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THIS MONTH:

Friday April 1

Div Meeting @ 7:30
Hambden Town Hall

Monday April 11

BOD Meeting @ 7:30
Hambden Town Hall

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Super Reflections April 2022

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Huge thanks to Jim and all that helped with Railfest 2022. Jim did a great job pulling the show together in an abbreviated time frame. In general, everything ran smoothly. We had quite a few Division members come and help with table set up on Thursday, general show set up and vendor unloading assistance on Friday, and overall show operations on Saturday and Sunday. Your help was GREATLY appreciated! Several vendors commented that it was the fastest they were ever able to get packed up and vehicles loaded after a show was over.

Railfest Results?

Its too early to tell how Division 5 did financially with Railfest 2022. We do know that show attendance by the public was only about half of what we would get in previous years. Since we haven't had the show for two years we are, like the Cleveland Browns, in a "rebuilding period". On the plus side, all the dealers that I talked to said they did quite well during our show. Even though there were fewer people buying, they were buying lots of stuff! We had a lot of happy vendors.

Railfest 2022 Review

While Railfest is still fresh in our minds, we will do a review of Railfest 2022 at the April Division 5 BOD meeting on April 11. That BOD meeting will be an in-person

meeting at Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 pm. If you have any feedback about this year's Railfest, come to the BOD meeting or pass your comments on to Jim Wendorf or any BOD member.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Trip

Just a reminder to get your payments in by April 1 for your Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad train ride tickets. The CVSR has had to cancel a number of trips recently on part of their line due to some erosion issues affecting their track. The latest news report is that the trips leaving from the Rockside station are not affected, so we are good to go. All 60 tickets that the Division purchased have been spoken for. If you didn't reserve a ticket, it may be too late, but contact me and we will see if we can purchase some more.

My Past Month Modeling Work

I didn't do much on the layout this past month. Too busy getting ready for Railfest!

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

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

Matt

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION:

APRIL 1, 2022 DIVISION MEETING

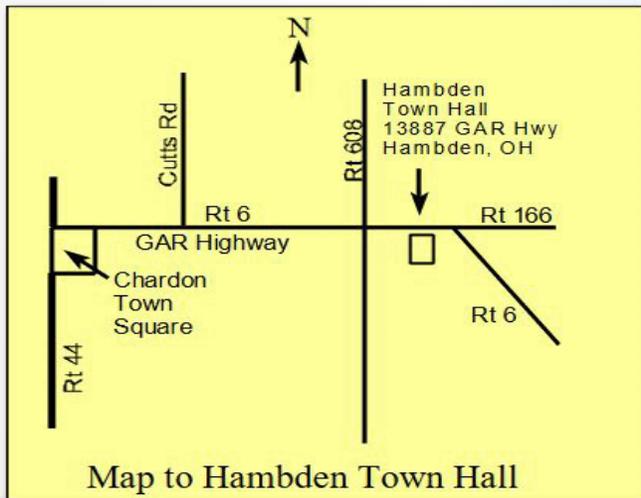
LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
13887 GAR HIGHWAY

PROGRAM: 765 on Cuyahoga Valley Scenic
Railroad – Bruce Lutheran
Making Gravel, Coal, and Scrap
Loads – Mike Carovac

BRING & BRAG: APRIL FOOLS OR THUMBS

APRIL 11, 2022 BOD MEETING

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
13887 GAR HIGHWAY



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

April 2 Iron and Steel Spring Rail Fest

All Gauge Model Train Show and Expo
St. Mary's Assumption Social Center
356 S. Belle Vista Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Adm. \$7 pp, 12 and under free
Phone: 330-503-5510

April 3 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

April 3 Springfield Model Train Show

Clark County Fair Grounds
4401 S Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH 45505
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$5.00

April 3 Medina Train and Toy Show

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

May 7 Model Train Flea Market

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. Free
Phone: 216-470-5780
Donations Accepted and Appreciated

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2022

The March 4, 2022, membership meeting was held at Hambden Township town hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 21 members and no guests were present.

Reviewed the status of Railfest 2022. Tables not sold out yet. Still have about 35 tables available.

Normally have between 100 and 110 vendors but, at this point, we only have around 70. We have had 18 previous vendors cancel on us due to Covid / health issues / or going to Mount Hope show instead. Number of tables is down (330 versus normal 400 tables) due to losing Gym C. Finally got the college to agree to having the concession stand open for the show. However, they will not be able to provide the box lunches or refreshments (coffee, donuts, bagels) for the vendors and volunteers. One good thing is that the college has dropped the mask mandate for the show. Received a \$2500 grant from Lake County Visitors Bureau for advertising which will help a lot.

The Railfest job list was available at the meeting for people to sign up for tasks. Reviewed the various times we can get in each day. We need all the help we can get for setup, show operations, and teardown.

Rich Kacprzak and Gary Shaffer volunteered to coordinate the Division 5 sales table at Railfest. Members were reminded that they need to fill out the sales table form listing the items they are selling. Copies of the form were available at the meeting. The form was also emailed to members and is available on the Division 5 website.

Noted that there would be a Railfest dinner at the Painesville Depot Saturday evening after the show closes for the day.

Division members were asked to donate items for the Railfest door prizes.

Reviewed the Division 5 excursion on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad in May while the NKP steam locomotive is in town pulling the train. We have purchased 60 tickets and 58 have been spoken for so far.

Member Dave Neff is still in the hospital.

Indy Junction 2022 is looking for someone to be in charge of the White Elephant sale.

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

Painesville Depot will be bringing in their prototype boxcar around the end of April or beginning of May. Shortly after that they will have the groundbreaking for their new storage barn.

The BOD decided to hold the February 2022 BOD meeting early so that they could discuss the trip on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad before tickets were sold out. That meeting was held on January 31. A special BOD meeting was held on February 15 to finalize the CVSR trip details.

It was noted that, during Covid restrictions, the Division 5 BOD meetings were being held online using Zoom. The BOD decided that the online meetings worked out well and future BOD meetings will continue to be online. Division 5 BOD meetings are open to all Division 5 members to attend. However, since we switched to online meetings, we realized that we have not been providing the BOD meeting Zoom link to the general membership. We will now start doing this so that those wishing to attend the meeting can do so. The meeting link will be e-mailed out prior to the meeting and is also available on the Division 5 website under the Members Only section.

There was an issue with some emails sent recently to Division 5 membership that went to many members' spam folder. It is believed this was due to the wording used in the email subject line.

Mike Carovac has programs lined-up through the end of the year except for two months. If you have a program you would be willing to present, please contact Mike.

Items For The Good Of The Order:

Seeing a lot of Maintenance Of Way equipment by West 150th near the airport.

Mike Rudder selling various items from Jim McCallum's collection.

Modeling Questions:

What type of adhesive to use on a resin kit? Majority of people said to use superglue. Another suggestion was to use the E6000 adhesive.

Bring & Brag:	Dave Metzger	Mike Carovac	Jim Wendorf	Bill Berger
	Matt Kross	Dennis Lloyd	Ted Wiese	Bob Gittinger

Program: Rich Kacprzak presented his updated version of the B&O Lake Branch history.

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk



NMRA

WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP

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



PLEASE SUPPORT THESE DEALERS!

COMMENTS

Assistant Super Comments

It has been a month of Sundays since I last graced the pages of our monthly newsletter but there are some items I need to let the membership know about.

Let's first talk about the price changes coming on membership dues as of 04/01/22. I just received my membership dues extension letter in the mail and there is some increases you need to know about. I am suggesting that current members, even if your membership expires months from now, consider extending your membership before 04/01/22. You will have to go on NMRA.ORG in order to do this but you will be able to save yourself some money if you do.

Current renewal dues are \$50.00 with no magazine and \$82.00 with the magazine (hard copy). After 04/01/22 there is no longer a no magazine renewal dues option. The renewal dues are \$68.00 with digital magazine access or \$92.00 with digital magazine access and a hard copy of the magazine mailed to you.

For the members that are planning to go to Indy Junction 2022, several of the larger Partnership Program participants will be attending this function. There is also a possibility that you may be able to talk to the NMRA President. For those still

thinking about it, rooms are filling up fast as there are already 300 reservations for people to attend. You can get all the information you need by just going on www.IndyJunction2022.org. Enjoy, have fun and bring back some pictures!

There has been a change to the April program. Because Dave Neff is still recovering he will not be giving his presentation on his visit to the Colorado railroads, instead we will be having two short presentations. The first presentation will be from Bruce Lutheran on the Nickel Plate 765 locomotive that will be visiting us in the near future. I will be presenting a short program on how to make coal, gravel and sand loads for your hoppers and gondolas using insulating foam board. The Bring and Brag is still something April Fools or Thumbs.

I would like to thank everyone who helped out at our Railfest 2022 this past month as we could not have been able to do it without you. Jim has done a great job on getting things up and running even after a two year hiatus because of the COVID 19 virus.

Our wishes go out to Dave Neff for a speedy recovery.

Mike C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Trainwire Items

April Meeting: April 1, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: April Fools or Thumbs
 Program: 765 on Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad – Bruce Lutheran
 Making Gravel, Coal, and Scrap Loads – Mike Carovac

May Meeting: May 6, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Steam or Diesel Locomotives
 Program: Locomotive Graveyard – Ray Newnes

June Meeting: June 3, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Weathered Railroad Cars
 Program: Weathering Materials – Mike Carovac

April Division 5 BOD Meeting Will Review Railfest 2022

Normally our Division 5 BOD meetings are now held online using Zoom. However, the April 11, 2022 meeting will be held in-person at Hambden Town Hall at 7:30 pm. BOD meetings are open to all Division 5 members to attend. If you have some helpful feedback on how to improve future Railfests, please attend the meeting or send your comments to Railfest@mcr5.org or Super@mcr5.org.

Promo Day Coordinator Needed

The Promo Day Coordinator position is currently open. We really need someone to step forward and take over this position. Promo Day 2022 isn't until November 5, 2022, but we need to start planning now for it. We need to line-up a place to hold the event. We also need to revisit how the event is run. We are looking for new ideas on how to show the public various model railroading techniques. If you are interested with helping in this area, please contact Matt Kross.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Trip

All 60 tickets that we purchased for the Division 5 train ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) on Saturday, May 21, 2022, have been spoken for. This trip will occur while the NKP #765 steam locomotive is in town. The train leaves the Rockside station at 10:00 am. You and your guests will need to provide your own transportation to the station. Ticket cost is as follows: \$10 for Division 5 member; \$10 for one guest of a Division member; \$20 per additional guests. If you did not reserve a ticket and would like to go, let us know as soon as possible but you may be out of luck. We can see if there are still seats left in the car but you need to inform us NOW! Contact Matt Kross at 440-668-9462 or Super@mcr5.org.

For those that specified the number of tickets you wanted, **payment for the tickets is due by our April 1, 2022 Division 5 meeting.** You can pay for your tickets at the April 1 Division 5 meeting or you can mail your payment to:

Bonnie Lette – Div 5 Treasurer
 17541 Thompson Road
 Thompson, OH 44086

Make checks payable to: NMRA – Mid Central Region – Division 5

More information about the trip can be found at the CVSR website: <https://www.cvsr.org/steam>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 5 NMRA - 2022 Program Schedule and Events

Meetings begin at 7:30PM Dates, programs and speakers can change

Month	Program	Speaker	Bring & Brag	Events
January	Scenery Accents Part 4	Mike Carovac	Anything goes	
February	Train Video's	Matt Kross	Anything goes	
March	B&O Lake Branch (Updated)	Rich Kacprzak	B&O or Northeast Ohio Related	Div 5 Rail- fest
April	NP765 & How to make coal loads	Bruce Lutheran & Mike Carovac	April Fools or Thumbs	Div 2 Jam- boree
May	Engine Graveyard	Ray Newnes	Steam Locomotives or Diesel Engines	Indy Junc- tion
June	Weathering Materials	Mike Carovac	Weathered Box Cars and Tank Cars	
July		No Meeting		
August	TBA	TBA	TBA	NMRA Gateway
September	Pennsylvania Railroad	Dave Hanna	Anything Pennsylvania RR	
October	Mad River	Ray Newnes	Scenic Details or Struc- tures	
November	Operations	Andy Yedlick	Western Railroads or Narrow Gauge	
December			Anything Christmas	

BRING & BRAG



RAILFEST





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Company Store	Ted Wiese	440-256-5212 CompanyStore@mcr5.org
Program, Bring & Brag	Mike Carovac	440-497-8536

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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