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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

Saturday January 7

Holiday Party
Hambden Town Hall
12:00 Social Time
1:00 Lunch
2:00 Program

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Super Reflections January 2023

Trip To The Western PA Model RR Museum

We had 10 people on our trip to the WPMRM. Other than some heavy rain on the trip there, we had a great day and a great visit. The museum does a really good job with their open houses and the layout does a terrific job of depicting Western Pennsylvania in the 1950's. There are a couple of spots on the layout where I like to stand for a long time and just absorb all the details and the arrangement of the scene. The museum's holiday open house dates go into the first week of January, so you can always go on your own trip there.

Happy New Year!

What model railroading resolutions are you making for the new year? Some suggestions are: Finally get started on building your layout; Pick one scene on your layout and concentrate on getting it done; Build a module; Build a diorama; Scratch-build a structure; Set up your layout for operations; Add some animation to your layout; Have an open house for your layout; Commit to spending 15 minutes a day working on your railroad. The possibilities are endless. Just pick some small, realistic project or goal and commit to getting it done in 2023.

Holiday Party

Please plan to join us for our Division 5 Holiday Party on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at noon at the Hambden Town Hall. It is a great time to socialize with your Division 5 friends, spouses, and guests. Nothing stressful about it! It is free to Division 5 members and one guest. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship. It is also fun to be on hand to see if you win one of the Losers Raffle prizes. See more details inside this Trainwire.

My Past Month Modeling Work

Last month I said I was looking at changing my DCC system. After investigating the various systems and much waffling, I made the decision to go with Digitrax. I like the numerous improvements they have made to their system over the years and I like their new throttles. And, yes, they are the giant in the room of DCC, which helps with getting answers to situations. My Christmas present this year will be the assortment of Digitrax parts needed to replace my existing system. If anyone would like to buy a used CVP Products EasyDCC system, please let me know. I will let you know next month how the system switch goes.

Join us in-person at our Holiday Party on Saturday, January 7th. See you down the line.

Matt

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2022

The December 2, 2022, membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 17 members were present.

Dennis Coglianesse, chairman of the 2023 MCR convention in Pittsburgh, provided a presentation on the convention via Zoom.

Went over plans for trip to Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum.

Reviewed plans for Division 5 Holiday Party on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at Hambden Town Hall. An e-mail will be sent out to members with details along with information in the January Trainwire. We are considering having Mary Yoder's Restaurant in Middlefield caterer the meal. There will not be a gift exchange this year. We will have the Losers Raffle.

Next Division 5 BOD meeting will be Monday February 13.

Reviewed upcoming Division 5 meeting programs. We currently have programs through March 2023. Contract has been signed with Lakeland Community College for Railfest 2023.

Reviewed some of the topics of the last Div 5 BOD meeting.

Looking at having Promo Day 2023 at the Thompson, Ohio library. Still need a coordinator.

Still need to do the survey to see if members want to change our meeting day/time.

Trainwire items must be submitted by December 19th due to Christmas vacation.

We need to do a better job of having up-to-date Division promotional literature available at events and also provided to the module groups so that they may have it available during their set ups. Also, we need to make sure that, when we are packing up a show like Railfest, that we make sure the promotional literature is given to the proper people and not buried away in some box.

Modeling Tips:

Saw a new type of super glue at the Canfield train show that is activated by water.

No-Ox ID Special A compound put on track to improve conductivity. Need to apply very, very thin. Makes a big difference on how trains run. YouTube video by Ron's Trains & Things available on how to use it. Will try to put link in the Trainwire. There are some pros and cons. You must apply it properly. One member used a Woodland Scenics Tidy Track cleaner with the gray pads to apply the No-Ox ID Special A. Just a tiny dab of the product was lightly spread on the pad and slid along the track. Reduces light flickering and locomotives run much better. It eliminates the micro-arcing that causes pitting in the track and wheels. Can be removed with alcohol if you run into problems. Greatly reduces how often you need to clean your track.

MINUTES

Modeling Questions:

Has anyone in the group had an interactive module where the public can press buttons to turn things on? Just looking for pros and cons. One response is that you need to use high quality pushbuttons and switches that can take the abuse of little kids. Need a more industrial style pushbutton.

Has anyone used the No-Ox A on their track to improve conductivity.

Items for the Good Of The Order:

A model railroad group has there modules set up at the Cleveland Zoo.

Puritas Nursery at 19201 Puritas Road on the west side has a big train display that is supposed to be very good and drawing crowds.

There is a company on Nevar Road in south Canton that makes Maintenance Of Way equipment. They have a bunch equipment sitting outside their building.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Christmas Related

Bill Berger

Matt Kross

Chuck Limbert

Linda Kacprzak

Dave Metzger

Program: Mike Carovac did a presentation on the history of Christmas trains/

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

Chuck Limbert submitted some links to the track cleaning product that was mentioned earlier in the minutes as well as some pictures from the zoom presentation.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBYxjcTWCBO>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWv5Jdr9v9k&t=8s>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Trainwire Items

January Meeting: No Membership Meeting – Division Holiday Party instead

Holiday Party: January 7, 2023 (Saturday)
 Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Time: 12:00pm – social time
 1:00pm – lunch
 2:00pm - program

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

March Meeting: March 3, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring ‘n’ Brag: Theme:
 Program: Andy Yedlick – Railfanning Photos

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. The Div 5 BOD has tentatively lined up a location for a mid-October 2023 event. We need to decide on how the event will be 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.

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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What: Division 5 Annual Holiday Party

When: Saturday, January 7, 2023

Where: Hambden Town Hall

Who: For Division 5 members and their guests

Cost: Free for a Division member and one guest; \$10 for each additional guest (payment at the door)

Times: 12:00pm – 1:00pm Social Time

1:00pm – 2:00pm Meal

2:00pm – 3:30pm Program – To be determined; Losers' Raffle

Meal: Specifics to be determined but most likely will be our standard fare:

Roast beef, chicken, potatoes/gravy, vegetable (green beans?), tossed salad/dressing, roll/butter, coffee, tea, water, soft drinks, pie

Events: Losers' Raffle, Program?

RSVP: Deadline to RSVP was Wednesday, December 21, 2022, to let us know if you are coming and how many guests you are bringing. If you missed the RSVP deadline and want to attend, we may have enough food and space for you, but please check ahead of time by contacting Matt Kross via e-mail (matt.kross@roadrunner.com) or calling (440-668-9462). We will have to see if we can increase the food order and provide the additional space.



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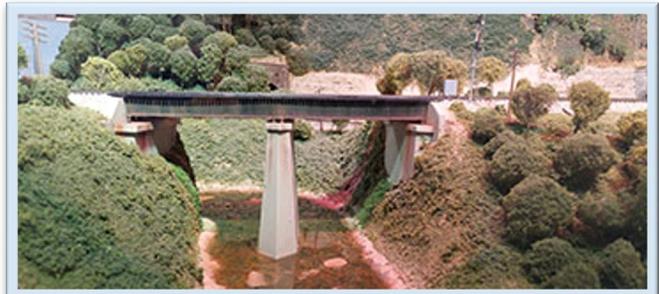


ACTIVITIES

Trip To The Western PA Model RR Museum



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ARTICLES

My Visit to the Puritas Road Nursery Model Railroad Train Displays

My visit to the Puritas Road Nursery Model Railroad train displays Last week I went with my friends I used to work with, including Gary Jarkowicz of the N gauge group, to visit the Puritas road Nursery, 19201 Puritas Ave, in Cleveland, West Park Neighborhood, Ohio. As it turns out, this display has been going on for over 2 decades and is run by a group of model railroaders. I spoke with one of the volunteers, who told me the group fills in time and makes sure everything runs OK for the visitors. As we arrived, I walked thru the entrance and into the covered Nursery area. The Nursey racks, that are usually covered with plants, were covered with a multitude of model railroad displays. (See pictures below):



The Displays were setup in several scales, including H.O., Lionel, and G scale. (See pictures below):



ARTICLES

The Lionel gauge layouts were several in types, including O gauge tinplate, Lionel 2 track and 3 track. The layouts were setup to run continuously, (all scales), including a couple of point-to-point setups (See pictures below):

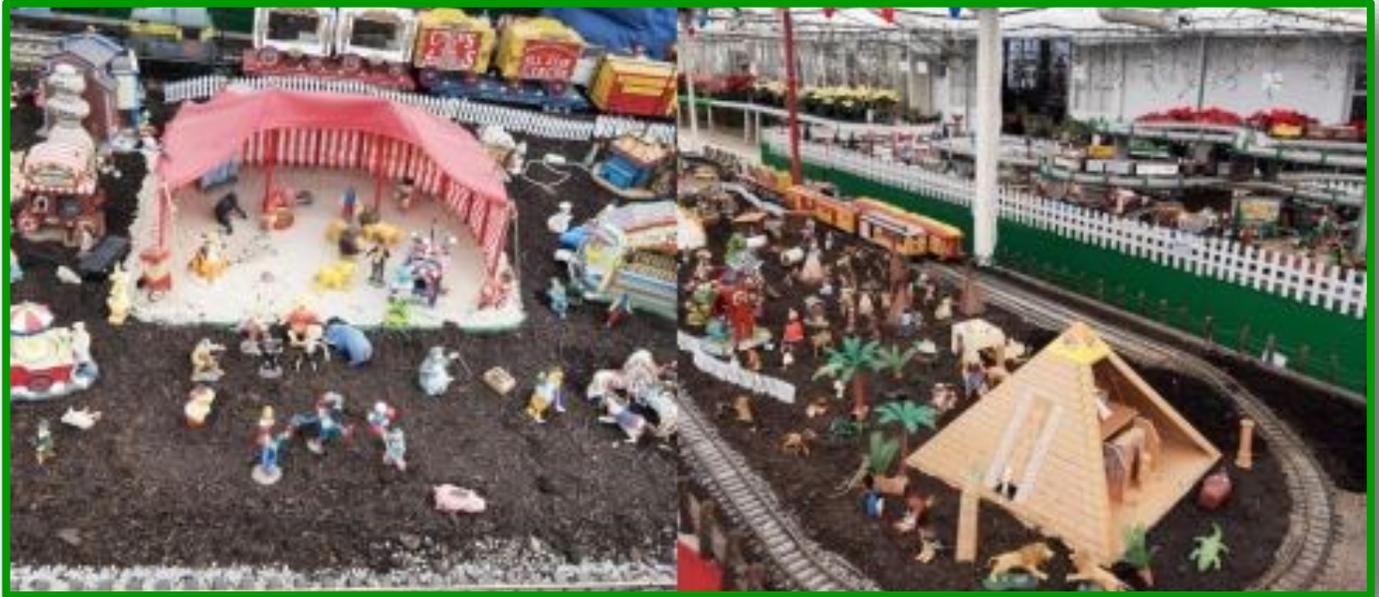


The layouts were done very nicely, with each containing independent scenes. The scenes included a nice alien space flying saucer scene, a well done coal mine and a nice circus train scene. (See pictures below)

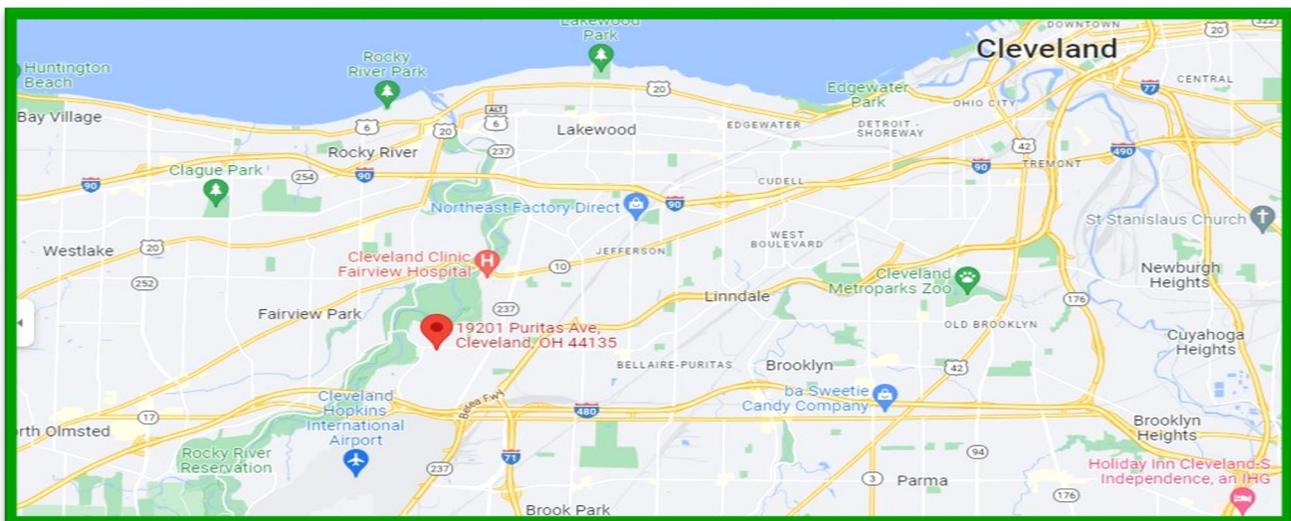


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The Circus scene below included a nice circus tent complete with booths, various rides and wagons. It was nicely done.



Further, there were several homemade models, including a wooden Ferris-wheel and an old erector set turned into a ride similar to the old Euclid beach rocket ride. If you get a chance, take a ride out and visit it for a lot of good feelings and some nice models. ~Bruce Lutheran



Party Details

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RSVP by contacting Matt Kross via e-mail (matt.kross@roadrunner.com) or calling (440-668-9462) and let him know if you are coming and how many guests you are bringing.

Hope to see you there.

Matt Kross

Division 5 Officers (Terms expire June 2024)

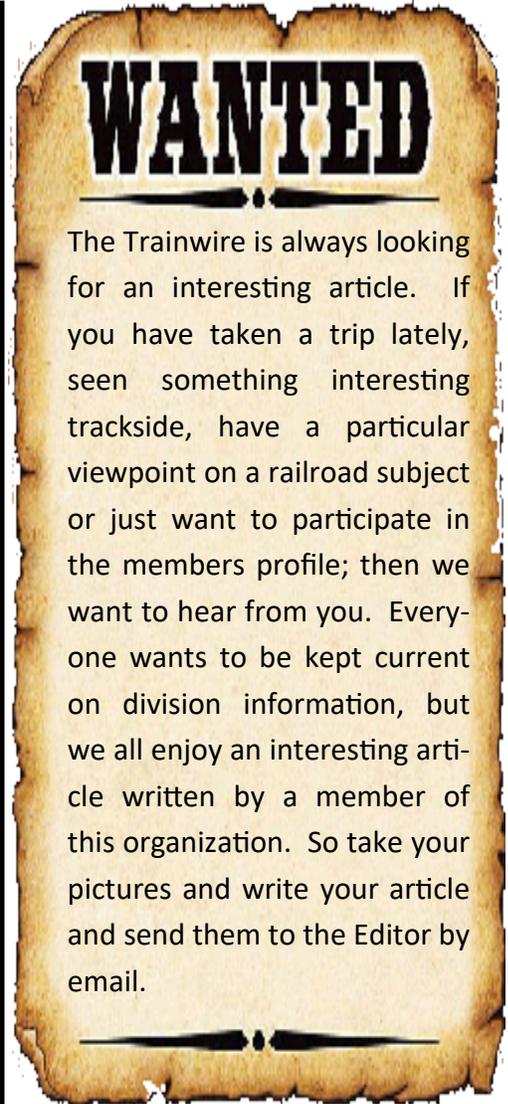
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The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular viewpoint on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the members profile; then we want to 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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