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 DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

September 6
 Division Meeting
 Hambden Town Hall
 7:30

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Well summer is flying by and I know for most of you that means the start of model railroad season. There is still some summer left and I have been trying to come up with ideas for the picnic we postponed. Boy the CVSR threw me a curve ball at the last minute but I have come up with 4 different options for the picnic. Unfortunately by the time you read this one will no longer be viable. It was going to the White Turkey Drive in Conneaut then going to the Conneaut Railroad Museum. We could have climbed up into the cab of a Nickel Plate Berk. Unfortunately though the White Turkey closes the day after Labor Day for the season so they will be closed when you read this.

The second option would be a trip. Take a bus to the NKP and Mad River Railroad Museum or Northeast Railroad Museum in North East Pennsylvania and have a catered or boxed

I'm sorry I missed everyone at the last meeting but it was definitely train related. I was halfway through my 10 day, 6 states, 14 attraction trip. I will be writing an article on each state and the things I did at each one over the next few months. This would include STEAMTOWN (I guess Bill didn't want to be shown up by the assistant superintendent).

lunch available there.

Third option would be to see if division 4 would give us some space back in that last building that has a lot of empty space. We could have tables there and cater or even cook out there. Of course div 4 members would be invited for the food. We could have lunch, do some shopping or check out the different layouts.

The Fourth option could be a combined picnic / Thanksgiving dinner at an Amish family style place or restaurant. These are just some suggestions we can discuss at the next meeting. As I write this I am getting ready to leave in the morning for STEAMTOWN.....finally talked my wife into going. I plan on taking a lot of pictures and then doing something for the Trainwire. See you when I get back at the next meeting

Bill

Also hopefully with this issue we have a new feature for those reading it online where you can view pictures that are in the Trainwire in a slide show with larger images of what is being shown on the screen. Thank you Wayne Lette for putting this together and hopefully everything works according to plan.

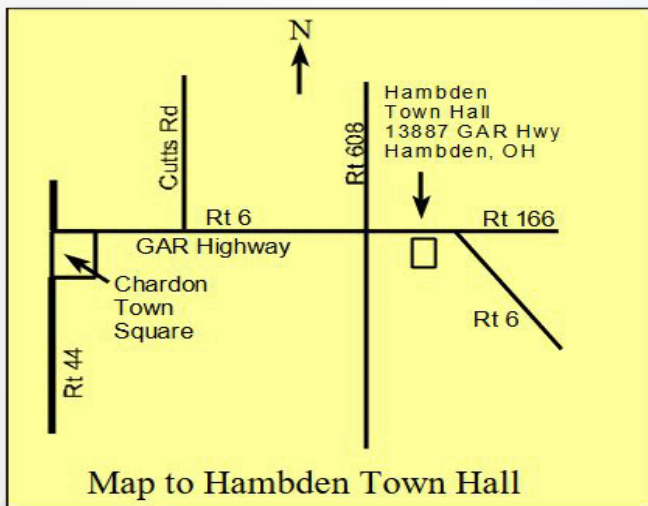
Bryan

MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

<u>SEPTEMBER 6, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM:	TBA
BRING & BRAG	PASSENGER CARS
<u>OCTOBER 4, 2024</u>	DIVISION MEETING
LOCATION:	HAMBDEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM:	TBA
BRING & BRAG	Tank Cars and Cabooses
<u>OCTOBER 14, 2024</u>	BOD MEETING
LOCATION:	VIA ZOOM



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

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

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

September 28 & 29

Horsepower Weekend
 Lake Farm Park
 8800 Euclid-Chardon Road, Kirtland, Ohio
 9:00am to 5:00pm
 Phone: 440-256-2122
 Lake Farm Park Admission Applies

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

MINUTES

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2024

The August 2, 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 no guests present.

Welcomed new Family Member Kellie Cavender, wife of Codie Cavender.

LENS and The Mod Squad will have modular layouts setup at Lake Farmpark's Horsepower Weekend September 28 – 29, 2024. LENS will also be set up at the Thompson, Ohio library in October.

This year's picnic is still on hold. Plans to have the Division 5 picnic at the Cuyahoga Scenic Valley Railroad fell through due to issues the railroad is having. We are looking for other ideas.

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.

It was requested that we have some way to better view pictures that appear in the Trainwire. The Webmaster will look at a way to have them available on the Division 5 website at a higher resolution.

The new Division 5 Railfest Committee has been meeting and working on Railfest 2025. They are working on some possible new ideas.

The Division 5 BOD will be working on the Division's 2025 budget in the next couple of meetings. If anyone has expense items that they want to be part of the budget, please contact a BOD member.

Would like to get more members posting on the Division 5 Facebook page. There are a lot of train and model railroad related items on Facebook.

It was asked how many Master Model Railroaders does Division 5 have? The answer is one, Gary Shaffer. We had one other MMR, Lawson Stevenson, but he passed away many years ago.

There were some general questions about the NMRA Achievement Program which were answered. If anyone has specific questions about the AP requirements, please contact Matt Kross.

Items for the Good Of The Order:

Looking at having the kickoff meeting for the new HO modular group sometime in the September / October timeframe. Bill Osborne is still looking for someone to help him with this group.

Bring & Brag: Theme: Anything Goes

Dave Neff

Bill Berger

Mike Carovac

Dave Metzger

Matt Kross

Program: Mike Carovac gave part 2 of his clinic on making molds. This time Mike covered using silicone rubber for the molds.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

MINUTES

BOD Meeting 19 Aug 2024

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on August 19, 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, and Doug Riedel.

The BOD reviewed the Division 5 Regulations and agreed upon a number of changes to modify how we currently want the Division to be run. The specifics of the changes will be published in the Trainwire and then sent out to the membership for a paper ballot vote on whether to accept the changes or not. The changes consist of adding the Railfest Chairman as a new voting member of the Division 5 Board of Directors (Article III, Sections 2 and 5), modifying when the Nominating Committee is to present their slate of candidates to the membership (Article V, Section 5), and modifying various financial procedures to add clarity and provide more flexibility (Article IX, Sections 1, 2, 4, 5).

The Division 5 Railfest Planning Committee has been meeting. Waiting to get the Railfest laptop from Jim Wendorf.

The Treasurer has put approximately half of the Division's savings into a 7-month CD at 5% APR that will mature February 28, 2025.

The Treasurer will send out 2024 financial information for the BOD to reference in putting together the 2025 Division 5 budget at the October BOD meeting.

Signatures on the checking accounts will be changed around mid-September.

We don't have any programs for the remainder of the year. We will look at showing a video or a recorded clinic for the September meeting.

We gained two new members in August. Four existing full members and two Rail Pass members have chosen not to renew their memberships.

Division 5 Family Picnic is still on hold. Looking for a place of interest to hold the event.

Division 5 Promo Day 2024 has been cancelled. We have no coordinator, no date, no location, and no publicity so there isn't any way we could put a successful event together this year. We need to work on getting a coordinator now for 2025.

Working on scheduling the Division and Railfest audits.

Working on a way of putting Trainwire pictures on the Division website.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, October 14, 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

September 2024 Trainwire Items

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. Bill is hoping to have the group’s initial kickoff meeting sometime in September or October.

Promo Day 2024 Cancelled – Promo Day 2025 Coordinator Needed

Promo Day 2024 has been cancelled. In order for us to put this event on in 2025, we need a coordinator for this event. Please contact Bill Osborne if you are interested.

Welcome New Members

- Kellie Cavender – Madison, OH
- Hagan Meinke – Mentor, OH
- John Karwoski – Montville, OH

2024 Division 5 Event Pictures Wanted

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REGULATION CHANGES

Proposed Division 5 Regulations Changes

August 19, 2024

The Division 5 Board of Directors is proposing that the following changes be made to the existing Division 5 Regulations. These Regulations changes will be sent out to the membership for a paper ballot vote on whether to accept the changes or not.

Note: The full set of the current Division 5 Regulations can be found on the Division 5 website (www.mcr5.org) or by contacting the Division 5 Clerk.

Specific Changes

Article III. Management

Existing Wording

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New Wording

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Existing Wording

5. The Board of Directors shall consist of the two elected officers, the Treasurer, the Clerk, the Trainwire Editor, and the four Directors.

New Wording

5. The Board of Directors shall consist of the two elected officers, the Treasurer, the Clerk, the Trainwire Editor, ***the Railfest Chairman***, and the four Directors.

Reason for change:

Due to the importance to the Division of Division 5's annual Railfest, it is desired to have the Railfest Chairman be a regular voting member of the Division 5 Board of Directors.

Article V. Elections

Existing Wording

5. Nominations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the January meeting of the election year.

New Wording

5. Nominations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the ***first*** meeting of the election year.

REGULATION CHANGES

Reason for change:

The Division currently has our annual holiday party in January in place of our regular monthly meeting so the current Regulation wording is invalid since we do not currently have a January meeting. To provide for flexibility and reduce the need to change the Regulations in the future, the wording is being changed to present the Nominating Committee's nominations at the first membership meeting held in the election year.

Article IX. Financial Procedures

Existing Wording

1. The Fiscal year for Division 5 shall be January 1st through December 31st.

New Wording

1. The Fiscal year for Division 5 shall be January 1st through December 31st *for tax purposes*.

Reason for change:

Changed to add clarity as to why the Division's Fiscal year is the same as the calendar year and that, if the Division's Fiscal year is changed, our tax reporting will need to be changed.

Existing Wording

2. In October of each year, a budget for the upcoming fiscal year shall be formulated. That budget should be completed and presented to the Board for their approval at the November meeting, absent extraordinary circumstances. Upon approval it will be published in the next Trainwire.

New Wording

2. In October of each year, a budget for the upcoming fiscal year shall be formulated. That budget should be completed and presented to the Board for their approval at the November meeting, absent extraordinary circumstances. Upon approval it will be **presented to the membership at the next membership meeting**.

Reason for change:

To reduce the risk of outside people with malicious intents going after Division funds, Division 5 financial information is no longer published in public documents. Instead, financial information is only made available to Division members.

Existing Wording

4. The Division 5 financial books will be audited annually. The audit for the prior fiscal year is to be completed by April 1 of the current year.

New Wording

4. The Division 5 financial books will be audited annually.

REGULATION CHANGES

Reason for change:

The audit date of the Division's financial books is not critical, only that it be done annually. Due to various timing issues and logistics, it is not always possible to perform the audit by April 1.

Existing Wording

5. A financial audit will be performed on any Division 5 event that uses a financial accounting system that is separate from the Division 5 financial books. This audit is to be performed within 90 days of the close of the event.

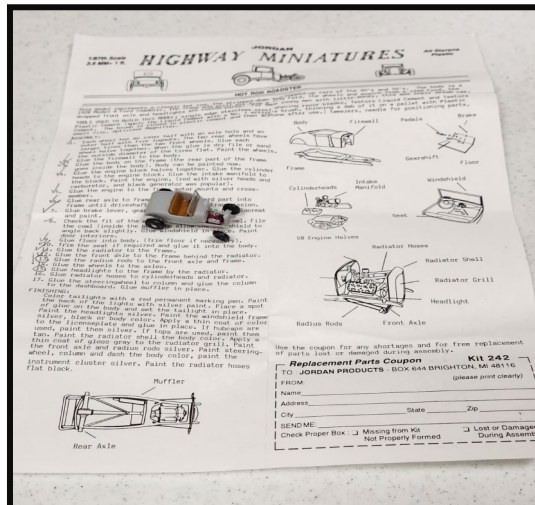
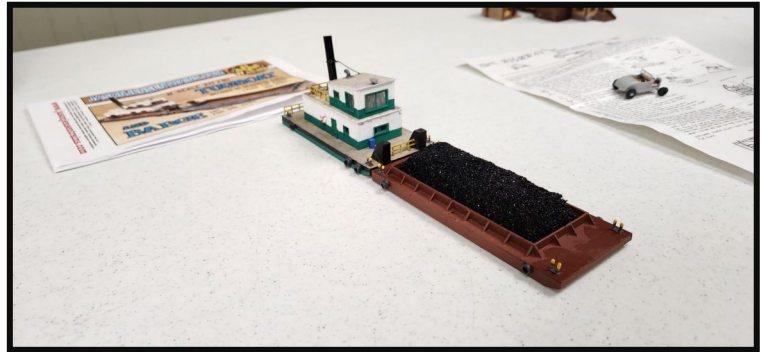
New Wording

5. A financial audit will be performed on any Division 5 event that uses a financial accounting system that is separate from the Division 5 financial books. This audit is to be performed within **180** days of the close of the event.

Reason for change:

Due to Railfest issues with getting final invoices in a timely manner, making final payments, and getting all accounts finalized, the existing 90 day deadline is no longer reliably achievable. The change to a 180 day deadline is more realistic and currently not a problem to achieve.

Bring & Brag



ARTICLES

First a little background on how this trip was all planned. My wife was doing a girls trip with her Mom, Sister-in-law, and niece to Ireland and Scotland. I said I really didn't feel like just sitting at home for 2 weeks so she suggested I do a road trip. The two main places I wanted to visit was the B & O Roundhouse in Baltimore and Steamtown in Scranton PA. From there I started searching Google for train attractions in surrounding states and went down the rabbit hole and couldn't stop myself from adding more states and attractions. In the end my trip encompassed Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. I would have added a few more stops but not everything is open on the days I passed through. So let's begin this journey.

My first two days were spent in Ohio visiting the Cincinnati Union Terminal, Entertainment Junction, Hamilton Hobbies, and Dixie Union Station. I have been to both Cincinnati Union Terminal and Entertainment Junction but that was years ago when my wife and I did a bus tour with the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad members. This was definitely before the over 200-million-dollar renovation that started in 2016 and was completed in 2018. Before entering the building, you might believe that you have seen the building before and you would be correct if you were a fan of Saturday morning cartoons growing up in the 70s and 80s as the building was the inspiration for the Hall of Justice from the cartoon Superfriends. Once entering the building, you will be amazed at the sheer size of the half dome rotunda; which by the way is the 2nd largest in the world behind only the Sydney Opera

House in Australia. Most of the interior is as it was when the terminal was built including the information desk as you enter and where you can purchase tickets to most of the attractions. To see the rotunda is free but if you want to visit the museums inside it will run about 28 dollars. They also have an IMAX theatre for a separate cost but it was sold out on the day I went. I would recommend taking one of the behind the scenes tours with one of the tour guides as they let you see the office areas that make you believe you are in a living time capsule. The main areas that I spent most of my time was the mostly S gauge train layout and Transportation Museum. Both of these areas are very well done and pay close attention to the model of the baseball field and the Cincinnati Union Terminal. Other attractions in the building include a dinosaur museum, cave exploration, and a NASA exhibit.

The next day I started off with a quick trip to Hamilton Hobbies as it was on the way from my hotel to Entertainment Junction. This is a full scale hobby shop that has trains, RC cars, models ect. I was able to pick up a water tower that I had never seen before to add to my collection as well as take in their small display layout in the front. After my trip there I was onto Entertainment Junction. This place is the largest G scale model display in the world and a ticket will run about 20 dollars for adults. The trains trace the history of America from the early steam locomotives around the Civil War, then to the transitional period of steam and diesel, and finally the modern era. Just the walkway through the layout is over 850 feet. In addition to the layout there are many informative displays

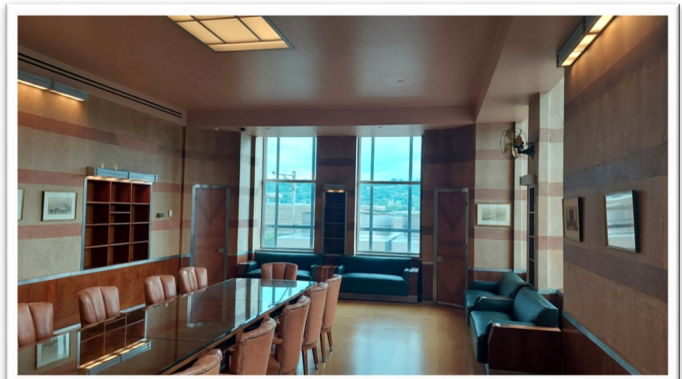
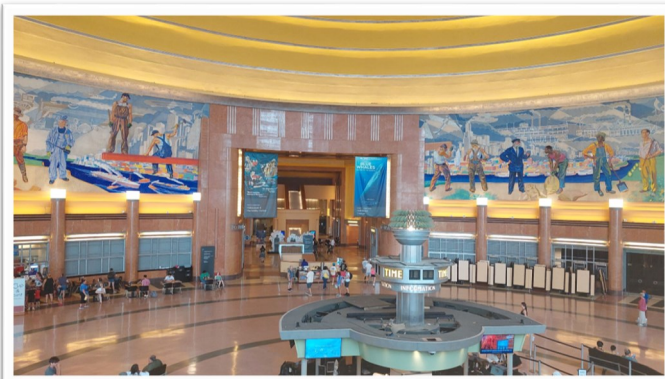
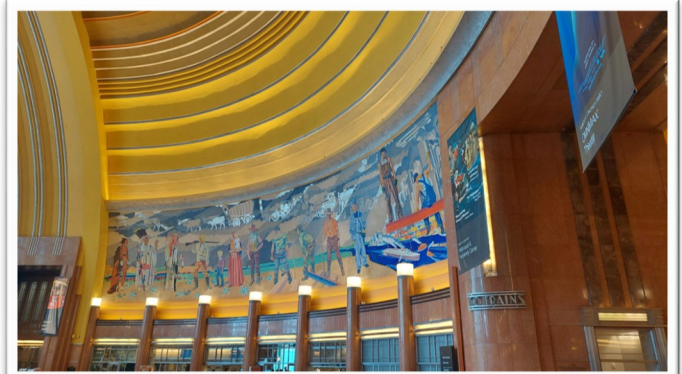
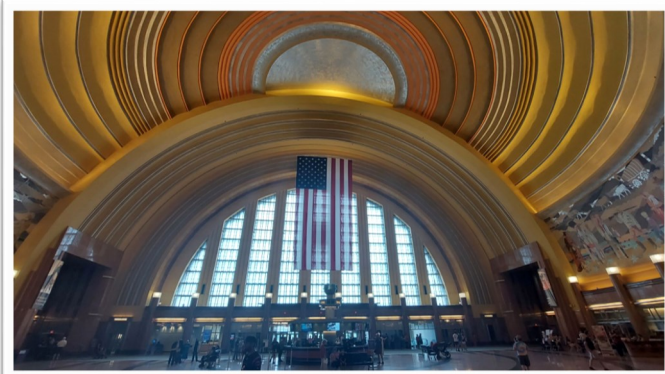
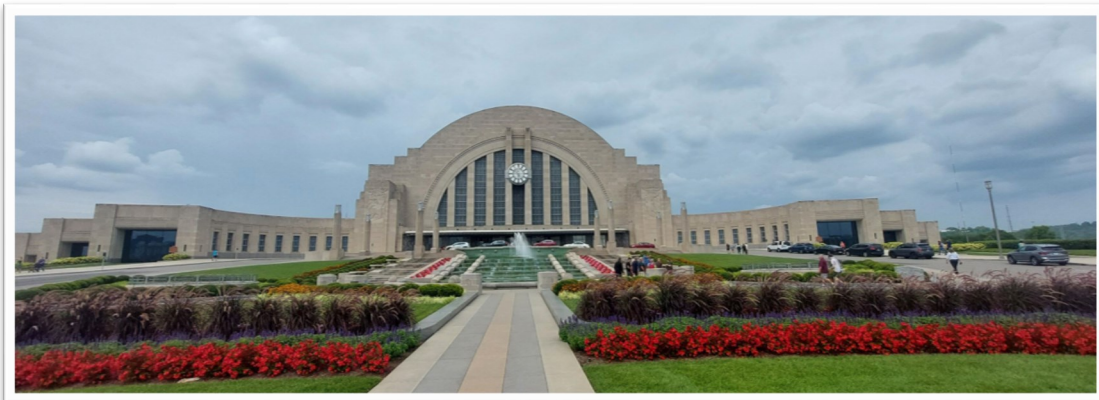
around the outside of the layout. Another area of the building contains a small hobby shop, concession area, children’s fun house, and building facades. If this is of interest to you remember the owner is retiring and they have not found a buyer so they will be closing at the start of 2025.

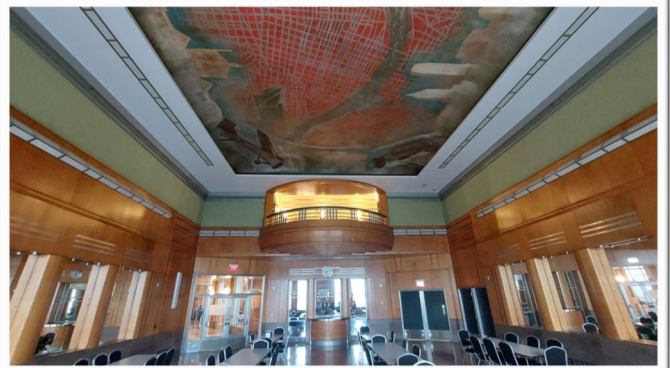
The last stop in Ohio was to Dixie Union Station which is few miles from Entertainment Junction. This shop is a favorite of many of the members of the MOD Squad and he carries mostly O

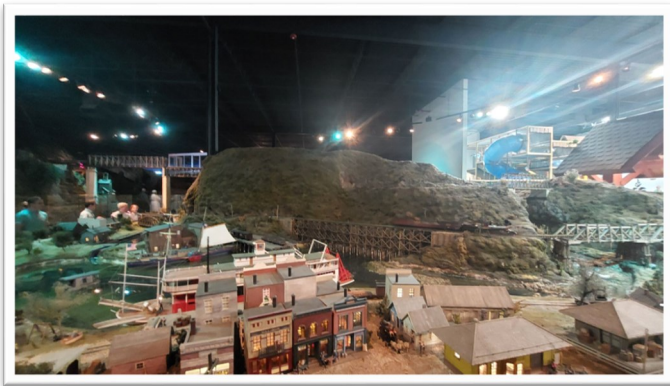
gauge train items. My favorite part of the store was his huge inventory of Artista figures including some of the risqué ones that I use for my red light district. I was able to grab a couple that I didn’t have as of yet.

Hope you enjoyed part 1 and look for part 2 (Kentucky) next month. If you have any questions or want to know more feel free to contact me.

Bryan Persing







Around the Layout

It's 12:40 Friday afternoon and a couple of Central crews have gathered for lunch. Chuck (the guy in the yellow hat) is going to the Caboose Lounge for some vigorous suds therapy and a few games of pool and wants to know if anybody wants to join him. It looks like it's unanimous!



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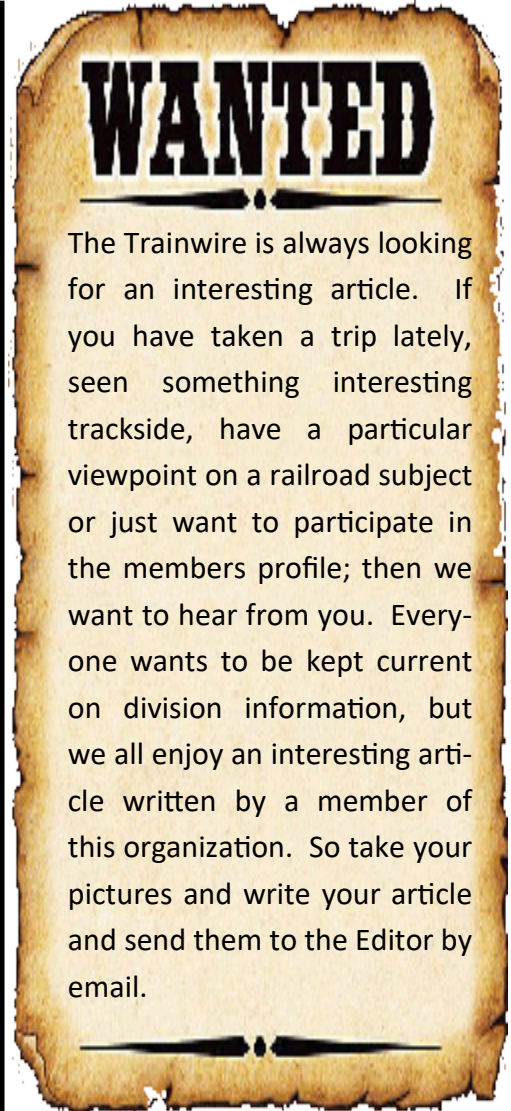
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The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular viewpoint on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the members profile; then we want to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