

# TRAINWIRE



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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



### THIS MONTH:

#### January 6

Division Holiday Party  
Hambden Town Hall  
Noon

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### Super Reflections January 2024

#### It's That Time Of Year

Time to get back to work on the layout! Holidays are about over and the weather has us staying inside. Lots of free time to get back to working on the railroad! I'll be expecting to see a lot more entries for our Bring 'n Brag time at the upcoming monthly meetings.

#### Model Railroading New Year's Resolutions

How about making some new year's resolutions regarding the hobby? How about committing to spend at least 30 minutes a week working on your layout or a model building project? How about determining to get involved with the operations of Division 5? We have elections this Spring and you could run for office or volunteer to take over one of the volunteer positions. How about trying to get a friend to join the NMRA? Some other suggestions are: Finally get started on building your layout; Pick one scene on your layout and concentrate on getting it done; Build a module; Build a diorama; Scratchbuild a structure; Set up your layout for operations; Add some animation to your layout; Have an open house for your layout. Just pick some small, realistic project or goal and commit to getting it done in 2024.

#### 2024 Regional Convention In Our Backyard

As we heard at our November meeting, the 2024 Mid Central Region Convention

will be in our own backyard. It will be held in Middleburg Heights, OH at the intersection of I-71 and Bagley Road. That's less than an hour's drive for most of us. This is a great opportunity for you to experience what conventions are all about. Lots to do: clinics, contests, layout tours, prototype tours, vendor sales, white elephant sales, awards banquet, and much more.

#### 2024 Division 5 Planned Events

As we start a new year, here are some of the events that will be going on in Division 5 in 2024:

- January – Annual Division 5 Holiday Party
- March – Annual Division 5 Railfest
- April – Division Elections
- April – Division 5 Spring Layout Tours
- May – Mid Central Region 2024 Convention in Middleburg Heights, OH
- August – Annual Division 5 Family Picnic
- August – NMRA 2024 National Convention in Long Beach, CA
- September – Annual Division 5 Outdoor Movie Night
- November – Annual Division 5 Model Railroad Promotional Day

I hope you signed up to join us Saturday, January 6, 2024 for our annual Holiday Party. If not, join us on Friday, February 2, 2024 for our monthly membership meeting. See you down the line.

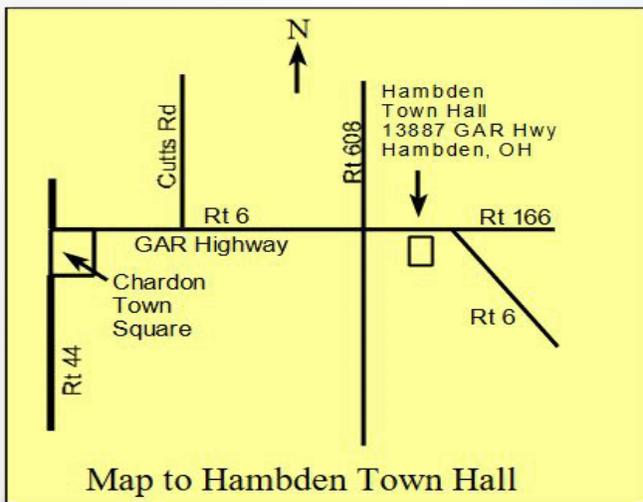
Matt

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

<u>JANUARY 6, 2024</u>	HOLIDAY PARTY
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
<u>FEBRUARY 2, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
PROGRAM:	CREATING GRASS WITHOUT STATIC GRASS BILL OSBORNE
BRING & BRAG:	ANYTHING GOES
<u>FEBRUARY 12, 2024</u>	BOD MEETING VIA ZOOM



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## UPCOMING Events

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

### January 7

Youngstown Model Railroad Assn.  
Parish Center  
4490 Norquest Blvd., Austintown, Ohio 44515  
10 am to 3:30pm Adm. \$7.00  
Phone Rick Austin at: 832-622-8637

### January 27

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

### February 5

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

### February 11

Mansfield Train Show  
Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds  
750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906  
10 am - 3:00 Adm. \$7.00  
Phone: 419-606-7934

### February 17

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

### March 16 & 17

Div. 5 Railfest - Model Railroad Show  
Lakeland Community College  
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094  
10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$9.00  
Phone Jim at: 440-357-8890

# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2023

The December 1, 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 26 members and 1 guest present.

Those members that went on the road trip to the Sebring and Youngstown model railroad clubs gave us feedback on their adventure. Everyone said they had a great time.

Reviewed upcoming Division 5 meetings and events.

No meeting in January – Holiday Party instead on Saturday, January 6, 2024.

Normal meetings in February and March

We will have our annual Holiday Party on January 6, 2024 at the Hambden Town Hall. It is free for a Division 5 member and one guest. Cost will be \$10 per additional guest. Details will be in the Trainwire. We need people to RSVP by Wednesday, December 27, 2023 so that we have a count for the food. Mike Carovac is coordinating this event.

We need door prize donations for Railfest. As you are working in your model train room, if you have items you would like to get rid of, please consider donating it to the Division as a Railfest door prize.

Once again reminded everyone of the upcoming elections and that we need people to step up and run for office.

The Division 5 BOD approved the budget for 2024. It was kept the same as the 2023 budget.

Programs are needed for all 2024 meetings starting in March. It is suggested that we ask the Railfest Chairman to provide a presentation at the March meeting about what all it takes to put on Railfest. January Trainwire submissions need to be made before December 21, 2023 due to the editor being away during the holidays.

Member Welfare:

Great to have Rich Kacprzak back at our meeting.

Tom Pescha had bypass surgery and a valve repair. He is currently recovering.

John Ward fell off a ladder and broke his right arm.

Jim Wendorf is finishing up his radiation treatments

Items for the Good Of The Order:

Bryan Persing has a discount code for Trainz.com if anyone is interested.

### Bring & Brag: Tank Cars

Michael Rudder

Bill Berger

Matt Kross

Cody Cavender

Bryan Persing

Nathan Bryant

Curtis Caden

Dave Metzger

**Program:** Rich Kacprzak gave us a presentation on the different types of tank cars.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## January Trainwire Items

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**January Meeting:** No Meeting  
 Division 5 Holiday Party instead (see details in this Trainwire)

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**February Meeting:** February 2, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall  
 Bring ‘n’ Brag: TBD  
 Program: Modeling Grass (not static grass) by Bill Osborne

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**March Meeting:** March 1, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall  
 Bring ‘n’ Brag: TBD  
 Program: TBD

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## Division 5 Holiday Party

We will be having our annual Division 5 Holiday Party on Saturday January 6, 2024 at Hambden Town Hall. We are having Mary Yoder’s Restaurant in Middlefield provide the food for the event. We need people to RSVP by Wednesday December 27, 2023 so that we can get a count for the food. Please contact Matt Kross or Bonnie Lette to let us know if you are planning to come and how many guests you will be bringing. If it is past the RSVP deadline, you check with us to see if it is still possible to come.

### Summary

**What:** Annual Division 5 Holiday Party  
**Who:** Division 5 members, spouses, and guests  
**When:** Saturday, January 6, 2024  
**Hours:** 12:00pm to 1:00pm Social Time  
 1:00pm to 2:30pm Meal  
 2:30pm to 4:00pm Activities  
**Where:** Hambden Town Hall (where we hold our monthly meetings)  
 13887 GAR Highway (Rt. 6)  
 Chardon, OH 44024  
**Costs:** Free for a Division member and one guest;  
 \$10 for each additional guest (payment at the door)  
**RSVP Due:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023  
**Menu:** Specifics to be determined but most likely will be our standard fare:  
 Roast beef, chicken, potatoes/gravy, vegetable (green beans?), tossed  
 salad/dressing, roll/butter, coffee, tea, water, soft drinks, pie  
**Activities:** Annual Losers Raffle, special free prize raffle

**Member Welfare**

Condolences to the Carr family on the recent passing of Division 5 member Tom Carr.

**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.

**Railfest 2024**

Railfest 2024 will be here before you know it. Please plan now to help us with this major Division 5 event. The show will be open on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 but we will be doing setup on both Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon/evening. Please keep these four days available on your calendar. We will need everyone to pitch in and help.

**Railfest Door Prize Donations**

We really can use donations of model railroad related items for our door prize table at Railfest. While you are getting back to work in your layout room this winter, please think about anything that you would be willing to donate for a door prize.

**Nominating Committee Formed**

Chuck Limbert and Paul Emch have volunteered to be on this year's Nominating Committee. We would like to have three people on this committee. If are willing to be on the Nominating Committee, please contact Matt Kross. Your job would be to determine good candidates for the available offices. You would then need to contact them to see if they would be willing to run.

**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 membership, 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 Division 5 Directors.
- 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.

#### **Tom Carr Obituary**

Thomas E. Carr, 86, of Mentor, passed away Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023, at Grand River Health & Rehabilitation in Painesville. Born Aug. 30, 1937, in Cleveland, he had been a resident of Lake County for 61 years, living in Eastlake and Willoughby before moving to Mentor. Tom was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard and member of Mentor Plains United Methodist Church, where he served as an usher and as treasurer of the Men's Club. He was also a member of The National Model Railroaders Association and Demolay. Thomas was an award winning photographer and drawing artist. He was the beloved husband of 43 years to Carol A. (nee Mayher) Carr; loving father of Brian (Vicki) Emerman, Alan Emerman, Lori (Andy) Gravelins, Tammy (Jimmy) Harris, Lisa (Ed) Carr, Charlie (Kim) Tomolonis, Missy (Rick) Sprouse, and Stefanie (Jake) Hardy; cherished grandfather of 13; and great-grandfather of 15. Tom was preceded in death by his daughter, Tracy Townsend; parents, Edward and Jean (nee Schultz) Carr; and brother, Robert Carr. Family will receive friends from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at McMahan-Coyne-Vitantonio Funeral Home, 6330 Center St. (Route 615, north of Route 2), in Mentor, and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at Mentor Plains United Methodist Church, 7271 Lakeshore Blvd., Mentor with a funeral service to 11 a.m. Pastor Jeffrey Stoll will officiate. Burial will follow the service at Willoughby Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name are suggested to the Mentor Plains United Methodist Church or Painesville Railroad Museum. To leave condolences for the family, visit [www.MCVfuneralhomes.com](http://www.MCVfuneralhomes.com).



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# Bring & Brag



# ARTICLES

## NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Okay, so I am not one to make New Year's resolutions but this year I did make one to get my model train collection organized and cataloged. Two incidents really caused this to be moved to the forefront. I have spent the last 3 years completely remodeling my house and my layout and collection has been under tarps that whole time. As I made new purchases I would just slide them under the layout and after awhile I would forget what I had purchased. As you can imagine this caused me to buy a few duplicates from my list of got to "have its". The second reason is that I am changing my insurance company for coverage of my collection. This new company needs an inventoried list of everything that I want to insure and any singular item over 1,000 in value must be signed off by a professional appraiser.

The first step was bringing up every box (both the empties and the ones with trains still in them) to my office. (Picture 1) I had to do this because quite frankly I didn't have room in my basement to try to organize all the boxes. Side note: learn from my mistake and don't carry hundreds of boxes up in front of your wife when they have been hidden from view for years. Just kidding I love my wife and she is very supportive of my hobby. I actually have to say that because my father in law is a member of our division and he reads the Trainwire every month. After putting every box in my office I then branched out into the dining room to organize the boxes into categories. (Picture 2 & 3) For example I had a steam-er pile, diesel pile, tankers, boxcars, auto carriers,

subways, ect. (Picture 5 & 6) The final step in this process was to take pictures of the outside flap of every box. (Picture 4)

Once everything was documented I then had to create a spreadsheet and input all the contents from the pictures. The new insurance company wanted a description, item numbers, age, original cost, and manufacture. This wasn't as difficult as I had imagined due to the two biggest manufactures that I collect (MTH & Lionel) maintain an online database where all you have to do is type in the product number and it gives you all the information the insurance company requires. The only issue that I ran into was a few items are from companies that are no longer in business so a few advanced searches on ebay were necessary to obtain their information. The final step was finding a professional appraiser for the items that are valued over 1,000 each. I was lucky in that a good friend of the MOD Squad is the main appraiser for Trainz.com. Trainz is probably the biggest auction site for O gauge trains in the world so her credentials were not being questioned.

In the end I was able to see how much my collection is valued at and know completely what I have so I don't accidentally buy doubles anymore. Or, even worse miss out on a must have because I thought I already had the item. Plus, I saved a few dollars on my insurance premium and have more coverage; extra money that can now buy more trains. I can also say I finally completed a New Years Resolution.

~Bryan Persing



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# ARTICLES

## A Year to Almost Forget

As a few of you know and most of you don't this was one of the worst years I have lived in my 65 years on this earth. It started in January with my wife's battle with cancer and continued throughout the year with the passing of my father and four very close friends. It seemed to be a never ending battle with sadness and emotional pain. It was because of this that I and my wife decided that we were going to do Christmas to the maximum.

As the Christmas music played constantly on the speakers within our house and the TV only played Christmas movies, we decided to attend as many Christmas events as possible. From attending the local tree lighting ceremony to attending local concerts that allowed us to drown out all that was sad and replaced it with nothing but happiness. One of the biggest items we decided on was going to as many events or sights as possible that had trains involved as trains and Christmas go hand and hand.

We started out our adventures with the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and their North Pole Adventure. The tickets took us to the North Station in Akron where we boarded a passenger car that once ran on the B&O. Our conductor, Randy, was decked out in an authentic B&O conductor's hat and coat that ran the rails in the 1940s and 50s when steam was coming to an end. The hat and coat were found at an antiques store by accident but he wore them with pride. Because we had arrived early, I and the conductor spent about a half hour talking about the B&O, steam locomo-

tives, and coal. If it was not for Elf Anna and Elf Jack we would have most likely spent more time talking but the train needed to get underway. The car was decorated as if it came out of a Christmas movie from the 1950s. As we spent the 45 min getting to the Chocolate Forrest before getting to Santa's village we were treated to hot cocoa and cookies and even wrote letters to Santa, which were going to be delivered when we reach Santa's Village. Of course I asked for more train stuff. When we arrived at Santa's Village we had the pleasure to see many of the elves and reindeer's along with all the decorations and lights. The best part of this trip was watching the young kid's excitement especially when Santa boarded the train. When Santa reached us my wife's sense of humor got the better of her – enough said! The ride back to the station was filled with songs although no one in our car should consider quitting their day jobs. Both I and the wife had a great time. If you get a chance next year to ride on the North Pole Adventure, do it you will enjoy yourself. Take the kids or the grand kids. The only thing you need to do is to make sure you get your tickets as soon as possible as the dates fill up fast.

Another event we went to was out in Lorain Ohio, "Trees and Trains". Yes I know that for most of you this is a little out of the way but it was well worth the drive, at least the drive there. The drive home was a lot harder as it rained cats and dogs the entire way back. When we walked in we amazed at the number of different trees that were on display. Each tree represented either a country or some representation of a Christmas

theme such as the Grinch Christmas tree. The fun part of this for me was seeing all the different layouts that surrounded the outside of the room. The train layouts ranged from N scale through O. There were several group layouts as well as individual layouts. Several of the layouts ran around the Christmas trees while others were static. Division Four had its steel mill layout on display as well as its Miller Brewing Company. One layout was running a train where all of its cars represented our solar system while another had its box, flat cars and gondolas set up as Christmas cars. All in all the wife and I had a great time going through this display.

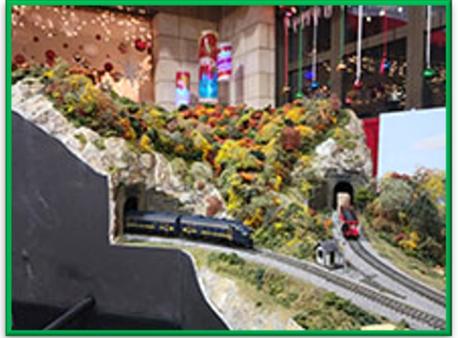
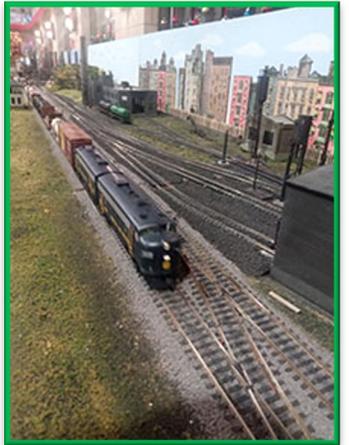
Of all of the one day trips we made the one to Pittsburgh was the best. Yes, I said Pittsburgh! A local group invited us to go on a bus trip with them to see the Christmas Market Place. This is nothing more than a bunch of vendors selling their products for Christmas. We also went to the Christkindlmarkt which had displays of Santa's and St. Nicholas's from around the world but, what caught my attention were the railroad items around me. The first place we stopped was right in front of the Pennsylvania Railroad Fruit Auction and Sales Building. This building sits right next to a fruit distribution warehouse which has railroad tracks running both inside it as well as alongside the buildings length. What is amazing is that the

street next to this building, Railroad Street, has active rails running down the middle of the street. There was even a caution sign that stated that the trains have the right of way. Towards the end of the day the "guide" informed use that they had a special treat for us. We were going to dine at the Grand Concourse Restaurant. Now, this meant nothing to me as I didn't even know of this place but boy did I get excited when we pulled up to the building. I got very excited when I realized that this restaurant is located at Station Square and occupies the old Pennsylvania Railroad train station. As the other group members sat down I kind of separated myself from them and wondered around this grand old building. The owners have kept the interior and all its woodwork intact and true to even include the original clock that hangs above the departure area. After about twenty minutes my wife sent out a search party. They found me in the "Gentlemen's Smoking Lounge". We had our dinner in the "Ladies Waiting Area". If you ever have a chance to go and view this majestic building it will both awe you and make you feel as though you have stepped back in time.

I hope that each and every one of you and your families had a wonderful holiday season and I hope to see you at our holiday party January 6, 2024.

~Mike Carovac





# AROUND the LAYOUT

Bad boxcar, bad bad boxcar! Continuous derailments are dealt with by the "TERMINATOR" ! This boxcar became an organ donor as I needed the ends for another project.



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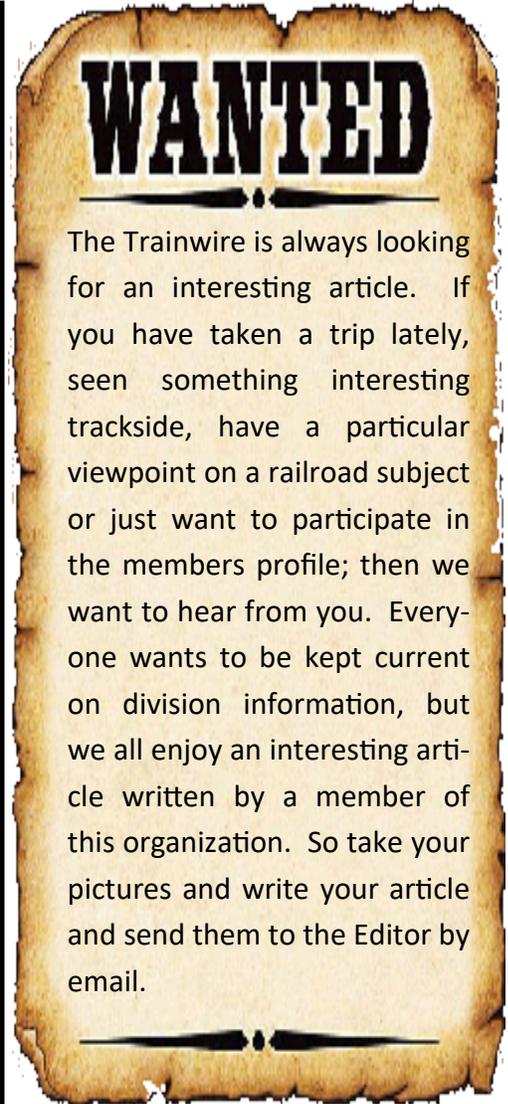
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The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular viewpoint on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the members profile; then we want to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