

# TRAINWIRE



## JUNE, 2024 VOLUME XX ISSUE 6

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



### THIS MONTH:

#### June 7

Division Meeting  
Hambden Town Hall  
7:30

#### June 10

BOD Meeting  
Via Zoom  
7:30

### Super Reflections June 2024

Well it's June and a change in officers has taken place. Hello I'm Bill Osborne and I will be at the throttle the next 2 years. It was a hard fought campaign but I squeaked out a victory by the narrowest margin. A little about me, I have been into trains and model railroading for over 50 years. I model in HO and recently started building my first layout and am enjoying every minute of it. I actually enjoy taking pictures and videos of it

more than running trains. I hope to take the division to new levels....events that members can attend and participate in. I have some ideas to make the division more interesting. If anyone else has ideas bring them to the next meeting. Looking forward to seeing what we can do to enjoy this great hobby together; it doesn't matter if your G, O, S ,HO, N, Z or any variants we all share the same interest.

~Bill

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### Assistant Super Reflections

It looks like our new super is a man of few words so as his #2 I guess I will have to write a few words each month to fill up some space. Since this month starts the new term I would echo Bill's words about change and getting fresh ideas out there. We currently have some open positions that need to be filled. The biggest is our main event Railfest that we hold every March. Thank you to John Ward for stepping up and filling a leadership role for this event. However the consensus is that this job is really too big for one person to handle. John has agreed to take the leadership role on this but we need 2 or 3 other people that will join John in forming a well rounded Railfest committee. The idea

is to break up the roles into more manageable parts.

On a personal front I have ended my long career in education and look forward to the next chapters of my life. A couple of big items on the horizon include remodeling my entire basement; which will include taking down the layout while I remodel. I'm excited to get started this fall and hopefully start my next layout in early 2026. Another item is I'm planning a southern/eastern U.S. trip this August where I plan on visiting numerous railroad museums, shops, and ride numerous excursion trains. Don't worry I will document it all in upcoming issues of the Trainwire.

~Bryan

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

JUNE 7, 2024                      DIVISION MEETING

LOCATION:                      HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

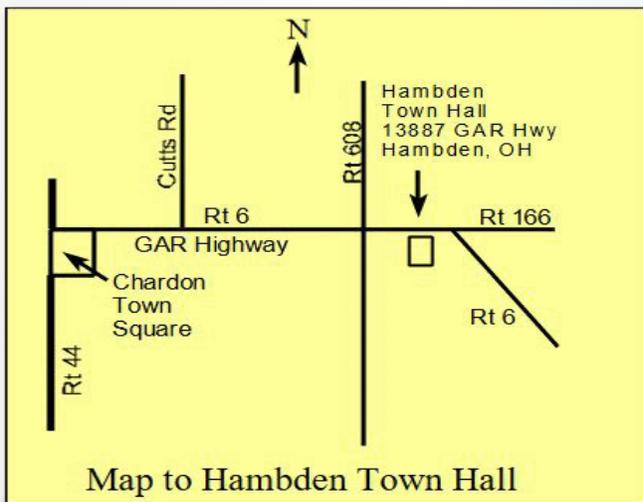
PROGRAM:                      BILL OSBORNE—HIS VISION  
AS NEW SUPER

   MAKING MOLDS USING  
SILICONE RUBBER  
MIKE CAROVAC

BRING & BRAG                      BRIDGES OR WALLS

JUNE 10, 2024                      BOD MEETING

LOCATION:                      VIA ZOOM



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## UPCOMING Events

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

June 1  
NEO National Large Scale Train Show  
Warren SCOPE (YMCA)  
375 North Park Ave., Warren, Ohio 44481  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm                      Adm. \$5.00  
Phone: 330-372-1023

June 1 & 2  
Railroads in the Park  
Lake Farm Parks  
8800 Euclid Chardon Rd, Kirtland, OH 44094  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm                      Adm. Park Rates  
(440) 256-2122

June 22  
Model Train Flea Market  
Painesville Railroad Museum  
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm                      Adm. Free  
Phone: 216-470-5780  
Donations Accepted and Appreciated

July 27  
Model Train Flea Market  
Painesville Railroad Museum  
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm                      Adm. Free  
Phone: 216-470-5780  
Donations Accepted and Appreciated

July 27 & 28  
Model Railroad Show & Swap  
Van Wert County Fairgrounds  
1055 S Washington Street, Wan Wert, Ohio  
Sat. 10 am to 4 pm, Sun 10 am to 3 pm.  
Phone: 260-760-1666                      Adm. \$6.00

# MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2024

The May 3, 2024 membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Assistant Superintendent Mike Carovac. There were 21 members and 3 guests present.

The Division 5 Spring 2024 layout tours were last weekend. The tours went well but some layouts did not have many visitors.

Reviewed upcoming Division 5 meetings and events.

Normal meeting in June. New Division 5 Superintendent Bill Osborne will present the ideas he has for the Division. This will be an in-person meeting but will also be available to view online using Zoom.

No meeting in July.

Normal meeting in August.

Division 5 Annual Family Picnic will be held this year, tentatively in August. More details as they become available.

Upcoming local train shows were listed in the May Trainwire.

The LENS club has N-Trak and T-Trak modules set up at the Mentor-on-the-Lake Library this Saturday.

MCR 2024 convention in Middleburg Heights, Ohio is only two weeks away. Mike Rudder is doing a clinic on Arduino's. Mike is willing to do this clinic for a Division meeting if there is interest.

John Ward has volunteered to be on the new Railfest Planning Committee and to be the committee chairman. The membership was asked to help John with this task. Bryan Persing volunteered to work with John initially to scope out all the tasks necessary to put on Railfest. John and Bryan have met once with retiring Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf. More meetings will be held. Looking for people willing to work with John on the Railfest Planning Committee.

Programs are needed for 2024 meetings starting in August.

Member Welfare:

Bill Osborne has been sick. Don't know his current condition.

Chuck Limbert has covid.

Lou Dreher, friend of Division 5, onetime Division 5 member, and longtime member of the Lake Erie N-scale Society (LENS) died on April 27, 2024.

Items for the Good Of The Order:

No new date has been set yet for the rescheduled initial kickoff meeting of the new HO module group.

We will have to wait for Bill Osborne to get better and determine the next good date to hold the meeting at his house. More details as they become available.

Bring & Brag: Theme:           Boxcars or Stockcars  
   Bill Berger     Mike Rudder   Linda Kacprzak           Mike Carovac

Program:     Making molds out of latex rubber by Mike Carovac

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## June 2024 Trainwire Items

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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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**August Meeting:** August 2, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall  
 Bring ‘n’ Brag: ?  
 Program: ?

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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.

### 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.

### Still Looking For Railfest 2024 Feedback

Before Railfest 2024 is too far in the past and now that 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, the Division 5 BOD has put together a Railfest Planning Committee. Your Railfest feedback will help this new Railfest planning committee start working on next year’s show.

# 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.

## 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.

## New NMRA Benefit Through Grouper

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To see if your plan covers the Grouper social fitness benefit, visit <https://www.hellogrouper.com/NMRA>

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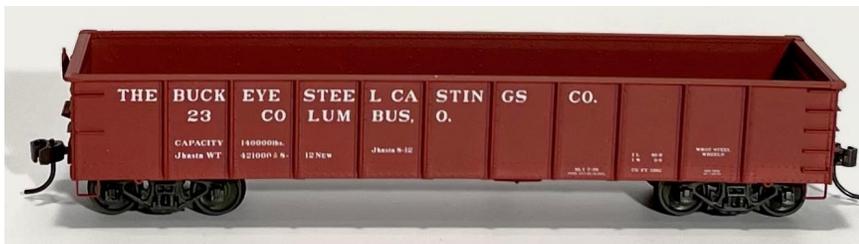
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



For more details or to contact us, visit our Division's Store at <https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/StorePage.html>



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## BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES

Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys

Willoughby, Ohio

Hobby Town USA

Mentor, Ohio

Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

Madison, Ohio

The Painesville Railroad Museum

Painesville, Ohio



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# Around the Layout

Behind the Wheel Shop....

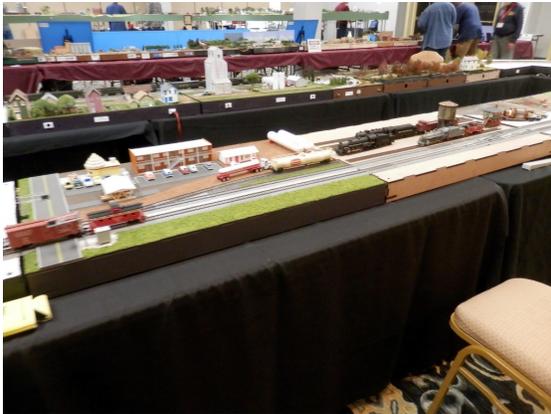


Photoshopped skies make your pictures of your models pop!



# ARTICLES

Rich and Linda Kacprzak's photos from



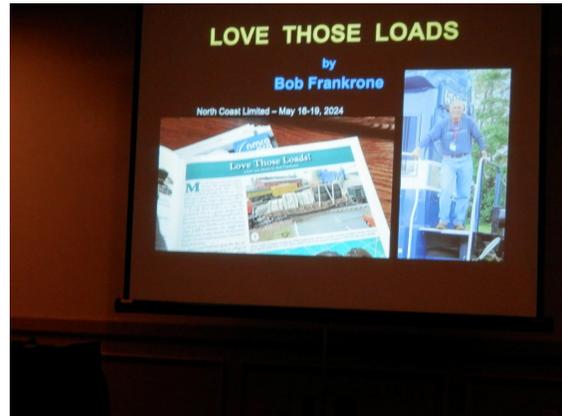
HO T-Trak Clinic



HO HOVAC Layout



Scenery Clinic



Love Those Loads Clinic



Future of NMRA Clinic



N T-Trak Layout



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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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