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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

August 4

Division Meeting
Hamden Town Hall

August 5

Division Picnic
Painesville Depot

August 14

BOD Meeting
Via Zoom

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Super Reflections August 2023

Upcoming Social Events

Join us on Saturday August 5th at the Painesville Railroad Museum for our annual Division 5 Family Picnic and on Saturday evening September 16th for our outdoor movie night. These two events are purely social occasions just for fun, no Division business will be conducted. If you don't participate, it is your loss. Details on these events can be found inside this month's and next month's Trainwire.

My Past Month Modeling Work

I spent the last month with the Lake Erie N-scale Society (LENS) assisting the family of Division 5 member Dennis Lloyd dispose of Dennis' train collection. LENS helped move all the train items out of the house, organize and sort the items as much as possible in a short amount of time, and then conduct two weekends of sales. Boy! Dennis sure had a lot of train stuff. A significant amount of the collection

was sold over the two-weekend period. The family then had a dealer make an offer on the remaining items which they accepted. So, in a surprisingly quick time (one month), the family was able to liquidate Dennis' entire collection. I think this surprised everyone involved and it is not normally what happens. Hopefully the family is pleased with the end result. I know a lot of people got some great deals on N-scale items. I purchased several of the custom steel mill buildings that Dennis built with hopes that I can incorporate them on my layout to keep Dennis' memory alive. I also purchased a number of steel mill cars that Dennis scratch built that will definitely be used within my steel mill.

Join us on August 4th for our monthly membership meeting as we get back into the swing of things after our short summer break. See you down the line.

Matt

Editors Note

You may notice a new section in this months Trainwire called Around the Layout. Bill Osborne came up with this fun idea to have members send in a few pictures from their layout showcasing some fun/interesting scenes that they have cre-

ated. If interested send pictures and a few descriptions of what is occurring in the photos and look for them in upcoming issues. Scenes don't have to be permanent as we all know a layout is never done and people/vehicles/materials can be moved around to give an area a completely different feel.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

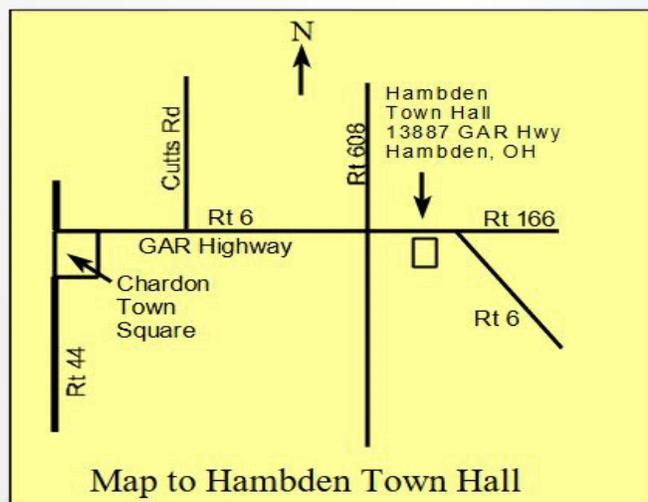
UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(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



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

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

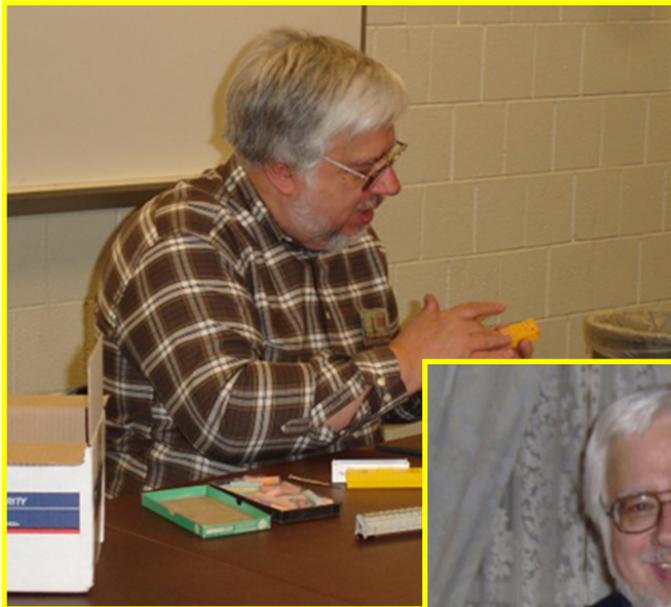
October 21
 Model Railroad Demonstrations & Displays
 NMRA MCR Div. 5
 Thompson Public Library
 6645 Madison Rd., Thompson, Ohio 44086
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. FREE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBERING



Dennis

Lloyd



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

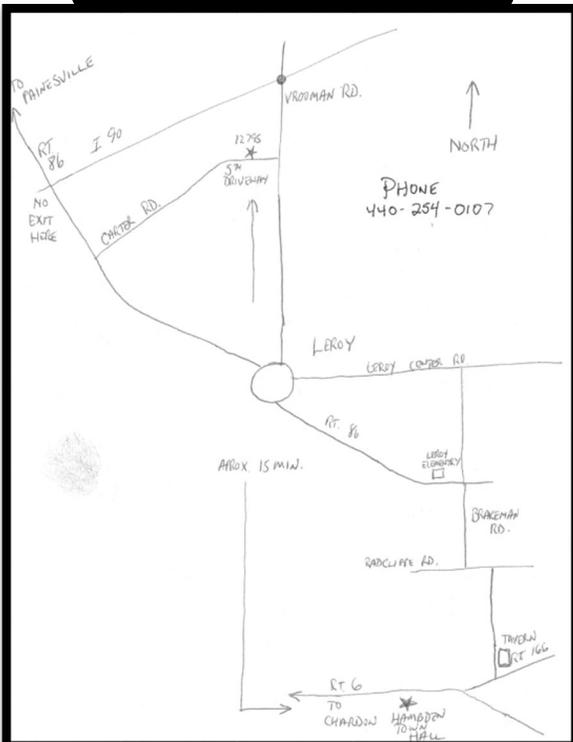
Articles, tips, or pictures for Trainwire

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.

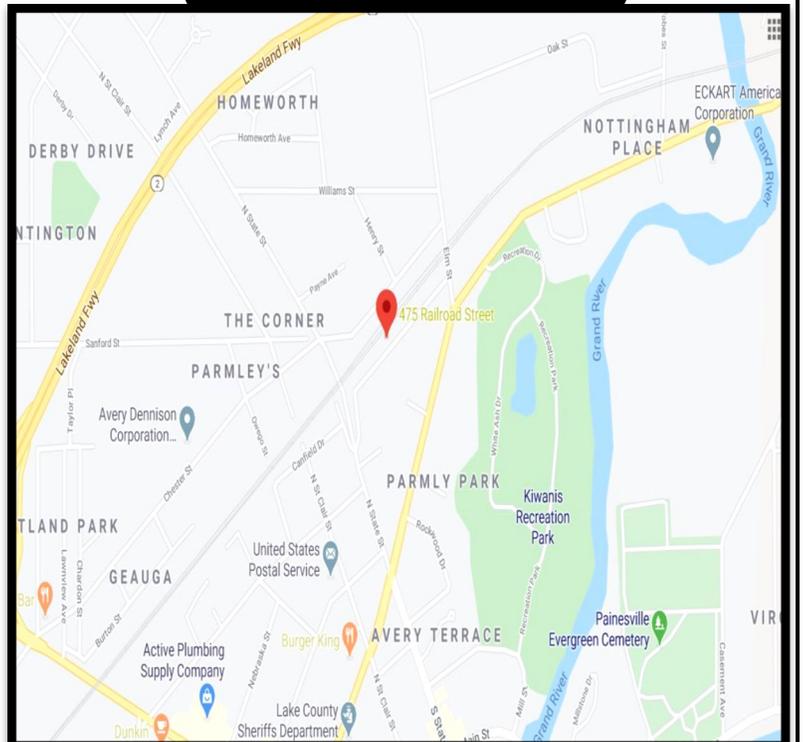
Clinic or presentation

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.

Bill Osborne



Painesville Depot



Articles

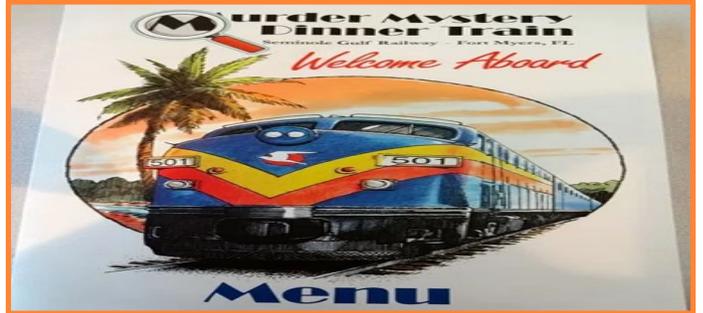
Murder Mystery Dinner Train

As we do every year we usually spend the month of July in our home down in Fort Myers, Florida. I know your supposed to go down there in the winter and not when its 100 degrees everyday but when you only get vacations during the summer you become a sunbird and not a snow bird. One of the nice things about being down there when basically the town is empty is enjoying adventures that are usually booked during the busy season. This year we finally were able to book tickets on the Murder Mystery Dinner Train on the Seminole Gulf Railway. The play on the train was called Spy Noir, a murder mystery set in the height of the cold war involving Russian espionage, double agents, defectors, and of course murder. The train sets out from Fort Myers and you are served a 5 course meal that is prepared fresh onboard. The courses are Cheese/Cracker/Fruit, Salad, Soup, Entry (I had the Prime Rib), and desert. After each course the actors come into the car and present another act from the play. You are given a score sheet where

you write down clues as you try to figure out who committed the murder and why. The tone of the play is not that serious and most scenes are very campy with some very groan worthy puns mixed in. Of course while this is all happening the best part for me was the actual train ride through Fort Myers. The trip winds its way through industrial areas as well as neighborhoods where people run to the end of their yards to wave as the train passes. The only disappointment on the trip was due to Hurricane Ian last year the railway bridges over the Caloosahatchee River have been too damaged to ride over them so the train takes breaks along the way so that the time is the same but the distance traveled is shorter compared to previous years. In the end after the 3 hour trip both Liz and I could not figure out who the murder was (I was way off guessing our waiter thinking that somehow there was a catch to the play since he wasn't serving at the time of the murder) but still had a fabulous time on the train.

~Bryan Persing





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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



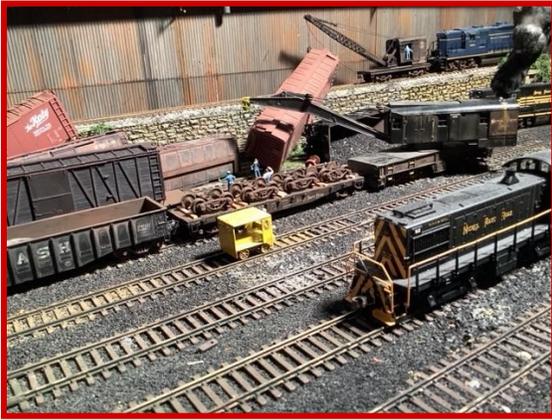
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Around the Layout

Wreck at Ohpawva interchange...action on my HO layout. A Nickel Plate crew dropped 7 cars on the interchange track between the NKP and the Pennsy. The Pennsy local was to pick them up in the morning and drop 3. Well the NKP crew forgot to reset the switch at the north end of the interchange. A B&O local which has trackage rights on the Pennsy to reach the National Steel plant was gaining speed to climb the incline track when onto the interchange track it went. The crew put it into emergency but to little to late. It's estimated they hit the parked cars at about 25 mph with the results seen here. Looks like The Painesville power plant will have to wait a little longer for a load of SE Ohio coal. Notice the over turned FP&E hopper. NKP wreck crane X50009 works to clean up the mess with the help of Wheeling Pittsburgh Brown hoist crane.

~Bill Osborne





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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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