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THIS MONTH:

- Friday August 6
Div Meeting @ 7:30
Bill Osborne's House
(Movie Night)
- Monday August 9
Bod Meeting @ 7:30
Virtual Using Zoom
- Saturday August 28
Division Picnic 10-3
Painesville Depot

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Super Reflections August 2021

Hoping For Good Weather

Our August 6 meeting will be outdoors at the home of Bill Osborne for our annual outdoor movie night so we are hoping for great weather that evening. We have had a couple of times when we got a little rain and it has been cold. I'm sure Bill will arrange for perfect weather so come on out and watch some railroad videos on the big screen.

Steel Mill Modelers Meet

I am hoping to make it to one day of the Steel Mill Modelers Meet in Detroit, Michigan being held August 18 – 22, 2021. (Info at SMMSIG.org) As like all the other events, this meet was cancelled last year but is now able to get back to normal. Check websites and your e-mail, as well as pay attention to word-of-mouth information, to find out about all the train related events that are getting back to normal and happening soon.

Looking Forward To Great Berea Train Show

I am getting excited about going to Division 4's Great Berea Train Show the first weekend in October. Yes, it is

still a couple of months away, but it will be the first large train show in our area in over two years. It will be great to see a lot of old friends and vendors. I am really hoping that conditions remain okay and they can go on with the show.

My Past Month Modeling Work

I have started the process of painting some undecorated locomotives for my freelance railroad. I created a custom decal sheet that I needed printed in white. Fortunately, for a fee, we have a member, Dennis L., that has the ability to print white on clear decal film. I had him print up a couple of sheets for me. I have applied an initial primer coat to my locomotive shells. I still need to apply the final color coat and then add a gloss coat before starting to apply decals. This is all new to me and so there is a lot of learning going on. I have been talking to various people and reading up on how best to go about all the different steps. Hopefully I will have some finished units to show at the September meeting Bring 'n' Brag.

Please join us for our outdoor train movie night on August 6. See you down the line.

Matt



MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2021

The July 2, 2021 membership meeting was held online using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 14 members and no guests were present.

We don't normally hold a Division membership meeting in July. However, due to various issues and restrictions keeping people from traveling this year, it was decided to hold an online meeting for those people that were at home during the holiday weekend.

Reviewed the various upcoming Division 5 events listed in the July Trainwire.

The Jefferson Historical Society will be holding their train show this year on Saturday, August 14 from 10am to 3pm. Division 5 will have a table there to promote the Division and the NMRA.

Members were reminded of the NMRA Virtual Convention starting July 6.

It was noted that we might want to consider the Kirtland Community Center as a location to hold the Division's Promo Day. It is an old school building and so it has a number of classrooms, several big rooms, and a gym available for rental.

Dave Neff reported on an NMRA hybrid meeting (both in-person and broadcast via Zoom) that he attended. This was a first attempt by the group and it was reasonably successful. It did require two people to run the technical portion. It was found that room lighting can cause issues.

It was noted that we need to conduct financial audits of the Division and Railfest. Arrangements will be made.

Dave Neff said he is going to be going on some train trips and can present reviews of these trips for meeting programs in the future.

Modeling Questions: 1.) Who makes railroad paint colors anymore? It was noted that there are a number of paint color conversion charts available on the web that map old colors from defunct paint vendors to current vendor colors. Some of the current companies are Vallejo, Revell, and TruColors. 2.) What paint to use on wood models? Acrylics and Pan Pastels. 3.) Need to replace a wheel on a lead truck. Where can someone find a wheel puller? One of the members on the call had one that might work.

Items For the Good of the Order:

The Indy Junction 2022 convention committee is looking at purchasing some new video projectors. The model they are looking at may be of interest to Division 5. Dave Neff has provided Wayne Lette with the specs on the unit for consideration.

Bring 'n' Brag: Bob Gittinger

Program: no program

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Trainwire Items

Upcoming Meetings In 2021

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

No Bring ‘n’ Brag at August Meeting

Jefferson Train Show – Need Help At NMRA Table

The Jefferson Historical Society will be holding their train show this year on Saturday, August 14 from 10am to 3pm at the Jefferson Community Center. Division 5 will have a table there to promote the Division and the NMRA. We could use some help at this table talking to show attendees about the things the Division will be doing and the benefits of the NMRA.

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 ahead of time so they can be incorporated into a Power Point presentation.

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.

- 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

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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 6

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

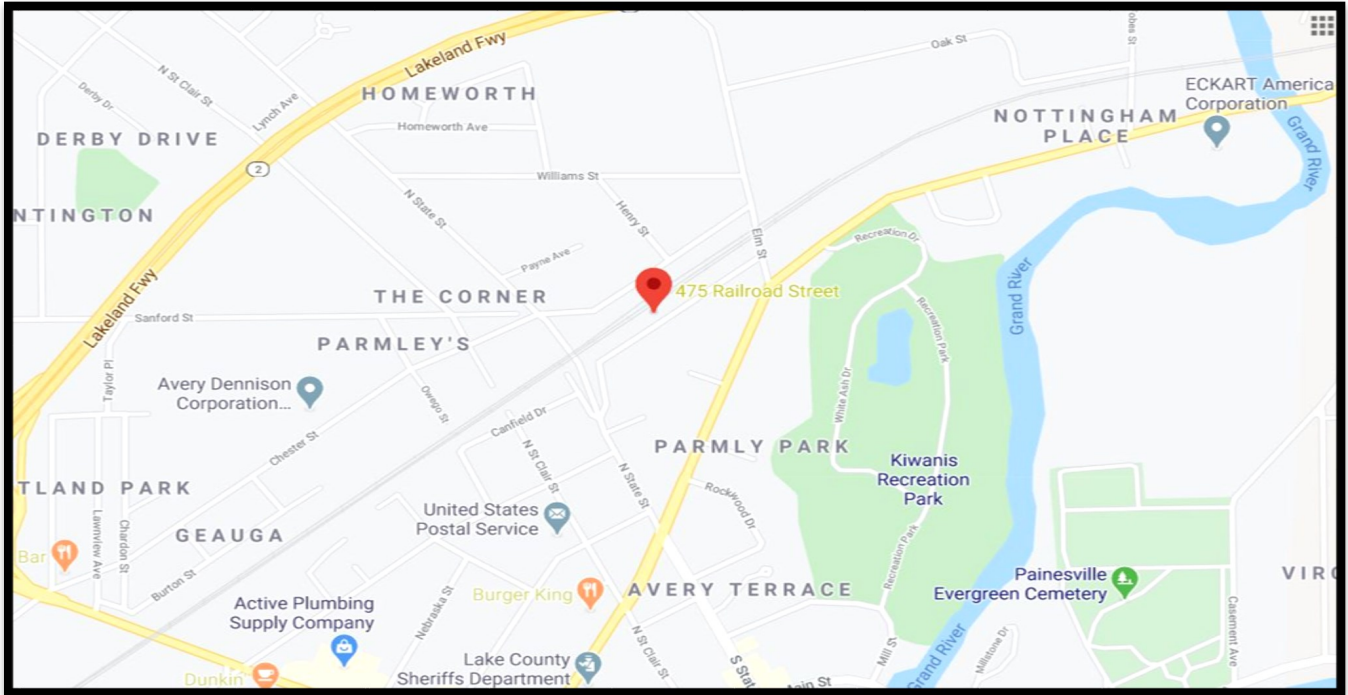
Cost: Free to Division 5 members and their families/guests

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

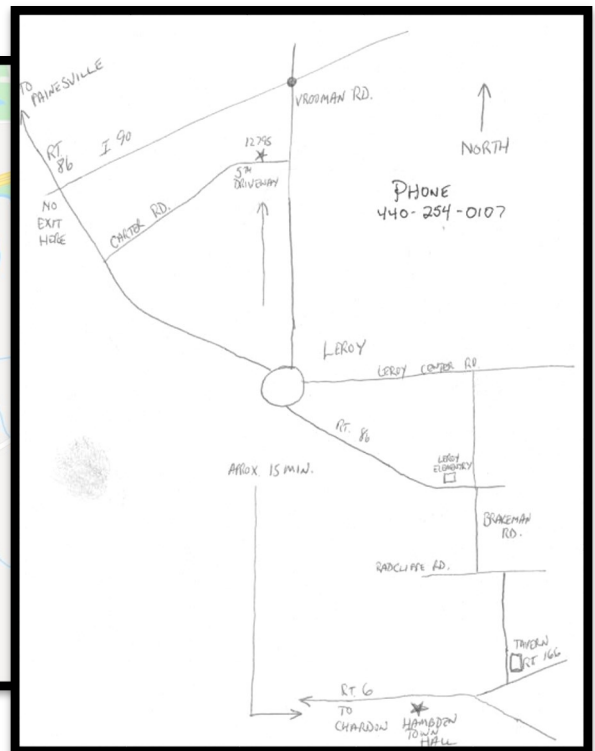
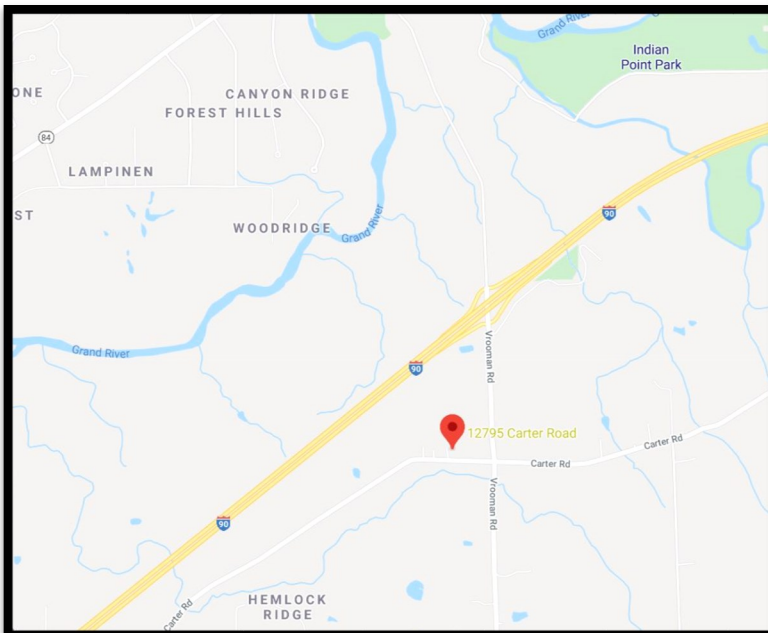
RSVP: RSVP to Matt Kross (super@mcr5.org or 440-668-9462) by August 22 with the number of people attending so that we know how much food will be needed.

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Painesville Depot



Bill Osborne



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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/>

Jefferson Historical Society

Train and Toy Swap Meet



Saturday Aug 14th, 2021 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Admission \$2.00 Children under 12 FREE!

Good Food Available
Train and Toy related items only

Jefferson Community Center
11 East Jefferson St., Jefferson, OH 44047
Email: jeffersonohiohistoricalsociety@centurylink.net
Website: www.jeffersonohiohistoricalsociety.org
Phone: 1 (440) 576-5333 (leave a message)

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Name: _____

Phone: () _____

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Email: _____

Tables (6') _____ @\$12.00ea \$ _____

Tables (8') _____ @\$16.00ea \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Jefferson Historical Society

P.O Box 574 Jefferson, OH 44047

The officers and members of the Jefferson Historical Society are not responsible for any loss, damage, injury or tort during this event or related events.

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Note – Table Rental Money will be refunded if this event is cancelled

ARTICLES

The Forgotten Rail Lines

Ohio Narrow Gauge

At the end of the Civil War there was a boom of railroads being built across the United States, mostly narrow gauge. The main reasons narrow gauge railroads were being built was because they cost less to build and operate as well as their ability to traverse sharp curves in the steeper terrains and mountains. A lot of these rail lines were built by industries like the coal and lumber industries in order to move their products to the main lines. A lot of these lines lasted well into the early to mid-1900's. Some of the rail lines were built as profit seeking ventures hoping to gain contracts to move products and materials from a larger industrial and commercial base. These rail lines also provided a quick way for people to move back and forth not only locally but across the entire country. For most of these rail lines their life spans were short as bankruptcies and foreclosures allowed the major rail lines the opportunity to begin buying them up by the early to mid-1880's.

Ohio's rail history is rich with narrow gauge railroads which crossed the state from north to south as well as east to west. Ohio was a center of the narrow gauge railways with Delphos, Ohio being a main hub. For this article I have decided to take a brief look at three of these lines.

The Ohio River and Western began its life like most narrow gauge railways in the early 1870s on the

south east side of the state. The original railway, The Bellaire and Southwestern Railway was proposed by the businessmen of Woodsfield, Ohio to connect with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Bellaire, Ohio in order to eliminate the commerce and communication problems that hindered Monroe County because of its rugged terrain. By December 1879 the two towns were connected with the railway also running through both Armstrong Mills and Beallsville, Ohio. Because of its initial success it was decided that a westward expansion was needed and by 1883 the railway had reached Zanesville, Ohio. It was soon renamed The Bellaire, Zanesville, and Cincinnati Railway (BZ&C). It gained the nickname as the "Bent, Zigzag, and Crooked" because of the many twist and turns it made through the lower Appalachian Hills. Because of the maintenance of it 300 trestles and bridges and frequent landslides the BZ&C was placed into its first receivership in 1886. It survived into the 1900's because of the oil and coal booms of the 1890's. In 1902 the BZ&C was renamed the Ohio River and Western (OR&W) where it was given a new nickname, the "Old, Rusty, and Wobbly". The railroad, although beneficial to the communities it ran through, continued to lose money and by the beginning of the Great Depression was forced to cease operations in 1931. This rail line carries the distinction of being Ohio's longest-lived independent narrow gauge railroad.

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Hobby Town USA
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters
The Painesville Railroad Museum

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



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The Kelley Island Lime and Transport Company (KIL&T) officially began its life in 1886 to consolidate the quarries on Kelley Island. Even though the first limestone quarry opened in 1833 the first railroad wasn't built until 1854 and was only 500 feet long running from a quarry to a shipping dock on the south side of the island and was primarily horse drawn. It should be noted that the KIL&T name and railroad is that of the company and not an independent system. It is believed that the first steam railroad on the island could have been in operation in 1888 but there is no description of the locomotive(s) used. The reason I mention this is because the KIL&T holds the distinction of being the largest operator of Shay locomotives in the world. The first Shay did not arrive until 1898. According to the KIL&T roster the company operated 65 Shay locomotives, I did find a roster that listed 75 but several of the Shays were rebuilt at the Lima Locomotive Works and may have been renumbered, operating in one of its five states that the company had operations in. One needs to understand that the railway on Kelley Island was to do no more than to support the mining and processing operations on the island. One of the most interesting things about the KIL&T rail system is that it had a network of moveable tracks which allowed for the loading cars to stay close to the working areas of the quarries. The company closed the Kelley Island quarries in 1940 with the last shipment of stone in 1941. There were six Shay locomotives still on the island when operations ended. If you would like to read more about the KIL&T there is an excellent article by Lee Rainey in the December 1986 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman.

Painesville, Youngstown and Pittsburgh began its life as the Painesville & Fairport Railroad in 1837 and hold the distinction of being the second operating railroad in Ohio. The railway consisted of one wooden passenger car and one freight car pulled by two horses. In 1870 the Painesville and Youngstown Line (P&F) was incorporated and ran a line between Fairport and Farmington, Ohio. This railroad holds the distinction of being the second narrow gauge railroad in the United States. In 1873 the line was renamed the Painesville, Youngstown and Pittsburgh. The line was extended to Warren, Ohio in 1874. In 1877 the line went into foreclosure and was purchased in 1879 and renamed The Pittsburgh, Painesville and Fairport Railway Company (PP&F). This line would later be known by employees as the "Puff, Pant & Fart". In 1886 the line was leased to the Pittsburgh and Western (P&W) Railroad which started to change the tracks to standard gauge. In 1890 the Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) purchased the P&W and incorporated the PP&F line into its network and finished converting the tracks to standard gauge. Today we know this line as the B&O Lake Branch.

Of all of the narrow gauge railroads I have researched the Lake Branch, before the B&O, is without a doubt the hardest to extract accurate information for. This is due to the counties of Lake, Geauga, and Trumbull having little and contradicting information available. This combined with Case Western University's limited history on this subject is enough to make someone go crazy.

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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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