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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

February 2

Division Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
7:30

February 12

BOD Meeting
Via Zoom
7:30

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Super Reflections February 2024

Railfest 2024 Is Coming Soon

The middle of March will be here before you know it and it will be time for Railfest 2024. Invitations were sent out to dealers and exhibitors in December and reservations are due by early February. We should start to have a good idea of tables sold by our February Division 5 membership meeting. Make sure you can be available March 14 to 17, 2024 to help with Railfest. This is a big show and it takes a lot of people and hours to put it on. If you can recruit some friends and family members to help, that would be great! This is your show that funds your Division so plan to contribute some effort.

Railfest 2024 Job Signup Sheet Online

There is always a lot of work to do to put on this major Division 5 event. We will need all hands on deck! Our online Railfest job signup sheet is now available on the Division 5 website under the Members section. Please indicate which days and which jobs you will be able to help with. You need to mark each hour that you will be able to work. Also, remember that there are four days when things need to be done. Thursday and Friday are set-up days. Saturday and Sunday are the show days with Sunday evening being teardown.

Hope You Enjoyed The Holiday Party

I hope all of you that attended the Division 5 Holiday Party had a good time. We had close to 40 people signed up for it.

Unfortunately, my wife was in the hospital at the time and I had to cancel out. I had a surprise raffle planned for the event but wasn't able to carry it out due to my situation. I apologize to the spouses that attended because the raffle was meant to make the party more interesting for them. Hopefully next year we can make it happen. The annual Losers' Raffle was held at the party. If you did not attend the party, check the list of winners in this Trainwire to see if your previously losing raffle entry turned out to be a winner after all!

Quiet Time Of The Year

Once New Year's Day is over, we seem to enter a quiet time of the year for a couple of months. Not much going on and too cold to be outside. It's a great time to get to work on your model efforts. I have one friend that is a construction contractor who doesn't have much work going on from December through February and he gets a tremendous amount of work done on his layout during those three months. How about you? How are you spending your free time inside? Now is a great time to drag out some of your projects that are gathering dust and get to work. Bring your results to the Division meetings to show during Bring 'n' Brag.

Join us on Friday, February 2, 2024 for our monthly membership meeting. See you down the line.

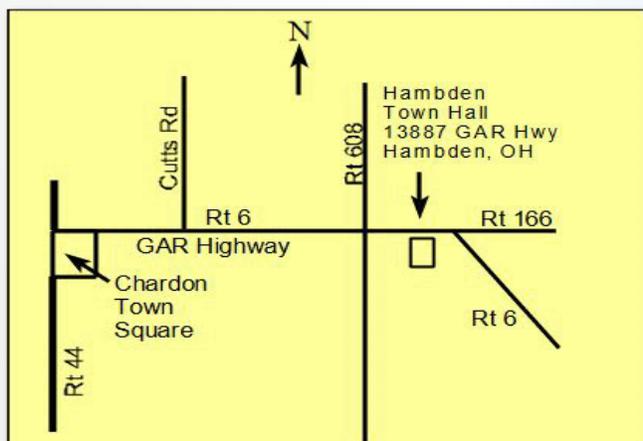
Matt

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

<u>FEBRUARY 2, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
PROGRAM:	CREATING GRASS WITHOUT STATIC GRASS BILL OSBORNE
BRING & BRAG:	SCENERY
<u>FEBRUARY 12, 2024</u>	BOD MEETING VIA ZOOM
<u>MARCH 1, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
PROGRAM:	RAILFEST JIM WENDORF
BRING & BRAG	ANYTHING GOES



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

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 3

Akron Train & Toy Show
Emidio's & Sons Expo Center
48 East Bath Road at State Road
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223
9:00 am - 3 pm Adm. \$5.00
Phone: 330-724-5253

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

March 23

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Trainwire Items

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

March Meeting: March 1, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
Bring ‘n’ Brag: Anything Goes – no theme
Program: What it takes to put on the Div 5 Railfest by Jim Wendorf

April Meeting: April 5, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
Bring ‘n’ Brag: TBD
Program: TBD

Member Welfare

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

Welcome New Member

Richard Scott – Mentor, OH

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 16th and Sunday March 17th 2024 but we will be doing setup on both Thursday March 14th and Friday March 15th in the afternoon/evening. Please keep these four days available on your calendar. We will need everyone to pitch in and help.

Our online Railfest job signup sheet is now available on the Division 5 website under the Members section. Please indicate which days and which jobs you will be able to help with. You need to mark each hour that you will be able to work. Also, remember that there are four days when things need to be done.

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. Bring your donations to the February or March Division 5 membership meetings or to Railfest during setup.

Selling Items At The Division 5 Sales Table At Railfest

All Division 5 members are welcome to put items for sale on the Division 5 sales table at Railfest. **However, there are some rules to follow.**

You **MUST** fill out the Division 5 Railfest Fleamarket Table Items form. This form is available on the Division 5 website. We will also have paper copies at the February and March meetings. A copy of the form is included in this Trainwire. Use as many copies of the form as needed to list **ALL** the items you are selling. Each item on the table must have a sticker that contains the member's initials and a sequence number corresponding to the items on the form. Multiple items, bagged or boxed, are only counted as one item if they are being sold as a set.

Please keep prices in even dollar increments (\$1, \$2, \$3, etc.) if at all possible. This makes it a lot easier for the people manning the table to make change and handle the money.

Also, **you need to provide a Business Size envelope** to put the money in from the sales of your items. Mark your name clearly on the envelope. You also need to put some money in the envelope to allow the people manning the table to use for making change. We would like at least ten \$1 bills in the envelope. Please mark on the envelope the amount of money you provided for making change.

The full set of rules are listed on the back of the form.

Division 5 Sales Table Coordinators Needed

Need Coordinator For Division 5/NMRA Recruitment Table At Railfest

We will have a Division 5/NMRA information/recruitment table at Railfest. We need someone to be the coordinator of this table. Tasks would include determining what information to have at the table, develop signage to put up, and get people to man the table during Railfest hours. Please contact Matt Kross at 440-668-9462 or super@mcr5.org if you are willing to do this.

Discounted NMRA Memberships At Railfest

Do you know someone that has been thinking about joining the NMRA? Have them come to Railfest and sign up. Division 5 will once again offer a subsidy for **new** NMRA memberships if the person signs up at Railfest and resides in our Division 5 area (Lake, Geauga, or Ashtabula counties). This year we will provide \$9.95 towards a \$19.95 Rail Pass membership and \$15 towards a full \$68 NMRA membership, but only if the person will be a member of Division 5. Note that normal Rail Pass restrictions still apply.

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.

Division 5 Fleamarket Table Item Rules

If you want to make use of the Division fleamarket table at Railfest, you **MUST** fill out the form on the other side of this sheet. Use as many copies of the form as needed to list **ALL** the items you are selling. Each item on the table must have a sticker that contains the member's initials and a sequence number corresponding to the items on the form. Multiple items, bagged or boxed, are only counted as one item if they are being sold as a set.

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The Mid-Central
Regional Convention
May 16-19 2024
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Call for N-Scale T-TRAK Modules!

It's here! The call for N-Scale T-TRAK modules! It is for those N-Scale T-TRAK modelers who will be attending the North Coast Limited convention, hosted by The North Coast Division of the NMRA Mid Central Region. The convention will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights, Ohio from May 16-19, 2024.

Let Us Know You're Coming!

<https://forms.gle/RkKrdTWxcZetGDUr6>

Useful Links

NMRA Mid Central Region, North Coast Division

<https://www.div4.org/>

North Coast Limited Convention

<https://northcoastlimited2024.org/>

T-TRAK Information

<https://ntrak.org/T-TRAK-Home>

T-TRAK Wiki

<http://ttrak.wikidot.com/>

Questions

If you have any questions, please send an email to both Ramhog Shearer ramhog5@aol.com and Frank Trocchia ftrocchi@yahoo.com.

EVENTS



Loser's Raffle List

Matt Kross
 Dave Neff
 Bonnie Lette
 Dave Metzger
 Bill Berger
 Paul McFee
 Doug Riedel
 Dave Barnes
 Chuck Limbert
 Jim Wendorf
 Nathan Bryant
 John Crotty
 Bruce Lutheran
 Linda Kacprzak
 Bryan Persing
 Curtis Caden
 Rich Kacprzak
 Bill Osborne

On January 6th Division 5 held its annual holiday party at Hambden Town Hall. Turn out this year was very good with roughly 40 members and their families attending. Food was catered by Mary Yoder's and included an assortment of meat, pasta, vegetables, and salad. Of course the dinner wouldn't be complete without your choice of pie to conclude the meal. Good conversation flowed around the tables while everyone ate. After eating the annual loser's raffle was conducted. For those that don't know we have a raffle at every meeting. However if your electronic ticket isn't called at the meeting it goes into what we call the loser pile. During the loser's raffle those losing tickets are picked from and those people can win division certificates ranging from 100 to 20 dollars. The complete list of winners is shown to the side. If you missed this year plan on attending next year as this is a great way to meet your fellow members and have a great meal.

~Bryan Persing

AROUND the LAYOUT

This C&O crew is getting ready to depart for Columbus.



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Willoughby, Ohio

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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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