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



### THIS MONTH:

#### July

No Meeting this  
Month

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As I write this it's 90 plus outside and makes me think that most have layouts in the basement...the coolest spot (in more ways than one) in the house. I'm sure many of you are in your subterranean empires escaping the heat. There is no meeting in July but there is plenty going on. Our trip to the Age of Steam Roundhouse looks like will have about 25 of us going. We have secured three vans from Cody at Classic Auto, thank you Cody. Looking for volunteers as drivers, if you drive the division will wave the cost which is 50.00 per. We will leave in the morning and arrive at the Warthers Museum approximately 10:30ish. A couple of hours at Warthers then depart for the roundhouse. We will have a boxed lunch there then take the tour. We will depart about 4. All times are tentative as things may change. Looking for some help in this area.

I am also glad that our picnic is back this year as I have secured Saturday Aug 2nd with the Lakeshore Live Steamers for our annual picnic. It will be at Penitentiary Glen at the LSLS

track and is an all day event. There are grills and tables so I think we will have usual picnic food, burgers, and dawgs. It would be great if members brought a covered dish or some secret recipe dessert to share. I am excited about this, I spoke with Frank Foti as he was on his way to Train Mountain and he said there would be plenty of live steam. He will have one of his NKP Berks there. It's an open meet and not open to the public but to other live steamers from around the country to bring their trains to run so this will be great.

Bring your cameras to these events so we can put them in the Trainwire and the Christmas party slide show. Mike Carovac has filled the program schedule for the rest of the year. The next program on the agenda is Terry Kolenc, Chasing the Union Pacific BigBoy. Terry chronicled this massive locomotive on its home rails and will be sharing this with us, it should be pretty good. So you can see there is ALOT going on in the division. See ya in August.

Bill

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

### AUGUST 1, 2025

DIVISION MEETING

LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

PROGRAM: TERRY KOLENC  
CHASING THE BIG BOY

BRING & BRAG LOADS

### AUGUST 11, 2025

BOD MEETING

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

### SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

DIVISION MEETING

LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

PROGRAM: MIKE CAROVAC  
GRAFFITI

BRING & BRAG BOXCAR GRAFFITI



## UPCOMING Events

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

### 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

### September 6

Iron and Steel Model Train Show  
St. Mary's Assumption Social Center  
356 S. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, Ohio  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Adm. \$7.00  
Phone: 330-503-5510

### September 13

TCA - Winter Train Meet  
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds  
164 Eastland Rd., Middleburg Heights, Ohio  
10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00  
Phone: 330-273-6404

### September 21

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  
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# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2025

The June 6, 2025 membership meeting was held at Hambden Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Bill Osborne. There were 23 members and 1 guest present.

We have talked to the Lake Shore Live Steamers about doing an event together. They are having an open meet the weekend of August 2 and suggested that we join them on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have offered to provide the food if LSLS will provide the train rides. More details as they become available.

We have three vans reserved to rent for our trip to the Age Of Steam Roundhouse and Warther Museum. All the vans are currently filled. If there are still people that want to go on the trip, you will need to provide your own transportation. You will still need to pay the \$50 fee per person. Contact Bill Osborne to get your name on the list of people going.

Railfest 2025 finances have been closed out. The Division made just under \$5,000 this year. The dates for Railfest 2026 have been confirmed with Lakeland Community College. Fliers for Railfest 2026 are now available.

### Items For The Good Of The Order:

Lake Farmpark set a record attendance level for their annual Railroads In The Park weekend.

The Mod Squad and Lake Erie N-scale Society had modular layouts set up there. There was also a large Lego display with Lego trains running. There was a 4' x 8' Lionel O layout along with the Farmpark's G display.

### Modeling Tip:

If you have some figures you want to use in a building but they are in a scale smaller than yours, buy a 2X magnifying sheet that people use to lay over a page of text to help them read. Cut out a section of the magnifying sheet to use as window glazing for your building. It will magnify the figures inside the building to make them look the correct size.

### Bring & Brag: Theme: Model Lighting

Cody Cavender  
Bill Berger

Gary Jarkewicz  
Bill Osborne

Mike Carovac  
Mike Rudder

**Program:** Mike Carovac presented part 2 of his scratchbuilding clinic.

Submitted by  
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

**BOD Meeting 9 June 2025**

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on June 9, 2025. The meeting was held online using Zoom. In attendance were Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Mike Carovac, Chuck Limbert, Matt Kross, Linda Kacprzak, Doug Riedel, John Ward, Andy Yedlick, Dave Metzger, and Ed Keyse.

John Ward provided the final numbers for Railfest 2025. This year's show went very well. A lot of positive feedback received. Discussed ways to reduce costs next year and to increase attendance. Fliers for next year's Railfest are now available.

Regarding the trip to the Age of Steam Roundhouse, all the seats on the Division 5 vans have been spoken for. The trip is still open to members that want to go but they will need to provide their own transportation. However, they will need to let Bill Osborne know that they are going and pay the \$50 fee.

We have added one new member in the last month. Our membership currently stands at 71.

We need to figure out how to get a rough count of people that will be attending the Lake Shore Live Steamers open meet in August so that we know how much food and supplies to get. Mike Carovac volunteered to handle getting the food and supplies, he just needs to know how many people to plan for.

Upcoming programs:

July – no meeting

August – Terry Kolenc – Chasing the Union Pacific Big Boy Steam Locomotive

Upcoming Events:

Lake Shore Live Steamers open meet and cookout – August 2

Trip to Age Of Steam Roundhouse – September 20

We have received grant reports from The Mod Squad and Lake Erie N-scale Society that described how they used the grant money received in the last year.

Due to our decreased income from Railfest the last few years, we need to look at reducing our Division expenses next year. This will be discussed in detail later this year when we work on the Division's 2026 budget.

Division audits will be conducted in September.

We need to update the Division 5 brochure and print more copies. The Mod Squad and LENS groups need copies of the brochure to put out at their setups.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, August 11, 2025, 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 – Div 5 Clerk





# RAILFEST CORNER

## Railfest 2026

Lakeland has confirmed Saturday, March 21st & Sunday, March 22nd!

Thanks to everyone who made Railfest 2025 a success!

Railfest Chairman, John W. Ward

Assistant Railfest Chairman, Doug Riedel

# RAILFEST 2026

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## July 2025 Trainwire Items

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

**WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP**

## 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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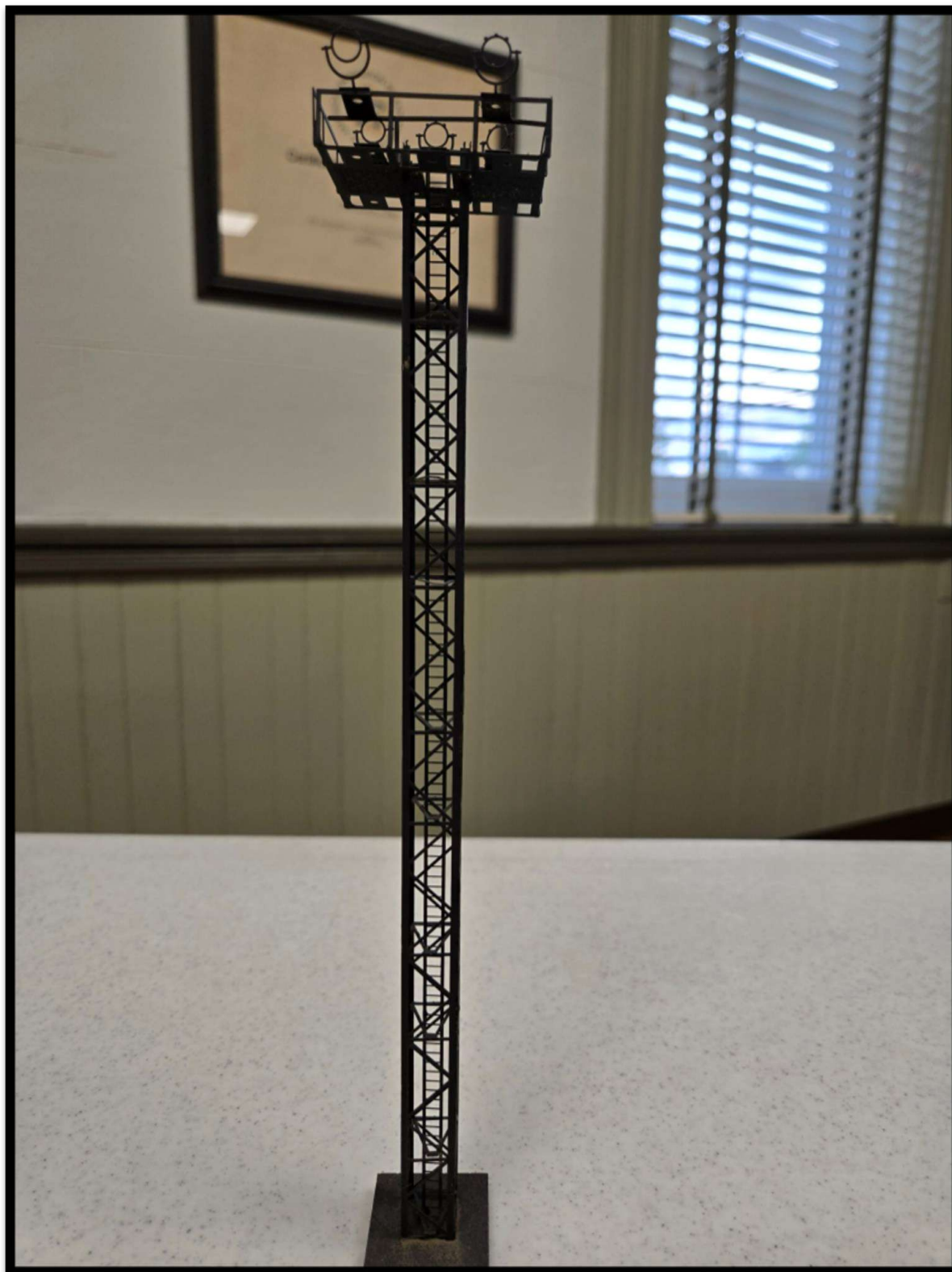
## Division 5 NMRA - 2025 Program Schedule and Events

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	



# BRING & BRAG





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# ARTICLES

## Dennison Depot & Museum

Besides NMRA Division 5 I belong to a few (my wife would say a ton) other train organizations; one of which being is the TCA. Our local chapter does a first Tuesday of the month luncheon at a restaurant followed up with a local train activity, usually this means seeing someone's layout. However, in June we took a trip to Dennison, Ohio and explored the Dennison Depot and Museum. I had never heard of this museum so I didn't know what to anticipate and honestly I was expecting just a small railroad depot, not the rather large and diverse offerings I discovered.

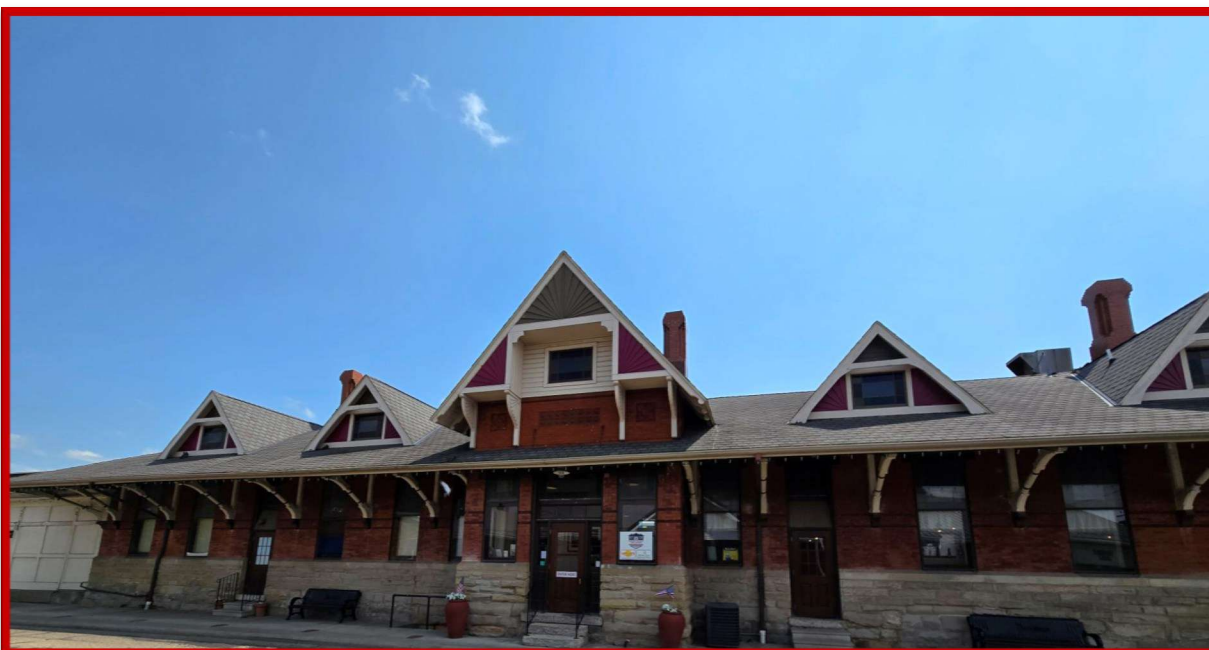
The whole place pays homage to its heyday which was WWII, where it served as a Salvation Army Servicemen's Canteen. It served as a stop for troop trains along the National Defense Strategic Railway, providing free food and refreshments to over 1.3 million service members. The depot's hos-

pitality earned it the nickname "Dreamsville, USA" from the soldiers.

There are numerous passenger cars with different exhibits in each one. My favorites were the mascot dog exhibit along with the local baseball exhibit; but there were many others. Some of the equipment that you can see includes: Chesapeake and Ohio 2-8-4 #2700, Nickel Plate Caboose #454, Baltimore and Ohio 90' steel passenger car, Pennsy Parlor Car #7007, Wabash #5170 Railway Post Office Car, and a Rare WWII Hospital and Surgery Car. As bonus you can even book a night in the Pullman Car through AIRBNB which also includes breakfast in the morning.

For those looking to visit the Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday and the cost is very reasonable \$8 adults \$6 Seniors and to honor their sacrifice veterans and active duty military are always free.

~Bryan Persing







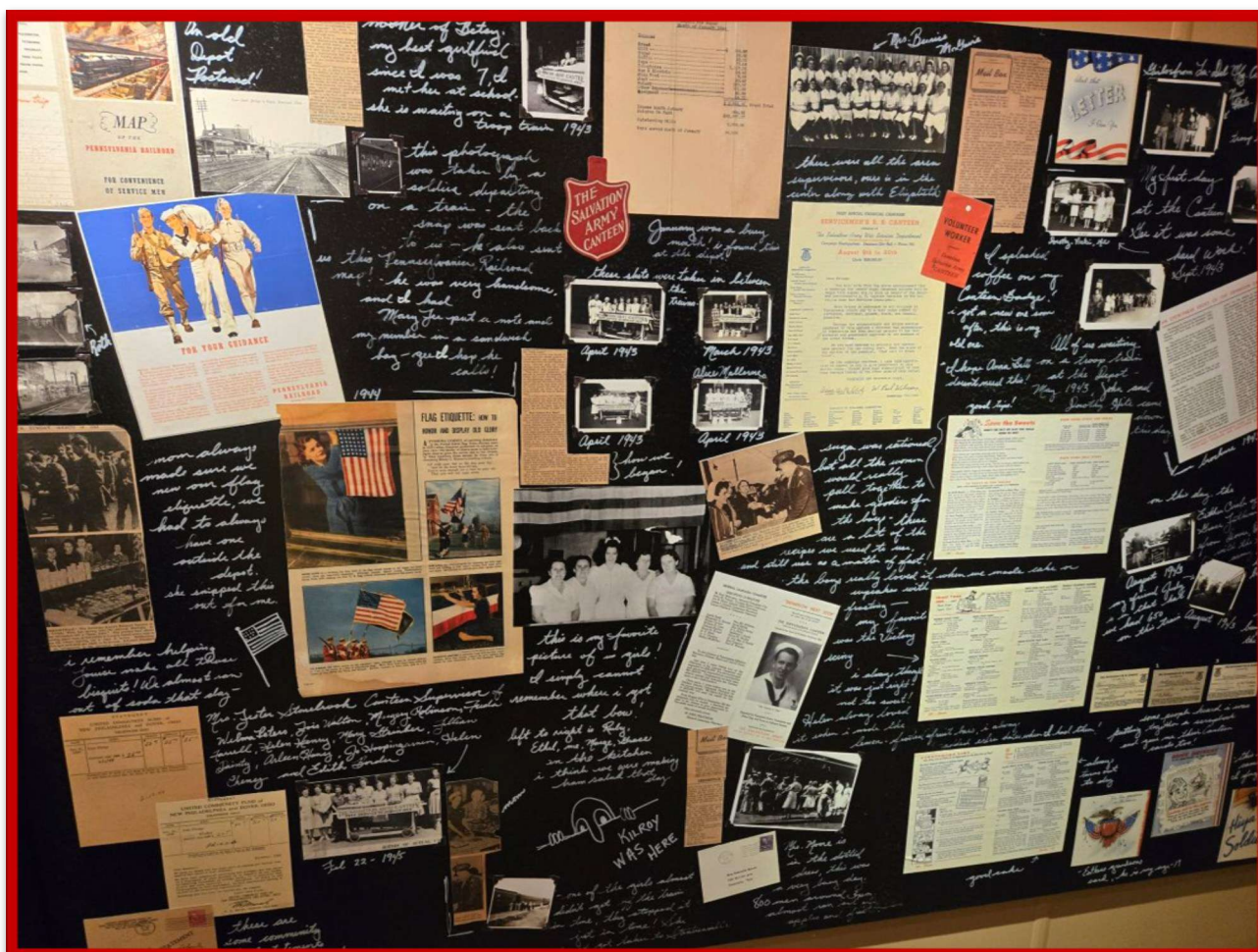








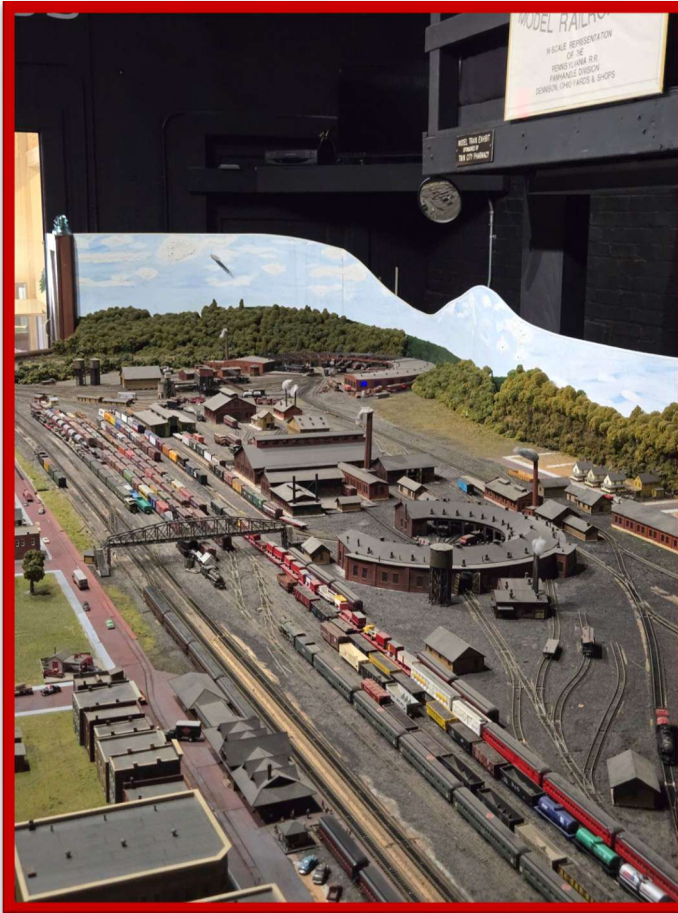














### Railroads in the Park

This yearly event went exceedingly well for the society and the other organizations involved. With more than 3,000 attendees over the course of two days, a record was set as the most attended "Railroads in the Park" since the event's creation, according to Andy M., the Farmpark's director.

Layout construction the day prior, according to the layout coordinators, came together wonderfully. No shifting or lifting of the NTrak layout was required for the final module connection. TTrak was assembled in its usual fashion, quickly.

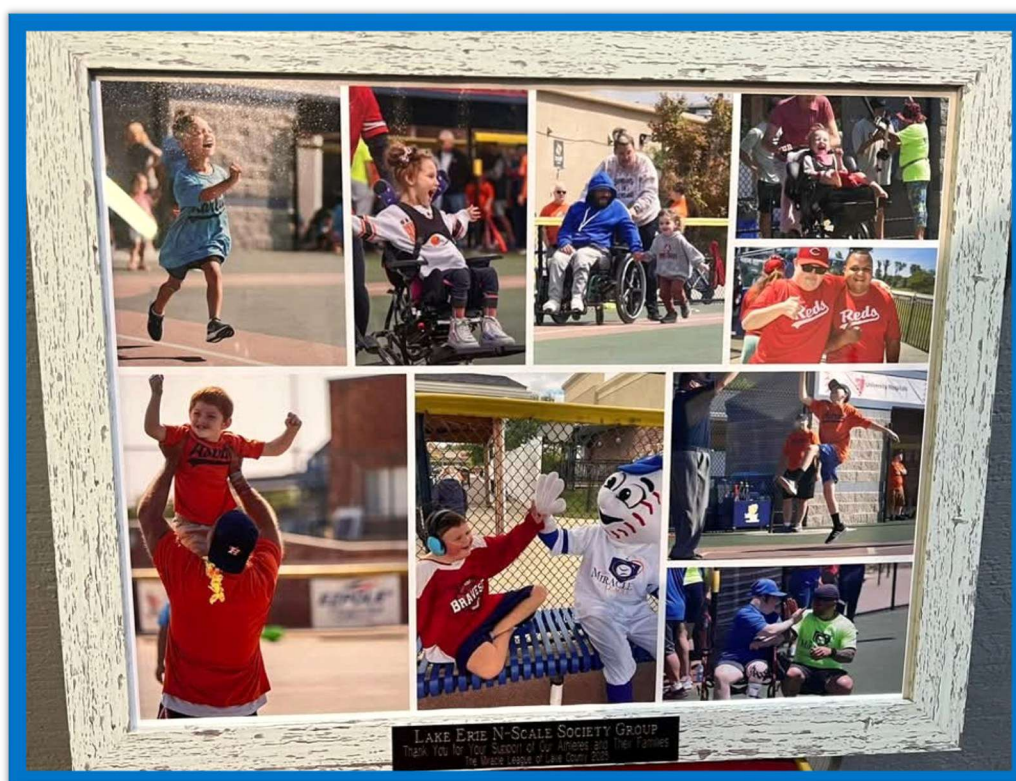
Surprisingly both NTrak and TTrak had some wiring issues, however. NTrak's was rectified the morning before the doors opened. TTrak's will need a work session to complete but it did not hinder trains running for the public.

Both layouts enjoyed smooth running trains while the thunder of MOD Squad's O-Scale roared in the middle. MOD Squad was not the only thing

upping the decibels in the main room. Crowds of people were amazed at the work put in by both clubs. The only times there seemed to be a lull happened during lunch and the hour prior to closing. Of course, this kind of turnout is fantastic for our organization's main goal: To promote model railroading and particularly N-Scale model railroading.

LENS and Mod Squad have another reason to be proud of this weekend. This year we were able to entertain the Miracle League of Northeast Ohio once more. This year's event was especially heartwarming, as both clubs were gifted a photo collage from varying events the league participated in, along with a custom plaque thanking us for our support. Which was all of us gladly staying an extra 2 hours so that their athletes could have a private experience at Railroads in the Park.

~Cody Cavender















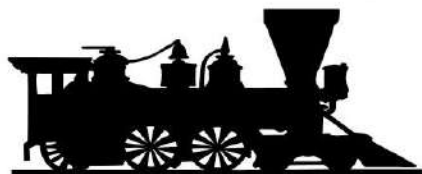






# SUMMER SHOWS

## Rubber City Model Train Show



**Saturday - July 12, 2025**

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Emidio's Expo Center**

48 East Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223

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6th Annual  
room rate

People of ALL ages will enjoy the following activities!

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- \* **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](http://www.lots-trains.org) to pay with a credit card. A confirmation will be mailed to the address listed below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(Leave blank if you are not a member of LOTS.)

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Registration opens January 1, 2025.  
Limited number of tables are available!**

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Can Text: Yes or No

Arrival Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cargo Trailer or Oversized Vehicle? Yes or No

What are you selling?: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Open to the Public**

**Admission: \$8.00**

Children Under 12 (accompanied by an adult), Active Military, Firefighters and Police Officers w/ ID – Admission is FREE

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**All Gauges/Scales Welcome!!**

## 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](http://www.lots-trains.org) for more information.

# HOB0 DAY

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

## Model Trains Flea Market



10 AM TO 3 PM

New Items  
have been  
Added

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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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