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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



## THIS MONTH:

- Friday October 1  
Div Meeting @ 7:30  
Hambden Town Hall
- Monday October 11  
BOD Meeting @ 7:30  
Virtual Using Zoom

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### Super Reflections October 2021

#### Still On Track For October In-Person Meeting

Keep your fingers crossed that nothing happens to prevent us from getting back to in-person meetings at Hambden Town Hall. At the time I am writing this, we are still ok to have our October 1 membership meeting at the town hall. Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask in the town hall. We will space the chairs apart and have some different refreshments (packaged snacks), but other than that, we believe it will be a normal in-person meeting. Please plan to bring items for Bring 'n' Brag to show what you worked on during the last year and a half. Mike Carovac will be presenting Part 2 of his clinic on Scenery Accents.

#### A Normal Railfest 2022 Not Happening

Lakeland Community College is still not allowing outside groups to use the college facilities and is not accepting any reservations during 2021 for events to be held in 2022. Therefore, the dream that we will be back to a normal Railfest in 2022 is not going to happen. We are looking into what alternatives we have. We are searching for area event venues that would allow us to put on a smaller scale Railfest. We have a couple of possibilities but nothing definite yet. There are a lot of details to work out when starting from scratch with a new location. If we are able to have an alternate Railfest in 2022, it most likely will be in April or May. If you

would like to help the Division with this effort, please contact Jim Wendorf or myself.

#### Still Hopeful

Division 4's Great Berea Train Show is still a go! It's just a couple of weeks away. I am really looking forward to this show and really hoping the surging Covid 19 doesn't do anything to derail the event. Please plan on attending the show and supporting our neighboring division.

#### My Past Month Modeling Work

I still haven't gotten my custom painted locomotives completed for my layout. I'm still apprehensive about a couple of the tasks I need to do. I keep reading and re-reading how various people go about painting and decaling their equipment. I just haven't been ready to pull the trigger yet and try it. Maybe I'll get something done before our October meeting. Instead, I have been working on kitbashing more building flats to put along the backdrop in various locations. I also have been working on more details for various scenes on the layout. I'm getting work done, just not what I was planning on doing. Oh well, I'm still having fun! That's the point, right?

Please join us in-person at our October meeting. See you down the line.

Matt

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

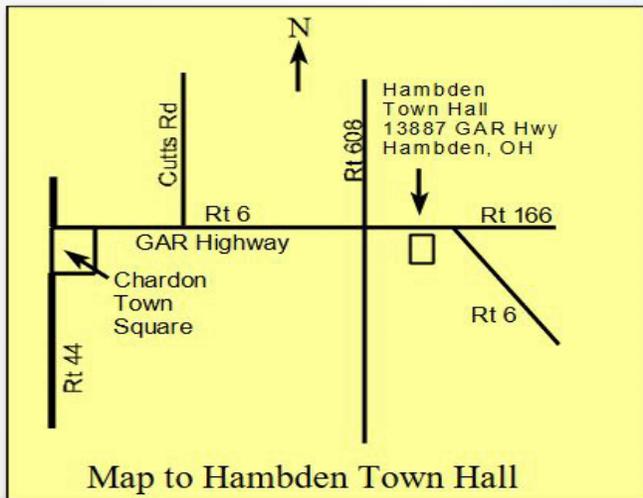
## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION:

OCTOBER 1, 2021 DIVISION MEETING  
 LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL  
 PROGRAM: SCENERY ACCENTS.  
 BRING & BRAG: ANYTHING GOES FROM PAST 18 MONTHS

OCTOBER 11, 2021 BOD MEETING  
 LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## UPCOMING Events

(GO TO [WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM](http://WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS)

### October 2 & 3 Berea Train Show

Berea Fairgrounds  
 19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights,  
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Adm. \$8.00  
 Phone: 440-785-9907

### October 9 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

### October 30 TCA Train Show

5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130  
 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00  
 Phone: 216-233-6135

### October 31 Medina Train Show

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256  
 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00  
 Phone: 330-948-4400

### November 6 Mt Hope Show

Mt. Hope Event Center,  
 8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope 44666  
 10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$5.00  
 Phone: 330-262-7488

### November 13 NETS Train Show

Highland Heights Community Center,  
 5827 Highland Road, Highland Hts. 44143  
 10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$5.00  
 Phone: 440-357-8890

### November 27 TCA Train Show

5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130  
 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00  
 Phone: 330-273-6404

# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2021

The September 10, 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 2 guests were present.

Reviewed upcoming events and shows

Painesville Railroad Museum is conducting a Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop on September 18 at the Depot. They are looking for people to assist.

Lake Farmpark will not be having any train layouts during their December Country Lights event this year.

Division 4's The Great Berea Train Show is still a go the first weekend in October.

Indy Junction 2022 Tri-Regional Convention May 18-22, 2022

Division 7's Cincinnati Train Show October 9-10. They are inviting people with T-Trak modules to come and set up.

We are planning to have an in-person meeting for our October membership meeting unless something changes with Hambden Town Hall.

The Lake-Geauga HO Module Group appears to be defunct. Their modules are still stored at Lake Farmpark and they have been told to get them out. Contact Sam Monturi if you have any ideas on what they can do with the modules or are willing to help.

It appears we will not be having Railfest 2022 at Lakeland Community College this coming March.

Lakeland is still not allowing outside groups to use the college facilities and is not accepting any reservations for 2022. We are looking into what alternatives we have.

We have not received any information from Division 4 yet as to whether they want help manning the NMRA recruitment table. Matt Kross will contact them.

The Division and Railfest audits have been rescheduled for September 28.

We had our Division 5 table at the Jefferson train show. There were a couple of people that showed interest in the NMRA and took information, but none of them would be in our Division.

Matt Kross showed a couple of the recent books released on the history of the B&O Lake Branch that ran from the Youngstown area to Painesville. He also showed the book Modern Steel Mini-Mill Details that was mentioned in the recent NMRA Magazine.

Bring & Brag:            Dave Neff                      Bill Berger                      Matt Kross

Program:            Mike Carovac presented his first of four clinics on Scenery Accents. Part one talked about things to draw attention to an existing layout. He used pictures of various things that he has seen over the years driving truck in northeast Ohio.

Submitted by  
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## October Trainwire Items

**October Meeting:** October 1, 2021 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall (no online Zoom meeting will be available)

**November Meeting:** November 5, 2021 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall (no online Zoom meeting will be available)

**December Meeting:** December 3, 2021 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall (no online Zoom meeting will be available)

**October Bring 'n' Brag Theme:** Bring in the items you have been working on during the last year and a half during the Covid-19 lockdown. Surely you have worked on something during the last 18 months that you can show us. You will receive a \$5 Division Certificate if you do.

### 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 4 Great Berea Train Show – October 2,3 – Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

### Farmpark Country Lights Train Layouts Cancelled

The Lake Erie N-scale Society received the following e-mail from the director of Lake Farmpark:

*Dear LENS,*

*We are moving forward with another Country Lights Drive Thru.*

*Right now, we are 50/50 on doing a daytime Santa's Workshop with limited ticket. If the workshop happens, we will be spreading the workshop throughout the Visitor Center to keep people socially distant. This would include the room that the trains are normally in. So, with that said I'm very sad to say we will not need LENS this year and hopefully we will be back to normal in 2022. LENS always puts on a wonderful display, and it is enjoyed by all.*

*On a more positive note, Railroads in the Park is set June 4 & 5, 2022.*

*Enjoy your holiday season and we will see you in 2022! -Andy McGovern*

### Division 5 Promo Day 2021 Cancelled

Due to the surge in Covid-19 cases and the lack of a suitable venue with the desired amount of open space, the Division 5 BOD has decided to cancel our annual Division 5 model railroading promotional day for 2021. We will begin looking for a suitable location that is within our budget for our Promo Day 2022.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**OCTOBER 2 & 3, 2021**

**10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

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# ARTICLES

## NICKEL PLATE

The day starts out at the coal tower for this 0 8 0. Today it will be assisting a Fairbanks Morse Switcher in the yard while it's coaling up a Berkshire; that takes on coal for its job to haul fast freight across the system. An SW8 shoves hoppers into the dumper to replenish the tower. Almost full of coal, it will back up to the water plug. After its morning service it's off to the yard. Today it will be spotting cars at the Lawsten Foundry Company. Later in the day she is moving loaded gondolas full of wire to be spotted for an east-bound train leaving tonight. Meanwhile the FM is moving tons of scrap where they will be unloaded by an electromagnetic crane and sent to the furnace to be melted down. At the end of the day the fire is dropped and put away till Monday morning and the sequence starts all over again. Man I would like to go back to 1957 to witness this in person.

~Bill Osborne



# ARTICLES

## NICKEL PLATE

other crews were making up a local for Ft. Wayne



### BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES



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| 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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**WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP**

Several new books are now available covering railroading in our local area.

I was informed by the author of a new book that includes the history of the B&O Lake Branch that he now has copies in-hand. This is Volume 19 in the Ghost Rails series of books. I ordered my copy last week. See the attached information.

Also, there is another new book covering the B&O Lake Branch written by Dan Rager. This book is available at the Painesville Railroad Museum and a few local stores or you can order online. I bought a copy for myself from the Museum during our Division 5 picnic there last weekend.

Dan Rager, a member of the Cleveland & Eastern Interurban Historic Society, has published a new book about the railroad that once ran through Chardon and Middlefield.

The book, Building the Lake Branch, Complete History, 1835-2021, Vol.4, is a comprehensive history of the line that eventually became the Lake Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (Chessie System), and ran from Fairport Harbor through Painesville to Youngstown, Ohio.

The publication explains the complex development of railroads in the region. It describes how the Lake Branch, which had a dozen different names over its 185-year history, evolved from a narrow-gauge passenger and freight railroad into a major standard-gauge mover of iron ore to the steel mills of Youngstown and Pittsburgh and hauler of coal to the port at Fairport Harbor on Lake Erie.

The Cleveland & Eastern had connections with the B & O in Chardon and Middlefield. This allowed the C & E to transfer materials and equipment during its construction. The Chardon connection also allowed the early C & E steam engines to access the B & O's water tank and was later used to transfer coal to its power plant and residents of Gates Mills.

The book contains 300 color and black & white photos, maps, blueprints, and 'then and now' photos. It describes the lives of those who lived and worked on the road, as well as the events that took place. It has separate chapters detailing the history of each village through which the line passed, including current photos showing remnants of the line. In addition, it contains a unique listing of 546 Ohio railroads and 930 Lake Erie vessels.

You can purchase it via email at [mapleleafroute@gmail.com](mailto:mapleleafroute@gmail.com) from the Maple Leaf Publishing Company, P.O. Box 144, Chardon, OH 44024, or online from [lulu.com](http://lulu.com).

It is also available from Mountain Road Bikes, 109 South St, Chardon, OH 44024 or at the Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077. The book is 310 pages and is priced at \$65.00 plus \$4.95 for shipping and handling.

Dan Rager will be giving public talks about this book. One of those talks will be at the Painesville Railroad Museum on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

Matt Kross

# Building the Lake Branch

Complete History  
1835-2021

Lake - Geauga - Trumbull Counties

Vol. 4 DAN RAGER

### Ghost Rails XIX B&O Lakers New Castle, Youngstown, Painesville, Fairport Harbor

#### The Complete History

B&O, P&W, P&Y, Iron Ore and Coal Eras  
Plus FP&E and Grand River Railway in 2021

Wayne A. Cole

Cover: June 14, 1962, B&O #4212, the last train ever from Great Bend, Painesville

Left: June 9, 1971, B&O #2000, the last train ever from Fairport Harbor, Ohio

Right: June 9, 1971, B&O #2000, the last train ever from Fairport Harbor, Ohio

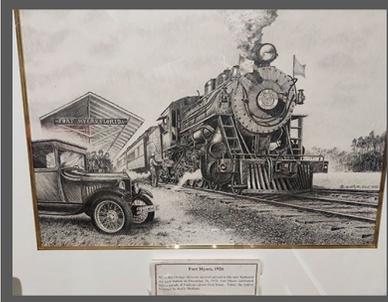
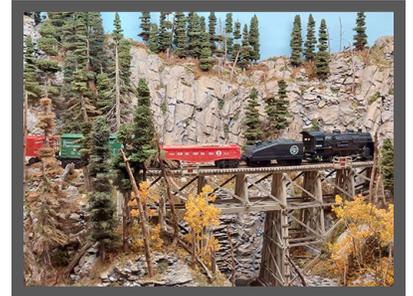
### Lake Park—Fort Myers, Florida

In 2020 my wife and I purchased a vacation home in Fort Myers, Florida. The first year we spent all of our time just trying to renovate the property and furnish it. This year when we went down for the month of July we actually wanted to explore the area and try to discover some hidden gems. One that we found that would be of interest to fellow railroad enthusiast is called Lake Park. Even better for us is that this huge park is directly behind the community our house is located.

The first time we visited we went for what we thought was going to be a farmers market; however we discovered those are not held in the summer months. Instead of being disappointed and leaving we had heard a rumor that there was some activities of interest for railroad fans. What we discovered tucked into one corner of the park was worth the effort to find. Some of the highlights of this area include a depot styled museum containing a working model railroad, a train simulator, a small theatre, donated modules, library, and other various railroad artifacts. We spent time in the museum exploring the various items of interest; it also helped that the museum is air conditioned which might of contributed to our rather long stay inside on this day as the temperature approached triple digits. Once done exploring it was our time to ride the 1/8 scale railroad through the park. This train ride takes approximately 15 minutes to complete the loop throughout this corner of the park. It goes through various scenes depicting historical southwest Florida. We actually paid to go on the ride twice because we wanted to see their scenes as well as the actual park. Finally as you exit the train ride they have an actual steam engine and tender that you can visit.

Here are just a few of the photos that we captured on our first of hopefully many trips to Lake Park.

~ Bryan Persing



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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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