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



THIS MONTH:

Friday April 7

Division Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
7:30 PM

Monday April 10

BOD Meeting
Via Zoom
7:30

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Super Reflections April 2023

Great Job Jim!

Railfest 2023 went very well and we owe a great big THANK YOU to Jim Wendorf, our Railfest Chairman. Everything appeared to run smoothly and we had lots of help. Attendance by the public was better than last year but still not as good as it was pre-Covid. Too early to tell how we did financially.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

We had a terrific showing of members, family members, and friends to help with Railfest 2023. It made everything go a lot easier and faster. We had lots of help on Thursday for the table setup and it went quite quickly. Friday setup went well and we had lots of people to help the dealers unload their vehicles. Everything seemed to go smoothly on Saturday and Sunday. The dealers seemed to do well and were happy. Teardown went well and we almost got everyone out on time!

Should We Change The Meeting Day/ Time?

The Division survey about whether members want to change the monthly meeting date/time is still going on. The survey ends on Sunday, April 9, 2023. Please provide your input regarding

this potential major change. We currently meet on the first Friday of every month at 7:30pm. There are some members that have difficulty driving at night and would like to have the meeting during daylight hours on the weekend. The survey is a way for members to indicate whether they are open to a different day/time for the monthly meeting.

My Past Month Modeling Work

Another month has gone by and it was another month when I didn't get anything done on my layout. I did however work on modifying the Lake Erie N-scale Society's power cart to install a new DC WiFi system and power supply. Wayne Lette designed and built a DC WiFi throttle system to run the three separate main lines on N-Trak modules. My job was to get this installed in time for Railfest. To use the new system, you just need a smart phone or tablet pc to run trains on any of the three lines. LENS members used this new system at Railfest and loved the it.

Join us in-person at our April membership meeting on Friday, April 7, 2023. See you down the line.

Matt

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

APRIL 7, 2023 DIVISION MEETING
 LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL
 13887 GAR HIGHWAY

PROGRAM: DENNIS LLOYD
 DECALING

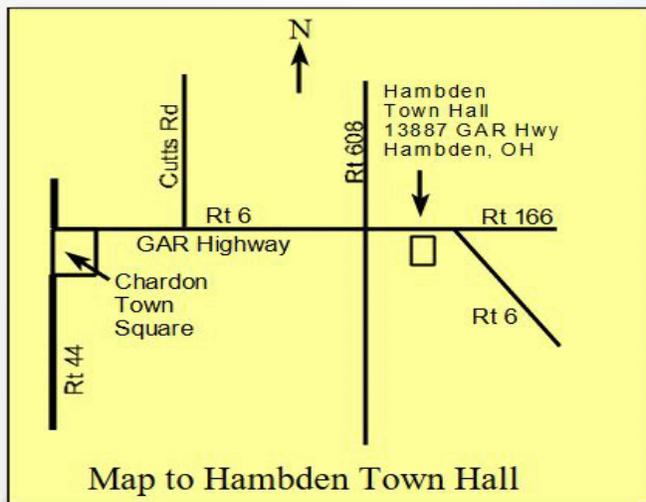
BRING & BRAG: MODEL FROM A KIT

APRIL 10, 2023 BOD MEETING
 VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

MAY 5, 2023 DIVISION MEETING
 LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL
 13887 GAR HIGHWAY

PROGRAM: MIKE CAROVAC
 SCRATCH BUILT
 FENCES & WALLS

BRING & BRAG: SOMETHING SCRATCH BUILT



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

April 2

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

Youngstown Model Railroad Assn. Toy - Train
 4490 Norquest Blvd., Austintown, Ohio 44151
 10 am to 3:30pm Adm. \$7.00
 Phone Darrel Balakoff at: 330-718-1057

April 8

Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc. Train Show
 Cawford County Fairgrounds, 610 Whetstone St.
 Bucyrus, Ohio
 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$5.00
 Phone Jon Copper at: 419-569-7374

April 15

Iron and Steel Train Show and Expo
 National McKinley Memorial Museum
 40 North Main St. (RT 46) Niles, Ohio
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$5.00
 Phone: Dennis Mamone 330-503-5510

April 29

Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Model Railroad Club
 Openhouse
 Northampton Road & W. Bath Road
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Adm. \$5.00

May 20

Model Train Day & Flea Market
 Painesville Railroad Museum
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$5.00
 Phone: 216-470-5780
 Donations Accepted and Appreciated

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2023

The March 3, 2023, membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 23 members and 3 guests were present.

Welcomed 3 visitors (Steve Kaplan – Div 4, Dennis Saudter – Div 1, Rose Crotty) and 2 new members (Curt Caden and John Crotty).

Division officers and coordinators introduced themselves to the new people.

Box of HO railroad cars donated to be raffled off at the meeting.

Railfest job signup sheet was available at the meeting. Encouraged all members to come to Railfest to help and to recruit friends/family to also help. There are jobs where you can sit.

Requested Railfest door prize donations from Division 5 members. Looking for items ranging in value from \$2 to \$15.

We will have an NMRA promotional table at Railfest. Linda Kacprzak volunteered to coordinate this table.

Reviewed rules for members selling items at the Division 5 sales table at Railfest. Gary Shaffer will coordinate the sales table. Rick Kacprzak will assist Gary.

Reviewed Railfest setup times on Thursday and Friday as well as door open times on Saturday and Sunday.

MCR 2023 regional convention coming up quickly in early May.

Next Div 5 BOD meeting will be April 10, 2023. One of the topics at the BOD meeting will be discussion of changing our meeting day/time. So far, we have received 25 responses (out of 60 members) to our Division survey about changing the meeting day/time. Please provide your feelings toward this topic. It will be at least 4 to 6 months before we would be in a position to make a change. If we do decide to change, we may need to wait until January 2024 in order to line up a meeting location because we don't know if we would be able get the Hambden Town Hall for a different day/time.

Still looking for meeting programs for August through December of 2023.

Layout Updates:

Mike Rudder provided an update on his layout progress and all the things his weekly crew is working on.

Modeling Tips:

When laying track, make sure you leave some expansion joints. Mike Rudder indicated he found this out the hard way. He had some track go out of gauge due to wood drying out in the winter and shrinking.

Items for the Good Of The Order:

Briefly talked about some of the repercussions of the East Palestine, OH train derailment disaster.

Division 1 is building HO and N TTrak modules. They are selling TTrak module kits. They will get us more information about this.

We had pizza, packaged cookies, and beverages for the meeting refreshments.

MINUTES

Bring & Brag:

Chuck Limbert
Dave Neff

Mike Rudder
Dave Metzger

Bill Berger

Program:

Andy Yedlick showed railfanning pictures of the Fairport, Painesville & Eastern Railroad in northeast Ohio back in 1984 just days before it was bought by Norfolk Southern.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk



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WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP

BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES

Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys
Hobby Town USA
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters
The Painesville Railroad Museum

Willoughby, Ohio
Mentor, Ohio
Madison, Ohio
Painesville, Ohio



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RAILFEST



ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Trainwire Items

April Meeting: April 7, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
Bring ‘n’ Brag: Theme: Model From A Kit
Program: Dennis Lloyd - Decaling

May Meeting: May 5, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
Bring ‘n’ Brag: Theme: Something Scratchbuilt
Program: Mike Carovac – Scratchbuilding Fences & Walls

June Meeting: June 2, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting – location to be determined
Bring ‘n’ Brag: Theme:
Program:

Survey Regarding Changing Our Meeting Day/Time In Progress

NOTE: This is only a survey to get your feelings towards changing the MCR Division 5 monthly membership meeting day and time. Before any change would be made, the BOD would discuss this thoroughly, considering input from the membership (such as the results of this survey), and any actual change would require a full membership vote. It would most likely be quite a few months before we would be ready to have the membership vote on any change.

Background: There have been informal discussions over the last few months about changing the day and time of the our monthly membership meeting to something other than a Friday evening. There are members that can't, or do not like to, drive at night and would like to have meetings during daylight hours. This is only a survey to determine the general membership feeling towards this topic.

Pros: More older members may be able to attend meetings in-person. It is often easier to drive during daylight hours, especially during storms. Would be able to hold meetings at libraries for morning and afternoon meetings. Weekends might make it easier for those that have to work late during the week. We are one of the few divisions within our region that meet in the evening.

Cons: Probably will have to find a new meeting location because Hambden Town Hall generally is not available on Saturdays and Sundays due to other events. We have been meeting on Friday evenings for a very long time and everyone is used to it.

A web link was provided in an e-mail to all members with internet access that allows each person to provide their input electronically on the Division 5 website. For those that do not have e-mail and internet access, a paper survey will be mailed to them. The survey will be open until April 9, 2023.

Please provide your input!

Promo Day 2023

Promo Day 2023 will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Thompson, OH library. Dennis Lloyd is the coordinator for the event. If you would like to help or have a demonstration you would like to put on for the event, please contact Dennis at PromoDay@mcr5.org or 440-352-7081.

Do You Need A Ride To A Meeting?

If you would like to attend Division 5 meetings but need a ride, please contact Superintendent Matt Kross at 440-668-9462 or super@mcr5.org. We will see if we can find someone to pick you up. We would really like to see everybody at our monthly membership meetings.

Division 5 Participation Incentives

This is just a reminder about some of the incentives that Division 5 offers to the members for their participation in various Division activities.

Bring & Brag

Members who bring an item to display at the monthly meeting's Bring & Brag receive a \$5 award certificate. Bring & Brag items must have been completed within the last six months. The member must have put some reasonable amount of modeling effort into the construction or finishing of the item.

Building a model railroad display for public viewing

The Division will award a \$50 certificate to a member who builds a model railroad display and shows it at an NMRA event open to the public. Division funded displays are not eligible for this. The display must be at least 4 square feet in area.

Articles, tips, or pictures for Trainwire

Members that provide items for the newsletter will receive a \$10 award certificate for a one page or longer article, \$5 award certificate for a modeling tip or collection of pictures (5 pictures minimum) covering a relevant railroading activity. The Trainwire editor has final decision over whether the material is used or not. For items to be eligible for an award certificate, the member must have played an active part in generating the information. Thus, submitting an article cut out of the newspaper or a magazine does not qualify.

Clinic or presentation

Members that put on some type of clinic or presentation at a meeting or Division 5 event will receive a \$10 award certificate. The presentation must be at least 20 minutes in length.



Charles R. Tidd, age 77, of Eastlake, Ohio passed away on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Charles was fondly known as Charlie to those that knew him. Beloved husband of 43 years to Eileen (nee Haase); loving father to John (Heather) Dasburg, Jennifer (Nathan) Bascom, Glenn, Barbie, and Connie Tidd. He also leaves behind many dear friends. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Emily. He was a 45-year employee of PMC Industries. With his quick smile and contagious sense of humor, Charlie was a friend to all he met. Aside from his love of boating, fishing; Charlie was an avid train lover and model railroader. He was a devoted member of L.E.N.S. (Lake Erie N-Scale Society) and NMRA (National Model Railroad Association). Charlie's family will receive friends Friday, March 10, 2023, from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM and from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM, at the Jakubs-Waite Funeral Home, 36000 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake. Funeral Service

will be 11:00 AM, Saturday at the funeral home with morning visitation from 10:00 AM until time of service. Burial will be private.

Division 5, MCR, NMRA Presents:

Model Railroad Demonstrations and Displays

October 21, 2023

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

at the Thompson, OH Public Library

located on Rt. 528 5 miles south of I-90

Free and open to everyone!

You will see model displays of various sizes and demonstrations on scenery, electrical, kit- and scratch-building, DCC, and Track & Ballasting.



More Info at: mcr5.org

BRING & BRAG



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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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