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THIS MONTH:

Friday May 6

Div Meeting @ 7:30
Hambden Town Hall

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Super Reflections May 2022

Government Funding For Railfest 2022!

We got a couple of nice surprises this past month regarding Railfest finances. We received a grant from Remarkable Lake County, OH (formerly the Lake County Visitors Bureau) towards the advertising cost of our train show since Railfest pulls in a lot people to Lake County. We had applied for the grant but didn't think we were going to get anything. On top of that, we just recently were notified that they are able to double the amount of the grant using money received from the federal American Rescue Plan Act. These grants were issued for nearly 40 events throughout Lake County. Per their letter, "the County has been able to establish this grant program to provide a one-time supplement for many Lake County events, such as yours, as you look to stabilize and grow your event following the many challenges and financial hardships you had to overcome the past two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic." Do you believe it? We actually got some of our federal tax money back for Railfest! At least it partially helps to recover our \$5000 loss when the college cancelled Railfest at the last minute in 2020.

Railfest 2022 Review

Its still too early to tell how Division 5 did financially with Railfest 2022. We are still waiting for some final bills to come in. A rough estimate is that Railfest 2022 made \$2000 to \$4000. At the April BOD meeting, the Division 5 BOD reviewed how Railfest 2022 went. Some issues

were identified and possible solutions presented. The big thing is that we are back in business and can advertise and solicit vendors way ahead of time for Railfest 2023, unlike this year.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Trip

The Division trip on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad behind NKP #765 steam locomotive is just a few weeks away. It turns out that we have one ticket remaining if you are interested in purchasing it. We bought 60 tickets and so far, 59 Division 5 members, family, and friends will be enjoying the ride!

My Past Month Modeling Work

Once again, I didn't do much on the layout this past month. I have a big, long To Do List for the railroad, but sometimes it's hard to get motivated or to find the time. I did install some more manual ground throws for turnouts and fought with assembling another old white-metal kit. I don't think I want to do many more white-metal kits. They were nice 30 years ago when that was the only thing you could get with some detail on it. Now days, I'll take a highly detailed plastic kit.

As always, let us know what you are working on. Bring it to a meeting for Bring 'n' Brag or send pictures of your work to the Trainwire for publication. Either way, you earn Division Award Certificates!

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

Matt

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION:

MAY 6, 2022 DIVISION MEETING

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
 13887 GAR HIGHWAY

PROGRAM: ENGINE GRAVEYARD
 RAY NEWNES

BRING & BRAG: STEAM OR DIESEL ENGINES

UPCOMING Events

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

May 7 Model Train Flea Market

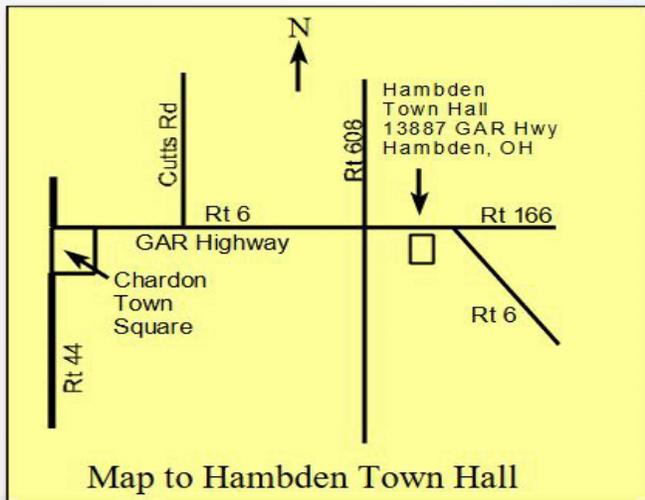
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. Free
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Donations Accepted and Appreciated

June 4-5 Railroad in the Park

Lake Farm Park
8800 Euclid Chardon Road Kirtland, Ohio 44094
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Phone: 440-256-2122

June 25-26 NEO National Large Scale Train Show

Warren SCOPE (YMCA)
375 North Park Ave., Warren, Ohio 44481
10:00 am to 4:00 pm Adm. \$5.00



Map to Hambden Town Hall

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2022

The April 1, 2022, membership meeting was held at Hambden Township town hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 18 members and no guests were present.

Reviewed the preliminary results of Railfest 2022.

Thank you to everyone that came out and helped! We had about 30 volunteers help throughout the weekend. (This down about 20 people compared to 2019)

Vendors had a great time and good sales. Vendors VERY appreciative of our help unloading and loading their vehicles.

People disappointed with no box lunches and no free coffee/donuts.

310 tables (70 short of normal)

75 vendors (down 30 from previous years)

Mt. Hope will interfere again next year

Don't know yet what Lakeland's restrictions will be next year (will we have Gym C?)

Attendance down about 1100 and gate revenue down about \$5000 compared to 2019.

We did receive a grant of \$2500 from Lake County Visitors Bureau. A grant request has been submitted for 2023.

Fees were up significantly. The college's fee increased 40% compared to 2019.

College has made it much more difficult to work with them for an event.

Looks like we will do just a little better than break even.

We still remembered how to run Railfest and the show ran reasonably well.

BIG THANKYOU to Jim Wendorf for pulling the show together despite all the difficulties he encountered.

Division trip on Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on May 21 is a go. All 60 tickets that the Division purchased have been spoken for. There are no remaining seats available for the car we will be in. Payment for the tickets is due tonight at the meeting.

May meeting will be at Hambden Town Hall. For the June meeting, those in attendance said they would prefer to have the meeting at Farmpark since a number of members will be there setting up layouts for Railroads In The Parks weekend.

Lake Farm Parks' Railroads In The Parks weekend will be June 4-5.

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 engine storage barn.

Division 5 April BOD meeting will be in-person at Hambden Town Hall on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:30pm. The main topic of discussion will be any issues we had with Railfest 2022 and how we can correct them in the future along with any ideas on how to reduce costs. BOD meetings are open to all Division 5 members to come and observe and provide input when asked, but you cannot vote on motions.

Dave Neff is still recuperating. This will be long term.

There was a lot of unhappiness with the new NMRA dues structure. The main issue is that everyone is required to get the digital magazine unlike in the past where members can opt out of getting the magazine. For those that weren't getting the magazine in the past but now are required, their dues have gone from \$50 to \$68, a 36% increase. People were only expecting a couple of dollar increase, not \$18. The membership has requested that the officers send a letter of complaint to the NMRA national office and copy the MCR officers and Divisions.

Mike Carovac has programs lined-up through the end of the year. If you have a program you would be willing to present at a future meeting, please contact Mike. If you have a program topic that you would like to learn about, let us know. There are some other divisions that have clinics that their members are willing to present to our division using Zoom. We would need to verify that the Hambden Town Hall wifi has enough bandwidth for us to do this, but it is an option.

Items For The Good Of The Order:

Dave Metzger related how, when he was a kid, he experimented with using pencil lead (graphite) as a resistor hooked up to his train transformer, with some interesting results!

Toy-N-Hobby has moved their store to 6588 North Ridge Road, Madison, OH 44057. Phone number is 440-466-0696. They do accept Division 5 certificates.

Bring & Brag: Theme – April Fools or Thumbs

Bruce Lutheran	Bill Berger	Dennis Lloyd
Bob Gittinger	Matt Kross	Mike Carovac
Rich Kacprzak		

Program: Mike Carovac presented a clinic on making removable loads for hoppers and gondolas using extruded foam inserts.

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES

Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys	Willoughby, Ohio
Hobby Town USA	Mentor, Ohio
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters	Madison, Ohio
The Painesville Railroad Museum	Painesville, Ohio



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BOD Meeting 11 April 2022

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on April 11, 2022 at Hambden Town hall. In attendance were Matt Kross, Mike Carovac, Bryan Persing, Bob Gittinger, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Ray Newnes, Linda Kacprzak, Rich Kacprzak, Doug Riedel, Andy Yedlick, Ted Wiese, and Jim Wendorf.

The BOD reviewed the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for the Spring 2022 elections.

Since there is only a single candidate per office and no further nominations have been received, the BOD declared an election by acclamation. Matt Kross will be the Superintendent and Mike Carovac will be the Assistant Superintendent for the term running from June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2024.

Bob Gittinger announced that he is letting his NMRA membership expire at the end of April and will no longer be able to continue as a Division 5 Director as of May 1.

The BOD and several guests spent a significant amount of time reviewing how Railfest 2022 turned out, what went well, where we had some problems, and possible solutions to the problems. Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf will consider the input and make some adjustments for Railfest 2023.

The major issues discussed were:

How to get more people to help throughout the weekend (could have used about 20 more people)

We did not have as many "experienced" Railfest volunteers on hand that knew what needed to be done. Need to train new people.

How to resolve crowd issue at ticket gate on Saturday mornings

Need more people working at gate

Need a gate coordinator

Need to instruct/train gate people before show opens

Is there any way we could sell tickets online weeks prior to the show? It would require mailing them their wristbands.

Need coordinator/single point person for each main task of Railfest during show (gate, security, door prize/raffle, money, vendor loading/unloading, table setup, etc.)

Need everyone to understand chain of command

Need someone readily available to answer questions

Concern about volunteers there representing the Division that we don't know

There were a couple of vendors that had some bad attitudes and were constantly yelling throughout the weekend. We may need a code of conduct for vendors as well as volunteers.

Even with all the signs, there were people that didn't realize there were other sales rooms down the hallway.

Food service issues.

Mount Hope Ohio toy and train show will again be on the same date as Railfest 2023. They advertise 600 tables and \$5 admission, so it is a significant competitor. It is a one day show so we might be able to attract some vendors back.

Railfest 2022 still is waiting for some bills to be received and still has a number of payments to make.

A very preliminary rough financial status is that the Division made about \$2000 this year.

Briefly discussed whether we want to revise our Division 5 New Module Award to allow for smaller modules, such as T-Trak, to be included? Decided to table until a future meeting. We do need to publish the availability of this award to remind people of its existence.

We have had \$100 in Division certificates donated for use as prizes to be given to new modelers. We will give these out as \$25 Division 5 certificates at our annual Promo Day in November. We will work out how to select people for these awards at a later date. Most likely we will have people fill out an entry form and have a drawing after Promo Day is over. We can mail the certificate to them along with info about the hobby shops, the NMRA, and the Division.

We are still in need of a Promo Day coordinator and to find a suitable venue. The Painesville Depot has offered the use of their new engine storage building in addition to the depot building. However, we don't think this space will work out for what we want to do for Promo Day.

June Division 5 membership meeting will be held in-person at Lake Farmpark. No meeting in July. Not sure if Bill Osborne will be willing to host another outdoor movie night in August.

It was decided not to have an NMRA membership table at the Jefferson train show in July.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2022 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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Trainwire Items

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 Lake Farmpark
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Weathered Railroad Cars
 Program: Weathering Materials – Mike Carovac

No meeting in July

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.

Do You Know About The Division's New Module Award?

Some people have said they weren't aware of Division 5's New Module Award program. This program has been around since at least 2007. It was put into place to encourage members to build new modules or displays and take them to train shows. If you do, you will receive a \$50 Division 5 Certificate! It doesn't have to be all one unit. You can combine multiple modules or display units to meet the required square footage. The application form and list of rules can be found on the Division 5 website. The current requirements say the display must be at least 4 square feet. However, the BOD is currently reviewing the requirements to see if an acceptable modification can be made that would allow some larger T-Trak modules (or combination of multiple modules) to be eligible.

Volunteer Terms End May 31

Per our Division 5 Regulations, as of the end of May in an election year, all volunteer and appointed Division position terms expire. The Superintendent will be checking with you to see if you wish to continue in your position and will also be asking new people to step up and serve the Division in some of these positions. So, start thinking about what you are willing to do to help out and serve the Division.

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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Trip

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

NO MASKS REQUIRED! Per a recent email from the CVSR,

“ ... we will no longer require masks on the train due to a recent federal ruling. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will no longer enforce the national mask mandate that went into effect more than a year ago for transportation after a federal ruling on Monday (April 18) overturning the order. This ruling allows us to drop our current mask mandate while on the train and at our stations.

We always want our guests to feel comfortable while on the train. While we will not enforce masks, guests who would like to wear a mask should feel free to wear one when joining us for a ride. “

However, as always, be prepared for this to change at the last minute! The government says it will appeal the recent court ruling that eliminated the mask mandate on public transportation.

Still One Ticket Available For The CVSR Trip

If you changed your mind and would like to join the Division on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad trip on May 21 or would like to add another person to your group, we have one ticket still available. Contact Matt Kross at 440-668-9462 or super@mcr5.org if you would like the ticket.

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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	

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March 18 & 19, 2023

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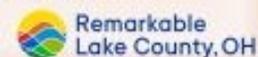
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WANTED

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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