

# TRAINWIRE



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THE WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION  
DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



### THIS MONTH:

- Friday August 5  
Div Meeting @ 7:30  
Bill Osborne's House
- Monday August 8  
BOD Meeting @ 7:30  
Via Zoom
- Saturday August 27  
Division Picnic (10-3)  
Painesville Depot

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### Super Reflections August 2022

#### This Month's Meeting At Home Of Bill Osborne

Just a reminder that our August Division 5 membership meeting will be our annual outdoor train movie night special event. It will be held at the home of Bill Osborne in Leroy Township, OH, just a short way from the intersection of I-90 and Vrooman Road. We will have an abbreviated meeting. There won't be a Bring 'n' Brag at this meeting nor a raffle. We have invited members of Division 4 and Division 12 to join us. Not sure how many people we will get from these other divisions, but Bill Osborne and I thought it would be worth a shot to get more people involved. Also, Bill has talked to Rick Rowlands of the Youngstown Steel Heritage / J&L Narrow Gauge Railroad about coming to our movie night. Rick has indicated he will try to come and bring some videos of the J&L narrow gauge railroad in operation. We will have pizza, chips, cookies, and soft drinks for the refreshments. Bill has been busy getting several new prototype signals installed in his yard just for this event. You will be able to view Bill's large collection of prototype railroad signals, check out the progress on his HO layout, and then the main attraction, outdoor movie night! We will view several prototype railroad videos on Bill's large backyard screen. Further details are in this Trainwire.

### Division Picnic This Month

Our annual Division 5 picnic is this month on Saturday, August 27, at the Painesville Railroad Museum. Bring your family for a few hours of free food, socializing with other Division 5 members and guests, and, hopefully, see a few trains go by! More details inside this Trainwire.

#### Some Free Modeling Supplies At September Meeting

One of our older members is moving and has donated several boxes of miscellaneous modeling supplies for division members. We will have these items at our September meeting for you to look through to see if there is something you could really use.

#### My Past Month Modeling Work

This summer continues to be a slow time on the Brandt River Railroad. Very little progress has been made this past month. Wayne has been busy making constant improvements to the staging yard control system he has designed for me. Now he is after me to get the control panels built so that we can test it out. Oh the pressure! Maybe I will have something to report on next month.

Join us in-person at our August meeting for outdoor movie night. See you down the line.

Matt

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

AUGUST 5, 2022 DIVISION MEETING

LOCATION: BILL OSBORNE'S HOUSE  
12795 Carter Rd, Painesville, OH

PROGRAM: MOVIE NIGHT

BRING & BRAG: NO BRING & BRAG

AUGUST 8, 2022 BOD MEETING

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

AUGUST 27, 2022 DIVISION PICNIC

LOCATION: PAINESVILLE DEPOT  
475 RAILROAD ST, PAINESVILLE, OH

## UPCOMING Events

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

### August 20 Everett's Train Show & Swap Meet

Marion Union Station  
532 West Center Street, Marion, Ohio  
10 am to 4 pm Adm. Free  
Donations Accepted  
Phone: 740-341-1798

### September 23 & 24 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)  
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. Free  
Donations Accepted and Appreciate  
Phone: 216-470-5780



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## August Trainwire Items

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**August Meeting:** August 5, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at home of Bill Osborne  
 No Bring 'n' Brag for this meeting  
 Program: Watching train videos on outdoor screen; prototype RR signals  
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**September Meeting:** September 9, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall  
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Anything Pennsylvania Railroad  
 Program: Pennsylvania Railroad – Dave Hanna  
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**NOTE: September Meeting Moved To Sept 9th Due To Labor Day Weekend**

### Division 5 August Outdoor Train Movie Night

In place of our normal monthly meeting in August, we will once again have an outdoor movie night at the home of Bill Osborne in Leroy Township. We will hold a short membership meeting at the beginning, break for refreshments (pizza and chips), view Bill's signal collection and HO layout, then start watching train videos.

We will have some guests joining us for the night. Rick Rowlands of the Youngstown Steel Heritage Museum and the J&L Narrow Gauge Railroad is planning on joining us and bringing some videos of the J&L narrow gauge railroad in operation. Also, we have invited members of Division 4 and Division 12 to join us. Not sure how many will take us up on the offer, but hopefully we will have a nice crowd.

Here are the details:

This will be on our regular August meeting night of August 5, 2022.

This is a Division 5 meeting and sponsored event.

Meeting starts at 7:30pm – movies start after meeting once it gets dark.

Meeting will be brief/condensed.

Meeting program will be the movies as well as viewing Bill's large collection of prototype railroad signals and viewing Bill's HO model railroad.

Bill usually has a collection of interesting videos. If you have something you would like to show at this event, please contact Bill so he can get it set up. We would like some short videos of 20 to 30 minutes so we can get more variety in the limited amount of time.

No Bring & Brag at this meeting.

No Raffle at this meeting.

Bring Your Own Chair (lawn chair) (and maybe a blanket, raingear, umbrella, bug spray).

Pizza, packaged chips/cookies, soft drinks, coffee, and water – if you want something else, bring your own.

It is open to Division 5 members and anyone else that wants to come.

Bill's address: 12795 Carter Road, Painesville, OH 44077; phone: 440-254-0107.

### Fall Layout Tours – Need Layouts

We will be having Division 5 layout tours in the Fall. At this point, we are planning to have them over two weekends in November during National Model Railroading Month, most likely the weekends of November 12/13 and 19/20. We need members and friends to open up their layouts for the tours. If you would be willing to have your layout open as part of the tours, please let Matt Kross know ([Super@mcr5.org](mailto:Super@mcr5.org) or 440-668-9462). Also, if you know someone that has a layout that is not a Division 5 member, contact them to see if they would be willing to be on the tours. If so, send their contact information to Matt.

### Division 5 August Picnic

We will hold our Division picnic on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Painesville Railroad Museum. The food will be the standard museum offerings. This event is for Division 5 members and their families/guests. Please plan to join us. No RSVP is necessary. Just show up. Hopefully we will see some trains!

When: Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
 Where: The Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077  
 Who: Division 5 members and their families/guests  
 Cost: Free to Division 5 members and their families/guests  
 Food: Normal Museum offerings: hamburgers and hot dogs, water, soft drinks. We will also have some packaged chips and cookies.

### Promo Day 2023 Coordinator Needed

The Promo Day Coordinator position is currently open. **We really need someone to step forward and take over this position.** This year's Promo Day has been cancelled but we need to start planning now for Promo Day 2023. 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.

### Candidates For Regional Office

The Mid Central Region Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the following officer positions in the upcoming 2023 elections, with terms of office commencing in May, 2023.

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
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The current President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer are in their first terms in their respective positions and are eligible to be a candidate for this election.

If you are interested in candidacy for one of these positions, or know of someone in your division who you feel would be a possible candidate, please contact Bob Shreve by July 30, 2022

bshreve@fuse.net  
 Cell: 513 473-4594

### Any Interest In Restarting Division Modules?

Division 5 had its largest number of members back when the Division's HO module group was going strong. We will be doing a survey of the Division 5 membership to see if there is interest in having some sort of Division modules again. There would definitely be changes to the type of modules and how the Division supports them. The BOD is considering having members build T-Trak modules in various scales to have for various events to attract new members to the Division. We have Division members that have built a number of N scale T-Trak modules. The T-Trak standard is not just for N scale. There are T-Trak standards for Z, HO, S, and O gauge. The advantage of T-Trak is that they are smaller modules and much lighter, making them easier to handle by older model railroaders. We will be asking you for your thoughts about doing this. Besides having an online Division 5 survey, we will probably take time to discuss this possible project during one of our meetings this Fall. So, start thinking about it. You might want to check out this Model Railroader article: <https://www.trains.com/mrr/news-reviews/news/t-trak-provides-a-great-way-to-get-started-with-model-railroading/> . Some NMRA documentation on general T-Trak modules: [https://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/t-trak\\_documentation-september\\_19\\_2019\\_final.pdf](https://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/t-trak_documentation-september_19_2019_final.pdf) .

**Promo Day 2022 Cancelled**

The BOD decided to cancel Promo Day 2022 due to the following: no Promo Day Coordinator, no suitable location lined up, no advance advertising at key events like Railfest or Railroads In The Parks, and not much time before the event to pull things together. Instead, it was decided to push to get a Promo Day Coordinator soon and have them start planning for Promo Day 2023. We need to have all the details in place for Promo Day 2023 by January 2023 so that we can properly advertise the event.

**PA N-scale Weekend**

The 2022 N-Scale Weekend in Altoona, PA will be held on September 17 & 18 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona.

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
August	Movie Night	Bill Osborne's House	No Bring & Brag	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	

**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             | Madison, Ohio     |
| The Painesville Railroad Museum      | Painesville, Ohio |



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## Register For 2023 MCR Convention In Pittsburgh

Register now for the 2023 MCR convention. You can find information about the convention by going to MCR Division 2's website. <https://www.keystonedivision.org/convention/index.html>

The Convention will be from May 4 through 7, 2022, at the Doubletree by Hilton at Cranberry, 910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA, 16046.

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The convention hotel, the Doubletree by Hilton at Cranberry is conveniently located within easy access to the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Interstate-79 just north of Pittsburgh. You can visit the city, see Station Square, ride the Duquesne or Monongahela Incline, railfan and enjoy the area. You are just 15 minutes from Norfolk Southern Mainline and 20 minutes from CSX Mainline.

## Div 7 Triple Clinic Mini Meet

Noon-4:30 pm - Sun, Aug 21, 2022

Horsepower Farm, Middleton, OH

Division 7 invites everyone to a special Triple Clinic Mini Meet on Sunday, August 21, 2022 from Noon to 4:30+ pm at Horsepower Farm at 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown OH 45044. Special guest Rich Mahaney will present all 3 clinics, entitled "Quick Industries For Your Model Railroad", "Great Northern Railway from Skykomish, WA to Shelby, MT", "1950's Reefer Car Layout Ops on Model Railroads". See website for details: <https://cincy-div7.org/events.html>

Doors open at 11:30 am to enter the popular vote contest (open to all NMRA members) and to preview the vintage car collection. The event starts promptly at Noon. Hot dog lunch and bottled water will be served after the first clinic. We'll skip the raffle, company store and video library at this event, leaving more time for fellowship and touring the vintage cars.

## Division 12 Mini-Meet

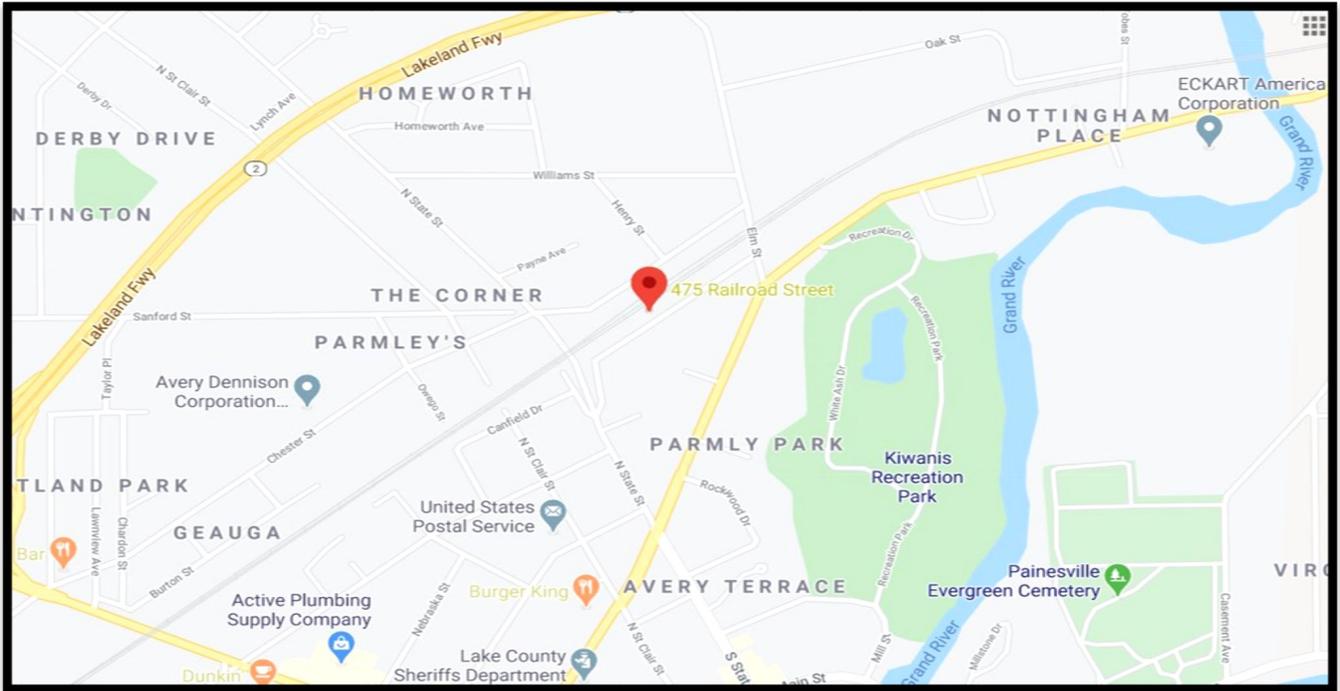
Online registration for the Division 12 2022 Mini-Meet is now live on the Division website: <https://www.div12mcr.org/mini-meet/registration/> <https://www.div12mcr.org/mini-meet/>

## Request for Clinicians

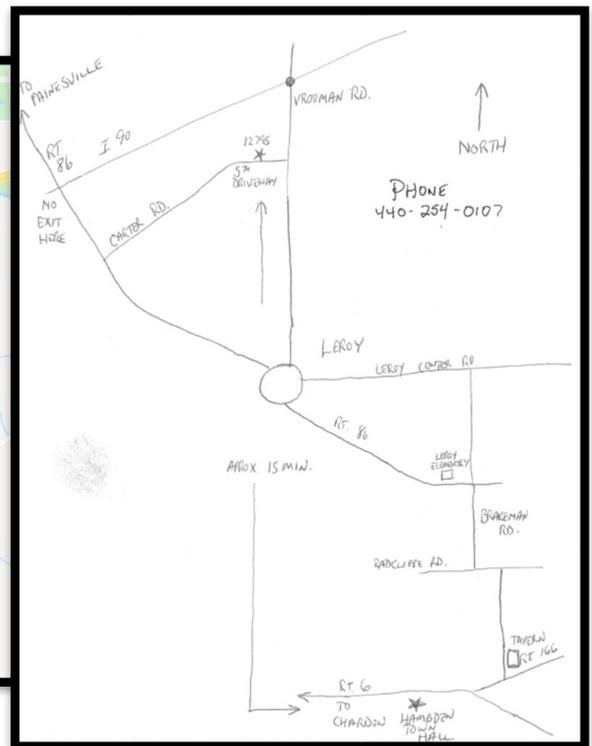
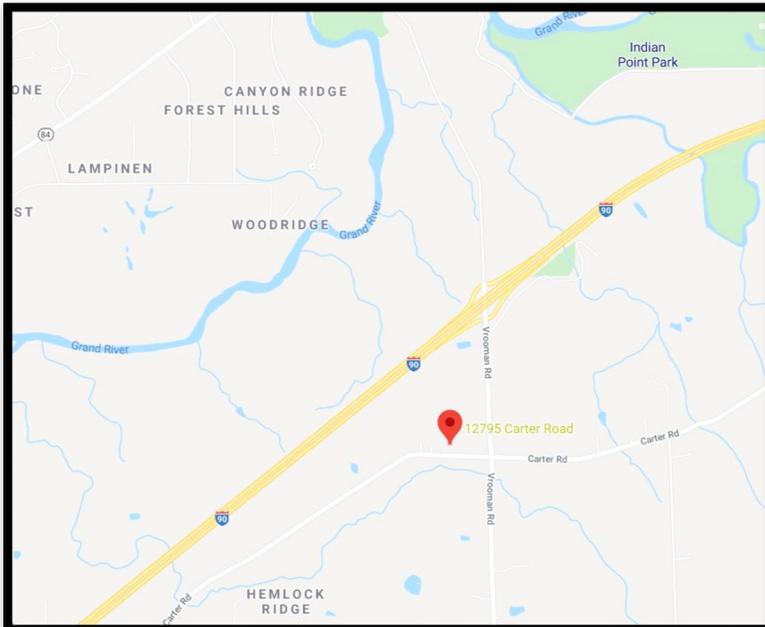
The planning committee for the 2022 Division 12, Mid Central Region Mini Meet is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania September 10th, 2022. The center will feature two well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet in 2019. Contact Doug Sandmeyer at [doug.sandmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:doug.sandmeyer@gmail.com) for more information and the submission form. Visit the *Division 12* website at <https://www.div12mcr.org/mini-meet/>

### Painesville Depot



### Bill Osborne



# ARTICLES

As some of you know my wife and I spend the month of July in Fort Myers getting our investment property ready for the upcoming snow bird season. Even though the majority of our time is spent working we still try to find time to explore the area; and of course find railroad related activities. Last year we discovered the Railroad Museum of South Florida which is located in Lakes Park; which is conveniently located behind our community. I did an article on it in last years October issue of the Trainwire.

This year we went back and I discovered they have donor/friends of the museum that entitle you to some great benefits depending on the level of your donation. Most levels give you some free tickets to ride the train or a t-shirt but what caught my eye was the lifetime donor level and the main benefits that you receive for a nice 1 time donation. This level gives you 8 free rides every year, 4 tickets to the special nighttime Christmas run every year, 2 t-shirts, 4 of the prints made by a local artist of various Southwest Florida train locations, and the most important a behind the scenes look and tutorial of the 1/8 scale train; which also includes the donor to run the train for patrons one day each year. My teacher for the day was a nice guy named Steve

who has been volunteering and operating the train for a number of years.

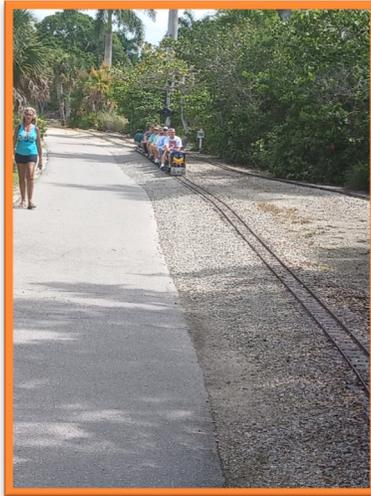
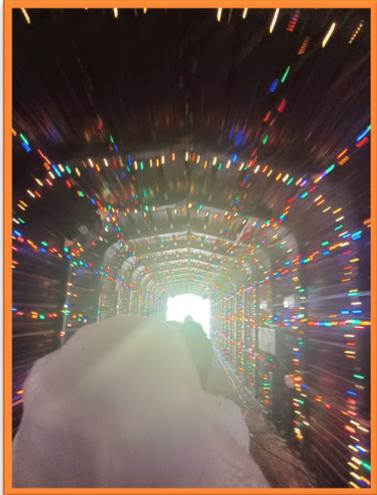
He gave me a detailed tutorial of the engine we would be using that day and all the rules of to follow as we were out on the tracks. He handled the first run of the day and then handed me the controls for the rest of the runs during my time at the park. The one confusing part was when I asked why we don't blow the whistle when we see the whistle sign at the crossing near the back of the park. He explained that one of the people who live in the high-rise towers (units go up to and exceed 1 million dollars) said the whistle sound bothered them and kept complaining until now the railroad can only use the bell (much softer and lower sound) instead of the whistle in that part of the park.

I had such a great time running the train for the patrons that I could see myself volunteering when we finally retire and get to come down here full time each winter. Steve noticed my level of excitement and invited me back the next week to get a more in-depth look at the operations...and hopefully drive the train again for a few runs at least.

~Bryan







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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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