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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



## THIS MONTH:

**May 3**  
Division Meeting  
Hamden Town Hall  
7:30

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### Super Reflections May 2024

#### My Time Is Drawing To A Close – Thanks For Your Support

I’m counting the days until I turn the reins of the Division over to the new Superintendent. Bill Osborne will take over on June 1, 2024. I hope you will all support him in his future plans for the Division. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Superintendent for the last four years.

#### Your Fault If You Don’t Participate

I hope you got out and visited some or all of the layouts that were open for our Division 5 Spring 2024 Layout Tours. No matter what the scale, you can always learn something from how other people have done things on their layouts. The layout hosts put a lot of time and energy into getting their layouts ready for you to view. It is your loss if you don’t bother to take the time to visit the layouts. The Division tries to offer a variety of activities and events for your enjoyment.

#### Your Railfest 2024 Feedback Is Needed

Chuck Limbert is collecting any feedback people have regarding Railfest

2024 to help us with planning and running future Railfests.

#### Finally, Some Progress On My Layout

One way to force yourself to work on your layout is to have it open for the Division layout tours! I decided I would go ahead and list my layout on the April layout tours. This forced me to get my butt in gear and get the layout in presentable shape. I finally got a little bit of work done on the layout, mainly getting it all cleaned up and trains running again. It also forced me to get the basement cleaned up, which it really needed.

Join us on Friday, May 3, 2024 for our monthly membership meeting. See you down the line.

Matt  
(your soon to be ex-Superintendent)



# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2024

The April 5, 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 3 guests present.

New member Michael Capozzio and visitor Mark Solomon introduced themselves.

Reviewed upcoming Division 5 meetings and events.

Normal meetings in May and June.

BOD meeting Monday April 8, 2024 via Zoom.

Division 5 Spring 2024 Layout Tours will be held on April 27 and 28, 2024.

No meeting in July.

Upcoming local train shows were listed in the April Trainwire.

MCR 2024 convention only six weeks away.

NMRA 2024 convention will be in Long Beach, CA this summer, August 4 – 11, 2024.

Feedback on Railfest 2024 is requested from members. Send your feedback in written form to Chuck Limbert. Chuck will compile all the comments into a single document for reference. We are looking for info on what we could do better, what worked well, new ideas for reducing work or attracting more people, new dealers we could get, problems that occurred, etc.

We are looking at creating a Railfest Planning Committee now that Jim Wendorf is retiring as Railfest Chairman. This will be discussed at the upcoming Div 5 BOD meeting.

New nametag holders and lanyards are now available for anyone that needs one.

Programs are needed for 2024 meetings starting in August.

Consider writing up a product review for the Trainwire.

Thank You letter was sent to Trainz.com for all the prize donations they made for Railfest 2024.

We have some preliminary numbers from Railfest 2024. Attendance was about the same as last year.

It is looking like our profit will be about the same as last year.

Member Welfare:

Condolences to Dave Hanna on the death of his wife, Barbara. Barbara was a Division 5 member in the past and served as our Division Treasurer for a couple of years.

Get Well wishes to Mike Carovac as he recovers from his knee replacement.

Items for the Good Of The Order:

For those 65 years old or older, there is a new deal in conjunction with the NMRA and your Medicare health insurance company through an organization called Grouper. If your health insurance company is a participant, they will pay for your NMRA membership. The idea is that older people who are socially active in clubs and organizations live longer and are healthier. On the NMRA website homepage is a blurb about it that you can click on and see if you are eligible. Not all healthcare insurance companies are participating in the program at this time. At this time, NMRA Life Members are not eligible.

New independent local HO module group will be forming with its initial meeting to be held on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the home of Bill Osborne.

Question as to when the Painesville Railroad Museum will be holding their Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop? The Museum's website just says TBA. They usually have it in June. Visiting the West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Roundhouse is highly recommended.

A number of members provided their impressions of the recent train show at the IX center.

There was a huge modular layout there. Those members that went were not impressed with the show. There were a lot of things for kids. There were a few small displays from several manufacturers.

We received some gift certificates from Madison Train & Hobby. Two random winners were selected from those present at the meeting.

Modeling Tips:

Hot glue wooden clothespins to the backside of your layout fascia to hold your layout skirting.

**Bring & Brag: Theme: Factories / Buildings**

Bonnie Lette	Mike Rudder	Scott Hewis
Dave Metzger	Matt Kross	Bill Berger
Chuck Limbert	Cody Cavender	Ted Wiese

**Program:** Paul Emch went through considerations for designing a model railroad yard.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

**BOD Meeting      8 April 2024**

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on April 8, 2024. The meeting was held online using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Bryan Persing, Mike Carovac, Chuck Limbert, Doug Reidel, John Ward, Bill Osborne, and Ted Wiese.

For now, the Division 5 BOD meetings will remain on the same schedule as they have been. The new Superintendent will need to determine if he wants to change anything around.

The BOD received some preliminary numbers from Railfest 2024. Overall, the results are fairly similar to the 2023 results.

Because the income from Railfest the last few years has been about half of what we had been making, it was discussed whether we should reduce or eliminate giving grants to other model railroad organizations. It was decided that we would keep things as they are since we currently have plenty of reserves.

Railfest 2024 feedback from members has been requested to help with the planning of future Railfests. Chuck Limbert will collect the feedback and put it into a single document. So far, six people have provided their feedback.

Two new members were added in the past month. One full member, Michael Capozzio, and one Rail Pass member, Fred Ondarza.

It was good to see a lot of our new members helping out at this year's Railfest.

There was discussion about how to plan and run Railfest in the future now that Jim Wendorf has retired as Railfest Chairman. The BOD decided that a committee approach would be best. It still needs to be decided how many people will be on the committee but there should be at least three. John Ward has volunteered to lead the committee. He has talked with Jim Wendorf and the two of them will get together to go over all the Railfest details. Others wanting to be involved with Railfest planning may also attend this meeting once a date, time, and location are set. Bryan Persing has volunteered to participate in that meeting. It was suggested that the Railfest Chairman be one of the Division Directors and thus be a BOD member. The BOD needs to define what level of discretion the Railfest Planning Committee will have. Need to decide if we are going to continue to use the P.O. Box as a mailing address. We will need to get the signatures changed on the Railfest checking account when the new people are determined.

Once the new Division officers are in place, we will need to get the signatures changed on the financial accounts.

Upcoming Division 5 membership meetings:

May – Mike Carovac – Making molds using latex rubber

June – Bill Osborne – Some new ideas for Division 5 and, if time permits, Mike Carovac will present making molds using silicone rubber.

July – no meeting

Upcoming Division 5 events:

Division 5 Spring 2024 Layout Tours

Additional layout tour yard signs have been obtained.

It will be up to the new officers if they want to continue with or modify some of the regular Division events or replace them with other new events.

It was suggested that we have a Division dinner just as a social event and thank you to the members.

This will be up to the new officers and BOD.

Some suggested Division trips are to go back to the Age Of Steam Roundhouse or visit the Nickel Plate Museum in Bellevue, Ohio.

The next Mid Central Region BOD meeting will be held at the upcoming regional convention in Middleburg Heights, OH. Matt Kross will attend this meeting via Zoom.

Now that bank interest rates are back up, we will look at some of the current investment options as possibilities for a portion of our savings.

The continued review of the Division 5 Regulations was tabled until the June meeting.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, June 10, 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

## May 2024 Trainwire Items

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**May Meeting:** May 3, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall  
Bring ‘n’ Brag: Boxcars or Stockcars  
Program: Making molds out of latex rubber – Mike Carovac

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**June Meeting:** June 7, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall  
Bring ‘n’ Brag: Bridges or Walls  
Program: Bill Osborne – Some new ideas for Division 5  
and, if time permits, Mike Carovac - Making molds using silicone rubber

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**July:** NO MEETING

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## June Meeting Will Be Available On Zoom

At the June meeting, new Superintendent Bill Osborne will be presenting the direction he would like the Division to go and ways he would like us to go about it. In order to reach as many Division members as possible, in addition to having our normal in-person meeting, we will broadcast the June meeting using Zoom. A Zoom meeting link will be emailed to Division 5 members prior to the June meeting.

## 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 new Superintendent, Bill Osborne, 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.

## 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.

## Welcome New Members

- Michael Capozzio – Chardon, OH
- Fred Ondarza – Mentor, OH

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **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 Feedback Requested**

Before Railfest 2024 is too far in the past and you have had time to think about it, we would like to get any feedback you have about how Railfest 2024 went:

- any ideas to improve the next Railfest
- how to make things run smoother or reduce the amount of work
- any problems encountered during the setup/teardown or during the actual show
- ideas for new/different vendors
- general comments
- any other items you can think of

Chuck Limbert has volunteered to compile this feedback into a document for reference in planning future Railfests. Please send any comments or information to Chuck at: [Chuck.Limbert@mcr5.org](mailto:Chuck.Limbert@mcr5.org)

Now that Jim Wendorf has retired as Railfest Chairman, we are looking at putting together a Railfest Planning Committee. This will be discussed at the upcoming Division 5 Board Of Directors meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024. Your Railfest feedback will help this new Railfest planning committee start working on next year's show.

## **New Independent HO Module Group Forming**

Bill Osborne is forming a new HO modular group. This group is not affiliated with Division 5 but will probably consist of many Division 5 members. The initial kickoff meeting planned for April 19<sup>th</sup> had to be called off due to illness. Bill will let us know when it will be rescheduled. Call Bill if you are interested in getting involved or for further info at 440-254-0107.

## **Condolences To Dave Hanna**

Barb Hanna, former Division 5 member and wife of member Dave Hanna, died on March 12, 2024. Barb was a member for many years and served as the Division Treasurer 1998-1999. Our condolences to Dave on his loss.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Barbara Ann Hanna Obituary

Barbara Ann Hanna (nee Burkhardt), age 84, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her own home in the early hours of March 13, 2024. She is lovingly remembered by her husband of nearly 40 years, David R. Hanna. Barbara is survived by sisters-in law Kathryn (Robert) Moore, Evelyn (Philip) Groves and Louise (John) Burkhardt as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Barbara was the cherished daughter of the late Elmer J. and Wanda (Miller) Burkhardt and sister of the late John Burkhardt.

Barbara was a creative soul in so many realms. She was a founding Vendor at Antiques & Uniques, selling vintage furniture and home décor. She enjoyed travelling the world experiencing trains with her husband David. Miki, her favorite dog, was a combination of Chow, Collie and GSD and was named after one of her favorite Disney characters. Barbara was known for her sense of humor and seeing the world in a creative light. Barbara was a lifelong member and held leadership roles within the Quota Club International of Lake County. She was a trailblazing photographer for the Telegraph as she was the first female photographer assigned to capture images of fire scenes in real time. Girl Scouts played a pivotal role in the formation of Barbara's adventurous spirit and she cherished her friendships in that organization as well. Early in her career Barbara was a 20+ year employee of Bank One in Painesville. Much later in her working life she was a valued caregiver for Catholic Charities. A graduate of Mentor High School, Lakeland Community College, Barb was a lifelong area resident.



There will be a Celebration of Life service for Barbara held on Friday, March 22nd at 1pm at the Mentor United Methodist Church, 8600 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060. The Associate Pastor of Mentor United Methodist, Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith and Traditions Hospice Chaplin, Rev. Dr. Charles Pahlman will officiate the service. There will be a reception immediately following the service at the reception hall.

David Hanna would like to thank Traditions Hospice along with the entire care team for their excellent care and attention throughout Barbara's final journey.

Barbara thoughtfully participated in the Northeast Ohio Medical University Body Donation Program in Rootstown, Ohio. A private recognition ceremony will be conducted by the university at a later date so the doctors-in-training can properly show their appreciation for Barbara's profoundly impactful educational gift.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## New NMRA Benefit Through Grouper

Grouper works with Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement plans to cover membership dues, so you can focus on what you love to do. Don't worry about the membership cost - it's on your health plan.

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## MCR Kingpin Editor Needed

The Mid Central Region is in need of a new editor for the region's newsletter, The Kingpin. Dave Williams was the previous editor and has retired from the job. He will be available to help his successor get started. Unlike a monthly issue, the Kingpin is only published three times a year, The procedures/protocols are well established so someone with any prior computer and publishing experience can easily and quickly step in.

If anyone is interested, email Dave Neff (MCR President) at [david.neff440@outlook.com](mailto:david.neff440@outlook.com) and he can put you in touch with Dave Williams.

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



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



[www.northcoastlimited2024.org](http://www.northcoastlimited2024.org)

**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!



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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](http://www.northcoastlimited2024.org)

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



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



**The North Coast Limited  
2024 Mid-Central Regional  
Convention  
May 16 - 19, 2024**



The North Coast Limited 2024 Convention will be arriving soon. If you have not already registered, you will want to make sure to register soon and book your hotel room. Your hosts, Division 4, The North Coast Division, have full array of activities you can do during your visit to Northeast Ohio. Some of the Convention highlights include:

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION BANQUET**

The Convention is capped off on Saturday evening with the Awards & Recognition Banquet. Our Banquet speaker will be Mr. Pete Poremba, Executive Director of the Jerry and Laura Jacobson Foundation, dba Ages of Steam Roundhouse Museum. Pete will be talking about how is interest in model trains growing up lead to an over 40-year career in railroading and to him being named Executive Director of the Foundation to carry on Jerry Jacobson's legacy for Ages of Steam Roundhouse. You do not want to miss Pete's presentation.

**OPERATING SESSIONS**

The schedule of Operating Sessions as been posted to the NCL 2024 website. Most operating sessions are on Thursday evening with a few more on Friday evening. Sign up for operating sessions is on a first come - first reserved basis and is done through the NCL 2024 Registration portal. We have eight different layouts hosting operating sessions with over 50 operating positions. Host layouts vary from large home and club layouts to small home layouts.

**PROTOTYPE ACTIVITIES**

Among the Prototype Activities happening during NCL 2024 are open houses at the Midwest Railway Preservation Society and the Northern Ohio Railway Museum. Midwest Rail is located in the former B&O roundhouse in the Flats industrial section of Cleveland. They have ongoing efforts to restore various pieces of rolling stock as part of their mission. MRPS will be hosting two tours on Saturday morning. The Northern Ohio Railway Museum is located about 30 minutes south in Seville, Ohio, an easy drive down Interstate 77. NORM has an interesting collection of trolley and interurban cars on display and being restored. NORM will be open Saturday morning from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM will rides at 11:00 AM.

**VOLUNTEERS**

Every convention needs volunteers to help make sure everything runs smoothly. NCL 2024 is no different. We NEED volunteers during the Convention to help with things such as registration check-in, bag check, contest room monitor, Yard Sale room monitor, clinician check and more. We are trying out a new way of signing up volunteers using the SignUp Genius website. The following link [Div.4\\_MCR\\_NMRA:North\\_Coast\\_Limited\\_2024\\_\(signupgenius.com\)](http://Div.4_MCR_NMRA:North_Coast_Limited_2024_(signupgenius.com)) will take you to the website so you can sign up for one of the volunteer times. If you have difficulty with SignUp Genius you can always email me directly.

Remember if you are attending any of these events please take photos and document your trip. Members are encouraged to share with those that are unable to go through articles and photo submission to the trainwire.

Planning a trip this summer that is train related or just stopping by a train location feel free to share with others with a submission.

# 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

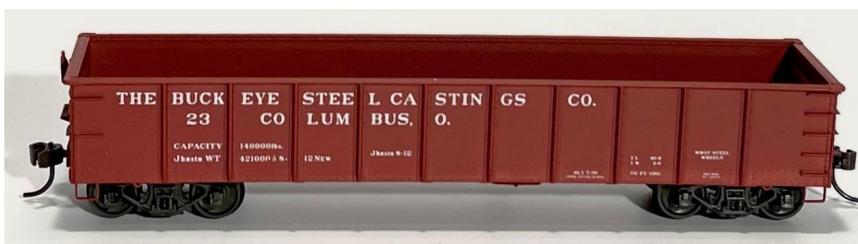
If you have any questions, please send an email to both Ramhog Shearer [ramhog5@aol.com](mailto:ramhog5@aol.com) and Frank Trocchia [ftrocchi@yahoo.com](mailto:ftrocchi@yahoo.com).

Division 6 of the NMRA Mid-Central Region is currently offering an HO scale 41' gondola lettered for Buckeye Steel Castings.

Buckeye Steel was a large steel foundry located in Columbus, Ohio. They produced castings of numerous railroad components, including trucks, couplers and, the famous "Buckeye Truck." These gondolas moved scrap as well as finished products. Interchange partners included C&O and NYC, both railroads having trackage leading into the plant complex.

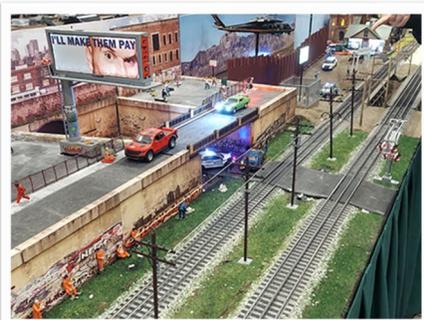
These car kits are from Accurail's 3700-series of steel gondolas with road number 23. Decals for six other road numbers are available for those ordering more than one car.

Pricing is \$27 per car. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$10 for one car and \$17 for two to three cars. Ohio residents, please add 7.5% sales tax on the total price of the kits and the shipping/handling fee. Customers outside the USA, please contact us for shipping arrangements and charges.



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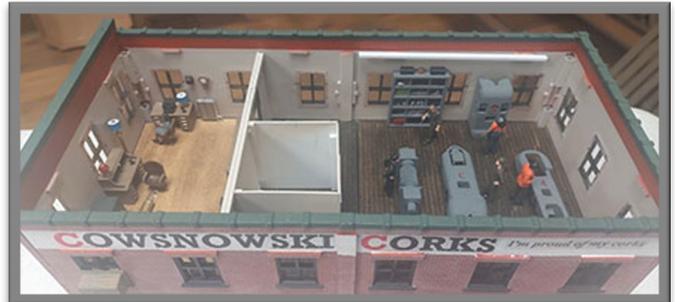
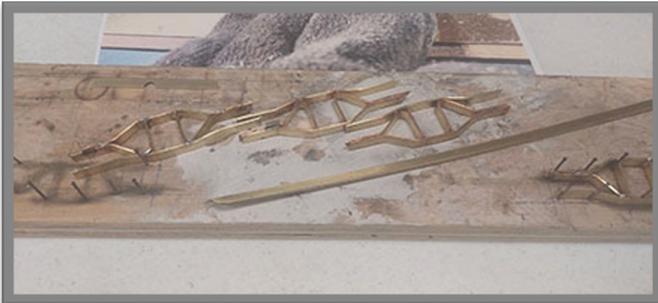


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# WANTED

The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular viewpoint on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the members profile; then we want to hear from you. Everyone wants to be kept current on division information, but we all enjoy an interesting article written by a member of this organization. So take your pictures and write your article and send them to the Editor by email.

## NOTICE

I work on the Trainwire throughout the month and publish it around the 20th. If you absolutely need something in the next Trainwire issue please send it as soon as possible or let me know to hold space for you. Many times space allotted for certain items may already be spoken for. However, if you send items in early I can rearrange the format. Also when items are submitted I will inform you that I received them and when to look for them in the Trainwire.

## THE TRAINWIRE NEWSLETTER

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