

# TRAINWIRE



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A PUBLICATION OF  
THE WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION  
DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



### THIS MONTH:

#### November 3

Division Meeting  
Hambden Town Hall  
7:30

#### November 11

Youngstown Trip  
See inside for details

#### November 13

BOD Meeting  
Via Zoom @ 7:30

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### Super Reflections November 2023

#### National Model Railroading Month

November is national model railroading month. What are you going to do to promote the hobby? Do your family and friends know about your hobby? Invite them over to see your model work. Several local model railroaders are going to have their layouts open in November (see details elsewhere in this Trainwire). Division 5 has a road trip planned for those that want to visit the Sebring and Youngstown model railroad clubs. Do what you can to promote the hobby!

#### Call For Nominating Committee Members

Division 5 election season will be starting in a couple of months. We need to form a Nominating Committee by the end of November. We will discuss the election process at the November meeting and ask for people to be on the Nominating Committee.

#### Promo Day Review

Our Model Railroad Promotional Day was on October 21, 2023 at the Geauga County Library in Thompson, OH. We had seven presentations going on throughout the day. We had an N-

scale TTrak layout, an N-scale micro layout, and G back-and-forth setup running. Tried some new things this year. We had a number of raffle prizes which consisted of an N-scale train set, various How-To books, and some free NMRA RailPass memberships. We gave away some children's railroad activity books and had stacks of old model railroad magazines for people to take what they wanted. We had some railroad videos running without the sound. We had around 85 people come through the door. Most were not very familiar with model railroading so it was target audience that we were shooting for.

#### My Past Month Modeling Work

Yet another month when I got absolutely nothing done on my layout. Hopefully with the winter months coming soon, I can find some time to work on the layout.

Join us on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for our monthly membership meeting. See you down the line.

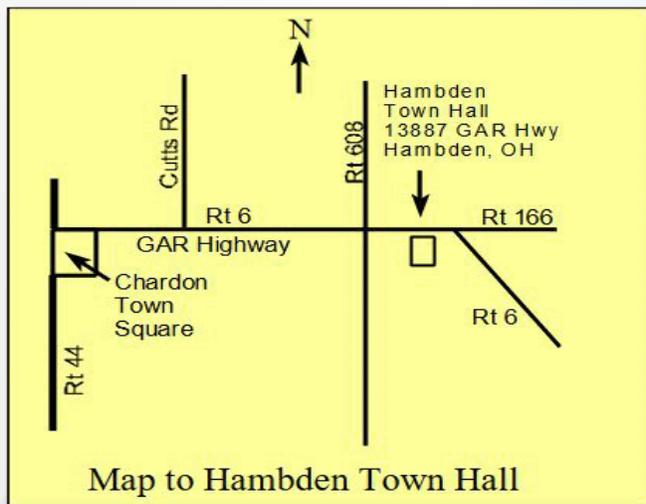
Matt

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

<u>NOVEMBER 3, 2023</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
PROGRAM:	MIKE CAROVAC WEATHERING RUST
BRING & BRAG:	ANYTHING RUSTY
<u>NOVEMBER 13, 2023</u>	BOD MEETING VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM
<u>DECEMBER 1, 2023</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
PROGRAM:	RICH KACPRZAK TANK CARS
BRING & BRAG:	TANK CARS



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## UPCOMING Events

(GO TO [WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM](http://WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS)

### November 4

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet  
UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma,  
9 am to 2 pm Adm. \$7.00  
Phone: 440-248-3055

### November 5

Erie Model Train Show  
Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA  
10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$5.00  
Phone: 724-992-2035

### November 11

NETS Model Train Show  
Highland Heights Community Center,  
5827 Highland Road, Highland Hts.  
10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$6.00  
Phone: 440-357-8890

### November 12

Highland Heights Community Center,  
5827 Highland Road, Highland Hts.  
10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$6.00  
Phone Tom at: 216-470-5780

### November 12

Emidio's & Sons Expo Center  
48 East Bath Road at State Road  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223  
9:30 am - 4 pm Adm. \$4.00  
Phone: 330-724-5253

### November 25

TCA Collectors Show  
UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma,  
10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00  
Phone John Twarog at: 330-273-6404

# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2023

The October 6, 2023, membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. There were 16 members and one guest present.

Reviewed upcoming Division 5 meetings and events.

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

Normal November and December meetings.

Upcoming train shows and other events:

Great Berea Train Show October 7-8

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.

It looks like we will have our annual Holiday Party in January. This will be discussed at this month's Division 5 BOD meeting.

Next year's Division 5 budget will be discussed at the upcoming Division 5 BOD meeting. If you would like to request money be allocated for a particular activity, please let a BOD member know.

Reviewed some of the highlights of the Mid Central Region BOD meeting.

The NMRA has released new, improved quality HO and N standards gages.

MCR 2025 convention will be held in Dublin, Ohio.

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.

The Division Tripmaster proposed a road trip on Saturday, November 11, 2023 to see both the Sebring and Youngstown model railroad club layouts. This will be the only weekend when both clubs are having open houses on the same days. More details will be in the November Trainwire and at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Initial plan is to carpool and leave around 9am. First stop will be the Sebring club, then Rob's Trains in Alliance, then stop for lunch at the Burger Hut in Alliance, then on to the Youngstown club. The group should get back around 6pm.

Railfest 2023 and Division 5 financial books have been audited through August 2023.

Member Welfare:

Jim Wendorf is starting radiation treatments.

Rich Kacprzak had surgery today.

Dave Neff took his wife to the ER today. They are not sure what the issue is.

Modeling Question:

How to glue track to neoprene foam? A member used neoprene foam on the surface of a module and needs to glue track to it. What type of adhesive would work?

Items for the Good Of The Order:

CMR Products has TTrack module kits available.

The Mod Squad and LENS set up modular layouts at Farmpark's Horsepower Weekend on September 30/October 1. The groups said everything went well and they had a nice crowd viewing the layouts, most of which were not familiar with model railroading.

Farmpark is looking to have an HO layout setup for their Railroads In The Parks weekend in June 2024. For the last several years, they have had most other scales but no HO.

We had three Maglight flashlights donated to the Division. Names of those present were randomly selected to win one of the flashlights.

### **Bring & Brag: Steel Mill Railroading**

Bill Berger

Dave Metzger

Dave Neff

Bryan Persing

Bill Osborne

**Program:** Bill Osborne provided a clinic on how to take perfectly good gondolas and make them look like they have been used and abused in a steel mill. Several members brought in gondolas for Bill to perform his magic on. The main technique was using a heat gun and just heating the plastic up enough to be able to put dents and gouges in the car sides.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

### **BOD Meeting 9 October 2023**

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on October 9, 2023. The meeting was held online using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Bryan Persing, Andy Yedlick, and Chuck Limbert.

No new members this past month. Division 5 membership currently stands at 60. We currently have 12 Life members on our roster.

Promo Day 2023 planning status reviewed. Will meet with library director to finalize room layout and where people will be located. Raffle prizes consist of an N-scale train set, a number of different How-To books, and five RailPass memberships. Still need to work out the mechanics of how to conduct the raffle. There will be three separate categories for people to make raffle entries: Trainset, How-To Books, and RailPass Memberships. We have a lot of free magazines to put out for people to take. We have had one presenter cancel due to health issues. His presentation was to be on DCC. We got one new presenter that will do a demo on basic weathering. We will also have some railroad videos playing (without sound).

Railfest 2023 and Division 5 financial books have been audited through the end of August 2023. The auditors have submitted their reports for each of the two audits. No problems were found and all accounts balance. The auditors commended Jim Wendorf and Bonnie Lette for their excellent recordkeeping. We have sufficient funds to keep the Division running through the end of 2024 at a minimum. It was noted that over the last three years, the audits have all been conducted in the month of September. We should revise our By Laws to allow the audits to be conducted during this timeframe.

Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf has told us that Railfest 2024 will be his last year as chairman. It is imperative that we have some people work with Jim this year to learn the process of running the show. Invitations to vendors and exhibitors will be sent out in November so we need someone very soon. We need to work with Jim to document all the tasks involved with putting on our Railfest.

Upcoming Division 5 membership meetings:

November 3 – Program: Rich Kacprzak – Tank Cars (tentative)

December 1 – need a program

January – No Meeting – Division 5 Holiday Party

Upcoming Division 5 events:

October 21 – Promo Day 2023 / Holiday Party – January 2024 / Railfest – March 2024

We will be having our annual Division 5 Holiday Party in January 2024. Tentative date will be Saturday January 6, 2024 at Hambden Town Hall. We need to check to see if the Town Hall will be available on that date. The alternative date would be Saturday January 13, 2024. We will see if we can get Mary Yoder's Restaurant in Middlefield to cater the event. The party is free for a Division member and one guest; \$10 for each additional guest. We will need people to RSVP by Wednesday December 22, 2023 so that we can get a count for the food. We need a coordinator for this event.

It was decided that we will offer our Division 5 discount for new NMRA memberships throughout the year instead of just at Railfest. We will pay \$10 towards a new RailPass membership and \$15 towards a full NMRA membership. We will have this discount available at Promo Day 2023.

We have had a number of RailPass members join our Division over the years but essentially none of them continue on to become a full NMRA member. Very few, if any, have come to our meetings. We send them a new member packet and invite them to our meetings. They receive our newsletter. Is there something else that we can do to encourage them to participate? Are there social media things we can do? Would some videos on YouTube help? Looking for ideas. One comment was that having interesting meeting programs draws people in. Recording some of our meeting highlights and posting them on FaceBook or YouTube might be helpful. We need to make sure we welcome new members in the Trainwire.

Nominating Committee should be formed at the November Division 5 membership meeting. We will need an election Teller to tally votes if it is necessary to send out ballots.

We will tentatively keep the 2024 Division 5 budget the same as the 2023 budget. The Treasurer will send a copy of the 2023 budget to the BOD to review. Final approval of the 2024 budget will be done at the November BOD.

There are several Division documents that still need to be updated. The Membership Guide is the main one but there are also a few things in the By Laws that should be revised.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:30pm online using Zoom.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed**

2024 will be an election year for Division 5 so we need to form a Nominating Committee before the end of 2023 to put together a slate of candidates. We are looking for three representatives, preferably each from a different county. Your job would be to determine good candidates for office. You would then need to contact them to see if they would be willing to run. If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please contact Superintendent Matt Kross.

Refer to the section elsewhere in this Trainwire on the Division 5 Election Process for more details on the Nominating Committee duties.

## **Division 5 2024 Elections**

This coming spring will be election time again for Division 5. There are 2 elected officers in the Division:

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent

Elections are held every two years in the Spring of the even-numbered years. Only Division 5 members may hold office. Terms are two years in length and are limited to 4 consecutive years (two terms) in a row in the same office. If a member has been in a position for two consecutive terms, they can be elected for that position again after they have been out of that position for one term.

***If you are interested in running for Superintendent or Assistant, please contact a member of the Division 5 Nominating Committee or the Superintendent.***

## **Division 5 Elected Officer Duties**

The duties of the **Superintendent** are:

Preside at all Division 5, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings.

Serve or appoint a proxy as the Division representative on the Region Board of Directors.

Assign the Assistant Superintendent suitable duties and keep him/her informed of Division 5 business.

Appoint chairpersons of committees required to accomplish the stated purposes of the Division.

Cooperate with other Divisions in every way possible.

The duties of the **Assistant Superintendent** are:

Assist the Superintendent in any way possible.

Assume the functions of the office of Superintendent during the absence of the Superintendent.

Arrange for programs (clinics, presentations, videos, etc.) at the monthly meetings.

Run the Bring 'n' Brag at the meeting.

Assist with the Raffle sales at the meeting.

## Division 5 Election Process

*The following are excerpts from our Division 5 Regulations explaining the election process:*

The Division Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Superintendent. It shall be composed of a Chairperson and two other members. Each person on the committee shall be from a different county of the Division. The current Superintendent shall not serve on the committee, nor sit with it during its deliberations. The Nominating Committee will report the nominations to the Clerk and the membership.

Members of the Nominating Committee may not nominate themselves for any office, including re-election for office.

The Teller shall report the results of the election to the officers of the Division and to all nominees prior to the May meeting. The results are to be announced by the Teller at the May meeting. Those elected shall be invited to participate in the May Board of Directors meeting. The newly elected officers will assume office June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Nominations for Division 5 offices may be made by a petition signed by two members and the nominee and submitted to the Nominating Committee. The signatures must be legible and the member's NMRA membership number and their membership expiration date must appear with the signature. The petition shall state for what office the candidate is seeking nomination. No candidate can be nominated for more than one office in an election.

Nominations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the January meeting of the election year. Nominations of members from the floor shall be presented at the February meeting of the election year. Nominations from the floor shall be by a motion and must be seconded. Nominees cannot nominate themselves.

No member shall be nominated to an elective office without their approval.

Election for Division officers shall be conducted by mail ballot. Nominees for office and qualifications for same shall be included in the March issue of the Trainwire for elected office balloting.

If all elected offices only have a single candidate, then an Election by Acclimation process can be implemented as long as the Division nominating committee has made a diligent effort/search for multiple candidates for each elected office. The Election by Acclimation process shall consist of the Division 5 Board Of Directors reviewing the actions of the Nominating Committee, and after determining that no suitable additional candidates can be found, passes by majority vote that the election process is complete and the specified candidates will be the new duly elected officers. No membership balloting (paper or otherwise) will be required for this process.

### November Layout Tours

Several area model railroaders will have their layouts open in the afternoon on Saturday, November 18, 2023. 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](#)

#### **Terry Kolenc**

7065 Constantine Court / Mentor, OH 44060 / 440-946-8033

**1pm to 4pm** Notes: **No photography per the owner's request**

Union Pacific Railroad in Southeast Wyoming

HO Scale - 66' x 33'

Terry has modeled a section of the UP from Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Hermosa Tunnel, 38 miles of the UP mainline from milepost 508 to 546. Wyoming scenery is well represented with specific UP locations modeled such as Tower A at the west end of Cheyenne Yard, Dale Junction, and Hermosa Tunnel. Layout has 1500 feet of track with massive staging yards. Mainline lap is 513 feet. Numerous scratchbuilt, kitbashed, and super-detailed structures and locomotives. 100% Trackwork, 90% scenery. Layout was featured in the January 2014 NMRA Magazine. Different sets of equipment are used to represent 4 time periods from the mid-50's to the present. The layout uses DC control.

#### **Dave Hanna**

7669 Chillicothe Rd. / Mentor, Ohio 44060 440-255-5566

**1pm to 4pm**

Pennsylvania Railroad

HO scale - 32' X 36'

Representing the Middle division of the PRR (Mount Union to Altoona, Pa.), the railroad is modeled in the 1946 to 1954 era. It has a heavy-duty multi-track mainline, featuring steam and early diesel. Wireless walk-around DC throttles with homemade advanced DC control system. Some scratchbuilt turnouts with movable frog points. Railroad has a 400ft mainline run, 9 track holding yard, and two helixes. Logging operation containing an 8.5% grade with a switchback, shays, heislars, and a climax. Major scenery work since last year with the layout now about 60% scenicked.

**Notes: No pictures per the owner's request.**

**Notes: Additional parking is across the street in Church parking lot. (except during any services).**

#### **John Penca**

1325 Yale Place / Painesville, OH 44077 / 440-227-1208

**12pm to 4pm**

PRR / Penn Central

O 3-rail and HO layouts share room

Fully scenicked

Layout size – 35' x 35'

O three-rail layout has appeared in Classic Toy Trains and O Gauge Railroading and has a PRR flavor of the 1950's to 1960's. HO layout is based on 1970's Penn Central.

**November Trainwire Items**

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**November Meeting:** November 3, 2023 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall

Bring 'n' Brag: Theme: Rusty Equipment

Program: Mike Carovac – How To Weather: Rust

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: Tank Cars

Program: Rich Kacprzak – Tank Cars

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**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.

**Division 5 Holiday Party**

We will be having our annual Division 5 Holiday Party in January 2024. **We need someone to step forward and be the coordinator for this event.** Tentative date will be Saturday January 6, 2024 at Hambden Town Hall. We need to check to see if the Town Hall will be available on that date. The alternative date would be Saturday January 13, 2024. We will see if we can get Mary Yoder's Restaurant in Middlefield to cater the event. The party is free for a Division member and one guest; \$10 for each additional guest. We will need people to RSVP by Wednesday December 22, 2023 so that we can get a count for the food. We will start taking RSVPs for the party at the November meeting.

**Member Welfare**

We wish the following members well and speedy recoveries:

Rich Kacprzak had surgery on October 6. He is now home recovering. Linda says the surgery went well and they can see improvements already. However, it is going to take some time and therapy to get back to normal.

Jim Wendorf is going through radiation treatments.

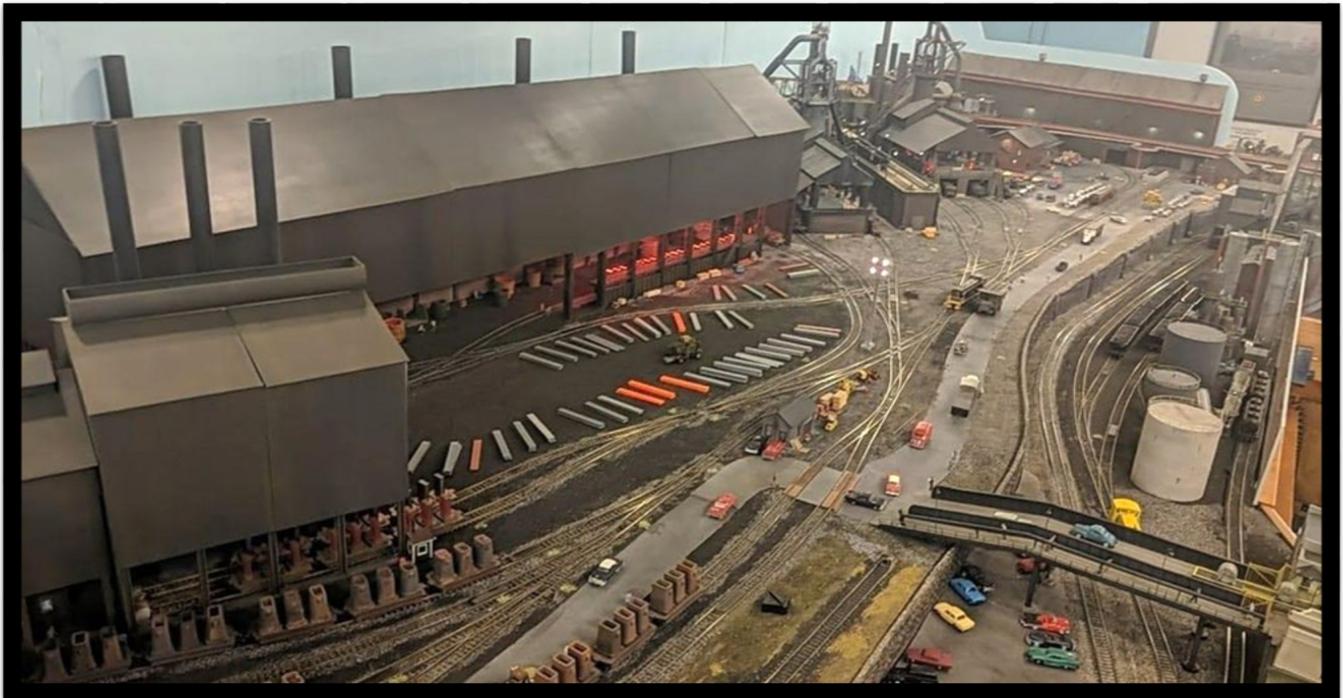
**Reminder - Please RSVP Your Monthly Meeting Attendance**

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.

### Road Trip to Sebring and Youngstown Model Railroad Clubs

Tripmaster Bill Osborne will be taking those interested on a road trip to both the Sebring and Youngstown model railroad clubs along with a couple of other stops on the way. The trip will be on **Saturday, November 11, 2023** and those wanting to go as a group will carpool. The plan is to meet at the back of the Walmart parking lot in Chardon. The caravan will leave at 9:00am. First stop will be the Sebring Model Railroad Club at 216 E Pennsylvania Ave, Sebring, OH 44672. We will leave there around noon and head to Rob's Trains at 333 East Main Street Alliance, Ohio 44601 for a brief visit. Then it will be on to Burger Hut at 745 N Union Ave, Alliance, OH 44601 for lunch. After lunch, we will head to the Youngstown Model Railroad Club at 751 N Four Mile Run Rd, Youngstown, OH 44515. After that we will head back to Chardon. We should be back around 6pm. If you are interested in joining in on the trip, come to our November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to let Bill know or contact Bill at 440-254-0107 or e-mail him at [locobillyo1209@icloud.com](mailto:locobillyo1209@icloud.com).

Picture of steel mill at Youngstown Model Railroad Club



**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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.

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



Early Registration is \$90.00  
through 12/31/2023



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*Convention Merchandise*

*The North Coast Limited 2024 Convention offers two  
Convention Cars and a Large selection of Men & Women's  
apparel*

*SCHEDULE of EVENTS*

*Layout Tours, Operating Sessions, 4 Clinic Rooms  
(including make & take clinics for a small fee)  
Celebration of Modeling, Yard Sale, Prototype Tours, General interest Tours,  
Non-Rail Tours*

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

*Many Restaurants  
are located  
within walking  
distance of the  
Crown Plaza  
Hotel.*



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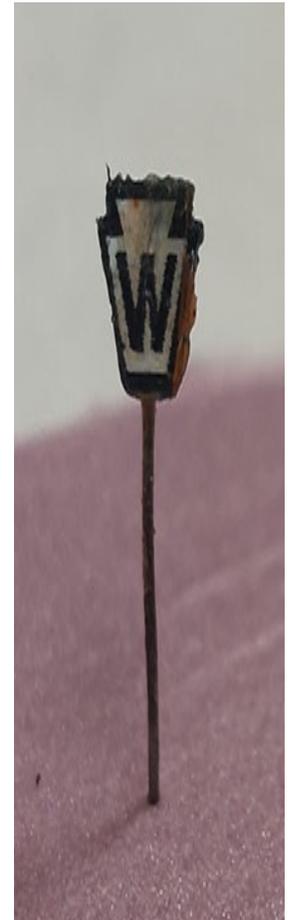
**Crown Plaza Hotel**

7230 Engle Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH, 44130  
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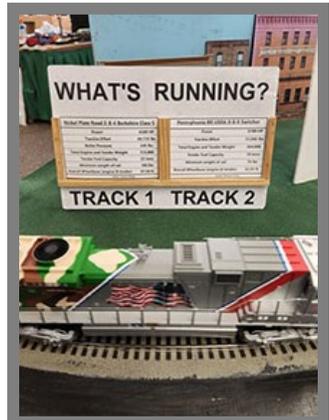
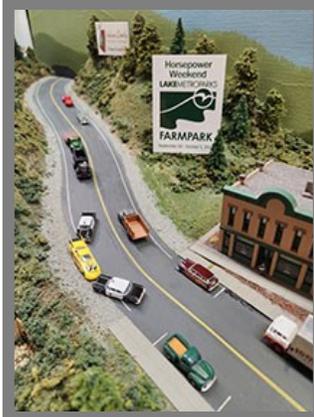


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# Bring & Brag



# EVENTS



**LENS & MOD Squad setup at Lake Farm Park during their Horse Power Weekend.**

# EVENTS



# PROMO



# DAY



**How to Build a Model Railroad**

# ARTICLES

My project was based on the Steelyard Heritage Center located at Cleveland's Steelyard Commons retail development. The museum and outdoor displays and art panels have served as a resting place for bicyclists, walkers and joggers who use the towpath. Around the structure are two recently installed pocket parks that include signs explaining the history of steel in Northeast Ohio and how the metal is made.

Drawing on archives at the Western Reserve Historical Society and actual mill artifacts, the exhibits engage visitors with how raw iron ore is turned into finished twenty-ton rolls of steel.

Starting with a HO broken box car that was made into a flat car with real wood decking I added a cardboard steel covering, added the ingot molds and using a photo added the years on the side just like the display. (See attached photo of display). I then obtained two old coil cars and repaired them and added the dividers. I used the Walthers Steel Coils and filled them with liquid gravity to add weight to the cars and keep the coils from bouncing around.

~Curt Caden



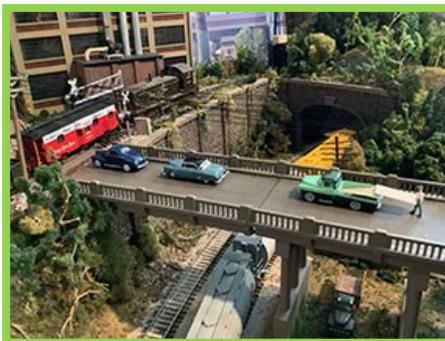
# PROGRAM

Bill Osborne demonstrating his gondola/boxcar severe weathering (damage) techniques.



# AROUND the LAYOUT

Tom had a little incident on the Furnace st. Bridge. When the crossing flashers came on Tom hit the gas hard to beat the train. Well the laws of physics applied here and the lumber didn't accelerate at the same rate. " The guys at the Buzy Badger Home Center said it would be OK" ~ Bill Osborne



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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



**PLEASE SUPPORT THESE DEALERS!**

**Division 5 Officers** (Terms expire June 2024)

Superintendent	Matt Kross	440-668-9462 Super@mcr5.org
Asst. Superintendent	Mike Carovac	440-497-8536 AstSuper@mcr5.org

**Division 5 Directors** (Terms expire June 2024)

Chuck Limbert	440-357-1864	BOD@mcr5.org
Linda Kacprzak	440-286-9690	BOD@mcr5.org
Andy Yedlick	440-298-1221	BOD@mcr5.org

**Division 5 Appointed Positions** (Terms expire June 2024)

Treasurer	Bonnie Lette	440-298-3075 Treasurer@mcr5.org
Clerk	Matt Kross	440-668-9462 Clerk@mcr5.org
Railfest Chairman	Jim Wendorf	440-357-8890 Railfest@mcr5.org
Promo Day Coordinator		PromoDay@mcr5.org
Achievement Program	Bryan Persing	330-715-3519 AP@mcr5.org
Trip Master	Bill Osborne	440-254-0107 Tripmaster@mcr5.org
Auditors	Chuck Limbert Bryan Persing	Audit@mcr5.org
Trainwire Editor	Bryan Persing	330-715-3519 Trainwire@mcr5.org
Refreshments	Chuck Limbert Paul Emch	Refreshments@mcr5.org
Membership Roster Layout Tours	Matt Kross	440-668-9462 Membership@mcr5.org
Webmaster	Wayne Lette	440-298-3075 Webmaster@mcr5.org
Company Store	Ted Wiese	440-256-5212 CompanyStore@mcr5.org
Program, Bring & Brag	Mike Carovac	440-497-8536

**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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