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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

- October 6**
Division Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
7:30
- October 9**
BOD Meeting
Via Zoom
7:30

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Super Reflections October 2023

Outdoor Movie Night

We had 14 people at our outdoor train movie night. It was nice time, but a cold night. No technical difficulties this year (Bill remembered to plug in the audio cable!) Besides the train videos, we watched the International Space Station pass overhead and enjoyed a nice outdoor fire after the second movie.

Elections Coming In Spring – Nominating Committee To Be Formed Soon

Division 5 election season will be starting in a couple of months. We need to form a Nominating Committee by the end of November. Start thinking about whether you will be on the Nominating Committee or want to run for office. We need some different people to step up.

Promo Day Coming Soon

Our Model Railroad Promotional Day will be on October 21, 2023 at the Geauga County Library in Thompson,

OH. That’s just a few weeks away. The purpose of this event is to promote model railroading to the public and show people that are new to the hobby how to do various tasks needed to build a model railroad. We need members to talk to the public, answer questions, help setup and teardown, and man the NMRA/Division 5 table. Please plan on supporting this Division 5 event.

My Past Month Modeling Work

Once again, I did not get anything of significance done on the layout. I have spent the last couple of weeks dealing with a failing computer, having to buy a new computer, and reloading everything on the new computer. I have recovered most of my Division 5 and other train electronic files, so I am feeling a bit relieved, but there is still a bit of recovery work to do.

Join us on October 6th for our monthly membership meeting. See you down the line.

Matt

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

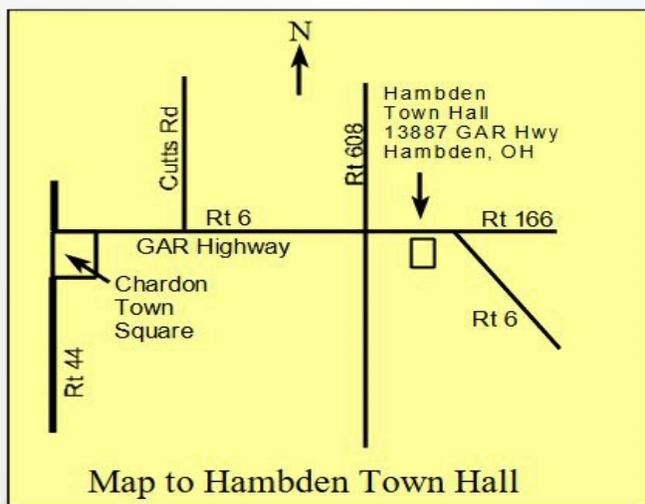
(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

OCTOBER 6, 2023 DIVISION MEETING
 LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
 PROGRAM: BILL OSBORNE– REALISTIC
 MILL GONDOLAS
 BRING & BRAG: STEEL MILL RAILROADING

OCTOBER 9, 2023 BOD MEETING
 VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

NOVEMBER 3, 2023 DIVISION MEETING
 LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
 PROGRAM: RICH KACPRZAK
 TANK CARS
 BRING & BRAG: TANK CARS

NOVEMBER 13, 2023 BOD MEETING
 VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

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 15

Canfield Train and Toy Show
 Canfield Fairgrounds,
 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406
 Being held in new Event Center
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$7.00
 Phone: 330-651-1042

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

EVENTS

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT Bill Osborne's House





MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2023

The September 8, 2023, membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross.

Reviewed upcoming Division 5 meetings and events.

We will have our annual outdoor train movie night at Bill Osborne's home. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Details are in the Trainwire.

The Division 5 model railroad promotional day will be on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at the Geauga County Library in Thompson, Ohio.

Normal October, November, and December meetings.

Upcoming train shows and other events:

Great Berea Train Show October 7-8

The upcoming Mount Hope show has been cancelled.

Cincinnati show will be in the middle of October

NETS show in Highland Heights November 11

Next year's Mid Central Region convention will be in Cleveland area. Jerry Kruger, the convention chairman, will give us a presentation on the convention at our November meeting.

We currently need a meeting program for the December meeting.

Division 5 elections will be held this coming Spring. Members are asked to start considering how they will help support the Division. We need people to run for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent as well as serve on the Nominating Committee.

LENS and The Mod Squad will have modular layouts set up at Lake Farmpark on September 30 – October 1 for the Horsepower Show.

Railfest 2023 financial books are ready to be audited. The Division Auditors will set up a date when both the Railfest and Division books can be audited.

Member Welfare:

Jim Wendorf will be starting radiation treatments at the end of the month

Items for the Good Of The Order:

Dave Hanna and Terry Kolenc plan to have their layouts open on November 18th from 1pm to 4pm. If there is anyone else that would like to have their layout open on that day, let Matt Kross know and we will publish a layout tour guide.

Used to really look forward to Model Railroader and Trains magazines coming in the mail but these days I don't care anymore. There are a number of free online magazines plus lots of websites and YouTube videos that just overwhelm us with information and pictures. The paper magazines just don't have the appeal they once did. A number of people said they felt the same way.

There were some free magazines and free 3-rail O items available at the meeting.

Our own Bill Osborne was contacted by a British NMRA region about doing some articles for their newsletter.

There are some prefab track and switch sections staged along the tracks on Station Street in Mentor. Great time to get pictures.
 Seeing lots and lots of gondolas loaded with scrap heading east. Also, there have been a lot of gondolas loaded with automobile tires.
 Farmpark looking for an HO layout to set up next June during Railroads In The Parks weekend.

Bring & Brag: Scenery

Matt Kross	Nathan Bryant	Bill Osborne
Dave Metzger	Linda Kacprzak	Mike Carovac
Dave Neff	Curt Caden	

Program: Mike Carovac gave the third part of his presentation on Fences and Walls which provided pointers on how to make fences.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

The Mid-Central Regional Convention
 May 16-19 2024
 Cleveland, Ohio




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SCHEDULE of EVENTS
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More events are being added as the NCL moves closer to the convention date. Look for updates on the NCL site!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Trainwire Items

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

November Meeting: November 3, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Tank Cars
 Program: Rich Kacprzak – Tank Cars
 Jerry Kruger – 2024 Mid Central Regional Convention Presentation

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December Meeting: December 1, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Anything Goes
 Program: ?

Division 5 Promo Day 2023

This year's Promo Day will be on Saturday, October 21, 2023. Set up starts at 9:00am. Open to the public from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Please come and help us out. We need members to talk to the people coming to the event and answer their questions. We need people to man our NMRA/Division 5 Information table. We need help with setup and teardown and we will probably need some Go-Fors. Please plan on supporting this Division 5 event. We are trying to promote model railroading to the public and show people that are new to the hobby how to do various tasks needed to build a model railroad. All of you have the knowledge and experience to help with that.

Here is the list of demonstrations that we currently have lined-up for Promo Day 2023:

- Basic Electrical – Dan Chuppa
- Track & Ballast – Bruce Lutheran
- Basic Scenery – Matt Kross
- (To Be Determined) – Dave Neff
- Working With Styrene – Assembling Kits and Scratchbuilding – Bob Gittinger
- Scenery Details – Linda Kacprzak
- DCC – Judson Elliott
- Basic Weathering – Cody Cavendar
- T-Trak Display – Ray Newnes
- G Scale Display – Dave Metzger

Railroad Magazines Needed For Promo Day

If you have any model railroad related or train related magazines that you want to get rid of, please bring them to the October Division 5 meeting. We would like to have hobby magazines that we can give away to the people attending Promo Day. This will help give them a better idea of what the hobby is all about.

Assistant Railfest Chairman Needed

Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf needs someone to work with him to help plan and implement Railfest 2024 with the possibility of taking over as Railfest Chairman in the future. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Jim Wendorf or Matt Kross.

November Layout Tours

The Division was not planning on having any layout tours this Fall but several area model railroaders have decided to have their layouts open on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 1pm to 4pm. The layouts that will be open are:

Dave Hanna – HO - Mentor - 1pm to 4pm

Terry Kolenc – HO - Mentor - 1pm to 4pm

John Penca – O 3-rail and HO - Painesville - 12pm to 4pm

Details about the layouts will be in the November Trainwire.

If you would like to have your layout open on this same day, please contact Matt Kross (440-668-9462 or super@mcr5.org) and we will add your layout to the list. We are planning on sponsoring Division 5 layout tours later in the Spring of 2024 if you can't have your layout open now.

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.

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.

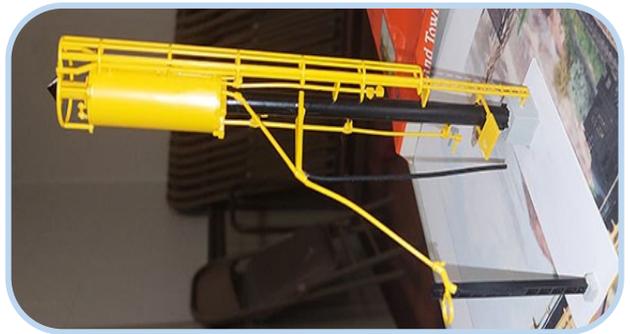
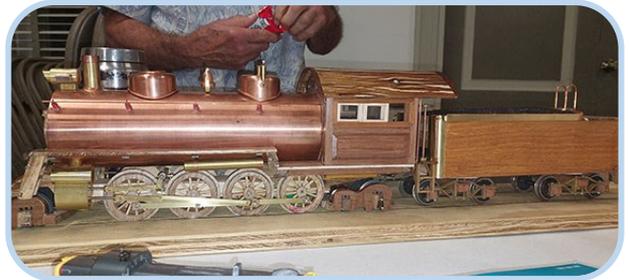
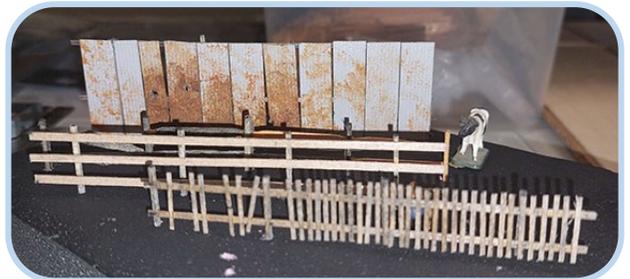
Clinic or presentation

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.

Articles, tips, or pictures for Trainwire

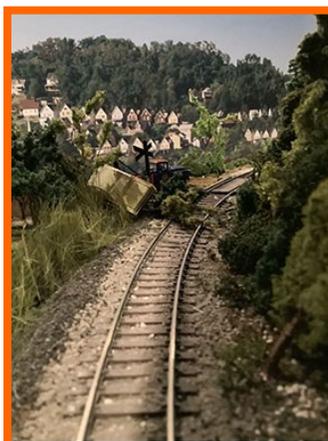
Members that provide items for the newsletter will receive a \$10 award certificate for a one page or longer article, \$5 award certificate for a modeling tip or collection of pictures (5 pictures minimum) covering a relevant railroading activity. The Trainwire editor has final decision over whether 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.

Bring & Brag



Around the Layout

Walter's introduction to the world of high powered American muscle cars did not go well. Don't judge me just get me out of here he exclaims. ~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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