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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

Friday February 3

Division Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
7:30 PM

Monday February 13

BOD Meeting
Via Zoom
7:30 PM

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Super Reflections February 2023

Holiday Party

We had 19 people at our Holiday Party. Not a big turnout but we had a great meal and a good time! The food this year was from Mary Yoder's in Middlefield and was terrific! Rich Kazprzak put together a number of video clips on various scenic railroads around the country that was enjoyed by all. Everyone there got to pick from a table of hidden prizes ranging from some candy to \$50. As always, we ended the party with our annual Losers Raffle. This is where we take all the losing raffle tickets from the past year's meetings, put them all together, and do a new drawing from the losing raffle tickets. We hand out 19 levels of prizes. Check inside the Trainwire for this year's list of winners.

Railfest 2023 Is Coming!

Railfest 2023 will be here before you know it. Invitations were sent out to

dealers and exhibitors in December and reservations are due by early February. We should start to have a good idea of tables sold by our February Division 5 membership meeting. Make sure you can be available March 16 through 19, 2023 to help with Railfest. This is a big show and it takes a lot of people and hours to put it on. If you can recruit some friends and family members to help, that would be great! This is your show that funds your Division so plan to contribute some effort.

My Past Month Modeling Work

I got absolutely nothing done on my layout this past month. My new Digi-trax DCC system is still sitting in the box, waiting for me to install it. Hopefully my time will free up and I can get some work done on the railroad.

Join us in-person at our February membership meeting on Friday, February 3, 2023. See you down the line.

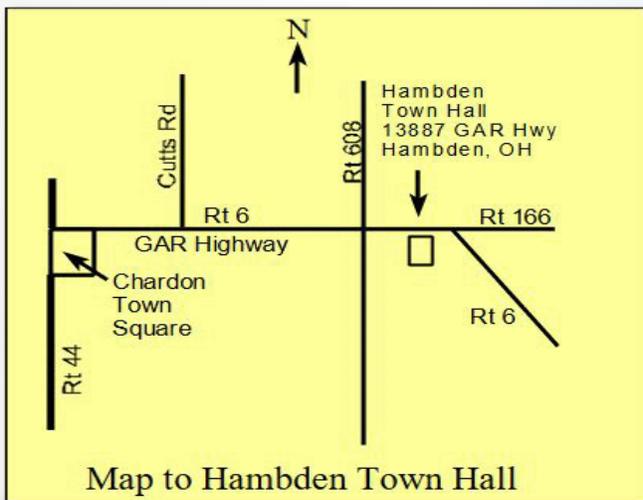
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MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

<u>FEBRUARY 3, 2023</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMB DEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
PROGRAM:	Gondola Loads Dennis Lloyd
Bring & Brag:	Gondola Loads
<u>FEBRUARY 13, 2023</u>	BOD MEETING
LOCATION:	VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM
<u>MARCH 3, 2023</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMB DEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
PROGRAM:	Andy Yedlick Railfanning Photos
Bring & Brag:	TBA



UPCOMING Events

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

February 5

Medina Train and Toy Show
Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256
9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00
Phone: 330-948-4400

February 12

Mansfield Train Show
Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds
750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906
10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$7.00
Phone: 419-606-7934

February 18

Canfield Train and Toy Show
7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$6.00
Phone: 330-651-1042

March 4

Independence Train Show - KD Trains LLC
The Independence High School Fieldhouse
6001 Archwood Rd. Independence, OH 44131
10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$7.00
Phone: 216-642-0692

March 5

Akron Train & Toy Show
48 East Bath Road at State Road
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223
9:00 am - 4 pm Adm. \$4.00
Phone: 330-724-5253

March 18-19

Div. 5 Railfest - Model Railroad Show
Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094
10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$8.00
Phone Jim at: 440-357-8890

March 25

Train Collectors Association
5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00
Phone: 330-273-6404

RAILFEST

Railfest 2023 will be here before you know it. We will be needing lots of help! We will have a volunteer sign-up sheet at the Division 5 meetings and during Railfest setup.

Plan To Help The Division With Its Only Major Fund Raiser

Railfest Tasks

Thursday March 16 (approx. 2 pm to 6 pm - show setup only, no dealers)

- Set up tables in proper positions
- Cover the tables
- Put out chairs
- Deliver show materials

Friday March 17 (10 am to 7 pm)

- Adjust table positions as needed
- Man the doors for security and assistance while vendors set-up
- Help vendors unload vehicles
- Setup the Division flea market tables and Division display items
- Put up signs

Saturday March 18 (7 am - 10 am - dealer and display set-up; show 10 am – 4 pm)

- Man the doors for security and assistance while vendors set-up
 - Man the entrance desk: collect admission fee and make change
 - Put wrist straps on show attendees as they come in the gate
 - Run the PA system - make announcements
 - Collect and count money
 - Assist vendors and guests with questions
 - Provide general overall security
 - Man the Division flea market table - especially those selling items
 - Man the Raffle and Door Prize tables
- BUY LOT'S OF GOOD STUFF!**

Sunday March 19 (8 am - 6 pm; show 10 am – 4 pm) (Must be out by 6 pm)

- Same show items as on Saturday
- Buy more good stuff!
- Remove covering from tables
- Clean up trash
- Provide security while vendors load their vehicles
- Assist vendors with carrying merchandise to their vehicles
- Take down displays and signs



Volunteers especially needed for tear down: 4pm to 7pm



RAILFEST 2023



Saturday and Sunday

March 18 & 19, 2023

10 am to 4 pm

Buy – Sell – Trade

Located at:

Lakeland Community College

7700 Clocktower Dr.

Kirtland, Ohio 44094

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193



Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts
(LENS & BRNS)

O Gauge layout
(Lake Mod Squad)

**S Scale & American
Flyer**
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge
Association)

Lionel O Gauge
LGB G Gauge

Live Steam Display
(Lake Shore Live Steam)

Admission \$8.00

Two Day Pass \$13.00

Family (couples) \$13.00

Family (max) \$15.00

(2 Adults with Children under 16)

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

Features

Dealers

RR Flea market

Exhibitors

Operating Layouts

Test Track

Video Tapes

Historical Displays

Train Ride Info

Test Track Available

ATM

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Division 5 Fleamarket Table Item Rules

If you want to make use of the Division fleamarket table at Railfest, you **MUST** fill out the form on the other side of this sheet. Use as many copies of the form as needed to list **ALL** the items you are selling. Each item on the table must have a sticker that contains the member's initials and a sequence number corresponding to the items on the form. Multiple items, bagged or boxed, are only counted as one item if they are being sold as a set.

Please keep prices in even dollar increments (\$1, \$2, \$3, etc.) if at all possible. This makes it a lot easier for the people manning the table to make change and handle the money.

Also, **you need to provide a Business Size envelope** to put the money in from the sales of your items. Mark your name clearly on the envelope. You also need to put some money in the envelope to allow the people manning the table to use for making change. We would like at least ten \$1 bills in the envelope. Please mark on the envelope the amount of money you provided for making change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Trainwire Items

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.

Selling Items At The Division 5 Sales Table At Railfest

All Division 5 members are welcome to put items for sale on the Division 5 sales table at Railfest. **However, there are some rules to follow.**

You **MUST** fill out the Division 5 Railfest Fleamarket Table Items form. This form is available on the Division 5 website. We will also have paper copies at the February and March meetings. A copy of the form is included in this Trainwire. Use as many copies of the form as needed to list **ALL** the items you are selling. Each item on the table must have a sticker that contains the member's initials and a sequence number corresponding to the items on the form. Multiple items, bagged or boxed, are only counted as one item if they are being sold as a set.

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The full set of rules are listed on the back of the form.

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Annual Losers Raffle Winners

The following are this year's Losers Raffle winners. They are listed in prize order. If you haven't received your certificate, they will be handed out at the February membership meeting. Any remaining certificates will be mailed to the winners after the February meeting.

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| 1. | Chuck Limbert | 11. | Dave Neff |
| 2. | Linda Kacprzak | 12. | Bruce Lutheran |
| 3. | Paul Emch | 13. | Doug Riedel |
| 4. | Jim Wendorf | 14. | Mike Carovac |
| 5. | Bill Berger | 15. | Gary Jarkewicz |
| 6. | Mike Rudder | 16. | Rich Kacprzak |
| 7. | Dave Metzger | 17. | Dennis Lloyd |
| 8. | Matt Kross | 18. | Bryan Persing |
| 9. | Bonnie Lette | 19. | Andy Yedlick |
| 10. | Ted Wiese | | |

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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ARTICLES

The Cedar Point & Lake Erie Railroad

Linda Kacprzak

We recently toured the Cedar Point & Lake Erie car shop and maintenance area as part of the Mini-Bunch narrow gauge fall meet. Our very knowledgeable tour guide, Jon Manasco, has worked for the railroad for over 20 years.

The C.P. & L.E. RR will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2023. It opened in the summer of 1963 and is one of the oldest rides in the park. It had 116 million riders in the first 50 years of operation, and they are hoping to reach 130,000 passengers this year following shortened seasons due to the pandemic. It is a three-foot narrow gauge railroad with over 2 miles of track and two stations, the main station in Celebration Plaza and a second station in Frontiertown at the far end of the park, where retired engine Albert is currently on display. The 15-minute ride on open air coaches, which are built on the trucks of old D&RGW narrow gauge stock cars, passes over several bridge trestles and runs through Boneville. The western-themed town entertains passengers with 52 mostly animatronic skeletons performing the usual wild west scenarios.

Cedar Point owns five steam locomotives fueled by coal, four in operating condition, and one gasoline-powered engine. Two engines, Albert and Maud L, were originally in service in 1963. The Albert, type 2-6-0, was built in 1910 by the Davenport Locomotive Works in Davenport, IA, to transport sugarcane from a plantation in Louisiana. Before it was sold to Cedar Point, it served as a passenger locomotive for a scenic railroad in Cherokee, NC. The Maud L, a 1902 Baldwin, was traded in 1999 to Walt Disney World and now operates at Disneyland. The Judy K and the Myron H are the primary locomotives used daily, and the George R and the G.A. Boeckling are backups if needed.

The Myron H and the Judy K were originally 0-4-0T type engines but were converted to 2-4-0 with ten-

ders by C.P. & L.E. Both were built by the Vulcan Iron Works in Wilkes-Barre, PA, Myron H in 1922 and Judy K in 1923, and are almost identical. Myron H was originally owned by a coal company in Ohio for use in coal mining, but was sold six times before being bought by Cedar Point. Judy K was first owned by a company in Lansing, MI, and its original use is unknown, but it was sold to a stone company in Illinois. After one more change of ownership, it was bought by Cedar Point.

The George R, type 0-4-0T, was built in 1942 by the H.K. Porter Co. in Pittsburgh, PA. Its original use was limestone mining in Pennsylvania. It was first sold in 1962 to the American Railroad Equipment Assn., and then leased in 1963 to Cherokee Wonderland in North Carolina before it was sold to Cedar Point in 1968. This engine was unusual because it was built to 3 feet 2 inches. Cedar Point had to narrow it by 2 inches and convert it to a 2-4-0. George R is no longer certified to carry passengers due to the riveted boiler not passing inspection, but it can be used in the yard.

The G.A. Boeckling, type 0-4-0T, was built in 1927 by the Davenport Locomotive Works in Davenport, IA for use in coal mining in Pennsylvania. After two ownership changes, the engine was converted into a 2-4-4RT, then sold and adapted for use at a Six Flags Park in Illinois. It was sold one more time before it was traded to Disneyland, then tested at Disney World and put on display at Epcot. In 1999 Disney traded it to Cedar Point for the Maud L. In 2007 it was relocated to Knott's Berry Farm in CA. It returned to Cedar Point in 2010 and was converted to a 2-4-0 in 2011.

The Little Engine was built sometime in the late 1960's or early 1970's by the Plymouth Locomotive Works in Plymouth, OH. It was custom designed to look like a small mining steam engine, but has a gasoline engine. It is used for moving locomotives and coaches around the rail yard and in the shop, as well as for track work and other maintenance. This tour was an interesting behind-the-scenes look at the area not open to the public.



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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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