

TRAINWIRE



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



THIS MONTH:

June 6

Division Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
7:30

June 9

BOD Meeting
Via Zoom
7:30

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Sorry I wasn't at the last meeting, my mother fell and hit her head, she's ok now. Well it's been a year since I became the super. Hope I am doing ok. Well coming up is Railroads in the Park at Lake Farm Park. There are a couple of module set ups there with some of our members running trains. Lens N scale layout and the Mod Squad O scale layout. Try to stop out and see these layouts and other railroad related displays. I'm pretty sure the HO module group will have a display as well. I want to get a final count on the number of people planning on attending the trip to the roundhouse so I can order tickets. Remember it's September 20th. I would

also like to recognize a few of our members for their hard work. Rich Kacprzak and Gary Sheaffer manning the divisions sale table for years. If you sold anything off the table, then give them a thanks for being there as well. Linda Kacprzak manned the division table telling visitors about our division and signing up new members. A big thank you to these people for making the division machinery work smoothly. If you're working on anything bring it in for bring and brag and show it off. Not only do you get to show off your work but get a division gift certificate good at local hobby shops as well. So see ya at the next meeting.

~Bill

June, the month that summer officially starts. I know we all climb out of our basements and trains are the last things on some of our minds as we venture into summer interests. However just because you're not bunkered down in the basement there are still plenty of railroad related activities that can be enjoyed during the summer months. Fun day trips to areas of interest can be a great way to be outside and still expand your railroad knowledge.

For others, such as myself, that are part of a module group the summer is kind of like the off season. This is a perfect time to freshen up your module or change it completely as you have plenty of time before the fall shows start. Now whatever you do remember others in the division would love to see your adventures or your progress so drop me an article or pictures and get yourself noticed in an upcoming issue of the Trainwire.

~Bryan

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

JUNE 6, 2025

DIVISION MEETING

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL

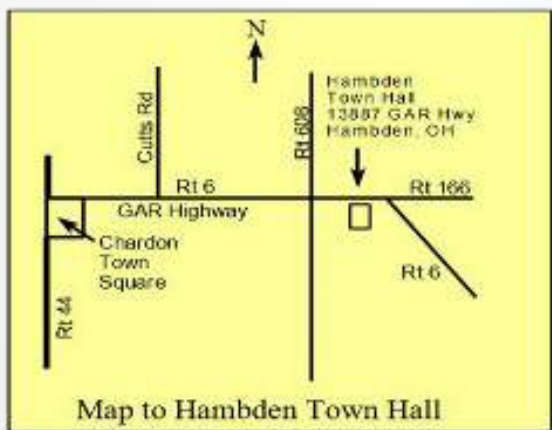
PROGRAM: SCRATCHBUILDING PART II
BY MIKE CAROVAC

BRING & BRAG MODEL LIGHTING

JUNE 9, 2025

BOD MEETING

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

May 31/June 1

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 28

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 12

Rubber City Model Train Show
Emidio's & Sons Expo Center
48 East Bath Road at State Road
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223
10:00 am - 3 pm Adm. \$8.00
Phone: 316-253-5918

July 26

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

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2025

The May 2, 2025 membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Assistant Superintendent Bryan Persing. There were 25 members and 2 guests present.

Welcomed new member Matt Orris.

Lake Farmpark will be having their annual Railroads In The Parks weekend on May 31 to June 1. Division 5 will not have anything set up there but a number of our members will be participating there with their modular groups (Mod Squad and LENS).

MCR convention will be May 16 – 18.

NMRA national convention will be in Novi, MI in July.

We need an accurate count of those people going on our Division 5 trip to the Age Of Steam Roundhouse and Warther Museum on September 20th. We need your RSVP now. We will most likely be using multiple small passenger vans (7 people per van).

We now have meeting programs through the rest of the year. In June, Mike Carovac will do Part 2 of his Scratchbuilding clinic, no meeting in July, in August Terry Kolenc will do a presentation on chasing the UP Big Boy steam locomotive, in September Mike Carovac will a presentation on Graffiti, in October Bryan Persing will talk about his various road trips to train museums, in November Mike Carovac will have a presentation on Making Decals, and in December Mike Carovac will talk about Company Houses.

The most recent roster update shows that we are up to 70 members.

Our Division 5 Face Book page has more content than is in the Trainwire so take a look at it. There are usually more pictures plus videos on the Face Book page.

Member Welfare:

Member Bob Gittinger having some heart related issues that he is getting checked out.

Items For The Good Of The Order:

Ohio N Scale Weekend will be May 17-18 in Marion, OH

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad is currently having their Steam In Valley with NKP 765

Bring & Brag: Theme: Coil Cars

Matt Kross

Bill Berger

Mike Rudder

Dave Metzger

Program: Bryan Persing provided a photo show of various members' layouts and some photos from other layouts visited.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2025 Trainwire Items

 June Meeting: June 6, 2025 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Model Lighting
 Program: Scratch building Part 2

August Meeting: August 1, 2025 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring 'n' Brag: Loads
 Program: Chasing the Big Boy

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 will remain on the website for six months after they are first posted.

Promo Day 2025 Coordinator Needed

Promo Day 2025 coordinator needed. We would like to hold our annual Model Railroad Promotional Day in November but we don't have anyone to coordinate the event. Please contact Bill Osborne or Matt Kross if you are interested.



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WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP

BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES

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Hobby Town USA	Mentor, Ohio
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters	Madison, Ohio
The Painesville Railroad Museum	Painesville, Ohio



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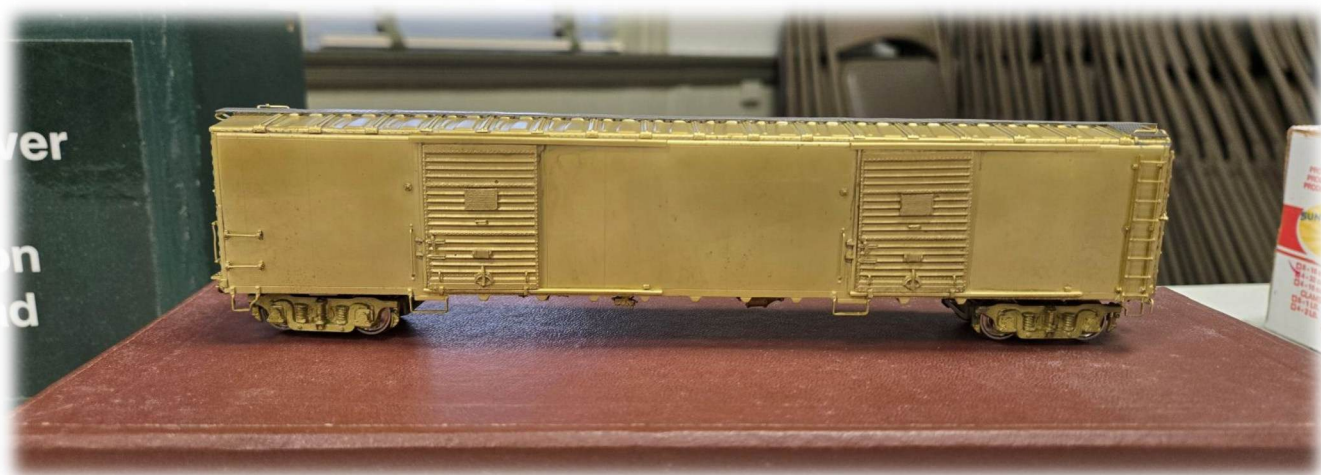
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Division 5 NMRA - 2025 Program Schedule and Events

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

Month	Program	Speaker	Bring & Brag	Events
January				Christmas Party
February				
March				Div 5 Railfest
April	Scratch Building Part 1	Mike Carovac	Scratch Built	
May	Layouts	Bryan Persing	Coil Cars	
June	Scratch Building Part 2	Mike Carovac	Model Lighting	
July	No Meeting	No Meeting	No Meeting	
August	Chasing the Big Boy	Terry Kolenc	Loads	
September	Graffiti	Mike Carovac	Boxcar Graffiti	
October	My Road Trip	Bryan Persing	Train Stations	Div 4 Railfest
November	Making Decals	Mike Carovac	Billboards	
December	Company Houses	Mike Carovac	Anything Christmas	

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ARTICLES

When you take a trip—
take it easy



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I came across an old Time Magazine from February 1952. In looking through it, I found three different railroad related advertisements.

~Matt Kross



A CRATE OF CHICKENS, A PLOW AND A BRIDE FROM THE EAST

Seventeen hundred frightening miles from home . . . Silver Creek, not much more than a waterhole between Denver and nowhere! Darkness cloaks everything from view except the Express Man and the "parcels" under his watchful eye.

The bride waits pensively on the platform, not thinking of the coolness of the night . . . the pullets scratching at the bottom of their crate.

She remembers the months that have slipped by since he asked her to join him. He insisted that she be shipped "express" to assure her safe arrival . . . in the shortest possible time. She measures the minutes 'til they can be together again.

The Express Man makes his entries in the record book. He carefully notes that the pullets, the plow, and the bride are "safe and sound on arrival."

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So remember—whatever you send or receive, for the *safe, swift, sure* way to ship by rail or air . . . always ask the *Express Man*.

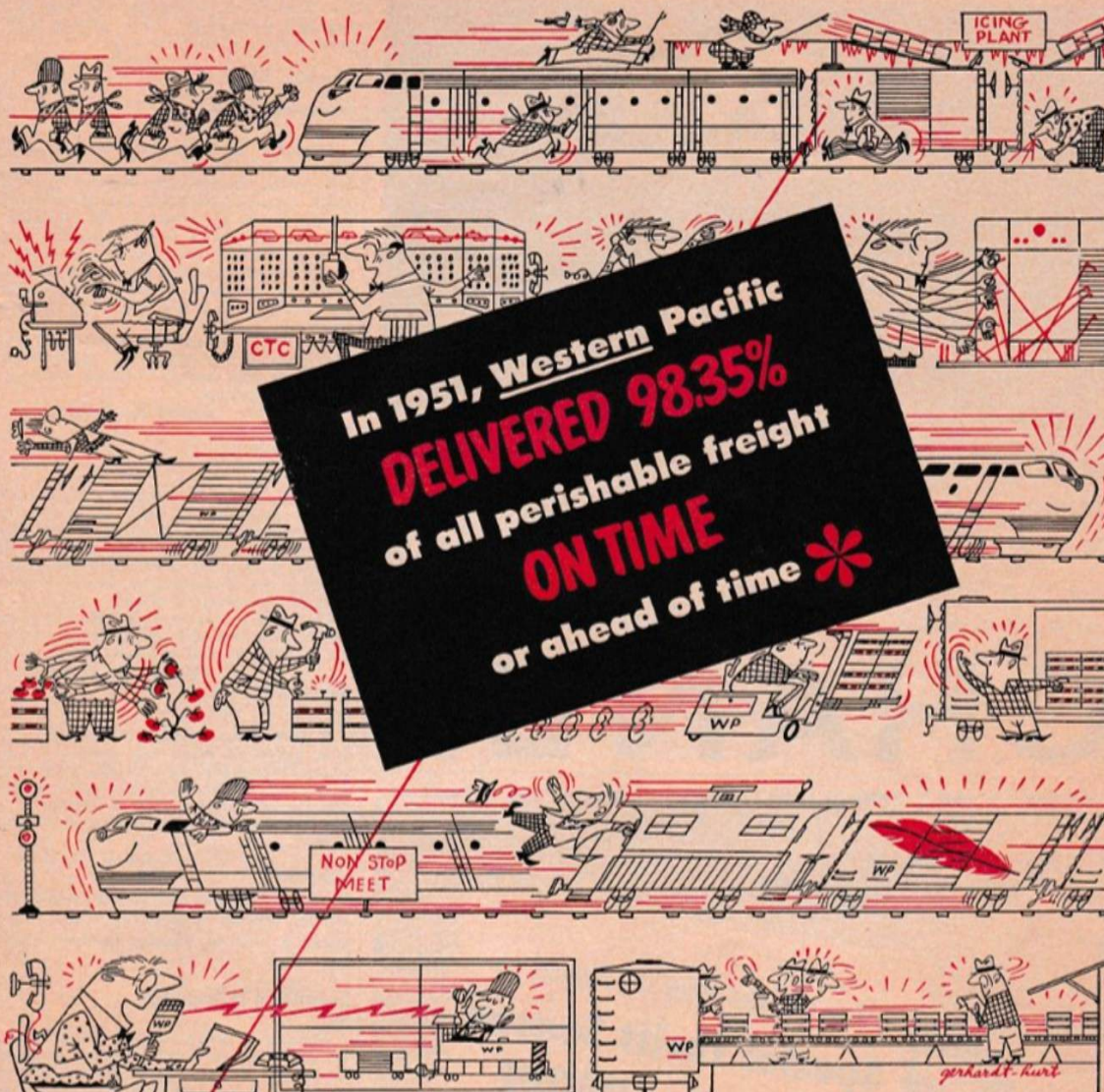


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NORTHLANDZ

After my semi annual pilgrimage to York, PA for the TCA train show I ventured about 2 hours Northeast to Flemington, NJ to visit Northlandz Train Museum. Northlandz is said to be the worlds largest miniature train layout and is the record books for having over 8 miles of track. When you first go into the 52,000 square foot building you are in a small gift shop and you see a very large pipe organ. From reading the original owner who also was the builder used to play the organ for patrons on certain days. After paying my 40 admission fee I started my self guided tour. Fortunately for me I arrived when it opened on a Sunday morning and I was the only person there for the first 90 minutes. Once I turned the corner to start my tour you really don't realize that you are actually inside the layout. There are scenes above you, below you, to the right and to the left. Patrons start on the ground floor and start to go up and down ramps as you maneuver your way through the

three story layout. The best part is you get to see the layout from so many perspectives including the many bridges that Northlandz is famous for. I have seen pictures of this layout but you don't really get to fully understand the massive size of it until you experience it in person.

Now I would like to point out that the layout is showing its age and the original owner/builder retired a few years back. I don't think they are doing much upkeep or additions other than just cleaning the layout. The one other disappointing aspect was the length of trains. I don't know if they never did this or is it a current situation but really no trains longer than 4 or 5 cars. I would have loved to see some really long trains go across those massive bridges.

I would recommend seeing it if in the area despite the shortcomings on upkeep and the rather high price for admissions.

~Bryan Persing

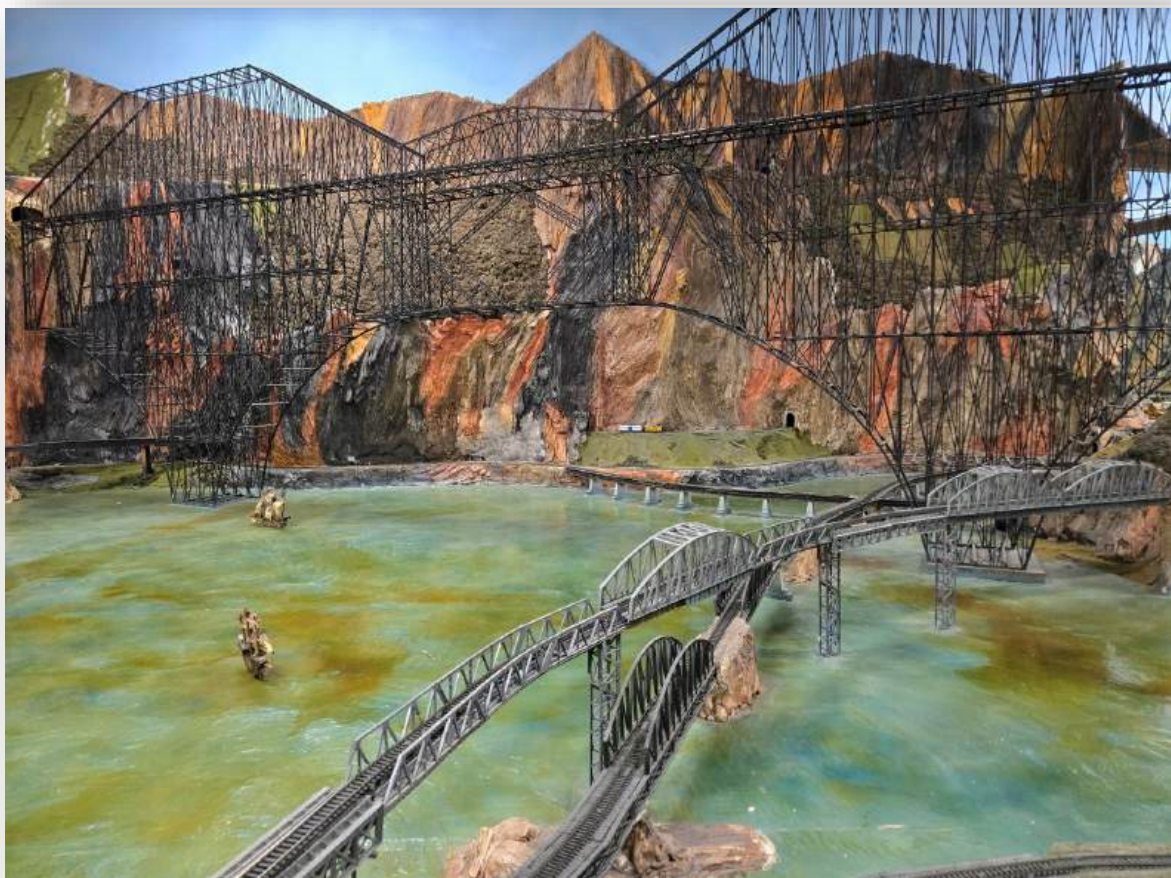














For more pictures and videos visit the division Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/619236138539148>



STEAM IN THE VALLEY

On Sunday May 4 Liz and I along with my in laws (Roger and Diane) and their friends (Jack and Bonnie) ventured out to ride the 765 Steam engine during the CVSRR Steam in the Valley event. I booked us tickets when they were first announced and was lucky enough to secure tickets in the special event parlor car that was brought in along with the 765. The parlor car was an upgraded ticket charge but well worth 75 per person charge. This car was originally designed to transport the elephants for the Ringling Brothers Circus. It has since been converted to very retro vibe lounge car with chairs, swivel seats, and couches. Whoever did the design paid homage to the past with large photographs of the car in its original condition showcasing its original purpose. One item that was not converted was the large open doors used to get

the animals in and out of the car. Granted this feature would have been more appreciated by guests if it wasn't cold and rainy as it was on our trip. This did not deter me though as I basically parked myself at this opening throughout the majority of the almost three hour trip. The best part of the parlor car is that it was the first passenger car in the consist so we got feel, smell, and hear the 765 in all her glory up close. Unfortunately, the feel part was a little too close as the cinders kept raining down on me as I kept my head out the door trying to see and take videos and pictures of her in action. Despite the bad weather it was still a ride that want soon be forgotten and if they bring the parlor car again in the future I will definitely be booking that car again.

~Bryan Persing









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SUMMER SHOWS

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at

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Spend a day *RailFanning* at the Painesville Depot

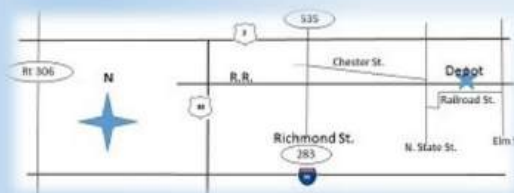
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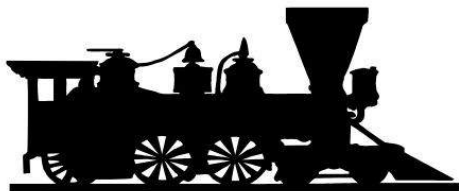
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10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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by the Lionel
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room rate

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- * **Operating Train Layouts** - Lionel Operating Train Society's Thomas the Tank (O) and others TBA
- * **Train Sales/Dealers** - 30,000 sq ft for train exhibits. All gauges and scales along with train related items!
- * **Train Drag Races** - Bring your fastest O Gauge locomotives and compete for prizes. Entry is FREE! All ages are welcome. Races begin at 11:00 am.
- * **Informational Seminars** - Featuring experts and historians from LOTS and local model train clubs.
- * **Door Prizes** - Door prizes every 15-20 minutes

For Dealers & Sellers: Set up is Friday, July 11th, 2025 11:00 am - 5:00 pm or July 12th, 2025, 7:00 am - 9:00 am. Registered LOTS members shop exclusively from 9:00 am - 10:00 am. The general public is admitted from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Each vendor will be given two vendor buttons. If you need additional vendor buttons, there is a fee of \$5 per button. Please plan accordingly. Questions or more information? Email or call Javen Schmucker @ 316-253-5918 or lotstrainshow@gmail.com

Please complete the information below to register for vendor tables. If paying with a check, mail your completed form and check payable to LOTS, to Rubber City Model Train Show, 6376 W Fork Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45247. Visit www.lots-trains.org to pay with a credit card. A confirmation will be mailed to the address listed below.

Name: _____

LOTS Member Number: _____
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Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Can Text: Yes or No

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Number of tables (8" x 30"): _____ @ \$30 = _____

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Extra Vendor Button: _____ @ \$5 = _____

Total Due: _____

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Toy Train Auction

In addition to the Train Show, everyone is invited to attend our "No Reserve, No Registration Fee and No Buyer's Premium" Auction - Friday, July 11, 2025. Preview: 6:30 pm - Auction: 7:00 pm - 10 pm. The Auction will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1307 E Market St, Akron, Ohio Visit www.lots-trains.org for more information.

Vendors - Please register by June 14, 2025 - Tables are being sold 1st Come, 1st Served!

HOB0 DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

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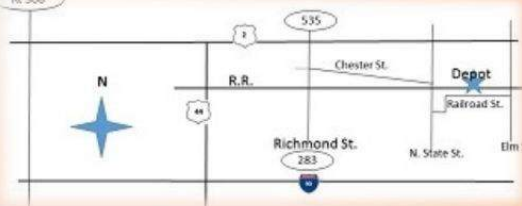
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WANTED

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.

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