. This event is for Division 5 members and their families/guests. Please plan to join us. Hopefully we will see more trains by starting earlier in the day.

When: Saturday, August 28, 2020 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: The Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

Who: Division 5 members and their families/guests

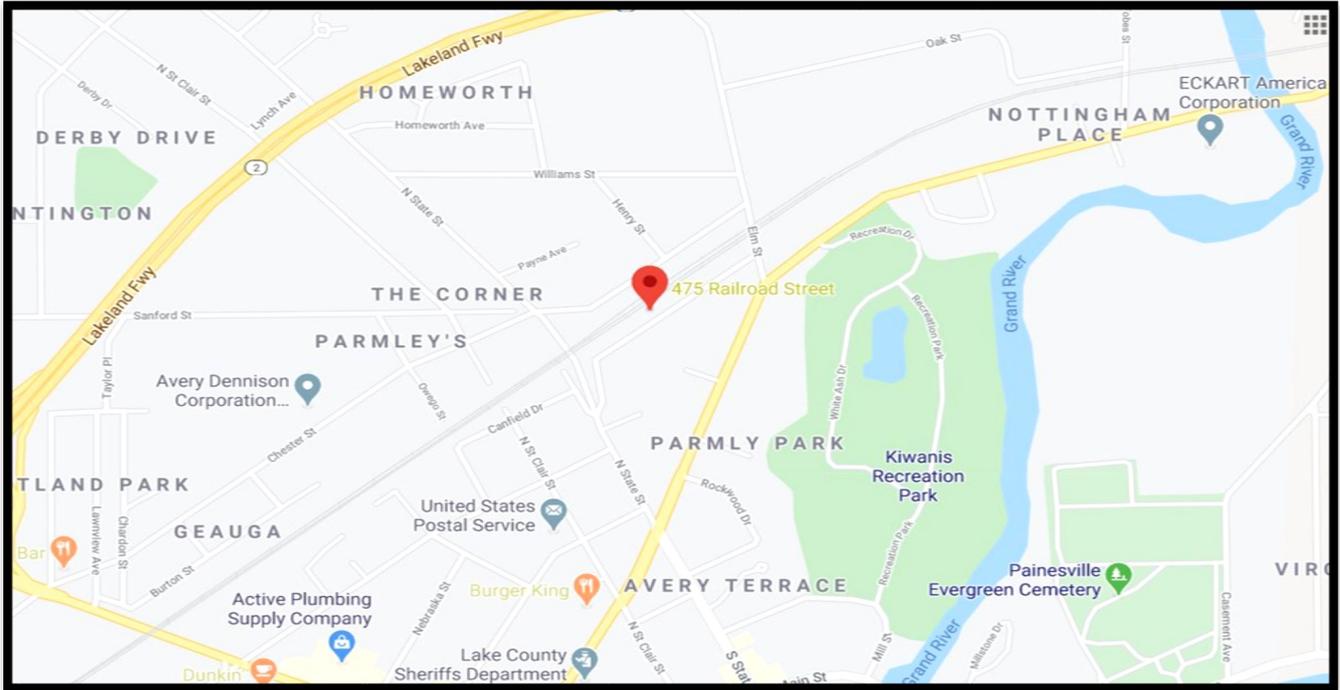
Cost: Free to Division 5 members and their families/guests

Food: Normal Museum offerings: hamburgers and hot dogs, water, soft drinks. We will also have some packaged chips and cookies.

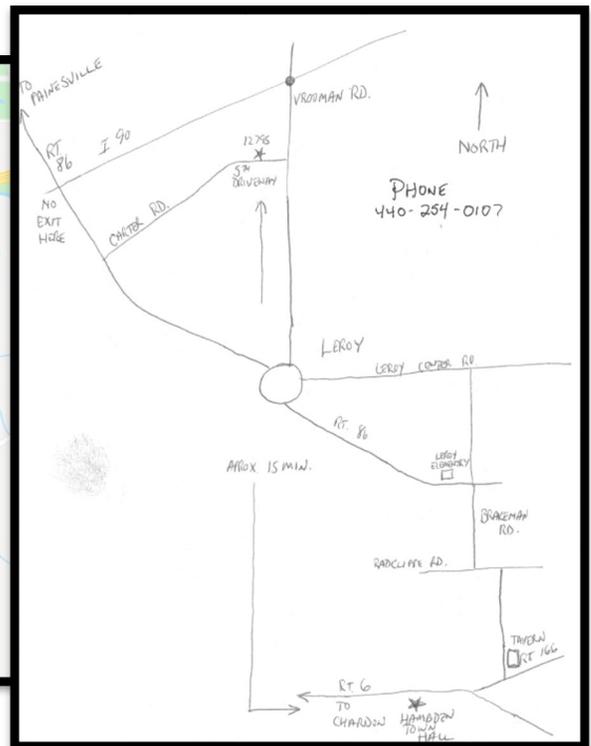
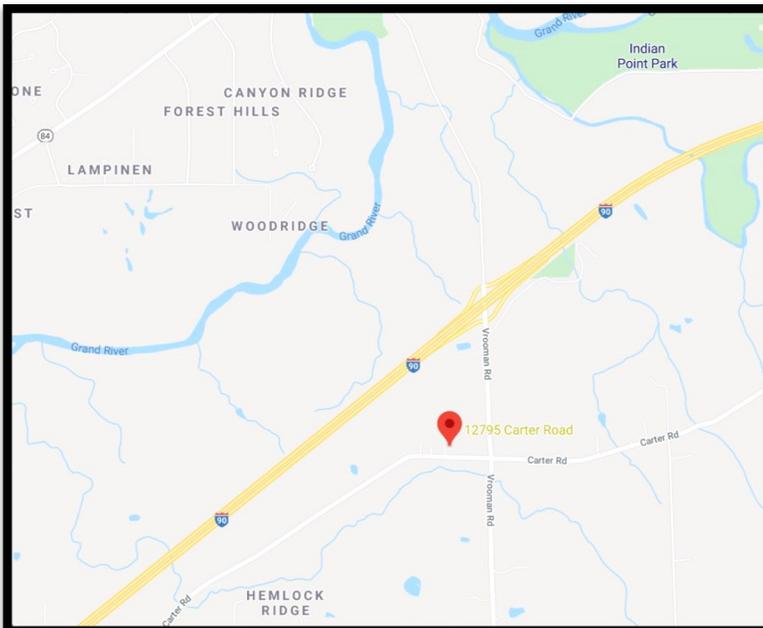
RSVP: RSVP to Matt Kross ([super@mcr5.org](mailto:super@mcr5.org) or 440-668-9462) by August 22 with the number of people attending so that we know how much food will be needed.

**SEE MAP PAGE 8**

### Painesville Depot



### Bill Osborne



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Black Swamp Junction Special Announcements

### 8,000 square feet of additional exhibition space has been added!

Black Swamp Junction has added the Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza (former Toledo Central Union Terminal) with an additional 8,000 square feet of layout and exhibit space! The station is the last major train station built by the New York Central Railroad. The station was built in 1950 and received a major renovation several years ago converting the passenger concourse into banquet and meeting space. The station is also a great railfanning location!



### The official list of clinics has been released!

The list of clinics (<https://www.divisiononencr.com/2021/clinics.html>) has been released and its looking very exciting!

- We will have 22 topics, including 11 by MMRs.
- Many are brand new for this convention
- 10 clinic sessions with no other activity conflicts
- 19 presenters, including 8 MMRs
- 7 topics on modeling ships and nautical scenes
- Laser kit Modeling with the Masters (make 'n' take clinic)
- Others include operations, backdrops, structures, planning, and prototypes.



### Early Bird Pricing Ends Soon!

Summer is here and when its over, so is Early Bird Pricing! Make sure to get your registration in before the deadline! Registration is available at <https://www.divisiononencr.com/2021/register.html>

For more information about the Black Swamp Junction, see the official event website at <https://www.divisiononencr.com/2021/>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last day to vote: May 22 2021  
**Voting Results**

**#1 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?**

Paper	Web	Total	
<u>1</u>	14	<u>15</u>	Anytime
___	4	___	June 2021
___	3	___	I don't know
___	3	___	September 2021
___	3	___	When the government declares the pandemic is over
___	2	___	August 2021
___	2	___	July 2021
___	1	___	2022 and after

**#2 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?**

Paper	Web	Total	
<u>1</u>	28	<u>29</u>	Yes
___	4	___	No

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

Paper	Web	Total	
<u>1</u>	23	<u>24</u>	Yes
___	9	___	No

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

Paper	Web	Total	
<u>1</u>	25	<u>26</u>	Yes
___	7	___	No

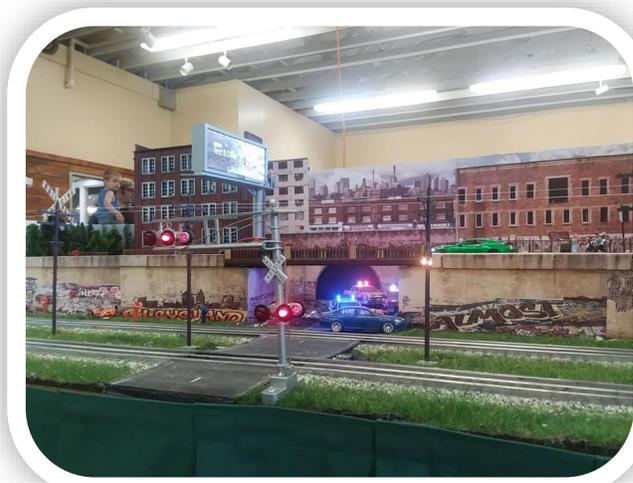
**#5 Any comments you would like to make regarding this subject?**

Paper	Web	Total	
<u>1</u>	25	<u>26</u>	No
___	1	___	Did Anyone Check To See If Depot Will Let Us Meet?
___	1	___	Excellent Approach To Challenging Subject
___	1	___	I Am Not Comfortable W/meeting In Large Groups Yet
___	1	___	Im Fully Vaccinated, So
___	1	___	Keep Up The Good Work & Thanks
___	1	___	N July Aug Movies - Not Dark Until 9PM Or Later
___	1	___	Proof Of Covid-19 Vaccinations And/or Herd Immunity

32 web votes of the 48 emails sent out

1 phone vote

## Railroads in the Park—Kirtland



### Condolences to the Family of Rob Bowers, Jr

Division 5 member Rob Bowers passed away on May 28th. A Celebration of Life was held June 19th at the Painesville Railroad Museum.

Rob served as Division 5 Superintendent from 2000 to 2003 and 2012 to 2013. He served as Division Assistant Superintendent from 1998 to 1999. He served as Railfest Chairman from 1999 through 2009. He served as Division Clerk/Treasurer from 2004 to 2005.



Robert E. Bowers  
1940 – 2021

Robert E. Bowers Jr. passed away peacefully on May 28th, 2021 in Mentor, Ohio surrounded by family. He was born February 8th, 1940 in Carroll Township, Washington County, PA. After graduating high school, Rob enlisted in the United States Navy and served as a second-class petty officer. Robert married Carol Spitek on June 24, 1961. Shortly after, they moved to Ohio. Eventually moving to Mentor where they raised their 2 daughters. After a long career in human resources, he found great joy transporting for students with special needs. Rob had many accomplishments in his life including a business degree from Lakeland Community College and founding member of St. John Vianney Church. He also volunteered and belonged to many organizations including: youth sports coach, unicycle chaperone, Lake Catholic High School, Mended Hearts, United States LST Association, USS Terrebonne Parish LST-1156, The American Legion Mentor Post 352, Superintendent of Division 5 Model Railroad Association, Railfest Show Chairman and long time Member of Model Railroad Association. Rob loved the Pittsburgh Steelers, trains, golf, fishing, and spending time with his family. He is loved and will be missed by many. Rob was predeceased by his parents, Robert E. Sr. and Elizabeth (nee Girgenrath) Bowers, and close sister and brother-in-law Patricia and Clifford Harosky. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Carol Bowers, daughters, Kathleen Bowers, Desiree (Karl) Dickinson, and his grandchildren Casey and Sean Dickinson. Special thank you to family, friends, and Home Instead for their support. Inurnment at Western Reserve Memorial Gardens Chapel in Chesterland Ohio. Services to take place on June 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 11:00-3:00 at the Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad St., Painesville, OH 44077. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Painesville Railroad Museum.

# ARTICLES

Here are the steps for creating lumber loads as demonstrated at the last Division 5 Zoom meeting:

Open Adobe Photoshop Elements.

Click File – Open – (Click on the photo you wish to use to create the load.)

Using the lasso tool, click on one corner of the load, drag the mouse to the next corner, click, and continue until moving dotted lines surround the load.

Click Edit – Copy.

Click File – New from clipboard.

Maximize the screen.

Click Image – Transform – Skew. Grab the needed corners and move them up or down to align the load with the top and bottom. Hit enter.

Repeat the above step, this time dragging the needed corners left or right as needed. Hit Enter.

Click Image – Resize – Image Size and unclick “Resample the Image.” Change the width to whatever your load needs to be. Click OK.

Click Image – Resize – Image Size and click “Resample the Image.” Change the height to whatever your load needs to be. Click OK.

Click Select – All or Ctrl – A.

Click Edit – Copy

Load Microsoft PowerPoint. Remove any objects on the slide. Click Paste.

Click Insert – Rectangle. Draw rectangles on the top and the left and right sides of the load. Select “No fill” and a light gray border.

Use your mouse to select the entire load. Copy and Paste, then move the pasted copy to below the original load.

Dennis Lloyd

## BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys

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The Painesville Railroad Museum

Willoughby, Ohio

Mentor, Ohio

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Painesville, Ohio



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# ARTICLES

## The Forgotten Rail Lines

It is amazing how many railroads there use to be and how many have gone by the wayside only to be forgotten. Most of us know of the "Big Consolidation" that took place in the mid to late 1960's when railroads like the B&O, C&O and several others were combined to make the Chessie System, but very little is known of the smaller railroads that existed alongside the larger railroads, the narrow gauge railroads. The narrow gauge railway system in the United States has been going through consolidation almost as soon as they were created after the Civil War to the point where they almost do not exist today. What is a little known fact is that most of the larger railroads use to receive their loads from smaller narrow gauge rail lines coming from coal mines, ore mines, logging camps and agricultural areas that were not located close to the major lines.

The Painesville & Youngstown was one of the first three narrow gauge railroads in the United States opening in 1871. At one time Ohio was a center of the narrow gauge railways with Delphos, Ohio sharing the distinction with Durango, Colorado as being one of the only towns in the United States that had the ability to allow people to travel by narrow gauge railways in all four compass directions. Most of us do not even know that the largest operator of Shay locomotives was an Ohio narrow gauge railroad, the Kelly Island Lime & Transport Company. One of the most successful narrow gauge coal haulers was the Connotton Valley Railroad, an Ohio based railroad. Today this

railroad runs on standard gauge tracks and is known as the Wheeling & Lake Erie whose engines can be seen in the Akron yards.

Although the narrow gauge railways were



very popular and reached their greatest lengths in the Midwest in the early

1880's, these railways began to rapidly decline by the mid to late 1880's as railroad barons began to buy them up and consolidate them into their own lines converting them from narrow gauge to standard gauge. The lines that survived were mostly those owned by individual companies in the mining and logging industries. By the turn of the century most narrow gauge lines had been converted to standard gauge and then were either consolidated with other railways or went out of business and their rails abandoned. By the mid 1960's all but a few narrow gauge railways existed in the United State most still owned by mining and logging companies.

Although the United States no longer uses the narrow gauge system, the narrow gauge railway system still exist in many Central American, South American and African nations. One of the largest users of a narrow gauge system today is Russia.

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# ARTICLES

In the next couple of months I hope to continue to bring you some articles on narrow gauge railways that existed in the United States in days gone by.

Today we can still enjoy the magic of the narrow gauge railways as several have either been saved and or reopened as tourism excursion trains. Some of the rail lines that you can ride are the Georgetown Loop and the Durango and Silverton in Colorado, the White Pass and Yukon in Alaska, the Tweetsie in North Carolina and the Cass Scenic Railroad in West Virginia. Although most states have tourism excursion trains, most are not narrow gauge railways. You will have to check with the individual railways to find out if they are narrow gauge or not.

~Mike C.

## MIDDLEFIELD STEAM ENGINE & RAILROAD HISTORIC PARK

JULY 8-10, 2021

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**Division 5 Appointed Positions (Terms expire June 2022)**

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**WANTED**

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**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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