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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



## THIS MONTH:

No Meetings Scheduled

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Well the first month and first meeting is in the past and now it's time to get started. First I would like to thank everyone for making this easy, everyone is very helpful as I am not quite sure of all of my duties yet ( a lot more than I thought). Everybody is extremely patient and helpful. Thanks to everyone who remained in their positions and Mike for filling the last trustee position. I'm checking on arrangements for a division dinner and division trip. At the next meeting I would like input on destinations.

Well I have been building my first layout for about 2 years now and

it's my winter activity. Well I squandered a whole winter taking pictures of the layout and posting to Facebook. I really didn't do any modeling and now that summers here I am focusing on my signals though I don't know how much longer I will do that as they get heavier every year. I have decided to wait till next year for the outdoor movie night as I am redoing both bathrooms and restoring a couple of signals for Rick Roland's so I have a lot on my plate. We'll see you at the next meeting.

Bill

Well Bill's pattern of filling up a whole page is still intact so I will do my best to help in out. Some sad news came out this past week in regards to the biggest train layout in Ohio. EnterTRAINment Junction (located just outside of Cincinnati) will be closing their doors in early 2025. If you don't know about this layout it was converted from an old grocery store and is modeled in G scale. The 80,000 sqft setup takes you through time from early America to a futuristic time. If you haven't every had the opportunity to see this in person make a plan to visit before they close at the end of the year.

On the personal train front I

am currently finishing up my planning for my 6 state 9 day train experience coming up at the end of the month. I plan on visiting numerous train museums, ride a few train excursions, and make stops at various train shops. One of these stops will be at the previously mentioned EnterTRAINment Junction. The most difficult part of this trip was coordinating the days of the week and when destinations where open. Some places are open 7 days a weeks, some are open Monday-Friday, and others are closed Monday and Tuesday. Look for articles in the upcoming Trainwire on this trip.

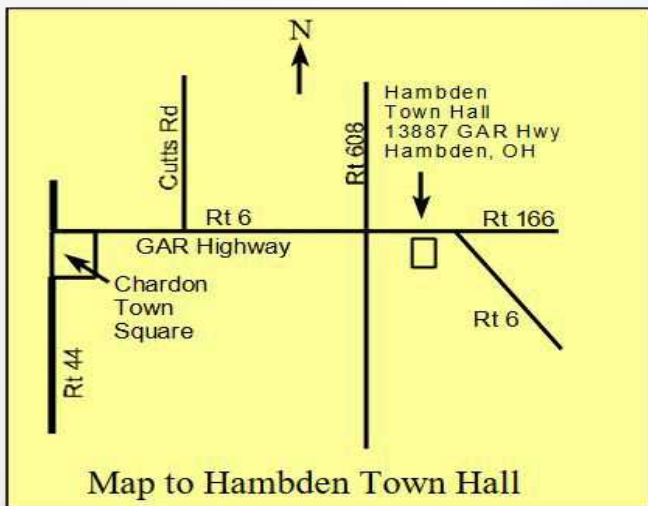
Bryan

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

<u>AUGUST 2, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM:	MAKING MOLDS SILICONE RUBBER – MIKE CAROVAC
BRING & BRAG	ANYTHING GOES
<u>AUGUST 12, 2024</u>	BOD MEETING
LOCATION:	VIA ZOOM
<u>SEPTEMBER 6, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM:	TBA
BRING & BRAG	PASSENGER CARS



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## UPCOMING Events

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

### 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

### August 24

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 21

Train Collectors Association  
 UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma,  
 Ohio 44130  
 10 am to 3 pm  
 Phone: 330-273-6404 Adm: \$6.00

### October 5 & 6

The Great Berea Train Show  
 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds  
 19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights  
 Sat 10 am - 4 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm  
 Phone: 440-785-9907 Adm: \$10.00

# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2024

The June 7, 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 23 members and 1 guest present.

No meeting in July.

Congratulations to Scott Hewis and Bob Parvin for celebrating 50 years as NMRA members. The list was published in the recent NMRA magazine.

Dave Neff, Mid Central Region President, indicated that, at the recent MCR convention, division superintendents who had recently finished their terms were recognized by the region. Matt Kross was recognized for his past four years of service as Division 5 Superintendent.

Next BOD meeting is Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:30pm via Zoom. Zoom link was emailed to Division 5 members.

Information for the Trainwire, such as pictures, can be provided to the editor via a Google account. If you would like to use this, please contact the editor for details. Another option is to provide the editor with a USB flash drive containing you information. Put your name on the flash drive and he will make sure you get it back. If you have ideas for Trainwire articles, the editor will work with you to put something together.

Railfest Planning Committee currently consists of John Ward (chairman), Doug Riedel, and Cody Cavender. John said he is looking for some more people interested in helping. John has met with Jim Wendorf to work on transferring the Railfest planning knowledge. The committee would like to meet in July to begin working on Railfest 2025. Suggested to begin working on developing relationships with new vendors and contact larger vendors about coming to our show. We may want to try contacting other divisions and groups about sharing our vendor lists. We did have some problems this year competing with the World's Greatest Hobby show at the IX Center. It pulled some vendors and displays away from Railfest. We have been informed that the WGH show at the IX Center is going to be an annual event but in 2025 that show will be in February.

### Member Welfare:

Congratulations to Bryan Persing on his recent retirement.

Dan Chuppa is doing well.

Wayne Lette is having knee issues.

Matt Kross is recovering from back problems.

### 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. Bill Osborne said he needs some help with organizing this group. If interested, please contact Bill.

### Bring & Brag: Theme:

### Bridges or Walls

Mike Rudder

Dave Neff

Cody Cavender

Dave Metzger

Andy Yedlick

Matt Kross

**Program:** As the new Division 5 Superintendent, Bill Osborne discussed his ideas for the Division: Railfest used to be fun and something people really looked forward to. Lately, it seems like it has become just another train show.

- Put all the layouts in one room for those people who come to the show just for the displays. Some other shows are currently doing this.
- Posting info on FaceBook helps get the word out.
- Having a kids play area
- More up-to-date methods of advertising

We need more hands-on activities

- Occasional Division dinners just for socializing where the Division pays for the meal.
- One night a month have a Zoom layout tour
- We need more group trips
  - NKP museum in Bellevue
  - Age Of Steam Roundhouse
  - Live steam groups
  - Railroad museums
  - Excursion trips
  - Club open houses
  - Modules sponsored by the Division (Div 1 and Div 12 are doing this)
  - Outdoor movie night
  - Modeling contest

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

### **BOD Meeting      10 June 2024**

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on June 10, 2024. The meeting was held online using Zoom. In attendance were Bill Osborne, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Bryan Persing, Mike Carovac, Chuck Limbert, Matt Kross, Linda Kacprzak, Andy Yedlick, John Ward, Paul Emch, and Ted Wiese.

We gained one new member this month. John Karwoski from Montville. We currently have 7 members overdue for renewal. They are being contacted.

Matt Kross will get some information and quotes on a quality printed Division 5 / NMRA advertising sign along with a tabletop stand.

Mike Carovac has accepted being a Division 5 Director.

All existing Division coordinators have agreed to continue for another term.

Matt needs to send the region the current list of officers and contact information.

The Division 5 Railfest Planning Committee members are currently John Ward (chairman), Doug Riedel, and Cody Cavender. The committee will meet after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday to begin work on Railfest 2025. Still waiting to get the laptop from Jim. Jim still needs to close out items for Railfest 2024.

The BOD decided that the Railfest Planning Committee chairman should be a member of the Division 5 Board Of Directors. We will need to modify the Division Regulations to add the Railfest Chairman as a member of the BOD. This position will be set up similar to the Trainwire Editor.

We need to get the signatures changed on our bank accounts now that we have new officers and Railfest chairman. It was asked if we need to have the officers on the accounts or can it be the Treasurer and Clerk, which are not changing as often. The BOD decided that the signatures should remain as we have been doing where the bank accounts have the Treasurer, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent as authorized signatures.

The BOD authorized the Treasurer to proceed with moving up to \$50,000 of Division savings into higher yield safe investments such as CD's. The BOD gives the Treasurer discretion with determining what investments to use, what the duration of the investment will be, and the amount to transfer.

Looking for meeting programs starting in September. We have the option of getting someone remote to do a program via Zoom. We also can revert to showing a video. We may be able to show a clinic from the NMRAx library. If we can find a video player that will work with our library of NMRA clinic DVD's, we could start showing some of those.

Upcoming Division 5 membership meetings:

July – no meeting

August – Mike Carovac – Making molds using silicone rubber

September - ?

Upcoming Division 5 events:

Division 5 Family Picnic? August?

Outdoor moving night? September? – Bill Osborne needs to decide if and when

Promo Day 2024 – October/November – need to decide on a location and coordinator

The BOD decided they want to try somewhere else to hold the Division family picnic. It was suggested we try to do something with the Lake Shore Live Steamers at Penitentiary Glen Park. Andy Yedlick will check with the LSLS to see if there is something we can do. Another thought was to do something with the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Bill Osborne will see if he can come up with something.

The BOD approved revising the Division's New Display Award requirements to only require a minimum area of 1 square foot so that T-Trak modules will qualify for the award.

The continued review of the Division 5 Regulations was tabled until the August meeting. It was agreed that the revised wording will finally be resolved at the August 12 BOD meeting, one way or another. If the BOD cannot agree on the wording, the proposed revisions will be dropped.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, August 12, 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 – Div 5 Clerk

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## July 2024 Trainwire Items

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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: Anything Goes  
Program: Making molds using silicone rubber – Mike Carovac

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**September Meeting:** September 6, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall  
Bring ‘n’ Brag: Passenger Cars  
Program: ?

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### Division 5 Family Picnic On Hold

The BOD wanted to hold our annual Division 5 Family Picnic at some other venue this year. Unfortunately, a few places that we were considering have not worked out. We are still looking for a place to hold the picnic. Until a place can be found, this year’s picnic is on hold.

### 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. Bill also said he needs some help with organizing the group. 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.

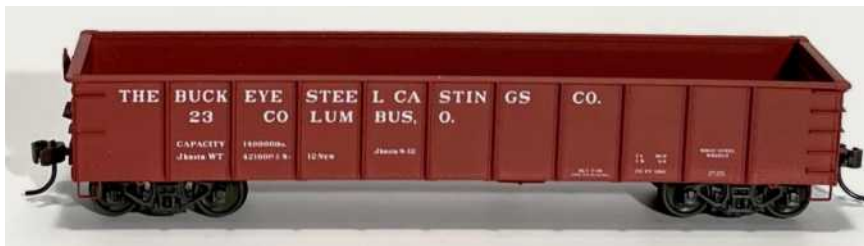
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>

## **Reminder - Please RSVP Your Monthly Meeting Attendance**

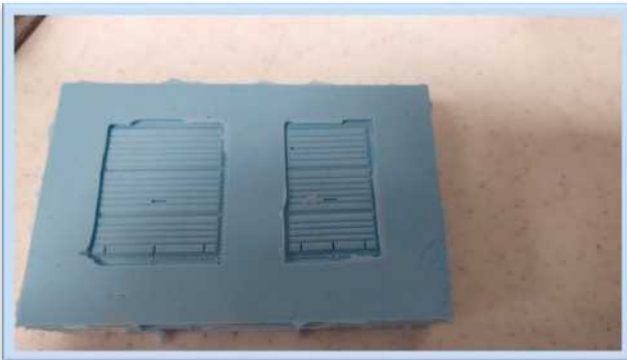
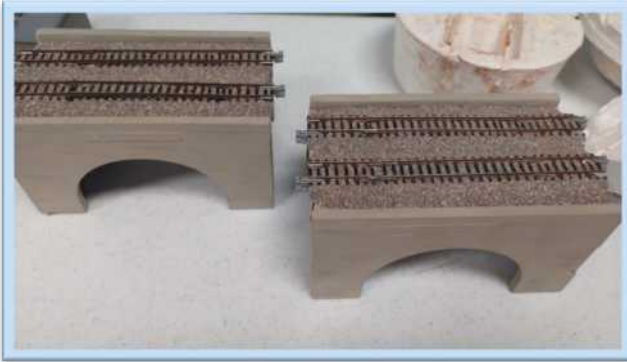
Please use the meeting RSVP feature in the Division 5 members only section of our website to let us know if you will be attending the upcoming Division 5 membership meeting. This particular feature is only available between the time when the new Trainwire is posted to the website and the time of the 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.

# Bring & Brag





# Around the Layout

NYC Pictures—Bill Osborne



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## 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  
Madison, Ohio  
Painesville, Ohio



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# EVENTS

Many of our members belong to local module groups and they set up at Railroads in the Park at Lake Farm Park in Kirtland on June 1 and June 2. This event is well attended with roughly 1,400 people participating over the weekend. Well done LENS, Mod Squad, and T-Trak groups.







# ARTICLES

If you get a chance to get to St. Louis in a suburb just to the southeast (Kirkwood) is found The Museum of Transportation. Yes, it has a C-47, Panama Canal "Mle", the first Bookmobile in St. Louis, Bobby Darin's "Dream Car", and the last operational Chrysler Turbine Car. But most of the collection is Railroad. They have 1) the last Katy steam locomotive (built in 1890, 4-4-0), 2) the worlds Largest Tank Car, 3) Milwaukee Bi Polar, 4) a Rock Island "Aero Train", 5) #724 that is painted to show all the parts of a steam locomotive, 6) N&W Y6a that is operational, 7) a Vinegar Car, 8) H.P. Hood Milk Car, 9)UP's Biggest Rotary Snow Plow, and many more.

~Bill Berger





**Division 5 Officers** (Terms expire June 2026)

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**Division 5 Appointed Positions** (Terms expire June 2026)

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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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