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THE WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION
DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

March 1

Division Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
7:30

March 16 & 17

Railfest
Lakeland CC
10-4

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Super Reflections March 2024

Railfest 2024 Is Just Weeks Away

Railfest 2024 is only a couple of weeks away. Make sure you can be available March 14 to 17, 2024 to help with set-up, vendor check-in, vendor setup, vendor teardown, and show operations. 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.

Lots Of Jobs For Railfest 2024

There is always a lot of work to do to set up and run the Division 5 Railfest. We will need all hands on deck! Our online Railfest job signup sheet is 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 setup days. Saturday and Sunday are the show days with Sunday evening being teardown.

2024 Elections Completed

The Division 5 elections have been completed as of the February 2024 Division 5 BOD meeting. Our new officers starting June 1, 2024 will be Superintendent Bill Osborne and Assistant Superintendent Bryan Persing.

Spring Layout Tours

We are looking at having Division 5 layout tours at the end of April. See the details in this Trainwire. Seriously consider opening your layout to show others what you have been working on. It doesn't have to be magnificent or finished or running or big. People can get ideas from all sorts of layouts in various stages of construction.

Join us on Friday, March 1, 2024 for our monthly membership meeting. See you down the line.

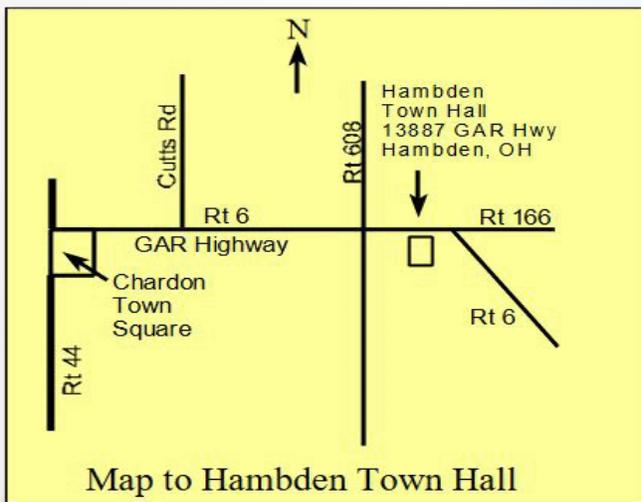
Matt

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

<u>MARCH 1, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
PROGRAM:	RAILFEST JIM WENDORF
BRING & BRAG	ANYTHING GOES
<u>MARCH 16&17</u>	RAILFEST
LOCATION:	LAKELAND CC 7700 CLOCKTOWER DR. KIRTLAND, OH
TIME:	SAT & SUN 10-4
<u>APRIL 5, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL 13887 GAR HIGHWAY
PROGRAM:	PAUL EMCH
BRING & BRAG	FACTORY/BUILDINGS



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

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 3

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

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

April 7

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

April 7

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

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2024

The February 2, 2024, 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 2 guests present.

Welcomed visitor Patrick DeLand.

The Division Holiday Party in January was reviewed. Mike Carovac was thanked for coordinating the event.

Reviewed upcoming Division 5 meetings and events.

Normal meetings in March and April

For the March meeting, Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf will go through all the preparations he has to go through to put on our annual train show.

Railfest 2024 is coming soon. The show is on March 16 – 17, 2024. We will be setting up for the show on Thursday afternoon March 14 and helping vendors and exhibitors set up on Friday March 15. Details will be in the March Trainwire and on the Division 5 website.

The Railfest Chairman was not on hand at the meeting. The current planning status of Railfest 2024 was presented by the Superintendent as best he understood it at the time. There was considerable discussion about what options we have if the college does not provide any food service for the event. It was stressed and agreed upon that the Division does not have the resources to provide the food service for Railfest. If we need someone to provide food service, it was suggested that we contact the Auburn Career Center or local school booster clubs.

Upcoming local train shows were listed in the February Trainwire.

The Painesville Railroad Museum will again be hosting our Railfest Dinner. Tom Pescha will do a presentation on How To Move A Boxcar detailing the various issues the museum ran into in moving a prototype boxcar to the museum property.

Programs are needed for 2024 meetings starting in May.

The Mid Central Region 2024 convention will be May 16 – 19, 2024 in Middleburg Heights, OH. All members are highly encouraged to take advantage of the closeness of this event. If you haven't been to a regional convention, this would be a great one to attend. Information about the convention was in the February Trainwire.

Chuck Limbert of the Nominating Committee explained the nominating process. The Division 5 Nominating Committee submitted the following nominations for Division offices, starting June 1, 2024: Superintendent – Bill Osborne and Assistant Superintendent – Bryan Persing. Nominations were opened to the floor. No additional nominations were made. The nominations were then closed. Since both of offices have candidates running unopposed, we will not need to do a formal vote and the Division 5 BOD can declare the election completed by acclamation. This will be done at the next Division 5 BOD meeting.

The next Division 5 BOD meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Superintendent Matt Kross reviewed some of the information and discussions from a recent informal Mid Central Region BOD meeting.

Bill Osborne is working to get a new HO module group started in our area. Bill presented some initial goals for the group and has been putting together a list of interested people. So far, he has about 16 people. The first meeting of the group will be after Railfest 2024, probably the first week of April. Ideas will be solicited from the group with Bill's preference to have modules that are like the Freemo standard with a few twists. More information about the group and their plans after they get together and decide what they want to do. Members of the local LENS N-scale and Mod Squad clubs talked about how their club is run as a reference for the new HO group.

Items for the Good Of The Order:

They are tearing out a lot rail down in Akron along Rt. 8 near where they are putting in the new road bridge.

Bring & Brag: Scenery

Matt Kross	Bill Berger	Bryan Persing	Dave Metzger
Linda Kacprzak	Bill Osborne	Cody Cavender	

Program: Bill Osborne demonstrated how he creates tall grass without using static grass.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

BOD Meeting 12 February 2024

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on February 12, 2024. The meeting was held online using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Bryan Persing, Mike Carovac, Andy Yedlick, Chuck Limbert, Linda Kacprzak, Paul McFee, Gary Jarkewicz, and Doug Reidel.

The following members were nominated for office at the February Division 5 membership meeting: for Superintendent: Bill Osborne; for Assistant Superintendent: Bryan Persing. No additional nominations have been received and the BOD ruled that the nominations are closed. Since both offices have unopposed candidates, the BOD declared that the candidates for office are officially elected by Acclamation by the BOD per the Division 5 Regulations. No ballots will be required. The new officers will take over as of June 1, 2024.

It was noted that all volunteer positions (Directors, coordinators, Clerk, Treasurer, Editor, etc.) have their terms expire when the existing officers' terms expire at the end of May 2024. This allows volunteers an opportunity to take a break if they want and it allows the new officers to decide if they want to make any changes to the members filling various volunteer positions. A reminder about this will be placed in the Trainwire.

One new member was added in the past month. This was Dick Scott and he has joined as a Rail Pass member. We currently have five active Rail Pass members. We have not had much success in the past in keeping Rail Pass members as long-term full members. There was discussion about ways we can try to encourage Rail Pass members to participate and become active.

No new updates were available regarding Railfest 2024 status. We are still waiting for word back from Lakeland Community College about whether food service will be available and whether we will be

able to get the use of Gym C again. There was some discussion as to alternate possibilities for food service but no action can be done until we have a definite decision by the college. We need to set a drop-dead date where we need an answer from the college regarding the food service. If there won't be food service, we need to get the word out to all the vendors and exhibitors so that they can make their own preparations.

A number of members have signed up on the Railfest Job Sheet that is available on the Division 5 website. We still need a lot more people to help with the setup and operation of the show. Gary Shaffer and Rich Kacprzak have volunteered to coordinate the Division 5 Railfest sales table.

We need to make sure we send out a number of reminder emails about Railfest, signing up for jobs at Railfest, and the times we need people on each day.

It was suggested we try to keep the March business meeting short and limit the Bring 'n' Brag presentations so that we can maximize the time for Jim Wendorf's presentation and have time for questions.

Upcoming Division 5 membership meetings:

March – What it takes to put on the Division 5 Railfest by Jim Wendorf

April – Paul Emch

May - ?

Upcoming Division 5 events:

Railfest – March 2024

A grant request was received from the Mod Squad modular 3-rail O group. They requested \$500 to be used towards the construction of additional yard modules to reduce the time needed to change trains. The BOD approved this grant request.

A grant request was received from the Lake Erie N-scale Society (LENS) modular group. They requested \$500 to be used towards T-Trak layout skirting to improve the layout presentation, parts to begin the construction of some yard modules to allow easier setup, and second NCE DCC throttle to improve setup and running of trains.

The BOD spent considerable time discussing possible changes to the Division 5 Regulations regarding some election timing changes and regarding the timing of the Division financial audits. There is still work to do on this. It will be discussed again at the April BOD meeting.

We will have pizza for the refreshments at the March meeting.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:30pm online using Zoom. *(Note: Normally, BOD meetings are held on even numbered months from February to October and then in November and not in December.)*

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Superintendent / temporary Div 5 Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Trainwire Items

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 Division 5 Railfest by Jim Wendorf

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

May Meeting: May 3, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
Bring ‘n’ Brag: Boxcars or Stockcars
Program: TBD

March Meeting Notes

A couple of things will be different at the March meeting:

Pizza Night! – for the refreshments, we will have pizza in addition to our normal packaged snacks and beverages.

Limited Bring ‘n’ Brag – we will still have our standard Bring ‘n’ Brag display, but we will be **limiting the participant comments about their items to 30 seconds or less**. This is being done to provide more time for the evening’s program.

Railfest 2024

Railfest 2024 is only a few weeks away. 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 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 Times

Thursday (March 14) – Table Setup / Table Covering: 2:00pm to 6:00pm

Friday (March 15) – Vendor Check-In / Show Setup: 11:00am to 9:00pm

Saturday (March 16) – Vendor Check-In / Show Setup: 7:00am to 10:00am

Show open to the public: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday (March 17) – Show Prep: 9:00am to 10:00am

Show open to the public: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Show Teardown / Vendor Pack-up: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Railfest Door Prize Donations Still Needed

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.

Division 5 Sales Table At Railfest

Gary Shaffer and Rich Kacprzak have again volunteered to be the coordinators of our Division fleamarket sales table at this year's 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.

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.

Railfest Food Service In Question

At the time of this writing, we don't know if the college will have the food concession stand open for Railfest. If they don't, we will try to find an outside organization to provide some sort of food for the event. However, there is nothing definite about us being able to do this and, at this time, you should plan on bringing your own food and drink for this event. We still send out an update email the week before the show to let you know one way or the other.

Division 5 Election 2024 Is Completed

Nominations for Division 5 offices were made at the February membership meeting. Only one candidate for each office was nominated. Since these candidates were both running unopposed, a ballot was not needed and the Division 5 BOD declared the election complete by acclamation per our Division 5 Regulations. The newly elected Division 5 officers are:

Superintendent:	Bill Osborne
Assistant Superintendent:	Bryan Persing

These members will take office on June 1, 2024.

Volunteer Terms End May 31

Per our Division 5 Regulations, as of the end of May in an election year, **all volunteer and appointed Division position terms expire**. The Superintendent will be checking with you to see if you wish to continue in your position and will also be asking new people to step up and serve the Division in some of these positions. So, start thinking about what you are willing to do to help out and serve the Division.

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.

2024 Mid Central Region Convention Coming Up Soon

The 2024 MCR regional convention in Middleburg Heights, OH will be on May 16 – 19, 2024. This convention is essentially in our backyard, only an hour or less away. If you haven't been to a convention, this would be a great one to start with. Check out the convention website at: <https://northcoastlimited2024.org/>. Refer to the one page convention ad in this Trainwire. They have a lot of things going on to keep you busy on all four days. You can go for the entire convention or just go for one day. There are lots of clinics, tours, contests, layout tours, etc.

Calling All Area Layout Owners – Spring Layout Tours

Division 5 would like to have Spring 2024 layout tours. We are selecting the weekend of April 27 – 28, 2024. This will be six weeks after Railfest and three weeks before the Mid Central Region convention. There aren't any holidays around this date. This gives you plenty of time to get your layout ready.

We would like to have a variety of layouts open for this event. Several people have already indicated that they are willing to have their layouts open. We might twist the arms of a few members that have layouts that don't normally want to have them open. It would be nice to see some different layouts for a change. Your layout doesn't have to be finished or even running. People like to view works-in-progress to get ideas on how to build their own layouts.

You can have your layout open on just one of the days or both and you can specify the times that you want to have your layout open. If the weekend of April 27 – 28 doesn't work for you but you would like to open your layout, let us know and we will see if we can add other dates for the tours. Layouts of non-Division 5 members can be included in our tours but we have to discuss with them the liability insurance issues. If you have friends with layouts, talk to them to see if they would like to open up their layouts for our tour.

If you are interested in having your layout open or have questions about what is involved in hosting an open house, please contact Matt Kross (440-668-9462 or clerk@mcr5.org). Once we have a list of layouts, we will publish a layout tour guide and send it out via e-mail (or regular mail to those without e-mail).

Division 5 Fleamarket Table Item Rules

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RAILFEST 2024

Saturday and Sunday

March 16 & 17, 2024

10 am to 4 pm

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For Information Write:

NMRA MCR Division 5
PO Box 5081
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Phone: (440) 357- 8890
Phone: (216) 470 - 5780

Email: railfest@mcr5.org

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Two Day Pass \$14.00
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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.
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a registration form
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LOOK AT THE LINEUP OF LAYOUTS TO VISIT!

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

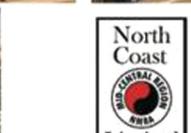


Bram Bailey's Ontario Central Railway. Look for his layout in
a future issue of RMC!

RIGHT,
Mark Pekelnicky's
Conrail Toledo Sub
Railroad



LEFT,
John Witt's
Copper Peninsula
Railroad.



Layout on the web site!

- Bram Bailey
- John Witt
- John Puch
- Joe Filipiak
- Dave Lawler
- Ron Morgan
- Ben Lanza
- Terry Kolenc
- Mark Pekelnicky
- Steve Riddlebaugh
- Joe Kurilec, MMR®
- Paul Novak & Sons
- Jim Peters
- Jerry Jordak
- Cuyahoga Valley &
West Shore Model
Railroad Club.

Check the website, more layouts will be added

www.northcoastlimited2024.org

ABOVE TOP & BOTTOM,
John Puch's
Union Valley Central



BELOW, CENTER & RIGHT,
Joe Filipiak's Chessie System Railroad



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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.



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DIVISION 7 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2024

MIDWEST REGION

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Sunday, April 7th, 2024



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Children 11 & under free

For info or reservations call:
Rick Austin 832-622-8637 -or-
Ray Wawrowski 330-469-0405

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Flea Market Table Reservation Form

Dealer Name: _____ Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Tables needed: _____ Total Due: _____ Electric Required Yes _____ No _____

Ohio Vendor License # (if applicable): _____

Make Checks Payable to: YMRA Send to: Rick Austin, 1437-A Shaw Road, Niles, Ohio. 44446

Complete Terms and Conditions available on our website: www.ymra.org

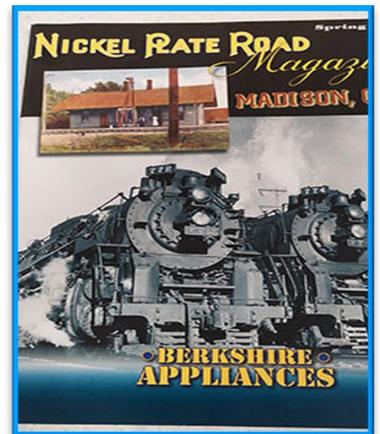
Division 5 NMRA - 2024 Program Schedule and Events

Meetings begin at 7:30PM Dates, programs and speakers can change

Month	Program	Speaker	Bring & Bag	Events
January				
February				
March			Anything Goes	Div 5 Railfest
April			Building/Factory	
May			Box or Stock Cars	
June			Bridges or Walls	
July	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	
August	TBA	TBA	TBA	
September			Passenger Cars	
October			Tank Cars and Caboose	
November			Coal, Ore or Closed Hoppers	
December			Anything Christmas	

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Bring & Brag



ARTICLES

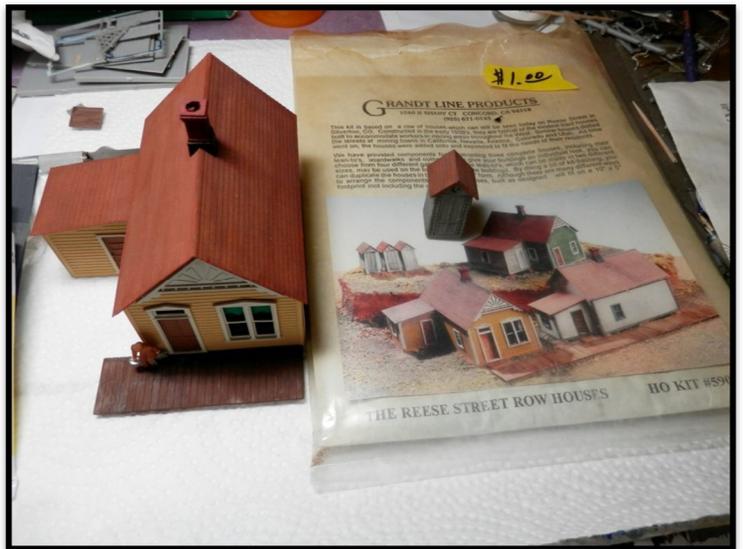
Grandt Lines Kit - Reese St. Row Houses (3)

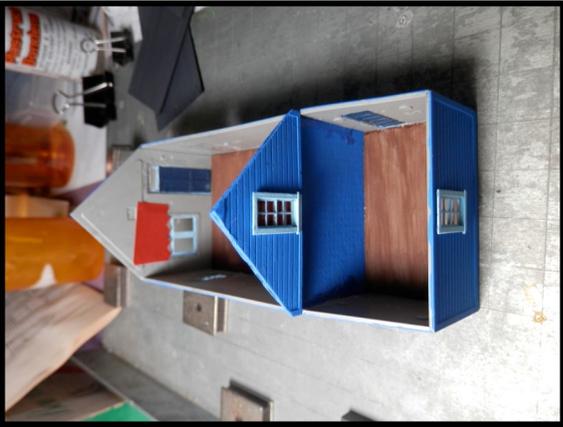
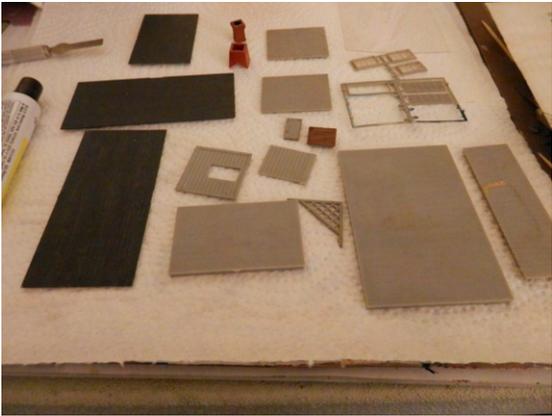
In the February 2024 *Trainwire*, Matt Kross wrote "Now is a great time to drag out some of your projects that are gathering dust, work on them, and bring your results to a meeting to show during Bring'n'Brag". Keeping this in mind, I dug out this old Grandt Lines kit that I bought for \$1.00 at a flea market several years ago. The seller admitted that there were some pieces missing, but I thought it was a good deal even if I only had enough pieces for one house. As it turned out, I had enough for one complete house and one outhouse, a second house missing one wall and a chimney base, plus some unused assorted extras including enough for another small lean-to shed.

I built the first house and outhouse (Fig. 1) to take to the February meeting, which was painted Americana Camel with Titanium White trim, and a DecoArt Burnt Sienna roof. The outhouse is Americana Neutral Grey. I also showed the origi-

nal packaging (Fig.2). I have now finished the second house, which is painted with CraftSmart Bright Blue with Pale Blue trim, and the roof is Americana Black mixed with a little Neutral Grey. Apple Barrel Nutmeg Brown and Burnt Umber were used for the wood doors and walkways. The glue used is Plastruct solvent cement and Fix-All Adhesive. I made the missing wall out of cardstock and cut a triangular shape from an extra wall with a window to make the visible upper part of the wall. The large lean-to in the kit became an addition on the back of the house (Figs. 3-7). The houses are now sitting on an old scenery base from a diorama that was taken apart (Figs. 8-9). When this kit was manufactured, these houses still existed in Silverton, Colorado. It would be interesting to see if they are still there, and it would be an opportunity to ride again on the Durango & Silverton RR (Fig. 10).

~Linda Kacprzak





PROGRAM

Bill Osborne demonstrating his techniques for modeling grass without using static grass.



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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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