



The Trainwire.



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Some Hulett Trivia

By: Ken Stroebel

Many of us can remember the Hulett iron ore unloaders, especially if you grew up around Cleveland, Conneaut, Ashtabula, Huron or Lorain. Here's a test for all of those who remember their Cleveland and Great Lakes history. There were once 77 massive Hulett's dotting the waterways from Erie to Chicago. Do any actually remain? One of my long standing memories of the Cleveland waterfront was from the mid-1960's, when my father, grandfather and I took a boat ride from just east of Vermilion over to the Cuyahoga River, stopping the boat long enough to watch the unloading

and ore cars moving along the rails. A great site, as these massive beasts unloaded ore from ships similar to the present day museum ship William G. Mather berthed at Voinovich Park. As many know, the 'Hulett' was a highly efficient ore-unloading machine that was unique to the Great Lakes, and invented by Cleveland George Hulett in 1898. The first working model was built to service ships unloading at the Conneaut harbor. While over 75 Hulett's were eventually built, I often wondered if any remain. While I've heard many answers to this question, you may want to stop and ask yourself this question "how many working examples actu-

ally remain on the Great Lakes"? If you answered zero, you'll actually need to try again. And yes, there is one relic (or two depending on how you look at it) present down at Whiskey Island in Cleveland lying in the weeds at the Oglebay Norton property. The reason I say one unit, is that when I was consulting for the Conrail, I was told by someone in their Real Estate department who had worked on the project, that only one actually was completely dismantled and stored on the Whiskey Island property. However, several websites actually state that two units are present on Whiskey Island. By the way the various

pieces are present on the west end of the facility, however, they are behind a fence and not accessible. However in the winter you can grab a picture through the fence from the roadway. So how many unloaders do remain? Well, if you answered two, to the best of my knowledge, you would be correct. During a recent review of some photos taken by my colleague during a river tour of the Chicago area, I came across the accompanying photo of two Hulett's at the former LTV Chicago coke

plant. These two pieces of equipment stand guard along the Calumet River as of the summer of 2008 and are used to unload coal from barges. Of course, the two remaining do not include Lawson's fine models that sit on his layout. Cleveland State University has a great series of photographs for the machines that worked the ports of Ohio, which can be found at the following link: <http://www.clevelandmemory.org/speccoll/glihc/hulett/>. I also searched the Calumet River

using Google's Earth website, although the images are not quite as good as a shot from the river. So the next time the question comes up at a meeting or conference, you can definitely say that you've seen two examples of a Hulett circa 2008.



UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

No December Meeting

2009

January

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: TBA
 Bring & Brag: TBA

February

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: TBA
 Bring & Brag: TBA

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Division 5 Christmas Party	Dec. 5
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	
Holiday Open House	Dec. 6
WRMRRM Mentor, Ohio	
Farmpark Country Lights	Dec. 4 - 23
Farmparks Kirtland, Ohio	
HO modules	Dec. 4 - 13
N-Scale modules	Dec. 14 - 23



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Modeling an Industry (Part 2)

Article by: **Kenneth Stroebel**

In a previous Trainwire article, I described some various details that can be added to make the tanks and unloading areas used by various industries more prototypical. In this segment, we'll look at some other common and simple features that you may want to add.

Power and Utility Sources

Lets start our review with utilities. Most modern industries utilize some source of energy, such as natural gas, electricity and water or some combination of these, to power their operations. While I'm not going to go into much detail about modeling each of these utilities, there are some simple items that can be added, as well as

several kits available, which will allow a modeler to add some level of detail. The simplest and easiest modeling addition is to model a building supplied by natural gas. Natural gas typically comes to a building via an underground pipe, only becoming visible at the buildings' edge. Modeling a gas source, as the main source comes into the property and is housed in a small shed or hut. Most of these are typically very small, no larger than 10 ft by 15 ft, and can be simple corrugated metal sheds with a few windows and a door. If you want to add just a simple regulator or gas meter at the main building, try using an air cylinder and small piping from your scrap pile or by removing them from a piece of

rolling stock. You can also add more realism by having a small diameter pipe come off the meter and extend to or through the wall of the building. The location of the pipe is variable and a modeler can

take some license as to where they want to locate the pipe. If you want to further distinguish your gas line, try painting the piping blue.

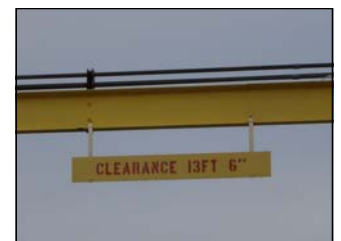


Since vehicles have a nasty habit of coming into contact with gas meters or ground level piping and causing unwanted fires, explosions, etc. protect your structures with some sort of vertical bump posts. I simply cut the head off a small brad, paint the post with a bright color, and position around all sides of freestanding equipment or pipe that I want to protect. Modelers have some leeway in what they can add to an industrial building or buildings with respect to electricity. Small industrial buildings typically will have electrical power coming from a main electrical pole at the street, which is then reduced to the correct power requirements via the use of a transformer. A small electrical cabinet, such as that produced by Details West for a rail line, can be used to simulate a small transformer at a building. If your industry, such as steel making or paper mill, or

even a small manufacturing facility, requires a larger power source or series of sources, you may want to check out Walther's Northern Light & Power Substation or the Cornerstone Industrial Substation as a starter kit. Both of these Walther's kit consists of transformer and substation components, which are surrounded by a steel fence. For many industries that rely on large amounts of electrical power, it's not uncommon to find several substations of varying sizes throughout the plant. Of course to get power to the substation, a series of large transmission towers need to be present. There are several companies such as Walthers and Train Cat Model Sales, produce transmission tower kits in either styrene or brass. If you have a substation, add some danger or high voltage warning signs along the fence line. Similar to a home, pipes conveying water are usually buried below ground, so

we can ignore them for now. However, what about pipes that convey steam? Most of these pipes are wrapped with some sort of insulating material. While were not going to add that level of detail to our industry, we can simply paint the pipes a bright or dull white to add this effect. Of course many industries have fire hydrants at strategic locations within the plant. The Walthers catalog lists several different sources of fire hydrants, such as Detail Associates, NuComp Minatures, and Scale Structures. For a busy industry, similar to the gas lines or meters discussed previously, these structures are protected with some sort of vertical

bump posts. Since we've been talking about overhead pipes, another level of detail that can be added is some sort of signage, which indicates how much clearance may be available beneath the pipe. Nothing worse than taking a truck beneath a pipe bridge, only to find out that the bridge is too low. Typically the signs I'm used to are painted a bright color to help identify that a potential hazard may exist.



In the next segment, we'll look at some roof details that can be added.

Division 5 Meeting Minutes.

November 7th, 2008

Superintendent Al Cap called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 29 members and 4 guests were present.

Don Bittner said he is trying to fill in the missing information in the Division 5 officer history that was published in the November 2008 Trainwire. If anyone can provide the missing information, please contact Don.

Registration forms for the 2009 Mid Central Region convention in Columbus, Ohio are available.

There is a member from Division 9 that is starting a model railroading podcast for those that are interested.

StagingTracks.com is compiling a list of railroad groups.

Division 2 is moving their Jamboree to the weekend after Division 5's Railfest.

The History Channel on cable TV is starting a series called **Extreme Trains**. It will be on every Tuesday evening at 10 pm starting November 11th.

Al Cap said he would like to put together a Division 5 calling list so that we can quickly notify the membership of event cancellations or other changes. Don Thomas, Don Bittner, and Dick Naramore volunteered to put this together.

Al Cap indicated that there are members that would appreciate getting a ride to Division 5 meetings and events. If you are willing to participate in car pooling or picking someone up, please contact Al.

There is a Midwest narrow gauge show in Salem, Ohio on March 26 – 28. Ted Wiese has information if you are interested.

One Division 5 member has express interest in being listed as Mid Central Region clinic provider. If you have a clinic, or clinics, that you are willing to put on at MCR events and would like to have your name added to the list, please see Al Cap.

Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided the balances of the various Division 5 financial accounts. We are still in good financial shape.

Convention co-chairman Matt Kross reported that hotel pricing information has been slow in coming from the various places we are interested in. We should have some details soon. Also, details about the convention naming contest will be published soon.

Promo Day Coordinator Bruce Lutheran reported on how the day went. The News-Herald had a nice article about the Div 5 Promo Day the week before the event. Unfortunately, the newspaper left out the date of the event and 400 people came to the museum the Saturday before the event. Fortunately they were able to view the museum exhibits but the museum staff was swamped with the unexpected crowd and the other Promo Day events weren't available. We had about 200 people show up at the museum on the correct date. All the events went well and we had a lot of help from Division 5 members. The number of people visiting the home layouts that were open was extremely low.

Copies of the proposed 2009 Division 5 Budget were available at the meeting for members to review.

Bill Eville is the new Div 5 HO Module Coordinator. The next module setup is at Lake Farmpark on December 3. Bill is looking for lots of help. Please contact him if you can help with setup, running trains, or teardown. Jack Metcalf indicated that the Collinwood Masonic Lodge needs a copy of the truck rental bill so that the lodge can reimburse the Division.

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November 7th, 2008

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There was discussion about adjusting the number and value of the prizes in the annual Division 5 Losers Raffle. The majority of the membership indicated that they were in favor of taking some of the higher value prizes and breaking them down into several lower value prizes so that we can have more people win prizes. The BOD will decide on the specifics at its next meeting.

Al Cap indicated that anyone in the Division with a layout should be able to qualify for the NMRA Golden Spike award. If you would like to see the requirements or get a copy of the application form, see Al Cap.

Bring & Brag: Theme for the night was **"Your Best Model"**

Ken Stroebel Wayne Lette	Bill Berger
Don Bittner Bill Smith	Gary Shaffer
Rich Kacprzak	Bill Brodie
Al Cap	Jack Metcalf

The program for the evening was a video "18 Wheels Of Steel" brought in by Bruce Lutheran.

Division 5 BOD Meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys	Willoughby, Ohio
Hobby Town USA	Mentor, Ohio
Train Specialty Company	Chardon, Ohio
Village Train Shop	Perry, Ohio
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters	Geneva, Ohio



Please support these dealers!

HELP!!!

The 2011 convention is the 50th anniversary of the Division 5. I am trying to complete the roster of our officers and volunteers that Karl Locke started a few years ago. As you

can see on the following page, there are a lot of blank spaces. If Any of our long time members can help me out, please give me a call. Thanks for you cooperation on this project.

Don Bittner
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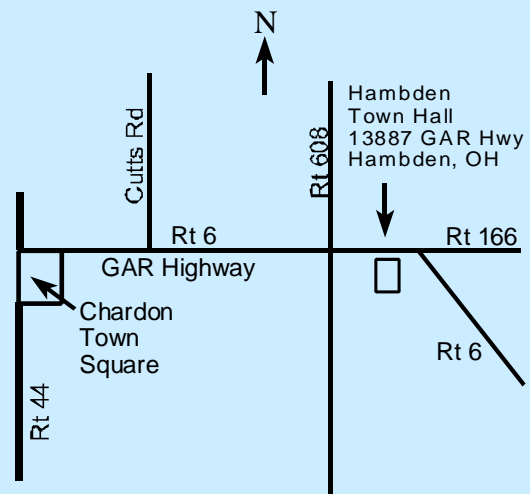
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Division 5 Christmas Party

December 5th, 2008.

Location: **Hambden Town Hall**
13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)
Chardon, Ohio

Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.



Map to Hambden Town Hall

The Division Christmas Party

will be in place of our normal monthly meeting for December. It will be on December 5 at Hambden Town Hall. We will have the same caterer (Carl). Doors will open at 6:30 pm with dinner served around 7:00 pm. We will have a Chinese gift exchange and Div 5 Loser's Raffle. Chinese auction items should be new or unused items only, with an approximate value around \$15. Cost will be \$8 for a member, \$8 for the first guest of a member, and \$10 for additional guests. Dale Smith will be the coordinator. November 29th will be the cutoff date to sign up.

January Trainwire Deadline
December 20th.

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