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THIS MONTH:

- August 2**
 Division Meeting
 Hambden Town Hall
 7:30
- August 12**
 BOD Meeting
 Via Zoom
 7:30

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SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE:

Well July is almost over, hope everyone had a great fourth and survived with all your fingers. My modeling still consisted of posting pictures on Facebook, I plan on doing more to my layout in the coming months. I'm still working on looking into the Cuyahoga Valley train ride. If you didn't see the news they just got 2 Alcos from the Grand Canyon Railway and are planning on restoring them. They are now the largest operator of Alco locomotives in the country. A couple of old locos, I think they are GEs, are heading to Larry's Truck Electric to make room.

Over at Horizon Rail in Fairport they have a couple of CSX GP30s and a few small critters hanging around. Check out the October 1st issue of the NYCHSHS modelers magazine, somebody has some pictures in there. This September there is an Ohio ramble for live steam. There are 7 club tracks participating including the Blueberry Railroad in Geneva on the 13th and 14th and the Lakeshore Live Steamers at Penitentiary Glen track on the 15th and 16th. They state live steamers only but...we'll see you at the August meeting.

~Bill

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Unfortunately I will not be joining everyone at the August meeting. Bill did such a great job with his first meeting I figured I am no longer needed. As such I am taking an explore the eastern United States train adventure. On the night of our meeting Aug 2 I will be traveling to Tennessee from Georgia for the excursion ride the Copperhill Special. It is a scenic 8-hour journey through the Hiwassee River Gorge and historic Copperhill, TN. The best part of this trip is that I was able to secure one of the limited seats in the observation car in the bullet

lounge.

I will have already done 3 attractions in Ohio, 1 in Kentucky (with a surprise that you will be able to read about in an upcoming article in the Trainwire), and 4 stops in northern Georgia. This will be about the half-way point of my 10 day adventure and I still have stops in Maryland and Pennsylvania. I hope everyone has an enjoyable evening and I look forward to capturing this trip and sharing both descriptions and photos in many upcoming issues of the Trainwire.

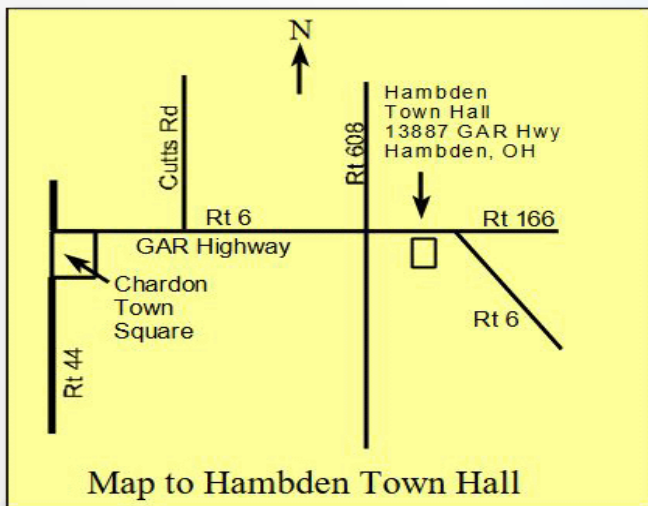
~Bryan

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 FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS)

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

October 13

Canfield Train and Toy Show
 Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406
 10:00 am to 3:00pm
 Phone: 330-651-1042 Adm: \$7.00

October 27

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

November 3

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2024 Trainwire Items

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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
- *****
- September Meeting: September 6, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring ‘n’ Brag: Passenger Cars
 Program: ?
- *****
- October Meeting: October 4, 2024 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall
 Bring ‘n’ Brag: Tank Cars and Cabooses
 Program: ?
- *****
- 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: ?
- *****

Help Needed With New Independent HO Module Group

Bill Osborne is trying to put together a new HO modular group and says 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. This group will not be affiliated with Division 5 but will probably consist of many Division 5 members. A date for the initial kickoff meeting still has not been scheduled and will probably have to wait for Bill to get some help organizing the group.

Promo Day 2024 Coordinator Needed

Promo Day 2024 will be held sometime in late October or early November. We need a coordinator for this event. Please contact Bill Osborne or Matt Kross if interested.

Mike Carovac New Division 5 Director

Mike Carovac has agreed to fill the open Division 5 Director position we had on the Board Of Directors (BOD). In addition to Mike, our current Directors are Linda Kacprzak, Andy Yedlick, and Chuck Limbert. The rest of the BOD consists of the Superintendent (Bill Osborne), Assistant Superintendent (Bryan Persing), Treasurer (Bonnie Lette), Clerk (Matt Kross), and Trainwire Editor (Bryan Persing). Due to the importance of Division 5’s Railfest, the BOD is also working to make the Railfest Chairman a member of the BOD, but this will require a change to Division 5’s Regulations.

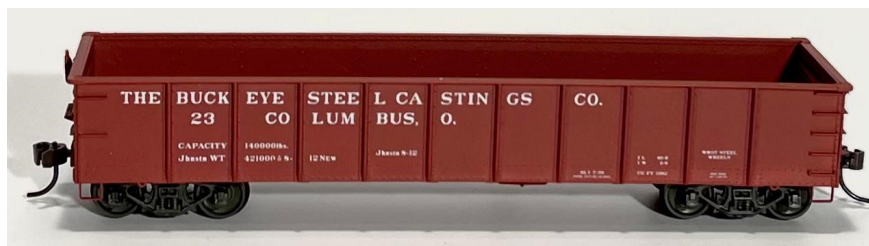
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 5 Participation Incentives

This is just a reminder about some of the incentives that Division 5 offers to the members for their participation in various Division activities.

Bring & Brag

Members who bring an item to display at the monthly meeting's Bring & Brag receive a \$5 award certificate. Bring & Brag items must have been completed within the last six months. The member must have put some reasonable amount of modeling effort into the construction or finishing of the item.

Building a model railroad display for public viewing

The Division will award a \$50 certificate to a member who builds a model railroad display and shows it at an NMRA event open to the public. Division funded displays are not eligible for this. The display must be at least 4 square feet in area.

Articles, tips, or pictures for Trainwire

Members that provide items for the newsletter will receive a \$10 award certificate for a one page or longer article, \$5 award certificate for a modeling tip or collection of pictures (5 pictures minimum) covering a relevant railroading activity. The Trainwire editor has final decision over whether the material is used or not. For items to be eligible for an award certificate, the member must have played an active part in generating the information. Thus, submitting an article cut out of the newspaper or a magazine does not qualify.

Clinic or presentation

Members that put on some type of clinic or presentation at a meeting or Division 5 event will receive a \$10 award certificate. The presentation must be at least 20 minutes in length.

Do You Need A Ride To A Meeting?

If you would like to attend Division 5 meetings but need a ride, please contact Matt Kross at 440-668-9462 We will see if we can find someone to pick you up. We would really like to see everybody at our monthly membership meetings.

Can You Provide A Ride To A Meeting?

If you are willing and able to provide someone a ride to our meetings, please contact Superintendent Matt Kross at 440-668-9462.

Around the Layout

I see your problem...your tires low. I'll fill it up and the light should go off.



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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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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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