



# FEBRUARY, 2022 VOLUME XVIII ISSUE 2

A PUBLICATION OF  
THE WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION  
DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



## THIS MONTH:

- Friday February 4  
Div Meeting @ 7:30  
Hambden Town Hall
- Monday February 14  
BOD Meeting  
Virtual Using Zoom

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### Super Reflections February 2022

#### Nominations Open

2022 is an election year for Division 5. Nominations are currently open for the Division elected offices. Here is a chance for you complainers to step forward and try your hand at running the Division! Many, many thanks to the 2022 Nominating Committee of Chuck Limbert and Dennis Lloyd who went through our entire roster and attempted to contact every member to see if they were interested in running for office. They will present their slate of candidates at the February meeting. You still have time to contact them if interested or you can be nominated from the floor at our February meeting.

#### Railfest 2022 Currently On Track

Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf is working hard for us to finally have our Railfest again at Lakeland Community College. At this time, it looks like Railfest 2022 will happen, although the college is certainly making it hard for Jim and the rest of us. A few regular dealers have dropped out of this year's show due to either retirement, health issues, or other commitments. However, Jim has a waiting list of vendors that want to get into our show, so we should be able to sell out our tables. **We will need lots of help to set up and put on Railfest 2022!** Please plan to help out as much as possible. Try to recruit some friends or family to come

help, also!

#### Invite Your Friends And New People

Railfest is a great time to invite your friends or new acquaintances to see what model railroading is all about as well as introduce them to the NMRA and Division 5. See if you can get them to come and help out. If not, at least invite them to come to the show and see all the exhibits, operating layouts, and items for sale. Actively sell the hobby!

#### Keeping In Touch

I really want to commend this year's Nominating Committee for trying to contact all our members. One thing they learned as they made their calls was that some of our contact information is wrong. If you have changed addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses, please let the NMRA national office know of the changes. Also, please let our Division 5 Clerk know of the changes. Unfortunately, another thing they learned as they made their calls was the poor health condition some members were in or that members had passed away. We need to keep in touch with our fellow Division members so that we know when they might need help. If you haven't seen someone at a meeting in a while, contact them to see how they are. Offer to give them a ride to the meeting or take them to a train show.

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# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

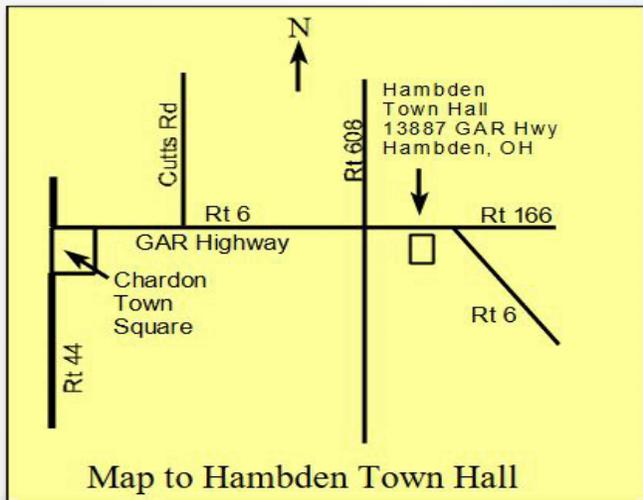
LOCATION:

FEBRUARY 4, 2022      DIVISION MEETING  
 LOCATION:      HAMB DEN TOWN HALL  
                          13887 GAR HIGHWAY

PROGRAM:      DAVE NEFF—COLORADO RR

BRING & BRAG: ANYTHING GOES FROM PAST 18 MONTHS

FEBRUARY 14, 2022      BOD MEETING  
 LOCATION:      VIRTUAL USING ZOOM



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## UPCOMING Events

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

### 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

### March 5 Independence Train Show

The Independence High School Fieldhouse  
 6001 Archwood Rd.  
 Independence, Oh 44131  
 10 am - 3 pm                                      Adm. \$7.00  
 Phone: 216-642-0692

### March 19 Mt Hope Train Show

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

### March 19 & 20 Railfest Train Show

Lakeland Community College  
 7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094  
 10 am to 4 pm                                      Adm. \$8.00  
 Phone Jim at: 440-357-8890

### March 26 TCA Train Show

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

**My Past Month Modeling Work**

I slacked off a bit this past month in my model work. I didn't really get much done on my layout due to the holidays and other things going on. One thing I have been working on lately is installing Caboose Hobbies N scale ground throws for the turnouts in my yards and industrial areas. I had planned to install small slide switches to control the manual turnouts and would still like to do this someday. However, I haven't found a quick and easy way to install and connect the slide switches. It takes me a long time to install a slide switch for just one turnout. Thus, it isn't something that I like to do and I have only installed about five of the seventy some that I need to do, and that is over a period of many years! There was a sale on the Caboose Hobbies ground throws so I decided to get those since they were much easier and quicker to install. The problem with them is that they are so large in N scale that you can't hide them. I started installing these in my Maepport Yard and was able to get 17 in-

stalled in a couple of evenings. They may be a bit large and unsightly, but at least now I can use one of my yards without using pins to hold the turnout positions in place.

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

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

Matt



**NMRA**

**WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP**

**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 |



**PLEASE SUPPORT THESE DEALERS!**

# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2022

The January 7, 2022 membership meeting was held online using Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 17 members and 2 guests were present.

Welcomed visitor Curt Caden who moved here from the Dayton area. Models in G, HO, and N. The Railfest Chairman provided an update on the planning for Railfest 2022. Have not gotten a lot of responses from the email sent out to vendors and exhibitors. Most of the responses were from the people that normally are in Gym C that will have to be moved. A few vendors agreed to downsize a little. A couple of vendors have retired or have health issues and cannot attend. Still too early to know how many vendors we will have. However, we do have a waiting list of vendors that would like to get into the show. Our show will be competing with the Mount Hope show the same weekend. Currently working on putting together the registration packets to mail out. Please try to help out with Railfest 2022. We will need all the help we can get to put on our train show at Lakeland Community College.

We will try next month to once again to go back to in-person meetings. The recent large surge in Covid-19 cases caused this month's in-person meeting to be cancelled and instead have an online meeting.

Rich Kacprzak volunteered to do his updated presentation on the B&O Lake Branch at the March meeting. He is also willing to provide other presentations on local railroading.

Reviewed upcoming events and shows

Briefly listed upcoming local shows shown on CleveShows.com

Division 2 Jamboree – Apr 23

Indy Junction 2022 – May 18-21

NMRA Gateway 2022 Convention – Aug 7 - 13

Losers Raffle was held that covered 2020 and 2021. The winners will be posted in the February Train-wire.

Items For The Good Of The Order:

Try using DAP DryDex Spackling for paved areas on your layout.

Bring & Brag:	Dave Metzger	Mike Buehner	Curt Caden
	Bill Berger	Matt Kross	

Program: Mike Carovac presented the fourth 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## February Trainwire Items

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**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 worked on during the last 6 months  
 Program: Dave Neff presentation on his trip to Colorado railroads  
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**March Meeting:** March 4, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall  
**(NO online Zoom meeting will be available)**  
 Bring ‘n’ Brag: Theme: B&O or Northeast Ohio related  
 Program: B&O Lake Branch (updated version) – Rich Kacprzak  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
**April Meeting:** April 1, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall  
**(NO online Zoom meeting will be available)**  
 Bring ‘n’ Brag: Theme: April Fools or Thumbs  
 Program: TBD  
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100.00	Kacprzak, Rich
75.00	McCallum, James
60.00	Kacprzak, Linda
50.00	Hanna, Dave
40.00	Barnes, Dave
30.00	Gittinger, Bob
30.00	Newnes, Ray
25.00	Rudder, Mike
25.00	Neff, Dave
25.00	Emch, Paul
25.00	Limbert, Chuck
25.00	Berger, Bill
25.00	Yedlick, Andy
25.00	Lette, Bonnie
25.00	Lette, Wayne
25.00	Wiese Jr., Ted
25.00	Kross, Matt
25.00	Lloyd, Dennis
20.00	McFee, Paul

### Losers Raffle Winners!

We held our Losers Raffle at the January meeting. We didn’t have a drawing in 2020, so this year’s drawing covered two years, 2020 and 2021. Everyone attending the online meetings in 2020 and 2021 received one raffle entry for each meeting they attended. The following are the lucky winners:

You will receive your Award Certificate at the February meeting. If you cannot attend the February meeting, we will mail it to you.

### Last Call For Division 5 Officer Nominations

The current 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 (Chuck Limbert 440-357-1864 or Dennis Lloyd 440-2310603).

At the February Division 5 membership meeting, the Nominating Committee will present their slate of candidates for the positions of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for the upcoming 2022 Division 5 elections. If you were not contacted by the Nominating Committee, or you have changed your mind since they contacted you, and you have decided you would like to run for office, you must have someone nominate you at the February meeting. A nomination from the floor requires that two members are in favor of you running and you are willing to accept the nomination.

If no further nominations are received during the February meeting, the nominations will be closed. If we only have one candidate per elected position, then no ballots will be issued and the election will be done by Acclimation by the BOD. If we do get additional candidates, then ballots will be sent (either electronically or by mail) to each Division 5 member active as of March 1, 2022. Ballots will need to be returned by April 17, 2022. The new officers will be announced at the May 2022 Division 5 membership meeting and start their terms as of June 1, 2022.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

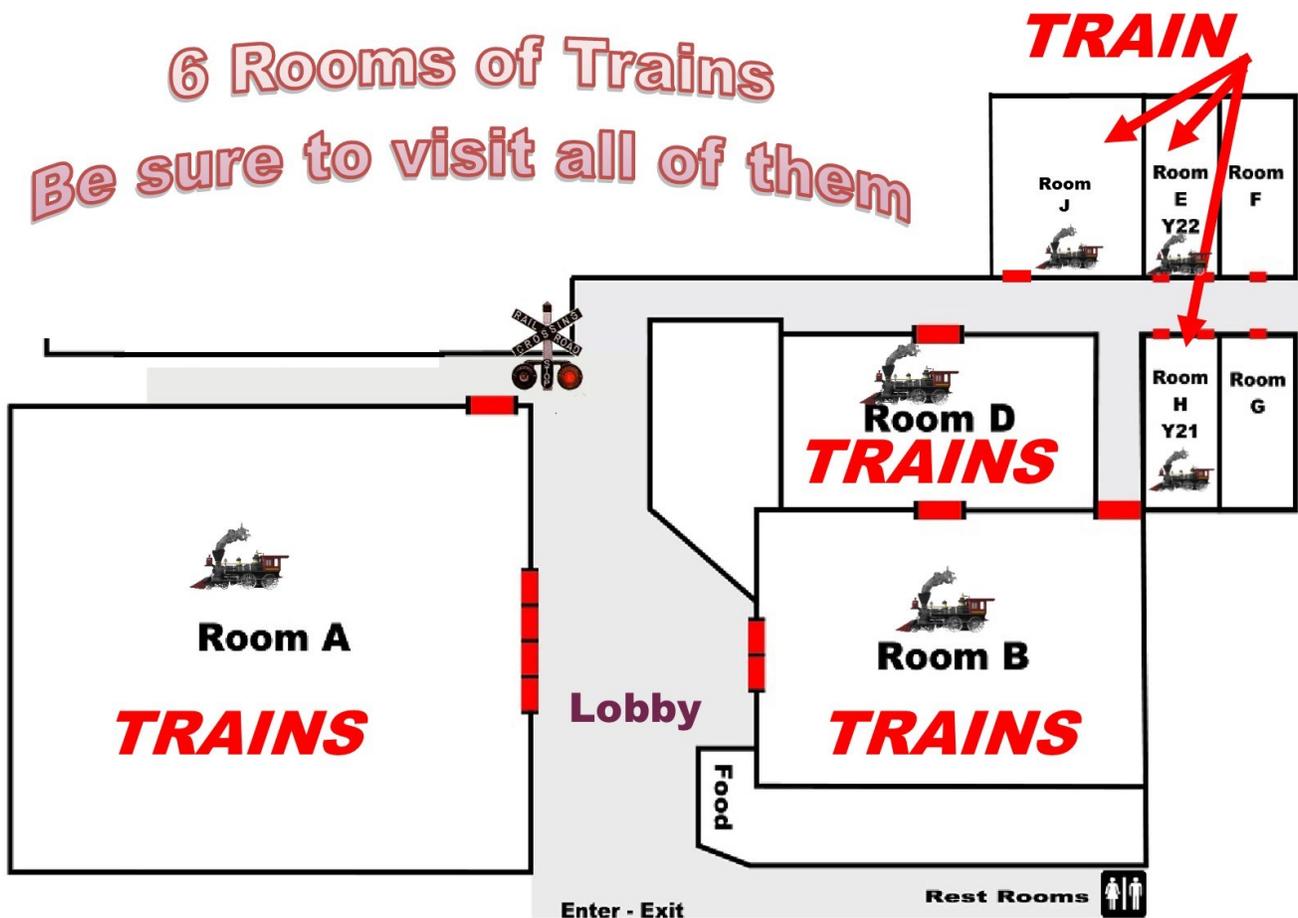
## Meeting Programs

A couple of people mentioned they would be willing to provide a program for our upcoming meetings. Unfortunately, these didn't get written down. If you have a program that you are willing to present, please let the Superintendent know (and tell him to write it down!).

## Condolences to the Sifling Family

We received word from Jim Sifling's wife that Jim passed away around Thanksgiving of 2021. He was a member of Division 5 since 1992.

6 Rooms of Trains  
Be sure to visit all of them



6 Rooms of Trains to Visit, Be sure to visit all 6 rooms



# RAILFEST 2022



Saturday and Sunday  
March 19 & 20, 2022

10 am to 4 pm

Buy – Sell – Trade

Located at:  
**Lakeland Community College**  
7700 Clocktower Dr.  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094  
State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193

**Operating Layouts**

**N Scale Layouts**  
(LENS & BRNS)

**O Gauge layout**  
(Lake Mod Squad)

**S Scale & American Flyer**  
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association)

**Lionel O Gauge**

**LGB G Gauge**

**Live Steam Display**  
(Lako Store Live Steam)

Admission      \$8.00

Two Day Pass      \$13.00

Family (couples)   \$13.00

Family (max)       \$15.00  
*(2 Adults with Children under 16)*

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

**Features**

Dealers

RR Flea market

Exhibitors

Operating Layouts

Test Track

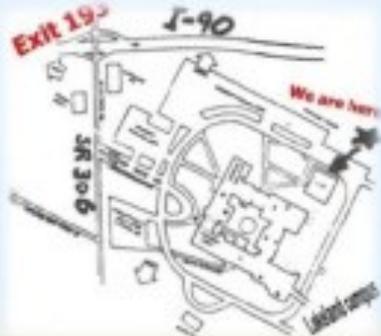
Video Tapes

Historical Displays

Train Ride Info

Test Track Available

ATM



**For Information Write:**

NMRA MCR Division 5  
PO Box 5081  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

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Email: railfest@mcr5.org

Free  
Parking

Free Shuttle Bus  
9:30am – 4:30pm

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NOTICE: Due to ongoing COVID, Lakeland will mandate all the vendors, volunteers & attendees to wear masks or face coverings during all aspects of the show, everyone must adhere to Lakeland's COVID-19 policy. This mandate could possibly be lifted by the time of the show, only time will tell.

# RAILFEST 2022 DINNER

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Railfest Dinner ☘ March 19, 2022

Will be held at Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)  
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
Eleven miles east of College.

*Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!*



**Time:**

Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 19, 2022

**Price:**

24.00 per person

**SPEAKER & SUBJECT**

Tom Pescha presents Cleveland, Painesville and Eastern Railway (CPE interurban).

**RESERVATION DEADLINE**

March 7, 2020

**DINNER MENU**

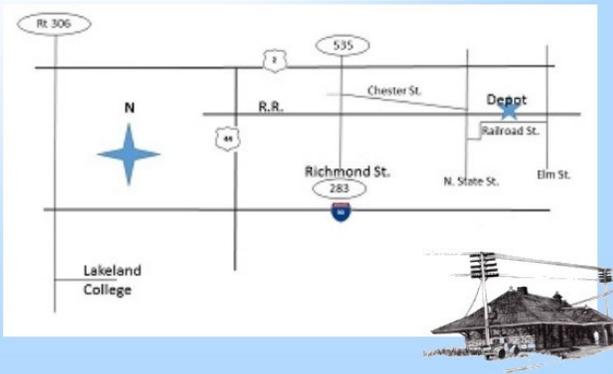
- Tossed Green Salad
- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Chicken
- Roast Beef
- Corn Beef and Cabbage
- Red Skin Potatoes
- Rigatoni

**Beverages Stations:**

- Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
- Soft Drinks, Coffee Condiments: Creamer, Sugar, Sweeteners

**Direction to Painesville Depot**

Exit College, turn right (North) onto Rt. 306  
 North on Rt 306 to OH Rt 2 (2 miles)  
 East on Rt. 2 (8 miles) to OH 535 / OH 283 (exit 223)  
 South on OH 283 for 200 feet, left turn (east onto Chester St.)  
 East on Chester St (0.7 miles) to North State Street  
 South on North State Street (under RR bridge) to Railroad Street.  
 East on Railroad Street to Depot.



*This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.*

Please retain this part for your information

Cut and Return

Cut and Return

Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 15, 2022.  
 (Check will be held & deposited March 21, 2022)  
 Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and Print all Attending

**Mail to:**

Tom Pescha  
3942 E, 364th St.  
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this part*

Please return this part only

**Railfest 2022 will be here before you know it. We will be needing lots of help! We will have a volunteer sign-up sheet at the Division 5 meetings and during Railfest setup.**

**Plan To Help The Division With Its Only Major Fund Raiser Railfest Tasks**

Thursday March 17 (approx. 2 pm to 6 pm - show setup only, no dealers)

- Set up tables in proper positions
- Cover the tables

Deliver show materials

Friday March 18 (10 am to 7 pm)

- Adjust table positions as needed
- Put out chairs
- Make coffee
- Get the donuts!
- Man the doors for security and assistance while vendors set-up
- Help vendors unload vehicles
- Setup the Division flea market tables and Division display items

Put up signs

Saturday March 19 (7 am - 10 am - dealer and display set-up; show 10 am – 4 pm)

- Man the doors for security and assistance while vendors set-up
- Man the entrance desk: collect admission fee and make change
- Put wrist straps on show attendees as they come in the gate
- Run the PA system - make announcements
- Collect and count money
- Make coffee for the morning set-up
- Assist vendors and guests with questions
- Provide general overall security
- Man the Division flea market table - especially those selling items
- Man the Raffle table

BUY LOT'S OF GOOD STUFF!

Sunday March 20 (8 am - 6 pm; show 10 am – 4 pm) (Must be out by 6 pm)

- Same show items as on Saturday
- Buy more good stuff!
- Remove covering from tables
- Clean up trash
- Provide security while vendors load their vehicles
- Assist vendors with carrying merchandise to their vehicles
- Take down displays and signs

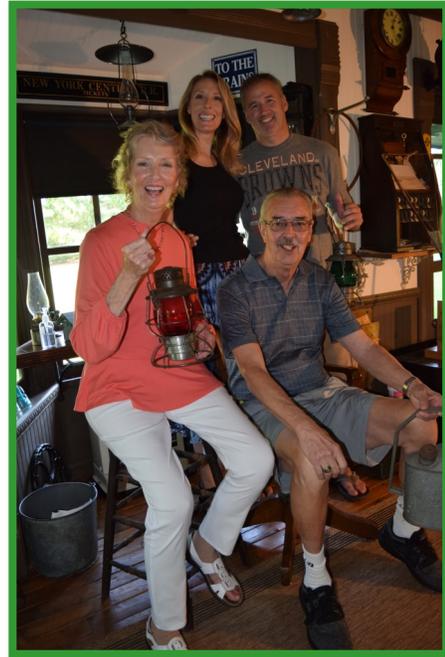
**Volunteers especially needed for tear down: 4pm to 7pm**



# ARTICLES

Friends (Jack and Bonnie) of my in-laws (Roger and Diane Stevens) heard about my train and railroad obsession and said that I needed to meet Bonnie's brother one day. Bonnie told me her brother built his own little depot on the back of his property in Medina and he also collects railroad artifacts. Her brother is also an artist by trade and his specialty is rail road scenes. So we all made the trip this past fall down to Medina to see this little gem that was created in his backyard. We came away thoroughly impressed with his collection (especially railroad lanterns) and his artwork. He was also very generous letting us each pick out a few pictures that he had done; which will now hang in my office.

~Bryan Persing



**Division 5 Officers (Terms expire June 2022)**

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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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