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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

Friday September 9
Div Meeting @ 7:30
Hambden Town Hall

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Super Reflections September 2022

Back To Normal Meetings, Almost
September gets us back to our normal in-person meetings at Hambden Town Hall, but remember, the September meeting has been pushed back a week to Friday, September 9th, due to the Labor Day weekend. The October through December meetings will be at Hambden Town Hall on the first Friday of the month.

Another Great Outdoor Movie Night
Division 5's outdoor movie night event again went well. We had a perfect night for the activities. Other than an issue with the sound on the first videos, everything went quite well. Ask Bill about his "senior moment" regarding the sound problem. Thanks once again to Bill Osborne for hosting this event.

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 use.

Layout Tour Change, Layouts Needed

The dates for Division 5's Fall 2022 layout tours have been revised due to some conflicts. The revised dates will be the weekends of October 8,9 and October 15,16. We are in need of layouts to have on the tour. The tours are only about six weeks away, so we need to know very soon if you are willing to have your layout open. You can pick what day or days you want to have your layout available.

Module Survey

A new Division 5 survey has been created for you to provide your thoughts on having the Division once again support modules. For those that have valid e-mail addresses on the Division 5 website, you should have received an e-mail providing your "voting" link to respond to the survey questions.

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. I did do a little work on getting my staging yard operational and some more progress was made on getting the specialized turnout control system designed.

Join us in-person at our September 9th meeting. See you down the line.

Matt

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

DIVISION MEETING

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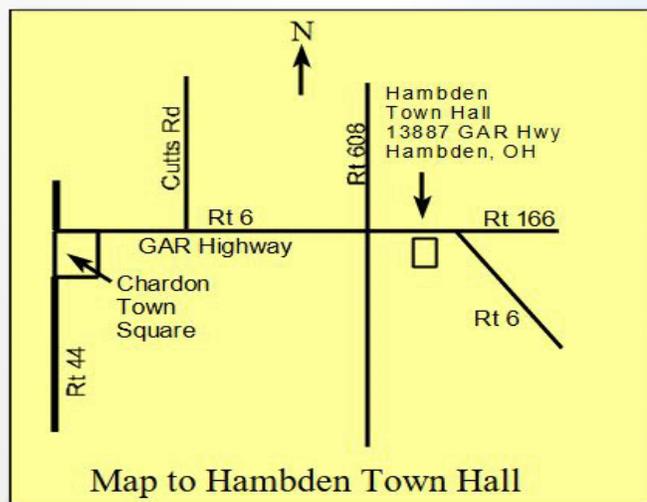
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DAVE HANNA—PRESENTER

BRING & BRAG: ANYTHING PENNSYLVANIA RR RELATED



UPCOMING Events

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

September 23 & 24 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Adm. Free

Donations Accepted and Appreciate

Phone: 216-470-5780

October 1 & 2 The Great Berea Train Show

Model Train Show NMRA Div 4

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Sat & Sun 10 am - 4 pm

Adm. \$8.00

Phone: 440-785-9907

October 8 Canfield Train and Toy Show

Canfield Fairgrounds

7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Adm. \$7.00

Phone: 330-651-1042

October 29 TCA - Halloween Train Meet

UAW Hall

5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio

10 am to 3 pm

Adm. \$6.00

Phone: 216-233-6135

October 30 Medina Train and Toy Show

Medina Fairgrounds

735 Lafayette Rd. Medina, Ohio 44256

9 am to 3 pm

Adm. \$6.00

Phone: 330-948-4400



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WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2022

The August 5, 2022, membership meeting was held at the home of Bill Osborne in Leroy Township, OH. We did not have a formal meeting since this was our special Division 5 outdoor movie night and we had a number of guests present. 11 members and 6 guests attended the event.

We had a perfect evening for our outdoor event. Though it had been threatening to rain all day, it all passed us by and we stayed completely dry. The temperature was comfortable in the mid 70's and the bugs weren't too bad. We started off in Bill's screened-in porch socializing with Division 5 members and a number of guests while enjoying refreshments of pizza, cookies, soft drinks, water, and coffee.

We had a presentation provided on a variation of HO FreeMo modules called SpeedMo. This is not an official standard but instead is a variation of FreeMo that a club in South Carolina came up with that is gradually spreading across the country. There are a number of people in northeast Ohio that are using it. A couple of the main differences from FreeMo is that the tracks go to the edge of the module, dowel pins are used to align the modules to each other, and modified folding table legs with casters are used. Tim Morano from Akron brought several SpeedMo modules to the meeting to show us how the modules are set up. Layout setup time is greatly reduced by the standardized leg system and the elimination of the need to install connecting tracks between modules. Having the casters on the legs allows assembled sections of the layout to be easily moved around. They have small adaptor modules that allow SpeedMo modules to connect to standard FreeMo modules. A precision template is used for drilling the module-to-module dowel pin alignment holes. A special way of laying the track at the edge of the module protects the rails from being accidentally torn up if they get snagged on something. The modules that were shown to us were very light, but they did not have any scenery on them. Overall, a very interesting design. It just goes to show that model railroad modules keep evolving.

Bill Osborne's large collection of prototype signals and signs was on display for us to take a look at. Of course, we had to have Bill blast his diesel locomotive air horn for us a few times to make sure everyone was awake! He also demonstrated his air operated locomotive bell.

We watched a number of videos Bill Osborne had made back in the 1980's of prototype action in northeast Ohio. We also watched a video on the Erie Railroad.

The event broke up around midnight.

Submitted by
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

BOD Meeting 8 August 2022

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on August 8, 2022. The meeting was held online using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Mike Carovac, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Ray Newnes, Linda Kacprzak, Rich Kacprzak, Dennis Lloyd, Chuck Limbert, Ted Wiese, and Paul Liberatore.

We had 11 members and 6 guests attend our August outdoor movie night meeting. Everything went very well and we had a great night. However, since we don't get many members attending, in the future we will not make this an official meeting night but instead just have it as a special Division 5 sponsored event. A motion was made and passed to send a \$25 "Thank You" payment to Bill Osborne for hosting the event at his home.

Everything is still set for our Division picnic at the Painesville Railroad Museum on Saturday, August 27. We will be losing a Division 5 member due to moving out of our Division territory. Another Division member has said they will not be renewing their membership when it expires in November. Another of our members is no longer being listed on the roster we receive from the national office when he should be. We will need to follow up on this to get it corrected.

Spent some additional time discussing ways to retain members, especially those that are upset about the recent dues increase. It isn't so much the cost increase as it is the principal of the thing. People are upset that they are being forced to pay for the new digital version of the NMRA magazine. Other than that, no solutions were offered.

Still need to get a survey posted on the Division 5 website to see if members are interested in supporting some form of Division modules. Need to contact other divisions to see if they have division sponsored modules and, if so, how they handle it. We do have someone that would be interested in being the coordinator for the modules.

Auditor Dennis Lloyd will contact Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf to see if he is ready for the audit of Railfest 2022.

It was decided to move the dates for the Division 5 Fall 2022 layout tours to the weekends of October 8,9 and October 15,16 to avoid conflicts members have with other display dates in November.

It was suggested that the Division look into a trip on the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad in Pennsylvania. A representative from the MCR 2023 convention would like to attend one of our upcoming meetings to give a short presentation on the convention.

Division 12's Mini Meet is coming up on September 10. They are looking for additional clinicians as well as people to help in general.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, October 10, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Trainwire Items

September Meeting: September 9, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Anything Pennsylvania Railroad
 Program: ?

NOTE: September Meeting Moved To Sep 9th Due To Labor Day Weekend

October Meeting: October 7, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Scenic Details or Structures
 Program: Mad River Railroad Museum – Ray Newnes

November Meeting: November 4, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Western Railroads or Narrow Gauge
 Program: Operations – Andy Yedlick

December Meeting: December 2, 2022 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Anything Christmas
 Program: ?

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.

Division 4 Train Show

Make sure you have Division 4's "The Great Berea Train Show" marked on your calendars for October 1-2, 2022. Its coming up quickly and it is always a great show. See the flyer elsewhere in the Trainwire.

Fall Layout Tours – Dates Changed, Need Layouts

We will be having Division 5 layout tours this coming Fall. We originally had been planning on having our tours in November but, due to some conflicts, we have changed the dates for the Division 5 layouts to the weekends of October 8,9 and October 15,16. We need members and friends to open up their layouts for the tours. You can pick which day or days you would like to be open as well as what times. If you would be willing to have your layout open as part of the tours, please let Matt Kross know (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.

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.

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 .

Meeting Programs Needed

We would like to get more members to share their knowledge with the rest of us. Do you have a program you could put on at an upcoming meeting? We are currently in need of some programs a few months from now. Contact Mike Carovac if you can provide something for us.

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 |



PLEASE SUPPORT THESE DEALERS!

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>

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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/>



Alleghany Western Mini-Meet 2022

September 10, 2022

Model Railroad Event

Saturday's events at the Ambassador Center
I-90 Exit 24 – 7794 Peach Street
Erie, Pennsylvania

- Registration 8:00-8:45 AM
- A variety of clinics throughout the day
- T-TRAK layout on display
- Option for lunch at the event
- *Awesome* raffle prizes
- *Your* models on display
- Judging offered for merit awards
- Wrap-up and hors d'oeuvres 4:45-5:45 PM



Friday evening before the meet and Sunday afterwards, participate in off-site activities!

- Tour local model railroads and meet with the modelers
- Operate on local model railroads

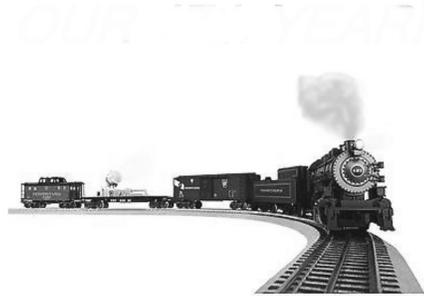
Watch for program schedules, clinic lists, display and judging information, model railroad tours and ops-sessions, vendors and donors, raffle prizes, and other information on our website:

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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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