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THIS MONTH:

- November 1**
- Division Meeting
 Hambden Town Hall
 7:30
- November 11**
- BOD Meeting
 Via Zoom
 7:30

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The days are getting shorter and a definite chill is in the air which means less time for outdoor activities and more time for indoor (model railroading) activities. The train show at Berea is behind us, hope you were able to make it. It was a huge success for me because I picked up a B&O EM1. I have been looking for one of these for awhile and finally got one. Got some really really good deals on some Atlas locos as well. One of the things that I think could go a little smoother is the line and entry but more on that later. The trip to the Youngstown Model Railroad is Nov. 9th. Mary Yodors has been reserved for the dinner afterward. You don't have to go on the trip to go to dinner, just meet us there at 5:30 -6:00. I need to know how many members are planning on attending the dinner so I can let the restaurant know how many will be there. Also need

to know if your having the buffet or eating off the menu, they need to know. Email, message me. Let someone know that can let me know. The division will pick up the tab for a member and 1 guest. Hope to see most of you there. The second meeting of the newly forming HO module group will be Thursday November 14th at 7:30 at the Munson fire station. The station is located at 12200 Auburn Road between Mayfield Road and Wilson Mills Road. All are welcome. The LENS group set up their N scale modules at the Thompson Library and Lake Farmarks horsepower show along with the Mod Squad O scale modules. The train show at Rainbow Gardens in Erie Park is Sunday November 3rd. So you can see this hobby season is in full swing so jump aboard and join the fun....see you at the meeting.

~Bill

Ok, you people are either very boring or very selfish. I know a pretty bold statement but come on others of you have to be doing something that would be of interest to your fellow members. Although I do appreciate that fact that since no one is doing anything I am free to use that excuse to my wife as to why we or I have to make all of these train trips and explore a bunch of fun places. I just tell her no one sends me anything for the Trainwire so I have to do this in order to have articles. Seriously though don't be afraid to send me an article or a short paragraph if you did something interesting or even a few photos and a sentence of what

we are looking at. This is what makes the Trainwire so much more enjoyable is the sharing of experiences of our membership. As for me after I conclude my Summer 2024 Road Trip series I'll write about a recent weekend trip with my in laws and my wife to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Also after another great TCA show in York, Pennsylvania I took a side trip on the way back for a day at the Horseshoe Curve in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Since I won't be able to attend the upcoming division trip in November I expect to get a report from someone that goes. Now go do something fun, tell your spouse I gave you permission.

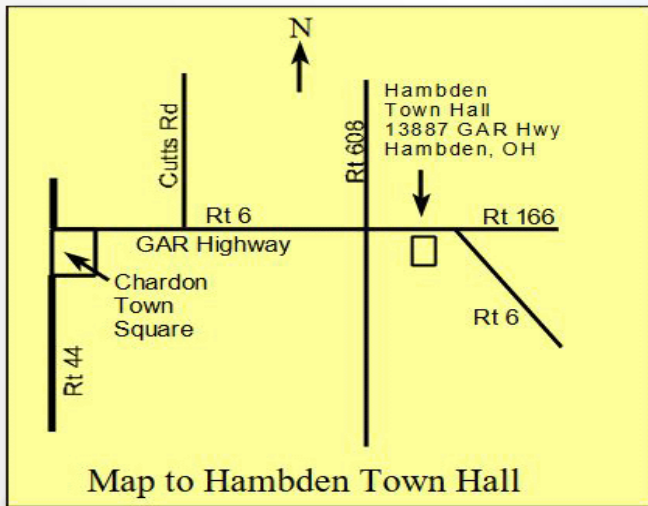
~Bryan

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

<u>NOVEMBER 1, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM:	TBA
BRING & BRAG	Coal, Ore, or Closed Hoppers
<u>NOVEMBER 11, 2024</u>	BOD MEETING
LOCATION:	VIA ZOOM
<u>DECEMBER 6, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM:	TBA
BRING & BRAG	ANYTHING CHRISTMAS



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

November 2&3

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet
 UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma,
 Sat. 11 am - 4 pm Sun. 9 am - 1 pm
 Adm. \$10.00

November 3

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

November 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

November 30

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

December 8

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

December 15

Massillon Train & Toy Show
 K of C Hall, 988 Cherry Rd. NW, Massillon, Ohio
 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$5.00
 Phone Jon Ulbright at: 330-262-7488

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2024

The October 4, 2024 membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Bill Osborne. There were 22 members and two guests present.

Welcomed new member Gretchen Bryan.

Next year’s NMRA convention in Novi, MI is looking for clinicians.

The Mod Squad and LENS groups reported on how their recent modular setups at Lake Farmpark’s Horsepower Weekend went. Overall, the modules ran well but the event attendance was down significantly this year due to bad weather.

Railfest 2025 planning is progressing. The committee now has the Railfest laptop and is going through the 2024 information. They are working on updating the various form letters and lists in preparation for sending out invitations to vendors and exhibitors. They are looking at various advertising approaches.

The new area HO module group had its initial meeting but only three people showed up. A lot more people than this have expressed interest in the group. The next meeting will be held at the Munson fire station.

A Division 5 trip to the Youngstown and Sebring model railroad clubs is planned for Saturday, November 9, 2024. Details will be in the November Trainwire. Those people wanting to carpool should meet in the Chardon Walmart’s parking lot before 9:00am. The trip will essentially have the same itinerary as last year’s.

We will have a Division 5 dinner on Saturday, November 9, 2024 around 6pm. This is the same day as the trip to the model railroad clubs but will be held after the group returns. You do not need to go on the trip to the model railroad clubs to go to the dinner. Just meet at the restaurant around 6pm. Details will be in the November Trainwire. We will try to have the dinner at Mary Yoder’s restaurant in Middlefield, OH, but we have to check on availability.

Financial audits of the Division’s and Railfest 2024’s books have been completed and no problems were found.

We will try to have our Division picnic next year. We will start the planning process for it sooner next year so that we don’t run into problems like we did this year.

Reminder that Entertainment Junction near Cincinnati, OH will be closing January 1, 2025. Time is running out for you to go and see it. There are lots of other attractions to see in that area such as the recently remodeled Cincinnati Union Terminal and the Sign Museum.

Modeling Tips:

Hobby Lobby has three inexpensive variations of weathering powder kits. There are three different colors in each set along with an applicator brush.

Bring & Brag: Theme: Tank Cars and Cabooses

Matt Kross	Mike Rudder	Bill Burger	Bill Osborne
Mike Carovac	Bryan Persing	Dave Metzger	Curt Caden

Program: Paul Emch showed a Power Point clinic created by Dave Vinci called “Scratchbuilding Small Structures”.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

BOD Meeting 14 Oct 2024

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on October 14, 2024. The meeting was held online using Zoom. In attendance were Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Mike Carovac, Chuck Limbert, Matt Kross, Linda Kacprzak, Andy Yedlick, John Ward, Paul Emch, and Doug Riedel.

It was decided to keep the Division 5 2025 budget the same as the budget for 2024.

The division auditors reported that the financial audits of the Division's and Railfest 2024's books have been completed and no problems were found. Formal audit reports were submitted to the BOD.

Signatures on the Division's and Railfest's bank accounts have been updated for the new officers and Railfest chairman.

The Railfest Planning Committee is currently going through the vendor list and updating various things in the Railfest documentation.

We don't have a meeting program for November. We will look into showing an online video of some rail-roading topic.

We will definitely have our Division trip to the Youngstown and Sebring model railroad clubs on Saturday, November 9, 2024. Details will be in the November Trainwire. Superintendent Osborne is coordinating this.

We will have a Division 5 dinner on Saturday, November 9, 2024 around 6pm, after the model railroad club trip returns. Details are still being worked out and will be in the November Trainwire. Superintendent Osborne is coordinating this.

We will have our annual Holiday Party in January 2025. Our target date is Saturday, January 11, 2025 and be held at the Hambden Town Hall. We need to check on the availability of the hall. We will see if we can again get the food from Mary Yoder's Restaurant in Middlefield, OH. We need someone to coordinate the food end of the party. For entertainment, Bill Osborne is trying to put together a photo show of the Division's 2024 events, we will have our annual Loser's Raffle coordinated by Bonnie Lette, and we will have a special raffle for all participants coordinated by Matt Kross.

We gained one new member in the last month but had four members not renew their membership. Three of these were Rail Pass members.

The Clerk is still working on getting the mail ballots prepared for the membership to vote on the proposed changes to the Division 5 Regulations. These should be going out soon.

The revised requirements for the Division 5 Model Railroad Display Award were published and put on our website.

The BOD is looking into having some Division tabletop publicity signs made. A first pass at a design was presented. Pricing will be obtained.

The BOD received a report from the Mod Squad modular group outlining how they spent the grant money they received from Division 5 in 2024.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, November 11, 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.)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2024 Trainwire Items

November Meeting: November 1, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
Bring 'n' Brag: Coal, Ore, or Closed Hoppers
Program: ?

December Meeting: December 6, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
Bring 'n' Brag: Anything Christmas
Program: ?

Promo Day 2025 Coordinator Needed

Promo Day 2025 coordinator needed. Please contact Bill Osborne if you are interested.

2024 Division 5 Event Pictures Wanted

We would like to have a photo show at the Division Holiday Party in January that contains pictures from Division events throughout 2024. If you have some pictures we can use, please contact Bill Osborne.

Trainwire Pictures Now On Website

Pictures that appear in the Trainwire are now available on the Division 5 website (<https://mcr5.org>) in higher resolution. To get to the pictures, go to the News page of the website and under the image of the current Trainwire is a place to click to see the pictures. Note: The pictures do not stay there forever. They are replaced each month with the pictures that are in the new Trainwire.

Trip to Model Railroad Clubs – Saturday, November 9

Meet at 9 am in the parking lot out by the road at the Chardon Walmart 223 Meadowlands Dr, Chardon. If you are planning to drive yourself contact Bill Osborne 440-254-0107 for itinerary.

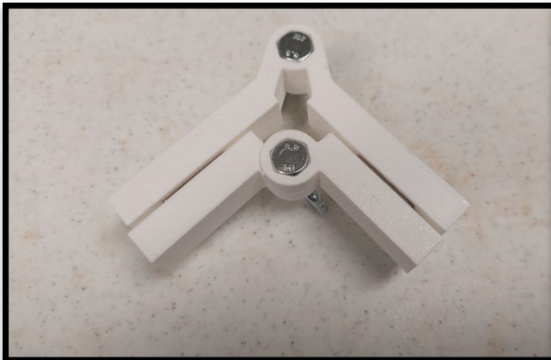
Division 5 Dinner – Saturday, November 9

Division 5 will be having a dinner on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 6:00pm at Mary Yoders Restaurant (14743 North State Street, Middlefield, OH 44062). This is meant to be a social event and is open to all Division 5 members. Members may bring one guest with them. The meal will be paid for by the Division. You may either have the buffet or order from the menu. The restaurant needs to know how many people are coming and how many will be ordering the buffet and how many will be ordering from the menu. An online Division 5 survey has been set up for those of you that have email to provide this information. An automated email was sent out on October 24, 2024 with a link to the survey. Please use this survey to RSVP! Otherwise, you will need to call Bill Osborne and provide your RSVP information (440-254-0107).

This is the same day as the Division trip to visit the Youngstown Model Railroad Club but you do not have to go on the trip to attend the dinner. Just meet us at the restaurant between 5:30pm and 6:00pm.

Hope to see you there!

Bring & Brag



ARTICLES

Summer Travels

Part 3—Georgia

The next stop in my journey was the state of Georgia and I had numerous activities planned for this leg, so my stay was actually going to be over a few days. The first stop was to explore the world's largest auction house (Trainz.com) dedicated just to model trains. This came about as one of their managers Cindy is a member of our MOD Squad Facebook page and has always said if anyone is in the area stop by for a tour. I was very impressed with just how many trains they process daily. Currently they are in four very big buildings but they are not located in close proximity. They are currently building their own humongous warehouse so they can have all the offices and warehouse under one roof. As I was touring I can definitely see why they need all the extra space. Now of course during this tour if I saw anything that I had on my list they were more than willing to sell it to me. The funny part of this tour was at the end when I noticed a large pile of train boxes next to a desk. I commented that looks like a big order and Cindy stated actually this is your order. Apparently when I left to start this trip she ran a sale on our MOD Facebook page called "Bryan is taking a tour get free shipping he will bring it back for you". So some of my friends took her up on the offer and they filled my back seat with all of their purchases. It was all in good fun and actually pretty funny.

Of course with my back all filled up I wasn't able to purchase anything at my next stop Legacy Station. Although if I would have found anything on my list someone's items (Nathan's) would have been left on the side of the road to make room. This hobby shop is neatly organized and they have

a very nice O gauge layout in a side room that anyone can visit.

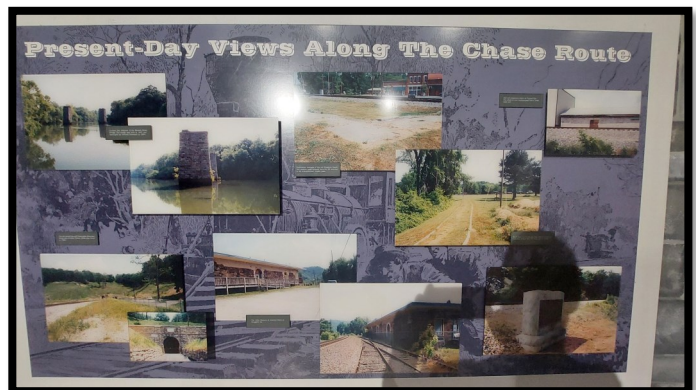
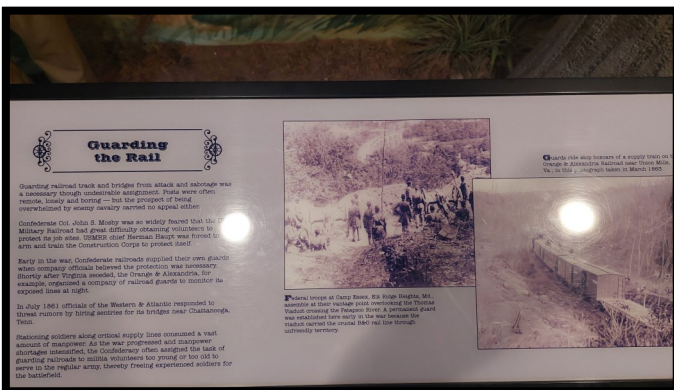
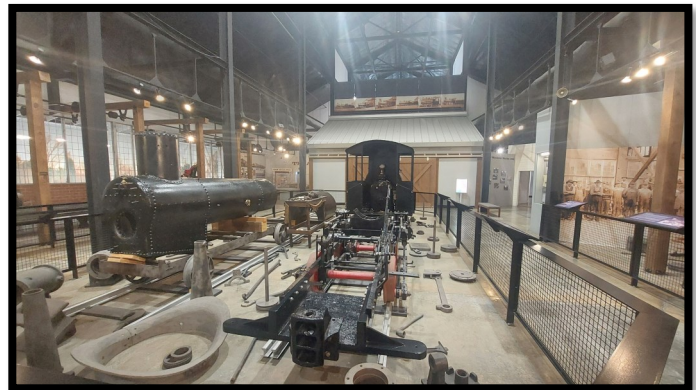
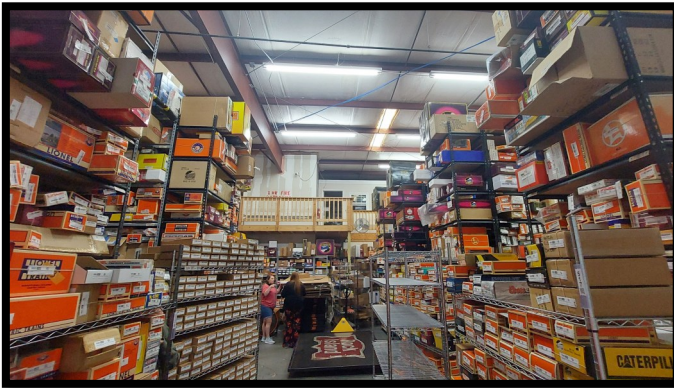
On the second day of the visit I planned stops at both the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, GA and the Southeastern Railway Museum in Deluth, GA. The first location was the Civil War/Locomotive Museum. Since this is a Smithsonian Museum I knew the displays would be first class and I was not disappointed. Every artifact had detailed displays describing exactly what you were viewing including another of the Merci boxcars described earlier in my Kentucky article. The main attraction of the Museum is the actual General Locomotive from the famous Civil War story "The Great Locomotive Chase". If you are not familiar with this historic adventure I highly recommend finding the 1956 movie by the same title and watching it. Inside they museum they have a short 10 minute movie but you really have to watch the 1956 film to appreciate just how adventurous of a plan this was. I have seen the movie in the past but to actually see the locomotive and the artifacts in real life was awe inspiring. There is another room dedicated to the memory of each of the soldiers that took place in the raid and their eventual fate.

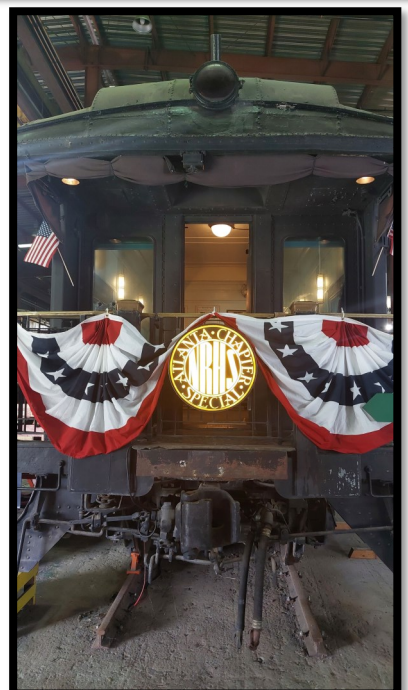
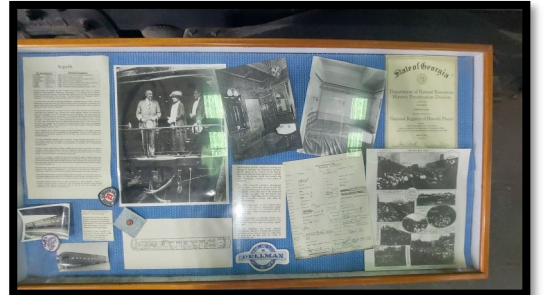
After battling Atlanta traffic I finally made it over to the Southeastern Railway Museum. This Museum is both inside and outside and of course on the over 100 degree day I welcomed the indoor exhibits greatly. There is one building dedicated to WW2 and post war nostalgia in what seems like an older station depot. At the back of the property they have another building with some nice displays and a HO train layout off to the side. My favorite display was the different place settings for many of the railroad lines, when passenger service was at its

peak. The railroads really took pride in how they served their passengers back then. Outside their was a good mixture of engines, boxcars, passenger cars, and unique items from all different time periods. The one I found most interesting was the Pullman Car that President Harding used during his presidency. Finally your admission ticket gives you a choice to ride the 1/8 scale train around the mu-

seum grounds or take a 15 minute ride on one of their little switchers that they run on a siding on the property. My choice was made for me as the volunteer who runs the 1/8 scale train stopped running it once the temperature went over 100 degrees that day. I guess that just gives me an excuse to visit again.

~Bryan





Around the Layout



The MOD Squad joined up with some other modular groups to form this giant setup at the TCA Eastern Division Show in York, PA. Since nobody ever said anything each day we just kept expanding and expanding, including a connected circular setup inside the outside setup, until we finally ran out of modules. One highlight was being able to run one members complete 50 state boxcar set with no problem. Roughly 7,500 people enjoyed our setup over the 3 days.



NMRA

WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP

BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES

Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys
 Hobby Town USA
 Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters
 The Painesville Railroad Museum

Willoughby, Ohio
 Mentor, Ohio
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 Painesville, Ohio



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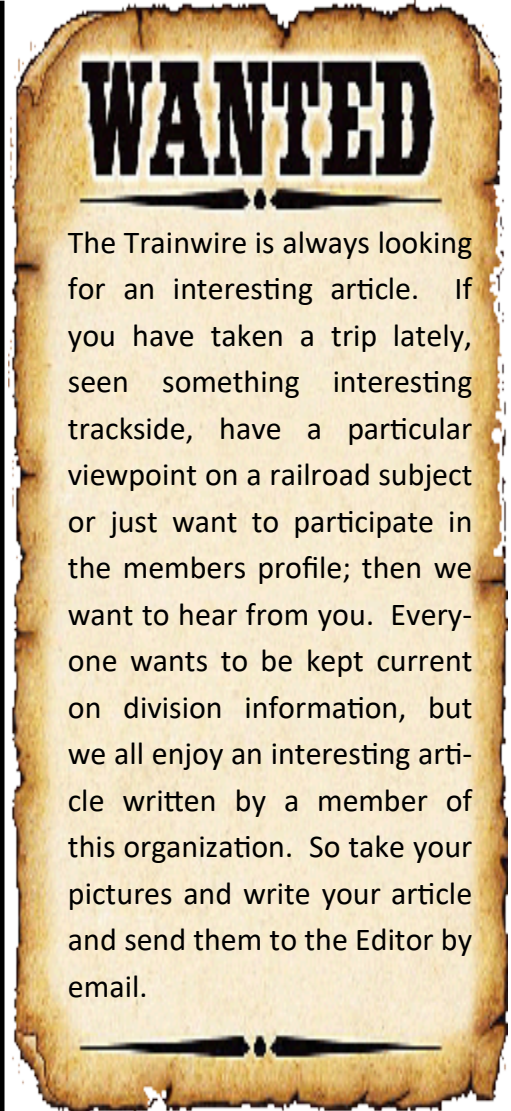
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The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular viewpoint on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the members profile; then we want to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