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THIS MONTH:

Friday January 7

Div Meeting @ 7:30
Virtual Using Zoom

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Super Reflections January 2022

Covid Strikes Again

Due to the huge spike in covid cases in north-east Ohio and concerns expressed by a number of Division 5 members about holding an in-person meeting, I have cancelled our in-person January 7th meeting at Hambden Town Hall. Instead, we will have a virtual meeting online using Zoom. An e-mail will be sent out to Division members with the Zoom meeting information or you can find the Zoom link in the Members Only section of the Division 5 website. We will still hold our Losers Raffle at the January meeting. Remember, you can still participate in Bring 'n' Brag at the online meeting. Just take some pictures of what you would like to show and send them to Super@mcr5.org. I will put them in a format to show during the meeting and you can talk about them. Hopefully the covid spike will pass quickly and we can have an in-person meeting in February.

Railfest 2022 Back

Well, we finally got a positive response back from Lakeland Community College about holding Division 5's Railfest 2022. At the moment, we are a go to have a somewhat "normal" Railfest in March. The college's fees have gone up significantly over what they were in 2020. Also, everyone in attendance at the show, that includes the public, the vendors, and all show helpers, will be required to wear a mask while at the show. Keep your fingers crossed that we don't get cancelled again. A lot can happen between now and the middle of March.

Model Railroading Can Be Dangerous!

At the December meeting, I briefly told the group about a mishap I had Thanksgiving

weekend while using a hobby knife with a brand-new blade. I was cutting a thick sheet of styrene into several wide strips to use as a concrete wall. I was running the knife along a heavy metal straightedge. It was taking numerous passes to cut through and, after cutting a couple of strips, I got careless and really wasn't paying full attention. Well, at the start of one of my cutting passes, I pulled the knife more towards me instead of along the straightedge. Well, the blade hopped up over the straightedge and across the end of my finger that was holding the straightedge down. It was a diagonal cut across the end of my finger, cutting through the fingernail. Yes, there was a lot of blood, but holding the wound closed stopped the bleeding. This is why I keep several boxes of Band-Aids in the basement! I bandaged the wound well and there wasn't any sign of further bleeding. This happened late on a Saturday night. I considered going to the Emergency Room but decided it wasn't that bad. So, of course, I continued working! It really didn't hurt that much. I did go to the doctor's office on the Monday after. They said I probably should have gotten stitches but it was too late now. Fortunately, they said I had bandaged it well and it was healing ok. So, what can we learn from this?

- Hobby knives are sharp! Be careful!
- Pay attention to what you are doing (maybe turn off the TV in the background!)
- If doing a lot of repetitive actions, take a break occasionally to regain focus
- Keep Band-Aids in your hobby area!

I do have pictures of my finger from when I was in the doctor's office if anyone is interested ;-)

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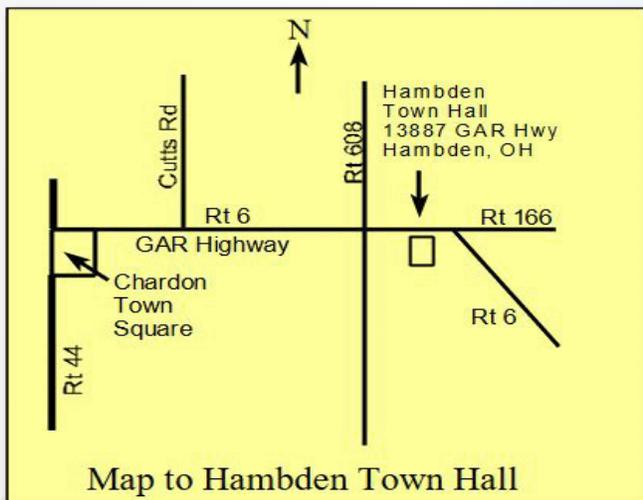
MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION:

JANUARY 7, 2022 DIVISION MEETING
 LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM
 PROGRAM: SCENERY
 BRING & BRAG: ANYTHING GOES FROM PAST 18 MONTHS



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

January 8 Snow Dogs Train Show

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.,
 Parma, Ohio 44130
 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00
 Phone: 440-833-4366

January 9 Youngstown Train Show

Salem Center Plex
 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, Ohio 44460
 10 am to 3:30pm Adm. \$5.00
 Phone: 330-718-1057

January 29 TCA TRAIN SHOW

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

February 6 Medina Train Show

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

February 13 Mansfield Train Show

Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds
 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906
 10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$7.00
 Phone: 419-606-7934

February 19 Canfield Train Show

Canfield Fairgrounds,
 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406
 Being held in new Event Center
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$6.00
 Phone: 330-651-1042

What Modeling Task Intimidates You?

Is there a particular modeling task that intimidates you? I have several that I need to overcome. They are: 1.) learning to use an air brush and 2.) applying decals. I tried to use an air brush 20 years ago and had all sorts of problems. Because of this, I gave up trying to use it and have been hesitant to try again. As far as decals, whenever I have tried applying them in the past, I had a lot of difficulty and end result didn't look very good. Recently I tried again and still had problems, even after getting advice from a number of people. This just increases the frustration and intimidation levels. I want to develop these skills but I'm really afraid to try again and go through the same frustrations. I know I need to just do it and practice a lot on scrap pieces. Its just hard to make that first step. Do you have similar things that are holding you back from doing the modeling you want? If we let people know what these issues are, maybe we can put on some hands-on clinics to help. Also, there may be some members that would be willing to help us with some one-on-one guidance in our home workshop.

Layout Modifications

As I have mentioned before, I have been spending time really looking over my layout and thinking about what is missing or what I could do to improve various scenes. One of the things I found that I needed were some roads. A number of my industrial scenes didn't have any way for vehicles to get into the facility. Unfortunately, when I laid out areas on my layout, I never did any planning for roads. With me, roads always seem to be an afterthought. Well, I studied those scenes and I have come up with ways to add the needed roads. This will require some minor surgery to the fascia and scenery, but no track will be affected. One nice

thing is that this will give me several grade crossings that I can automate with lights and gates. Takeaway: Don't be afraid to review your layout design and come up with ways to improve it.

My Past Month Modeling Work

I mentioned last month that I had been building a lot of storage tanks. I have been replacing a number of storage tanks I had previously made from various can caps and 35mm film canisters. I found several readily available storage tank kits that represent actual models. These plastic models look so much better and provide better realism. As part of this process, I have been working on a portion of the tank farm section of my refinery. I'm building this on a styrene sheet so I am hoping to bring this section to one of our upcoming meetings for Bring 'n' Brag. The other thing that I worked on this past month was making some rubber molds and casting parts in plaster. I hadn't done this in a while so some of my old rubber mold compound was no longer any good and had to be thrown out. Fortunately, I had some new compound on hand. It was a faster setting compound but not as strong. It has its pros and cons. I did tear one mold while trying to get castings out of the mold. I think I prefer the longer setting time, higher strength rubber compound for molds.

As always, please let us know what you are working on. Bring it to a meeting for Bring 'n' Brag.

Please join us online for our virtual January meeting. See you down the line.

Matt

BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES

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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MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2021

The December 3, 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. 19 members and 2 guests were present.

Had an extensive discussion about Railfest 2022. Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf went over the situation with Lakeland Community College and the other venues we have looked at for holding Railfest 2022. Lakeland has recently gotten back to us and is willing to allow us to hold Railfest at the college in March 2022. There are some changes and restrictions as well as the college fees being significantly increased. Overall, if we hold Railfest at Lakeland Community College in 2022, our costs will be about 40% higher. In addition, we will not have any funding from the Lake County Visitors Bureau for advertising. We will not be able to use Gym C but the college will allow us to use the mat room. We will be able to use Gyms A and B, the Dance Room, and the two classrooms in the hallway. The space will be a bit less than in previous years. We will have to see how many vendors we can get before we determine if we have to cut down on the size of the layouts. Everyone in attendance at the show, the public, vendors, and all show helpers, will be required to wear a mask while at the show. Two motions were presented to the members in attendance at the meeting. Motion 1.) Based on what we currently know, is the membership willing to put on a train show in 2022? The vote was: Yes. Motion 2.) Should we try to hold the show at Lakeland Community College in spite of the increased costs and added restrictions? The vote was: Yes. E-mail invitations will be sent out shortly to all previous vendors and exhibitors to see what level of participation we will get. Also, the contract with the college will be signed.

The Division 5 Holiday Party has been cancelled for this year. We will have a regular membership meeting in January. We will conduct the Losers Raffle at the January meeting.

Reviewed upcoming events and shows

Several of the upcoming local train shows were highlighted and show fliers were available for information.

LENS N-Trak group will be at Geauga Country Library in Thompson, Ohio first weekend in December

Members were reminded that the Indy Junction 2022 convention discounted registration fee ends December 31, 2021.

Chuck Limbert and Dennis Lloyd volunteered to be on the Division 5 Nominating Committee for the 2022 elections.

Membership news: Former Division 5 member Paul Chapple is now living in Virginia. Jim Davidson has moved to Aurora which puts him in Division 1. Jim McCallum has moved to Texas.

Mike Rudder will be bringing some of Jim McCallum's train items to the January meeting for sale.

January Trainwire submissions needed by December 20th due to the Editor traveling during the holidays.

Gave a quick demo to those present on how to access the Division 5 Members Only section on our website.

MINUTES

Items For The Good Of The Order:

Someone said they saw railroad equipment labeled ABC RR in the Akron W&LE yard and wondered what that was. It is believed that ABC RR is the Akron Barberton Commercial Railroad.

Mike Rudder is looking for people interested in forming an operating group on his HO B&O Akron Branch layout.

Model railroading can be dangerous. Superintendent Kross talked about a bad cut on his finger from a hobby knife.

Modeling Questions:

How do you create an overall oily grunge over a large area of a scene? Try Monroe Models weathering liquids (alcohol based).

Can you thin water-based paint with alcohol? No for most craft paints. Maybe ok for acrylic paints.

What specific hobby paint colors to use to paint construction equipment? Go to Shapeways and search for 1:87 model D4 bulldozers. There is a vendor there that lists the colors to use. Or, go to a Caterpillar dealer (or Tractor Supply) and buy an aerosol can of touch-up paint.

Any particular yellow to use for safety railings and stairs? In the real world, companies just use whatever color of yellow they have on hand. It doesn't matter.

Refreshments: Pizza, packaged snacks, cold and hot beverages

Bring & Brag:	Bob Gittinger	Dave Neff	Mike Rudder
	Bill Berger	Matt Kross	Chuck Limbert
	Dennis Lloyd	Mike Carovac	Jim Wendorf

Program: Mike Carovac presented the third of his four clinics on Scenery Accents. As always, Mike had lots of great reference photos of real-life weathering effects on local buildings and equipment.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk



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WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Trainwire Items

January Meeting: January 7, 2022 – 7:30pm – **Online Zoom meeting only**
 (a Zoom meeting link will be emailed a week before the meeting)
(NO In-Person Meeting This Month!)
 Bring 'n' Brag: no theme – anything you want to show
 Program: Part 4 of 4 of Mike Carovac's Scenery Accents series
Annual Losers Raffle!

February Meeting: February 4, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
(NO online Zoom meeting will be available)
 Bring 'n' Brag: no theme – anything you want to bring in
 Program: Dave Neff presentation on his trip to Colorado railroads

March Meeting: March 4, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
(NO online Zoom meeting will be available)
 Bring 'n' Brag: no theme – anything you want to bring in
 Program: TBD

No Holiday Party This Year

Based on member feedback, we will not be having a Division Holiday Party in January. Instead, we will be having a regular monthly membership meeting where we will hold our annual Losers Raffle (you don't have to be present to win).

Scenery Accents Resources

The Power Point slides from Mike Carovac's four-part Scenery Accents presentation will be put on the Division 5 website in the near future.

Division 5 Nominating Committee

Chuck Limbert and Dennis Lloyd have volunteered to be on the 2022 Division 5 Nominating Committee. We would like to have three people on the committee. If you are interested in helping out in this area, please contact Matt Kross.

Division 5 Spring 2022 Elections

Division 5 elected officer terms expire at the end of May 2022. Elections for new officers will be held in April. If you are interested in running for Division 5 Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent, please contact the Nominating Committee or Matt Kross.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences to the Coghlan and Louder Families

Spencer Coghlan

Spencer was a member of Division 5 for a number of years. He was involved with the Division 5 HO modules about 15 years ago. He dropped out of the NMRA for a little while but rejoined about 3 years ago.

Obituary:

SPENCER LEE COGLAN, Age 71, of Newbury Twp, passed away November 17, 2021 at his home in Newbury. He was born to John and Dorothy "Jane" Coghlan in Pittsburgh, PA. Spencer was a resident of Newbury for 48 years. He was an avid reader. Spencer loved history and was a longtime member of the Geauga Historical Society and Historical Engine Society. He collected HO trains and loved steam engines. He is survived by his wife Michelle (nee: Cooley) and sister Cynthia Coghlan. He is preceded by his parents. He will be missed by friends and family. Graveside service will take place at Newbury Center Cemetery, Newbury Twp at 10:00 A.M. on December 11, 2021. Arrangements made by the Burr Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Chardon, Ohio. Information and condolences on-line at www.burrservice.com.

Frank Louder

Frank was a long-time member of Division 5. Until his later years, Frank rarely missed a Division 5 meeting. He was very active in the Division 5 HO module group. He had several HO modules full of animation that always had a crowd in front of them whenever they were set up.

Obituary:

Franklin T. Louder, age 96, passed away December 4, 2021, in Leroy Township. He was born June 11, 1925, in Cumberland, Maryland. During WWII, Frank served in the U. S. Army with the 543rd Field Artillery Battalion. He spent most of his working life at the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. He was a former member of the National Model Railroad Association, Division 5. Survivors include his daughters, Judy (James) Madrzak of Fairport Harbor, Debra L. Louder and Joyce Ann Louder, both of Chardon. Frank was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Evelyn (Stubau) Louder; his mother, Ruth Jewell Porter; father, Thomas Porter and his sister, Odessa Helen Porter. Private family services were held.

The following was an announcement from the LEROY Heritage Association regarding Frank's death:
Dec 6, 2021

We are sad to announce the passing of Mr. Franklin Louder, age 96. We honored Frank in June at the Bicentennial Celebration as Leroy's 2nd Oldest Man. He served in the US Army before making his way to Leroy about 1951. He lived on Rt. 86 before building his home on Taylor Road. Frank worked as a commercial fisherman for Grow Brothers and Kishman's before starting his career at the Illuminating Co. where he worked his way up from lineman to survey engineer before retiring in 1987. Frank was an avid train collector and enjoyed many hours working with the Model Railroad Association. He was the nicest man and I enjoyed speaking with him about his early years in Leroy. Our thoughts and prayers are with his daughters.

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.

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.

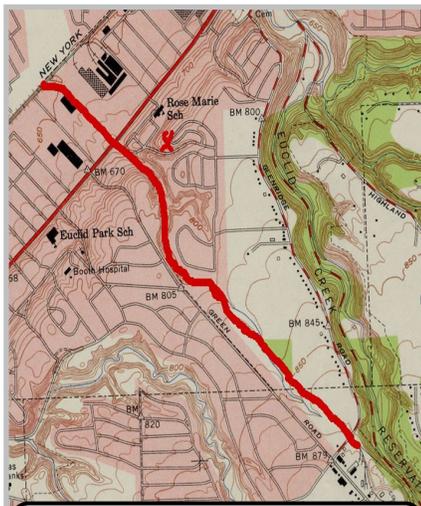
If all elected offices only have a single candidate, then an Election by Acclimation process can be implemented as long as the Division nominating committee has made a diligent effort/search for multiple candidates for each elected office. The Election by Acclimation process shall consist of the Division 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

The Euclid Railroad

By Rich Kacprzak

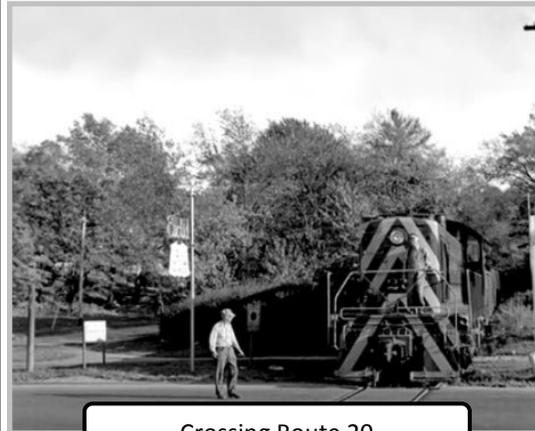
My parents lived in Euclid in a residential area known as Indian Hills, which is next to the border of Cleveland near Euclid Ave. (Rt. 20) and Green Rd. The house, which is on Upper Valley Drive, is at the edge of the escarpment overlooking Lake Erie in the distance. Looking out my bedroom window, which was approximately ½ mile south of the Nickel Plate tracks and about 160 feet above it, afforded a good view looking north. Also, near the house was



Map showing location of Euclid Railroad and my house

the Euclid Railroad, which ran south from Euclid Ave. following the Green Creek gorge up to Bluestone Rd. near Monticello Blvd. and S. Green Rd. I frequently walked and played in the woods along the railroad and occasionally would see a train coming down or going up the gorge. In later years I became interested in learning the history of the Euclid Railroad.

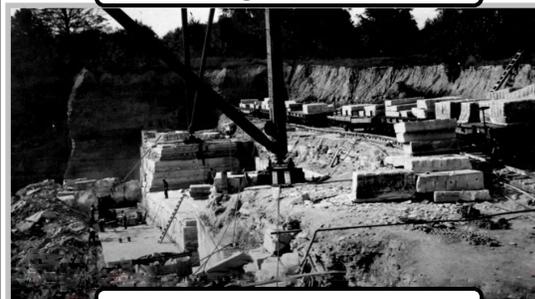
There were bluestone quarries located at the upper end of the Euclid Creek near S. Green Rd. and Monticello Blvd. The quarry owners needed to move large quantities of the bluestone for shipment on the Nickel Plate RR, so in 1886 they built the Euclid Railroad. It ran from the Nickel Plate east-to-west mainline south uphill for approximately 1.45 miles. The railroad traveled up the steep, wooded



Crossing Route 20



Coming Down the Hill



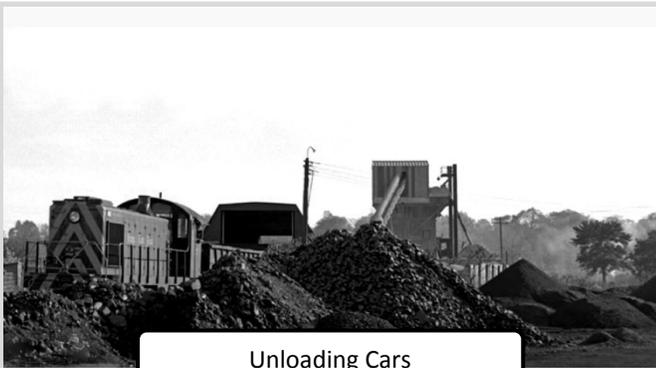
Quarry

Green Creek ravine, rising 240 feet from the NKP line to the quarry sidings for a grade of approximately 3%. The steep grade along with numerous curves limited train size to two or three cars.

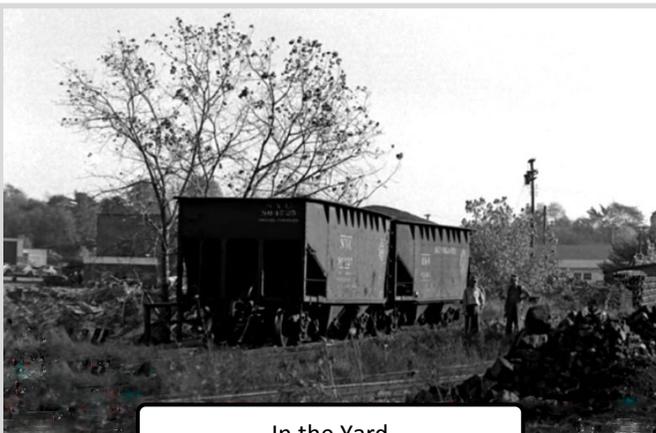
The railroad had no locomotives or rolling stock of its own so it was dependent on the NKP to move trains up the steep grade that paralleled Upper Valley Drive and Green Rd. The railroad hauled stone and lumber from the area until the 1920's, when the stone business declined due to the increasing use of cement. It barely stayed in business servicing several other businesses in the area for the next two decades. In 1942 two businessmen bought the railroad with the intention of serving a growing number of industries in the Green Rd. area. In 1945 they created the South Euclid Concrete Co.

ARTICLES

By 1950 the Euclid Railroad had a total of 18 customers and shipped an average of 1100 cars a year over its 1.8 miles of track. Along with cement, trains hauled stone, lumber, peat moss, slag, coal and other general freight. The cities of South Euclid and Cleveland Heights had their coal shipped to them over the Euclid Railroad. All movements were with NKP equipment.



Unloading Cars



In the Yard



Nickel Plate crew from Ivanhoe Yard delivers shipment to an industry on Euclid Railroad.

Unloading Cars

The railroad had been losing money in 1962, and by 1966 was serving only two customers. It also needed expensive repairs to its tracks and roadbed, so a request for abandonment was filed and approved in 1967. In subsequent years several attempts were made to convert the former right of way into nature trails, but they were not success-



Present Day Right-of-Way

ful. An internet search of the Euclid Railroad yielded a YouTube video on the history of the bluestone quarries and of the railroad.

Division 5 Officers (Terms expire June 2022)

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Program, Bring & Brag		

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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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