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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

No Meetings Scheduled
this month.

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Super Reflections July 2023

Lost A Division 5 Icon

With the passing of Dennis Lloyd, we have lost another key player within Division 5. Dennis performed many roles within the Division over the years. He was currently a Division Director, one of our auditors, and this year's Promo Day coordinator. He will be sorely missed and leave big shoes to fill.

No Meeting In July

A reminder that we do not hold a Division 5 membership meeting in the month of July.

Mark Your Calendars For Division Picnic

The Division 5 annual family picnic will be on August 5th. Mark your calendars. Please plan to attend and bring your family. It is free. You can view all the exhibits at the Painesville Railroad Museum and take a look at their new

engine barn. We may even get a ride on the Collinwood 999 parade locomotive. We do need to know how many are coming so contact me (Matt Kross) to give me a count for your family.

Outdoor Movie Night Will Be In September

Since we will not be holding our monthly meeting as part of the outdoor movie night, we have decided to hold the event in September when it gets dark sooner but the weather is still nice. Saturday September 16th will be the date.

My Past Month Modeling Work

No work going on with the layout this past month. Too much other stuff going on, especially yard work.

Enjoy the month of July while we take a Division 5 break. See you down the line.

Matt

MEETINGS & EVENTS

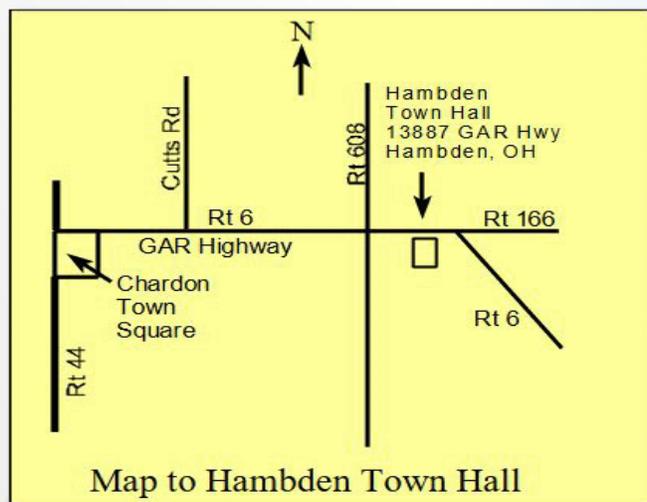
UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

AUGUST 4, 2023 DIVISION MEETING
 LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
 PROGRAM: MIKE CAROVAC
 FENCES/WALLS PART II
 BRING & BRAG: ANYTHING GOES

AUGUST 5, 2023 DIVISION PICNIC
 PAINESVILLE DEPOT
 475 RAILROAD STREET
 PAINESVILLE, OHIO
 10 AM—3 PM

AUGUST 14, 2023 BOD MEETING
 VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM



UPCOMING Events

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

July 29

Model Train Flea Market
 Painesville Railroad Museum
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. Free
 Phone: 216-470-5780
 Donations Accepted and Appreciated

August 26

Railroad Memorabilia Show
 Painesville Railroad Museum
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$5.00 / \$12.00
 Phone: 216-470-5780

September 30-October 1

Horsepower Weekend
 Lake Farm Park
 8800 Euclid-Chardon Road, Kirtland, Ohio
 9:00am to 5:00pm
 Phone: 440-256-2122
 Lake Farm Park Admission Applies

October 7-8

The Great Berea Train Show
 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
 19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights
 10:00am to 4:00 Adm. \$8.00
 Phone: 440-785-9907

October 28

Train Collectors Association
 UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma
 10:00 am to 3:00pm Adm. \$6.00
 Phone: 330-273-6404

October 29

Medina Train and Toy Show
 Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$6.00
 Phone: 330-948-4400

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2023

The June 9, 2023, membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 18 members and 2 guests were present.

Welcomed new member David Moyer.

Reviewed upcoming Division 5 meetings and events.

No meeting in July.

We will have our annual outdoor train movie night at Bill Osborne's home but, unlike in the past, it will not be in place of our regular monthly meeting. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Stay tuned for details.

We will have our annual Division 5 family picnic on Saturday, August 5, at the Painesville Depot from 10am to 3pm. Please contact Matt Kross and let him know how many people will be coming from your family.

The September membership meeting will be moved back a week due to the Labor Day Weekend holiday. The revised date is Friday, September 8, 2023.

Members that attended the 2023 MCR regional convention told us about what all went on. Nice T-Trak setup. Good set of clinics. Nice banquet.

Regional BOD meeting was held at the MCR convention. All divisions are doing reasonably well post-covid. Train shows are pretty much back to normal. Opening for region contest chair has been filled. Still an opening for a region education chair but waiting for NMRA national education committee to finalize the national program.

Trainwire is always looking for articles.

We received an advertising grant of \$3300 from the Lake County Visitors Bureau for Railfest 2023. We were also notified that we will receive a grant for Railfest 2024.

Member Welfare:

Mike Carovac's father is not expected to survive the weekend. Thoughts and prayers are with Mike and his family.

Jim Wendorf will be having some new surgery very soon. He says his recovery from his knee surgery has gone very well. He is walking and driving again.

Bill Osborne was at the meeting and said he is slowly recovering from his heart surgery.

Items for the Good Of The Order:

Nice setups at Lake Farmpark's Railroads In The Parks weekend. They had a lot of people come through (several thousand over the two days). It was a great way to show the public what model railroading is all about. Next year they will have some additional space available and would like to have an HO layout on display.

Tamiya's surface primer/sealer works well on cardstock and wood in preparation for acrylic paints.

MINUTES

Modeling Question:

What is T-Trak? Provided an explanation of the tabletop modular concept. It is an international standard. Module frames can be purchased or built. It uses Kato sectional track. Modules snap together by means of the Kato track sections. It is popular in N scale but the concept can also be used in HO scale. MCR Division 1 is currently building HO T-Trak modules.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Something Scratchbuilt

Bill Osborne

Dave Metzger

Bill Berger

Dave Neff

Bryan Persing

Program: Watched a video on the history of the Hulett Ore Unloader.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

BOD Meeting 12 June 2023

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on June 12, 2023. The meeting was held online using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Linda Kacprzak, Andy Yedlick, and (later in the meeting) Chuck Limbert.

Note: For the first half of the meeting, we did not have a quorum. Once Chuck Limbert joined the meeting, we did have a quorum but decided to table any detailed discussions until the next BOD since we were missing three Board members.

Any discussion regarding changing the monthly meeting day/time was tabled until the August BOD meeting.

No new members this past month.

September 2023 membership meeting has been pushed back a week to September 8 due to the Labor Day Holiday weekend.

Upcoming Division 5 membership meetings:

July – no meeting

August 4 – Program: Mike Carovac – Walls and Fences Part 2

September 8 – Program: TBD

October 6 – Program: Bill Osborne – Creating Mill Gondolas

Upcoming Division 5 events:

August 5 – Family Picnic

September 16 – Outdoor Movie Night

October 21 – Promo Day 2023

MINUTES

There is still interest with some people in having a local HO modular club. The Division BOD encourages any efforts in this area. However, the Division will not show any favoritism towards any group formed but will support it through our normal grant request process. Farmpark would like to have an HO modular layout on display at their Railroads In The Parks weekend. We should encourage those interested in starting a group to write up something for the Trainwire.

Suggested a possible Division 5 trip to JL Innovative Designs in Kill Buck, NY. We have a contact within the company that thought they would be open to hosting us.

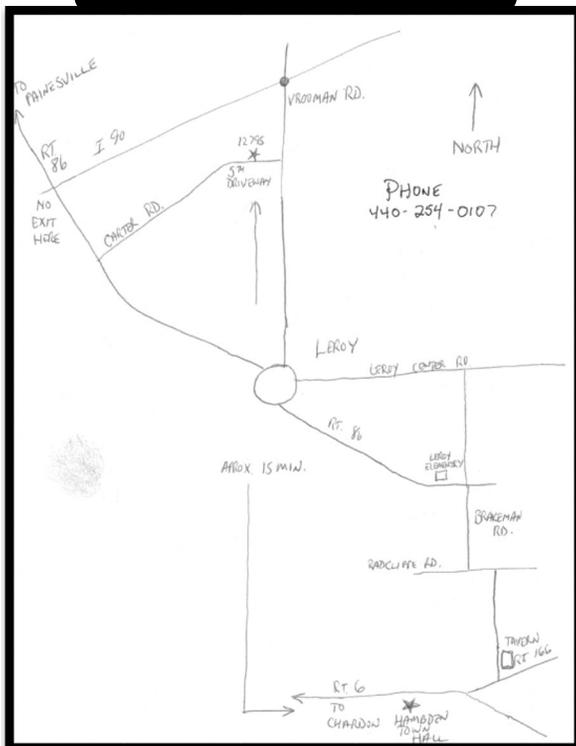
Budgeting process for 2024 will start at October 2023 BOD meeting.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, August 14, 2023 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.)

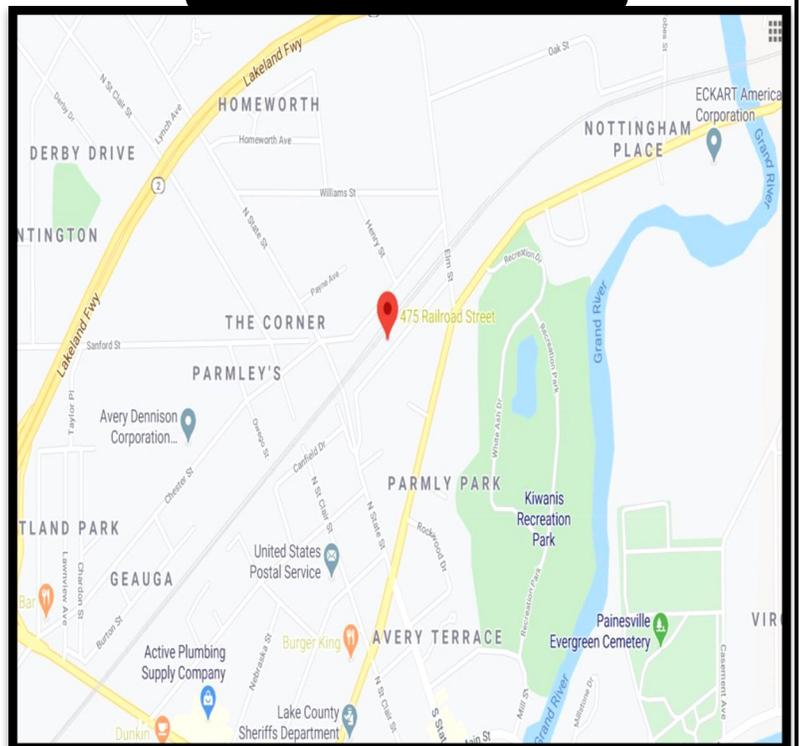
Submitted by

Matt Kross – Superintendent / temporary Div 5 Clerk

Bill Osborne



Painesville Depot



ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Trainwire Items

July: No Meeting In July

August Meeting: August 4, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Anything Goes
 Program: Mike Carovac – Fences and Walls – Part 2

NOTE DATE CHANGE!

September Meeting: September 8, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: ?
 Program: ?

October Meeting: October 6, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Steel Mill Railroading
 Program: Bill Osborne – How To Make Realistic Mill Gondolas

September Meeting Date Changed

Due to the Labor Day Holiday Weekend, the September Division 5 monthly membership meeting has been pushed back a week. It will now be on Friday, September 8, 2023. Normal time and location.

Promo Day 2023 Coordinator Needed

Promo Day 2023 will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Thompson, OH library. Due to the death of Dennis Lloyd, we need a new coordinator for the event. Please contact Matt Kross if interested.

Division 5 Annual Family Picnic

We will hold our annual Division 5 family picnic on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Painesville Railroad Museum. The food will be the standard museum offerings. This event is for Division 5 members and their families/guests. Please plan to join us. Hopefully we will see some trains!

Please let Matt Kross know if you are coming by July 28th and indicate how many people will be in your group so we know how much food to prepare. You can e-mail Matt at Super@mcr5.org or call at 440-668-9462.

When: Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Where: The Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077
Who: Division 5 members and their families/guests
Cost: Free to Division 5 members and their families/guests
Food: Normal Museum offerings: hamburgers and hot dogs, water, soft drinks. We will also have some packaged chips and cookies.

Division 5 Outdoor Train Movie Night

We will once again hold our annual outdoor movie night but this year it will be held as a special Division 5 event, not a monthly meeting. It will be held again at the home of Bill Osborne in Leroy Township. We will hold this event on Saturday September 16th. We will have refreshments (pizza and chips), view Bill's signal collection and HO layout, then start watching train videos on Bill's large outdoor screen once it gets dark enough.

Here are the details:

Date is Saturday September 16th.

This is a Division 5 sponsored special event.

We don't have a definite start time yet but the movies start once it gets dark.

Activities will be the movies as well as viewing Bill's large collection of prototype railroad signals and viewing Bill's HO model railroad. There may be some additional activities – stay tuned!

Bill usually has a collection of interesting videos. If you have something you would like to show at this event, please contact Bill so he can get it set up. We would like some short videos of 20 to 30 minutes so we can get more variety in the limited amount of time.

Bring Your Own Comfortable Chair (lawn chair) (and maybe a blanket, raingear, umbrella, bug spray, flashlight).

Pizza, packaged chips/cookies, soft drinks, coffee, and water – if you want something else, bring your own.

It is open to Division 5 members and anyone else that wants to come.

Bill's address: 12795 Carter Road, Painesville, OH 44077; phone: 440-254-0107.

Reminder - Please RSVP Your Monthly Meeting Attendance

Please use the meeting RSVP feature in the Division 5 members only section of our website to let us know if you will be attending the upcoming Division 5 membership meeting. This particular feature is only available between the time when the new Trainwire is posted to the website and the time of the actual meeting. All other times, the meeting RSVP feature will be hidden. Knowing the number of people that will be attending the meeting provides information regarding the amount of refreshments to bring and also how we should set up the meeting room.

Attention: Those Who Signed Up To Do Demonstrations At Promo Day

If you told Dennis Lloyd that you would do some sort of modeling demonstration or set up some type of display at Promo Day this year in October, please let Matt Kross. We do not have the list of people that Dennis signed up and so we need to recreate it.

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.

Can You Provide A Ride To A Meeting?

If you are willing and able to provide someone a ride to our meetings, please contact Superintendent Matt Kross at 440-668-9462 or super@mcr5.org. At the moment, we have a member in Geneva and one in Mentor that are looking for rides.

Division 5 Auditor Needed

Due to the death of Dennis Lloyd, we need another Division 5 financial auditor. Chuck Limbert is currently one of our auditors. We need a second person to work with Chuck to audit the Division's and Railfest's financial accounts. Please contact the Superintendent if you are willing to do this. We should be ready to perform the annual audits around the end of August.

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.

Member Welfare

Condolences to Mike Carovac and his family on the death of Mike's father.

Get Well wishes to Jim Wendorf after a recent surgery.

Get Well wishes to Bill Osborne as he continues to recover from his heart surgery.

Condolences to the Lloyd family on the death of Division 5 member Dennis Lloyd.

Condolences to the Toki family on the death of former Division 5 member Frank Toki.



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The Painesville Railroad Museum

Painesville, Ohio



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Dennis Lloyd Obituary

Dennis C. Lloyd age 76 was the son of Franklin and Marian (Ruffing) Lloyd born on July 24, 1946 in Youngstown Ohio and passed away June 21, 2023 at University Hospitals Cleveland.

Dennis was a teacher for Kirtland Middle School and Lakeland Community College for many years.

Dennis was an avid N-scale railroad modeler and very involved in that community. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren, attending shows at Playhouse Square, and reading biographies. He was an active parishioner at St. Mary Parish for more than 50 years serving as a Eucharistic Minister.

He is survived by son Richard (Diane) Lloyd, daughter Marianne Lloyd (Rob Ristuccia), sisters Karen (Gary) Lynde and Sue (Bill) Forse, brother Tom Lloyd, and grandchildren Nina and Eloise Lloyd and Joyce Ristuccia.

He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce in 2013 and his parents in 2008 and 2011.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday June 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary Catholic Church 242 North State St. Painesville. Family and friends may call from 5-7 PM Monday June 26, 2023 at the Spear-Mulqueeny Funeral Home 667 Mentor Ave. Painesville.

In Lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve PO Box 172101 Cleveland, OH 44192



Frank Toki Obituary

Frank Toki, 88, of Mentor, died June 27, 2023 at University Hospitals Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby. He was born September 27, 1934 in Windber, PA. A U.S. Army veteran who proudly served his country, Frank worked as an HVAC technician for many years. His hobbies were hunting, fishing and "O" gauge model trains. Frank was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church since 1967. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Shirley (nee Kelly) Toki; daughters, Deborah (T. Scott) Palmer, and Christine (Douglas) Covert; son, Kenneth (deJane) Toki; grandchildren, Kelly Palmer, Jason Palmer, Justin Covert, Jared Covert, and Blake (Kristi) Toki; great grandchildren, Teague and Ella Toki; and his sister, Margaret Crum.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Anna Toki; grandson, Brandon F. Toki; and his siblings, Joseph, John, Rose, Andrew, Paul, Mary, Elizabeth, Steve, Agnes, and Ann. The family will receive friends to celebrate Frank's life from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A funeral mass in his memory will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 2023 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 (Please meet at the church.) Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Frank's memory to a Leukemia or Lymphoma charity of one's choice. Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.



Remembering Dennis Lloyd

By Matt Kross

Dennis died on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at the age of 76. I met Dennis around 1989 when I joined LENS and the NMRA. It has been a wonderful friendship these past 34 years. I went on a few road trips and conventions with Dennis and they were always enjoyable. On one of the road trips, he introduced me to Handel's ice cream in Youngstown for which I will be forever grateful!

Dennis was:

Great friend!	A really nice, decent guy who got along with everyone
King of the bad pun or groaner of a joke	Teacher
Encourager	Leader
Team player	A happy person
Pleasant	Fun
Skilled modeler	

He taught me many modeling techniques:

Working with styrene	Decaling
Scratchbuilding railroad cars and structures	Making decals
Kitbashing	Steel mill modeling ideas

During the 49 years he was a member of NMRA MCR Division 5, Dennis was always involved. He held many positions and took on many duties:

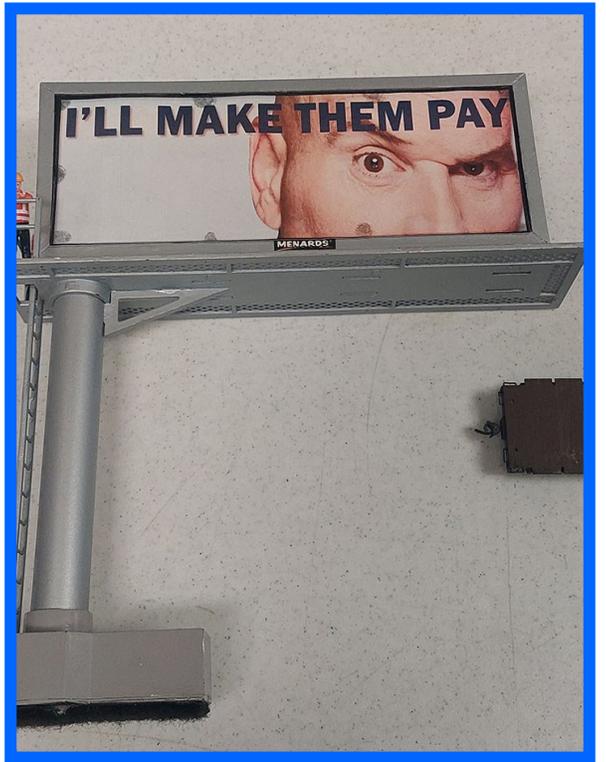
NMRA Life member since 1974	Auditor
Director	Superintendent (twice)
Railfest Chairman	Assistant Railfest Chairman
Clerk/Treasurer	Newsletter Editor
Convention Registrar (twice)	Nominating Committee
Promo Day Coordinator	Clinic Presenter
Regular Bring & Brag participant	
Recipient of a well-deserved Division 5 Lifetime Achievement Award (2011)	

In the Lake Erie N-scale Society (LENS), over the 43 years he was part of the club, Dennis was heavily involved and took on many tasks throughout the years:

One of the founders back in 1981	Driving force within the club
Treasurer	Secretary
Membership Coordinator	Leader
Helper	Idea person
Newsletter Editor	Prolific module builder
Layout coordinator	Sales table manager
Contact person	Teacher
Custom decaler	Kitbasher
Scratchbuilder	Always willing to donate items to the club
Promoter/Ambassador for LENS and the hobby	

It has been a privilege and honor knowing this fine man! I will miss him dearly.

BRING & BRAG



ACTIVITIES



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ARTICLES

Rails to Pittsburgh 2023 MCR NMRA Convention

The Mid Central Region convention was held on May 4th through May 7th, 2023. As usual, this convention had too much to do and not enough time to do it all. Rich and I arrived at noon on Thursday, and the first order of business was to plug in my T-Trak module. Then we attended the first of many clinics, this one on repurposed trash. In the evening, Rich enjoyed the HO Turtle Creek RR operating session, which featured lots of switching on 189 industrial spurs in 800 sq. ft., while I went to two clinics and then hung out at the T-Trak layout and made new friends. There were 75 modules in the display, with 5 more added on Friday afternoon following the "Make and Take" build a module extra-fare clinic. Two were added next to my sawmill/logging module, which you can see in the photo with the unpainted bases.

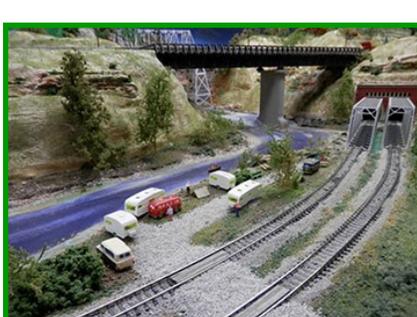
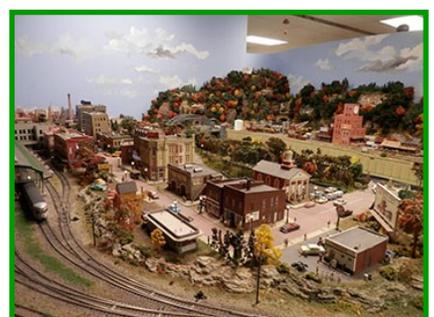
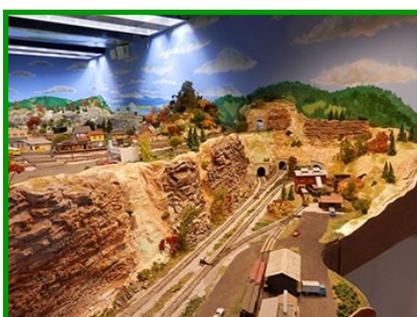
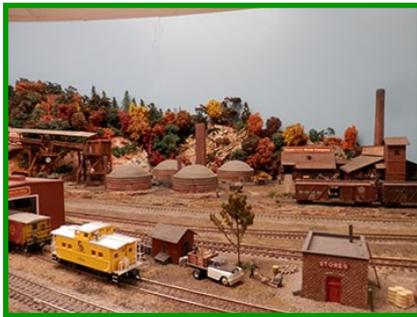
Friday and Saturday went very fast: attending clinics, checking out items in the white elephant sale and at the vendors' tables, and admiring the entries in the contest room. We didn't sign up for any rail tours because of time limitations, but I would like to go back to Pittsburgh sometime to go on the "Rivers of Steel" Explorer Riverboat cruise (maybe next year at the National Narrow Gauge Convention). There were 48 clinics presented in three days, with only 3 duplicates. The wide variety of topics provided something for everybody, and there was even a clinic on modeling the future.

Serving as proxy for Matt Kross at the MCR BOD meeting, plus attending a clinic on the future of the NMRA, gave me a different perspective on the MCR membership and the goals of the national organization. Division 5 is doing a good job of meeting their focus on social connectivity and fellowship. We just need more member participation in our activities.

On the way home on Sunday, we visited 5 of the 27 layouts open on the tour. One very large club layout included HO-scale on the main floor and N-scale downstairs. This was an enjoyable long getaway weekend.

~Linda Kacprzak





Division 5 Officers (Terms expire June 2024)

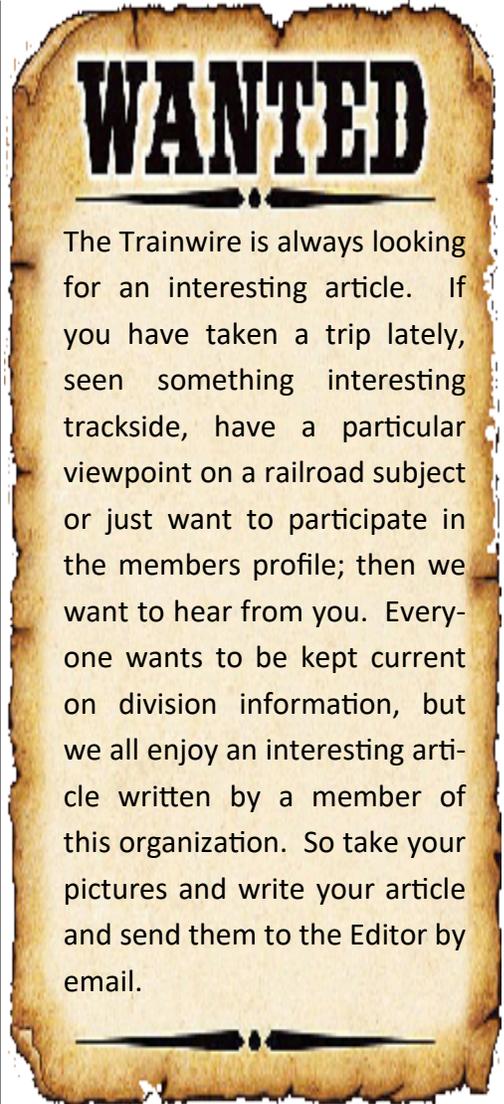
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The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular viewpoint on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the members profile; then we want to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