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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

Friday November 5

Div Meeting @ 7:30
Hambden Town Hall

Monday November 8

BOD Meeting @ 7:30
Virtual Using Zoom

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Super Reflections November 2021

October Meeting Was In-Person, Where Were You?

For those of you that said you weren't going to be active in the Division until we were back to in-person meetings, well, we are back to in-person meetings. Our October 1, 2021 meeting was in-person at Hambden Town Hall. Where were you? We only had 12 members show up. Unless something comes up, all our future meetings will be in-person. Mike Carovac has been putting on a great series of clinics that last two months regarding scenery accents that bring attention to your scenes. He has based his clinics on pictures he has taken while driving truck throughout north-east Ohio. Please make an effort to join us at our November 5, 2021 meeting at Hambden Town Hall. Mike will be presenting part 3 of his clinic series.

Great Berea Train Show Was Great!

The 2021 Great Berea Train Show was great! It was so good to get back to attending a large, "normal", train show again. I was there on Saturday from about 11am to 2pm. The crowd didn't seem as large as I would have expected and there were a number of empty vendor spaces. However, I found lots of good stuff to buy and the layout were great as always. I thought it was a terrific show and was not at all disappointed. I hope you were able to attend.

Why Is An N-scaler Buying HO?

I am a dedicated N scale modeler. However, at the Great Berea Train Show, I bought four different Walthers HO structure kits. Why did I do this? Well, it turns out that a lot of industrial structures and equipment gets compressed when designed for a model so that it doesn't take up so much room on the layout.

Several of these HO kits contained equipment that looks fine in my N scale steel mill and power plant. An HO brick smokestack is really about the right prototype size in my N scale steel mill and power plant. The N scale smokestacks look way too small. Buildings in a steel mill are massive so sometimes an HO structure is just the right size. You don't really notice that the window panes are a bit large. You just have to hide the various doors or replace them with N scale sized ones. Thank you, HO-scalers!

My Past Month Modeling Work

I played a little bit more with doing some decaling. I am having problems with seeing the decal film. I asked a number of questions at our October meeting and I am going to retry on my test locomotive shell using the feedback I received. I went on a plastic kit building binge this past month. I found a Japanese website where I can get a lot of the N scale structures I have been looking for. I ordered a number of kits and they arrived in less than two weeks. No problem with the supply chain. They were shipped via DHL by air. I also have been going through a bunch of my storage boxes and pulling out un-built kits to work on. I have been having a blast building all these structures. They are filling in all the small "voids" I had on the layout. A lot of my layout scenes are really starting to take shape. I am really impressed with the various detail parts that are provided in a number of the Japanese N-scale kits, especially those by Greenmax. I ordered some extra kits just to get the detail parts.

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

Matt

MEETINGS & EVENTS

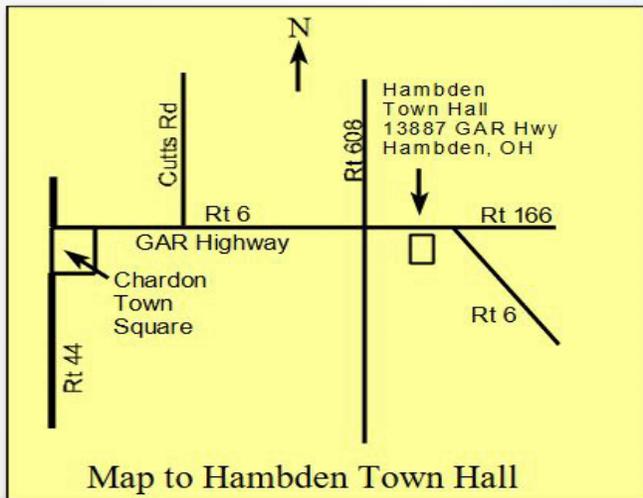
UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION:

NOVEMBER 5, 2021 DIVISION MEETING
 LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
 PROGRAM: SCENERY
 BRING & BRAG: ANYTHING GOES FROM PAST 18 MONTHS

NOVEMBER 8, 2021 BOD MEETING
 LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

(GO TO WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS)

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 6 2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet
 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
 9 am to 2 pm Adm. \$7.00
 Phone: 440-248-3055

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 14 Akron Train & Toy Show
 Akron North High School
 985 Gorge Blvd., Akron, Ohio
 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$2.50
 Phone: 330-724-5253

November 27 TCA Train Show
 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00
 Phone: 330-273-6404

December 5 Medina Train and Toy Show
 Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256
 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00
 Phone: 330-948-4400

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2021

The October 1, 2021 membership meeting was held in-person at Hambden Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 12 members and 2 guests were present.

Reviewed upcoming events and shows

Div 4 show this weekend (Oct 2-3)

We talked about how our NMRA/Division recruitment table worked out at the Jefferson train show in July. We had four people interested in the NMRA and gave them information. However, none of them lived in the Division 5 boundaries.

At the moment, Lakeland Community College is not accepting any reservations for use of its facility in 2022. They suggested that Division 5 look elsewhere to hold Railfest.

Financial audit of Division 5 and Railfest books have been done through August 31, 2021. No problems were found.

Reviewed the first of Dan Rager's presentations on his new book covering the history of the B&O Lake Branch. Division 5 elections will occur in the Spring of 2022. We need to form a Nominating Committee in December.

We need three people for this. Members should consider serving on this committee. Also, consider running for one of the elected offices of the Division, especially if you do not like the way things are being done!

Trainwire is always looking for items to put in our newsletter. How about submitting a member profile for yourself?

It was suggested that we review the list of people still receiving paper copies of the Trainwire to see if we can convert more (or all) of them to getting the electronic copy.

The Division 5 Webmaster is going to look into implementing an RSVP feature for our monthly meetings. The idea behind this is to have members login to our Division 5 Members Only section to indicate whether they will be attending the next Division 5 membership meeting. This will help us plan the amount of refreshments needed as well as how many chairs to set up for the in-person meeting.

Viewed the current promotional Power Point presentation on the Indy Junction 2022 tri-regional convention. Looks like it is going to be a great convention that isn't too far away.

The Painesville Railroad Museum sponsored another Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop. The workshop went well. Several Division members volunteered to help the Museum with this event.

Items For The Good Of The Order:

Bill Osborne went to the "Berkshires In Bellevue" event. He said it was great and got to get into the cab of 765.

The annual Whistle Blow event is coming up Oct 9, 2021 at the Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association.

Modeling Questions:

There were a number of questions about the proper way to apply decals. Issues regarding how to wet the decals, how to manipulate the decals once they come off the decal sheet, what setting to solutions to use and when, how to prep the surface before starting, and how to seal the decal. Assistant Superintendent Mike Carovac has done a lot of decaling and provided a number details regarding the materials/procedures/techniques he uses.

Bring & Brag:

Dave Neff

Bill Osborne

Matt Kross

Mike Carovac

Dave Metzger

Program: Mike Carovac presented the second of his four clinics on Scenery Accents. Part two talked about unusual things you can place on your layout. He used pictures of various things that he has seen over the years driving truck in northeast Ohio.

BOD Meeting 11 October 2021

A virtual Division 5 BOD meeting was held on October 11, 2021 via online meeting using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Mike Carovac, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Bob Gittinger, Ray Newnes, Chuck Limbert, and Ted Wiese.

Discussed whether we should hold a Division Holiday Party in January. It was decided to use the Division voting application on our website to poll the members to see how many would attend if we have the party. Matt Kross will set up the vote on the website.

At the moment, all future meetings will be in-person at Hambden Town Hall. Until we decide whether we are having our Holiday Party in January, we won't know if we need a January meeting. We currently have programs lined up for November, December, and February.

We will do another prorated donation to Hambden Township for our use of the Town Hall.

Per Jim Wendorf, Lakeland Community College has not told us NO for holding Railfest at the college, but they haven't said YES, either. They just aren't taking any facility reservations through the end of 2021. We are exploring whether we could hold Railfest 2022 at Mentor High School. We roughed out the facility cost using Mentor High School based on some assumptions and it is comparable or less than what the college costs. However, we have not met yet with Mentor High School personnel to work out details or determine the amount of space that would be available. Jim Wendorf and Matt Kross are working on this.

Financial audit of Division 5 and Railfest books have been done through August 31, 2021. No problems were found.

Company Store Coordinator Ted Wiese will provide an inventory of what the Division currently has in stock. His initial input is that there is very little remaining. We got rid of a lot of items in 2020 and 2021.

We will return to the normal one year expiration date for Division certificates that are issued after September 2021.

Division elections will be in the Spring of 2022. The BOD needs to get a Nominating Committee formed before the end of the year. If we need to do a paper ballot, it will be mailed in March 2022.

The next Mid Central Region BOD meeting will be on October 29, 2021. Our Division 5 Fall 2021 Report is due to the MCR BOD by October 20. The report has been written. It will be sent to Division 5 BOD members for review before being sent to the Region.

The 2022 Division 5 budget was discussed. The BOD voted to keep the 2022 budget the same as our 2021 budget. The BOD also authorized the Treasurer to pull the needed funds out of our savings to fund 2022 expenses since we did not have any income in 2021.

It was suggested that we review the list of people still receiving paper copies of the Trainwire to see if we can convert more (or all) of them to getting the electronic copy. Matt Kross will send the list of people currently receiving paper copies to the BOD for review and determination of who we want to convert to electronic copies or drop from the mailing list.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, November 8, 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



Brinky & Brady



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Trainwire Items

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)

November 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. Otherwise, just bring in something that you have currently been working on. You will receive a \$5 Division Certificate if you do.

How About Submitting A Member Profile?

How about submitting a member profile of yourself? We did a number of these a couple of years ago but then they stopped. There are still a lot of you out there that we don't know about. Let the other members know about you and your model railroading background. You can tell us:

How did you get interested in model railroading?

What are your railroading interests?

What scale do you model?

Are you modeling something specific or are you a freelancer?

What are you currently working on?

Do you have a layout or module?

What other interests do you have besides trains?

We can help you put together the write-up. We just need you to provide the information. If you are willing to do this, please contact the Trainwire Editor Bryan Persing or Superintendent Matt Kross.

Farmpark Country Lights Train Layouts Cancelled

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

Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed

2022 will be an election year for Division 5 so we need to form a Nominating Committee before the end of 2021 to put together a slate of candidates. We are looking for three representatives, preferably each from a different county. Your job would be to determine good candidates for office. You would then need to contact them to see if they would be willing to run.

If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please contact Superintendent Matt Kross.

Refer to the section elsewhere in this Trainwire on the Division 5 Election Process for more details on the Nominating Committee duties.

Division 5 2022 Elections

This coming spring will be election time again for Division 5.

There are 2 elected officers in the Division:

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent

Elections are held every two years in the Spring of the even-numbered years. Only Division 5 members may hold office. Terms are two years in length and are limited to 4 consecutive years (two terms) in a row in the same office. If a member has been in a position for two consecutive terms, they can be elected for that position again after they have been out of that position for one term.

If you are interested in running for Superintendent or Assistant, please contact a member of the Division 5 Nominating Committee or the Superintendent.

Division 5 Elected Officer Duties

The duties of the **Superintendent** are:

Preside at all Division 5, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings.

Serve or appoint a proxy as the Division representative on the Region Board of Directors.

Assign the Assistant Superintendent suitable duties and keep him/her informed of Division 5 business.

Appoint chairpersons of committees required to accomplish the stated purposes of the Division.

Cooperate with other Divisions in every way possible.

The duties of the **Assistant Superintendent** are:

Assist the Superintendent in any way possible.

Assume the functions of the office of Superintendent during the absence of the Superintendent.

Run the Bring 'n' Brag at the meeting.

Assist with the Raffle sales at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 5 Election Process

The following are excerpts from our Division 5 Regulations explaining the election process:

The Division Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Superintendent. It shall be composed of a Chairperson and two other members. Each person on the committee shall be from a different county of the Division. The current Superintendent shall not serve on the committee, nor sit with it during its deliberations. The Nominating Committee will report the nominations to the Clerk and the membership.

Members of the Nominating Committee may not nominate themselves for any office, including re-election for office.

The Teller shall report the results of the election to the officers of the Division and to all nominees prior to the May meeting. The results are to be announced by the Teller at the May meeting. Those elected shall be invited to participate in the May Board of Directors meeting. The newly elected officers will assume office June 1st.

Nominations for Division 5 offices may be made by a petition signed by two members and the nominee and submitted to the Nominating Committee. The signatures must be legible and the member's NMRA membership number and their membership expiration date must appear with the signature. The petition shall state for what office the candidate is seeking nomination. No candidate can be nominated for more than one office in an election.

Nominations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the January meeting of the election year.

Nominations of members from the floor shall be presented at the February meeting of the election year.

Nominations from the floor shall be by a motion and must be seconded. Nominees cannot nominate themselves.

No member shall be nominated to an elective office without their approval.

- Election for Division officers shall be conducted by mail ballot. Nominees for office and qualifications for same shall be included in the March issue of the Trainwire for elected office balloting.

If all elected offices only have a single candidate, then an Election by Acclimation process can be implemented as long as the Division nominating committee has made a diligent effort/search for multiple candidates for each elected office. The Election by Acclimation process shall consist of the Division 5 Board Of Directors reviewing the actions of the Nominating Committee, and after determining that no suitable additional candidates can be found, passes by majority vote that the election process is complete and the specified candidates will be the new duly elected officers. No membership balloting (paper or otherwise) will be required for this process.

ARTICLES

Update on the Kinzua Bridge

Rich and I wanted to see the positive changes made to the state park following the devastating tornado eighteen years ago. We visited the Kinzua Bridge area in 2001 to ride the train and picnic on the far side of the viaduct accessible only by train, and again in 2003, shortly after the tornado caused widespread damage to the area and destroyed most of the viaduct. It was once the tallest and longest railroad structure at 301 feet high and 2,053 feet long. Six restored towers remain, holding a 600-foot long pedestrian walkway leading to a 225-foot high observation deck that overlooks the Kinzua Creek valley. Eleven twisted towers can be seen on the valley floor from the end of the walkway. There is also a hiking trail that leads to the footbridge over the creek, and the Knox & Kane Rail Trail along the old right-of-way. It was very windy the day we were there, so we didn't spend a

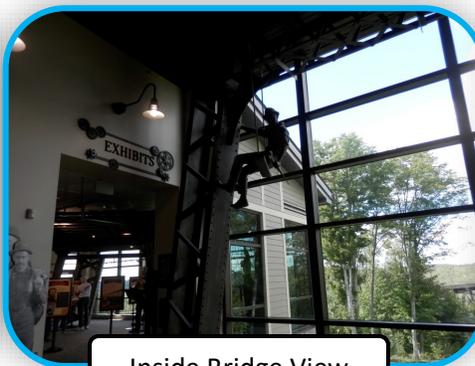
lot of time on the walkway. The views would be fantastic in October, when the fall foliage is at its peak. The two-story visitor center, built in 2016, has many interesting exhibits and a continuously running video.

On the way home, we drove through New York and stopped in Hammondsport to see if the station was still there. It is now the location of the village and police offices in Depot Park along the shore of Keuka Lake. After a short side trip to the Bully Hill Winery in Hammondsport, we continued on to Salamanca, where we stopped at the old restored station. It is now a museum containing artifacts and a model railroad layout, which unfortunately was closed that day, with a freight depot and old cars on the grounds.

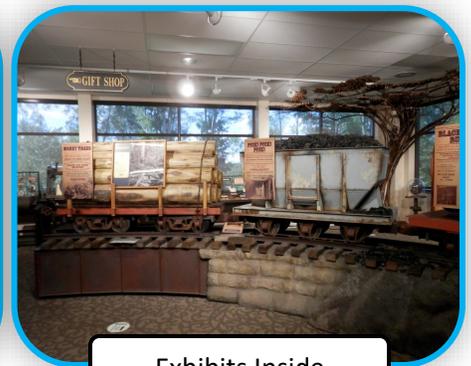
~Linda Kacprzak



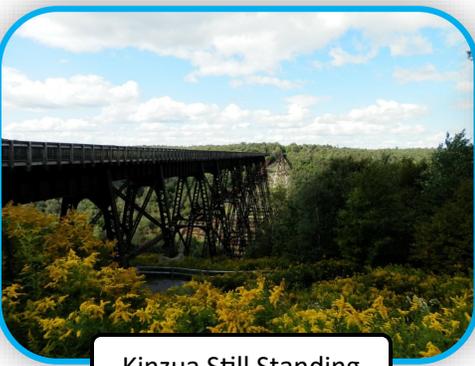
Kinzua Visitor Center



Inside Bridge View



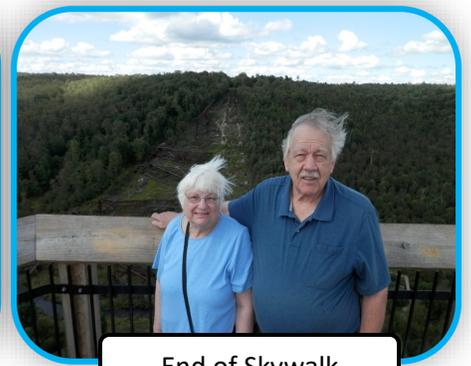
Exhibits Inside



Kinzua Still Standing

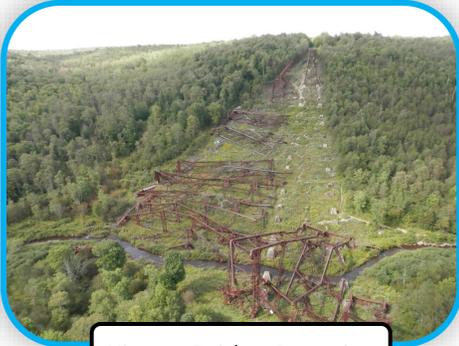


Start of Skywalk

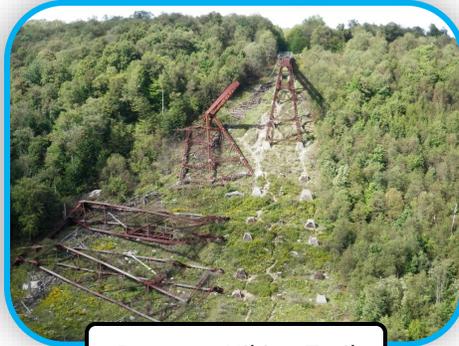


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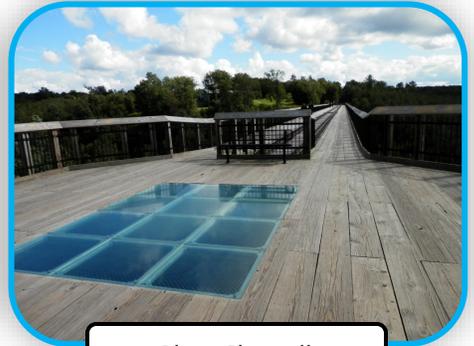
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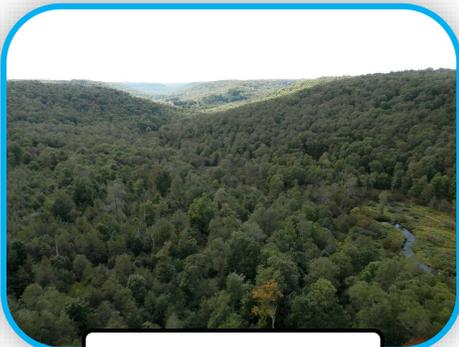
Kinzua Bridge Remains



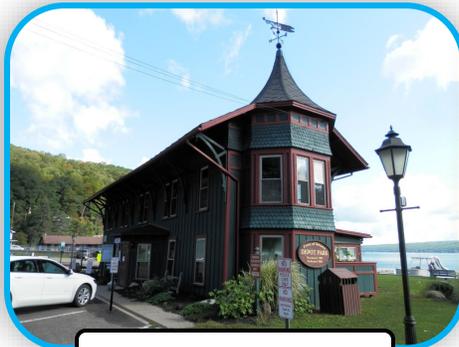
Down to Hiking Trail



Glass Skywalk



Looking Over the Side



Hammondspport Station



Salamanca Station

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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Program, Bring & Brag		

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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