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## THIS MONTH:

Friday June 3

Div Meeting @ 7:30  
Lake Farm Park

Monday June 13

BOD Meeting @ 7:30  
Via Zoom

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## Super Reflections June 2022

### June Meeting At Farmpark

Just a reminder that our June Division 5 membership meeting will be held at Lake Farmpark, in Kirtland, OH. It will be a normal meeting with Bring 'n' Brag, refreshments, and a program. This will be the weekend of Railroads In The Parks at Farmpark. Some of our Division members will be there Friday evening setting up modular layouts for the weekend.

### Division 5 Letter To NMRA About Dues Issues

The MCR held their Spring 2022 BOD meeting during the Indy Junction 2022 convention. Fortunately, they decided to provide a Zoom option so I was able to attend. I will provide some of the highlights from the meeting at our June Division 5 meeting. One thing that I did bring up at the meeting was the letter that Division 5 sent out regarding our issues with the NMRA's April dues increase. The letter was e-mailed to the NMRA national BOD members and a copy also sent to our MCR BOD. At least one other division at the meeting indicated their agreement with our letter and the fact that the NMRA dues structure is going to hurt membership. As it turned out, the NMRA President, since he was attending the convention, sat in on the MCR BOD meeting and said he would provide a response to Division 5 within two weeks. I will let you know what he says. Hopefully we will have the response by our June meeting.

### Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Trip Went Well

Feedback from those that went on the CVSR trip was all positive. Everyone had a good time. The weather was good. Those that

went would like to see us do more events like this. I'm sure there will be lots of pictures made available of the trip. Some have already been posted on individual social media accounts.

### My Past Month Modeling Work

I decided to finally have another work session on my layout this past month. When I looked back at my layout work session log, I discovered that it had been 4.5 years since the last one. Covid was part of the reason, but not the only reason. Other life things just keep getting in the way. Anyways, I set a date and invited some of the old work crew. Having a work session forced me to do a few things I had been putting off for a long time, like cleaning up the basement and the layout! There were going to be nine of us for the evening but three had to cancel out. Even though there were only six of us, we had a great time socializing, discussing how to carry out certain tasks, and, yes, even getting a couple projects done on my layout that were high on my list. I really encourage you to invite some friends over for a work session on your layout. It is a great time just to get together and talk trains, it motivates you to get some things done, and you may actually make some progress on those layout projects you have been wanting to do.

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 June meeting at Farmpark. See you down the line.

Matt

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION:

JUNE 3, 2022      DIVISION MEETING  
 LOCATION:      LAKE FARM PARK  
                          8800 EUCLID CHARDON ROAD  
                          KIRTLAND, OHIO

PROGRAM:      WEATHERING MATERIALS  
                          MIKE CAROVAC

BRING & BRAG: WEATHERED BOX & TANK CARS

JUNE 13, 2022      BOD MEETING

LOCATION:      VIA ZOOM

## UPCOMING Events

(GO TO [WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM](http://WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS)

### 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

### July 9 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

### July 16 Jefferson Ohio Historical Society - Train Swap and Sale Event

Jefferson Community Center  
 11 East Jefferson St., Jefferson, Ohio 44047  
 10 am to 3 pm      Adm. \$2.00  
 Phone: 440-576-5333

### July 23 & 24 Van Wert Railroad Heritage Week- end Show & Swap

Van Wert County Fairgrounds  
 1055 S Washington St., Van Wert, OH  
 Sat. 10-4 & Sun. 10-3      Adm. \$6.00  
 Phone: 260-760-1666

# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2022

The May 6, 2022, membership meeting was held at Hambden Township town hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 20 members and two guests were present.

Reviewed the preliminary results of Railfest 2022. Still waiting on some final bills, one specifically from LakeTran delayed due to a dispute over various charges.

Division trip on Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on May 21 is a go. 58 of the 60 tickets that the Division purchased have been spoken for.

The June meeting will be at Farmpark since a number of members will be there setting up layouts for Railroads In The Parks weekend. The meeting will be at the normal time of 7:30 pm and will be in the auditorium in the main building.

Lake Farmparks' Railroads In The Parks weekend will be June 4-5. Lake Erie N-scale Society (LENS) (N-Trak and T-Trak) and The Mode Squad (modular 3-rail O) clubs will have layouts set up.

Reviewed upcoming events and shows

Briefly listed upcoming local shows shown on CleveShows.com

Division 4 layout tours this weekend

Indy Junction 2022 – May 18-21

NMRA Gateway 2022 Convention – Aug 7 – 13

Some people have asked about Division 5 layout tours. The current plan is to restart our tours starting in the Fall of this year.

Need a program for the December meeting.

Need to determine what we will be doing for the August meeting.

There will be an Mid Central Region BOD meeting on May 22, 2022 during the Indy Junction 2022 convention.

Painesville Depot will be bringing in their prototype boxcar in May when there are some dry days in a row. Shortly after that they will have the groundbreaking for their new engine storage barn.

Dave Neff is finally back home recovering.

The Division 5 Treasurer provided a report of the Division's finances. She is currently working on filing the Division's taxes.

Webmaster provided an update on recent changes to some of the members only features. He would like to see more people make use of the RSVP feature to indicate if they will be attending the next Division membership meeting.

At the April Division 5 meeting there was a lot of unhappiness with the new NMRA dues structure, mainly with the requirement that everyone is required to get the new digital version of the NMRA magazine. For those who currently opt out of getting the paper copy of the magazine, this will cost an additional \$18. Members at the April meeting asked the Division 5 officers to put together a letter to the NMRA BOD expressing their unhappiness with this new requirement and questioning the per member cost of the digital magazine. This letter was generated and the proposed version

was provided to those at the meeting for review. It will be e-mailed out to the NMRA BOD members and a copy also sent to the Mid Central Region BOD members.

Items for the Good Of The Order:

A large number of British model railroading magazines were available for free at the meeting courtesy of former member Paul Chapple via Bill Berger. Though it is European modeling, there are some great articles on doing scenery and “how to” make structures and details.

We learned recently that former member Jim McCallum died in January. Jim was having health problems and moved to Texas to be near family. Jim said he really enjoyed the Division. Mike Rudder is selling off some of Jim’s collection. The proceeds are being donated to the Division to support new modelers.

Modeling Question:

A member asked if anyone has been doing model railroad projects using the popular Arduino microcomputer. Wayne Lette and Matt Kross responded that, yes, they have been actively making use of the Arduino. Wayne Lette listed a number of signal control projects he has done for modules and also a DC-only wifi-based wireless controller that uses a standard web browser to control trains. Matt Kross indicated that he has used the Arduino for various flashing light projects, some layout sound modules, and yard turnout ladder control.

**Bring & Brag: Theme – Locomotives**

Bill Berger

Dave Metzger

Mike Rudder

Mike Carovac

Jim Wendorf

**Program:**

Bruce Lutheran gave a presentation on what our upcoming Division trip on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad will be like based on the same trip he took in the past. Bruce provided general information about the trip, where to board, when to get there, and what all will be going on. He also provided info about the NKP #765 steam locomotive. The presentation included pictures and video clips from when Bruce took the trip before.

Ray Newnes gave a presentation on his adventures exploring the locomotive graveyard near Lordstown, Ohio. This facility is part of Larry’s Truck Electric (LEF) that repairs, rebuilds, and scraps locomotives. There are a large number and variety of diesel locomotives from many different railroads at the site. Ray showed pictures of just some of the locomotives he saw.

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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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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

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**No meeting in July**

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## 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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# 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
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 Structures	
November	Operations	Andy Yedlick	Western Railroads or Narrow Gauge	
December			Anything Christmas	



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# ARTICLES

My visit to the Dennison Railroad Museum In April of this year, I went with my buddy to visit the Dennison Railroad Museum located in Dennison Ohio, just south of Dover, Ohio. As we arrived off the highway, I noticed a very nice mural painting on the side of a building opposite of the museum.



Right opposite was a Beautiful Berkshire Stem locomotive with several passenger cars





The other side of the museum also had a siding that had a short tank engine, a caboose, a tank car and a box car:



The Pennsylvania passenger car and a yard sign were also located here:



The Inside of the museum was set up for a nominal fee tour. The tour started out with a short video on the history of the area and the reason for the creation of the station, as it was a canteen stop for World War 2 soldiers. Once the video was completed, we entered a room with a beautiful N scale layout showing the original yard layout. It was nicely done.



Further along we entered several of the passenger cars, which were set up with various displays. Below I took a couple of pictures of one display, which was setup like the cab of a steam locomotive:



The Next car was a hospital car from World War 2, one of only 4 known to exist. It was a very nice display. They had a small gift shop and a restaurant. On the other side of the street, opposite the museum, there were some nice older building/ store fronts that I thought made for some nice modeling info:



The ride down was only a little over an hour and a half and was very enjoyable. It was located off I-77, just south of Dover and off rt 250, so if you are on the way down to southern Ohio and you want a quick stop, you might enjoy this little railroad museum.

~Bruce Lutheran

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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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