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THIS MONTH:

Friday November 4
Div Meeting @ 7:30
Hambden Town Hall

Monday November 14
BOD Meeting @ 7:30
Zoom Meeting

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Super Reflections November 2022

Layout Tours

We ended up with eight layout locations open for our Fall 2022 layout tours. I hope you were able to get out and see what others are working on. Hopefully you got inspired to go home and get to work on your own empire!

Division 4's Great Berea Train Show

I hope you made it over to Division 4's Great Berea Train Show. I did and I am glad I went. I saw a lot of friends there and bought a number of items I have been looking for. Good show!

November Is National Model Railroading Month

Do what you can to promote the hobby!

My Past Month Modeling Work

I didn't get as much done as I wanted before my layout open house but at least I got the layout and the basement cleaned up a bit. Thanks to those that stopped by to view my layout during our Division 5 layout tours.

Join us in-person at our November 4th meeting. See you down the line.

Matt



MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

DIVISION MEETING

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
13887 GAR HIGHWAY

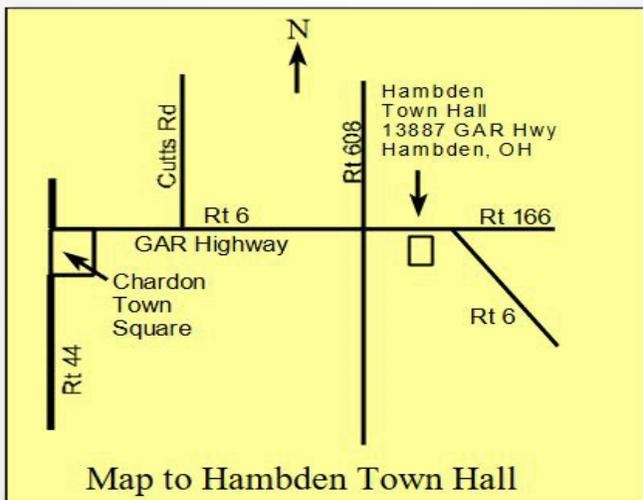
PROGRAM: Ohio to Northern Ontario
down to Dallas – Andy Yedlick

BRING & BRAG: Western Railroads or
Narrow Gauge

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

BOD MEETING

LOCATION: ZOOM MEETING



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

November 5

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet
5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
9 am to 2 pm Adm. \$7.00
Phone: 440-248-3055

Mt. Hope Event
8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope 44666
10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$5.00
Phone: 330-262-7488

NETS Model Train Show
Highland Heights Community Center,
5827 Highland Road, Highland Hts. Ohio 44143
10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$5.00
Phone: 440-357-8890

November 6

Collectible Toy & Diecast Show
Highland Heights Community Center,
5827 Highland Road, Highland Hts. Ohio 44143
10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$6.00
Phone: 216-470-5780

Erie Model Train Show
Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA
10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$5.00
Phone: 724-992-2035

November 13

Akron Train & Toy Show
Emidio & Sons Expo Cener
48 E. Bath Rd., Akron, Ohio
9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$3.00
Phone: 330-724-5253

November 26

Train Collectors Association Show
UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio
10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00
Phone: 330-273-6404

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2022

The October 7, 2022, membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 16 members and one guest were present.

We have 8 layout locations available for our Fall 2022 layout tours. There will be layouts open on October 8, 15, and 16.

Reviewed upcoming train shows and events in our area during the next 6 weeks.

Next Div 5 BOD is Monday, October 10, 2022.

Reviewed highlights of MCR BOD meeting held on September 16, 2022. All divisions were advised not to publish their financial information to the general public. New NMRA Interchange software coming for members to provide various social media type of features as well as online meeting capabilities. New program in education department focused on how to get started in model railroading. Region is putting together a guideline on how to put on a regional convention. 2023 MCR convention will be in Pittsburgh, 2024 MCR convention will be in the Cleveland area. 2025 will most likely be another tri-regional convention. Region is looking for someone to be the regional contest chair. Region putting together an IT Tech Team to help divisions with hybrid and online-only meetings. They are looking for people to help with this.

Continue to need meeting program ideas.

If you want tickets for the Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad Polar Express this season, you need to act quickly. Tickets are selling fast.

Might want to look into having a representative from one of the local railroads come in for a presentation.

Reviewed results of Railfest 2022 and the issues we are facing for Railfest 2023. Specific details will be gone over with the Railfest Chairman during the October 2022 Division 5 BOD meeting. Some of the problems we are facing are various fee increases and the permanent loss of Gym C at the college. Also having trouble getting some commitments from various service providers and show vendors. We are still planning on having Railfest 2023 but there will be challenges. One of the biggest challenges is getting enough people to help put the show on. The help of all Division 5 members is needed.

The financial audits of the Division and Railfest 2022 books have been completed.

Modeling Questions:

What are people using to mount R/C servos for turnout control? Just one person in attendance using servos. He had a friend custom design and 3D print a mounting bracket.

Modeling Tips:

Use hot water to soften plastic on railroad cars when trying to create dents.

Items for the Good Of The Order:

Had a great time at the Division 4 Great Berea Train Show

Division 1 is getting rid of their old HO modules and is looking for someone interested in them.

Free magazines available at the meeting

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Bring & Brag: Theme – Scenic Details or Structures

Linda Kacprzak Dave Metzger

Program: Went through a Power Point presentation created by Ray Newnes showing pictures of his trip to the Mad River Railroad Museum.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

BOD Meeting 10 October 2022

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on October 10, 2022. The meeting was held online using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Mike Carovac, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Linda Kacprzak, Rich Kacprzak, Dennis Lloyd, Chuck Limbert, Ted Wiese, and Jim Wendorf.

Division 5 membership stands at 56. One roster problem was resolved with the region.

Ray Newnes has resigned from the Division 5 BOD. The Superintendent is looking for someone to replace Ray on the Board.

Division 5 and Railfest 2022 financial books were audited and no issues were found.

Railfest 2022 wrap-up. We did make some money at Railfest 2022 but the majority of that was due to the last-minute grant by Remarkable Lake County. If we had not received that grant, we would essentially have broken even for Railfest 2022. With that grant, our overall profit for the show was down about 50% compared to recent past shows.

As far as Railfest 2023, we are proceeding with the show but have a number of challenges. We are set with Lakeland, same cost as 2022 with the same six rooms as last year plus a separate banker's room for 2023. This will get us another 20 tables. The snack bar will be open similar to last year: Friday hot dogs and pop, Saturday & Sunday morning coffee & donuts for purchase, and then lunch for the two days. Sun Rental tables fees are the same except the delivery fee quadrupled. Laketrans is all set except they added travel time to and from Lakeland, two hours per day, which increased our cost. Remarkable Lake County grant has not been submitted. The grant application is due in January and we are eligible for the maximum amount if a grant is awarded to us. Table prices have been increased to help cover the increased costs. The gate price will stay the same since we have already been advertising the price in our flyers since March. We will need to raise our gate price for Railfest 2024. Mt Hope show has been cancelled for March and moved to April, so that will not interfere with our show like it did in 2022. A few of our original Railfest vendors that switched to the Mt. Hope show in 2022 will be returning to Railfest 2023 and this was even before they heard about the Mt. Hope cancellation. The official vendor invitations will not be sent out until near the

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end of November 2022, so we don't have any official vendor count yet. Between now and Railfest 2023, we need to impress on members the need for everyone to help with this event and keep driving the point home. Recruiting new members would help with this.

First weekend of the Division 5 layout tours went ok and was deemed successful. The three layouts that were open on October 8 did not get many people from Division 5. They did get a few visitors from Division 4. There will be five layouts open the weekend of October 15/16.

Non-NMRA members that open their layouts for the Division layout tours are not covered by the NMRA liability insurance. Some NMRA divisions will pay for a RailPass membership for these non-members to make sure they have insurance coverage. The Board voted down paying for any temporary membership for non-members for situations like this.

The BOD voted to keep the 2023 Division 5 Budget the same as 2022's budget. Expenses exceeding our 2022 income will be covered by taking money out of savings.

The BOD voted to wait another year before restarting our Division grants to local model railroad groups due to our 2022 income being so low.

The chairman of the 2023 MCR convention would like to do a Zoom presentation at one of our upcoming meetings.

We will have a Division 5 Holiday Party. It is tentatively planned for Saturday afternoon on January 7, 2023. This event will be in place of our January membership meeting. We may look into some other place than Hambden Town Hall to hold the party. We may want to consider a different food offering. We need someone to volunteer to coordinate this event.

We currently need meeting programs starting with the February 2023 meeting.

The Division picnic in August went well and the people attending had a good time. Unfortunately, attendance at the event was low. We did receive \$200 from the NMRA towards the cost of our picnic since it was considered a membership retention event.

It was suggested that we coordinate a carpool of people to go to the Western PA Model Railroad Museum north of Pittsburgh for their holiday hours in November/December. A survey will be made of the membership to see what dates would work. The Division will pay for half the entrance fee for each member and one guest. Mileage and tolls will not be covered by the Division. Each carload will need to divide up their transportation costs between them.

Trying to increase the Division activities as part of effort to recruit new members. One suggestion is that we advertise our Division meetings. Another suggestion is that we hold something like Division 2's one-day jamboree. The Division survey showed that there is a little bit of interest in modules but no clear consensus on what scale or type of modules. We will continue to consider modules but are not planning on doing anything with them at this time.

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The topic has come up again on changing our monthly meeting day and time. There have been a few members saying they are uncomfortable or can't drive at night anymore. Most divisions have their monthly membership meetings during the day on a Saturday or Sunday. It was suggested that we put out a Division survey to see if alternate days/times would work and be acceptable. The alternative is to attempt to offer a hybrid meeting where we still have an in-person meeting but also broadcast it on Zoom so people can participate from home. Our problems with a hybrid meeting are having the manpower to run it and the WiFi bandwidth at the Hambden Town Hall to support the Zoom meeting. We may try having a onetime meeting on a Saturday or Sunday just to try it. Dennis Lloyd has a program on gondola loads for the February meeting.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 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

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

November Trainwire Items

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: ?

January Meeting: No Membership Meeting – Division Holiday Party instead

Holiday Party: January 7, 2023 (Saturday)
Location: TBD
Time: TBD (afternoon)

February Meeting: February 3, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: TBD
Program: Gondola Loads – Dennis Lloyd

Promo Day 2023 Coordinator Still Urgently 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.

Holiday Party Coordinator Needed

We will have a Division 5 Holiday Party in early January. In order to put this on, we need someone to volunteer to coordinate the event. The coordinator would need to select a caterer/menu, arrange a location, and put together the program/entertainment. If you are willing to do this, please contact Matt Kross.

Trip To Western PA Model RR Museum

We are going to put together a trip to the Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, PA, north of Pittsburgh, sometime in late November or early December. Be watching for a Division 5 survey to see what dates would work for you. We need a coordinator for this event. The coordinator would need to help decide on a date, pick a meeting location for carpooling, coordinate transportation, and purchase the tickets. If you are willing to do this, please contact Matt Kross.

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