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# The Trainwire.



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# Superintendent's Message.

now everyone should have received their Scale Rails with the ballots for national offices. The issue was delayed by the postal service. I received the February and March issues the same day. So, in addition to Division officers to elect, we have National officer to consider also. Any nominations for office have to be in NOW. Please contact Don Thomas, Dick Naramore, or Ted Wiese if you are up to the challenge of holding office. The Embassy Suites hotel hosting the Charleston Regional convention is sold out. I'll have a list of alternate hotels at the March meeting. At this writing, Railfest is only a few weeks away. I hope you will consider volunteering. This is

your event. It is only as good as you make it and it has been a damn good show in the past, let's keep it that way. There will be an organizational meeting for those volunteering. Some procedures will be changing, especially those at the gate. Those of you who usually man the gate, be at the meeting or at least contact Jim Wendorf. I just came back from a toy show in NYC and I was disappointed by the lack of train representation. Bachmann and Walthers were the only ones there. I hope it is because they all go to the hobby show in Chicago. A couple other things that were passed along from National, out of 1,930,058 Boy Scout merit badges awarded, only 5,809 were for railroading. We had a part in about 30 of



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those merit badges. There were157 models at the Hartford convention, the largest number in the past ten years. The Kalmbach Memorial Library is publishing a reprint of Nelson Brown's <u>Lumber</u>, a sister book to the previously published Logging.

### **Businesses Accepting Division 5** Certificates

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



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys
Hobby Town USA
Train Specialty Company
Village Train Shop

Willoughby, Ohio Mentor, Ohio Chardon, Ohio Perry, Ohio



Please support these dealers!



# UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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

March

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: Scenery featuring Styrofoam and plaster

**Presented by:** Doug Nichols Bring & Brag: "Structures"

<u>April</u>

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: (Last Steam Operation on the "B&O")

Presented by: Chuck Klein

Bring & Brag: "Maintenance of Way"

May

Location: FarmPark - Kirtland, Ohio

Program: TBA

Bring & Brag: "Grain Cars"

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum 7230 Justin Way

Mentor, Ohio 44060

**Fall Hours** 

Monday thru Thursday 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday — Closed

Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Noon - 5:00 PM

Contact Tom @ 440-251-0350 for more information.

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### SCHEDULED EVENTS

Railroadiana and Model Train Show March 7

Erie, Pa.

Youngstown Train Show March 14

Niles, Ohio

Division 5 BOD Meeting March 15

Hambden Hall Hambden, Ohio

Railfest March 20 & 21

Lakeland College Kirtland, Ohio

Division 5 BOD Meeting April 15

Hambden Hall Hambden, Ohio

WRMRRM Open House & Train Show April 17 & 18

7230 Justin Way Mentor, Ohio

Railroads in the Park May 1 & 2

FarmPark Kirtland, Ohio

2010 MCR Convention May 13-16

**Embassy Suites** 

Charleston, West Virginia



# **Division 5 Minutes**

February 5, 2009 7:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm at Hambden Town Hall. Approximately 19 members and 1 guest were present.

The notice about the **Scale Rails** issue being delayed was read.

The notice about the MCR 2010 convention hotel filling up was read.

**Contest judges** are needed for the MCR 2010 convention. Contact Howard Smith if you are interested.

**Division 2** will be holding their Jamboree on April 17, 2010.

Talked about it being the **NMRA's 75<sup>th</sup>** anniversary this year and **Division 5's** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. What do we want to do to celebrate? Forward any ideas you have to the Div 5 BOD members.

**Division 5 2010 Election status**: Don Thomas will be the Geauga County representative on the Nominating Committee. The requirements for each of the three elected positions were reviewed.

**Doug Nichols** will do a presentation on scenery for the March Div 5 meeting. **Chuck Klein** will do a presentation on the last steam operations on the B&O at our April meeting.

It was noted that there will be the **Second Annual N-Scale Weekend** the first weekend in May in Columbus, Ohio.

The membership was informed about the recent illness of **Dean Freytag**.

**Promo Day 2010** preparations and needs were discussed.

**The Western Reserve Model RR Museum** will have an open house and train show on Feb 19 & 20. There have been O-gauge donations to the museum.

**Railfest 2010** preparations are proceeding along well. There will be a training session held prior to setup. The date is yet to be announced. Bruce Lutheran and Mike Harkleroad will coordinate setting up the HO modules at Railfest.

Dale Smith provided an update on the Rails Of Ages 2011 MCR Convention planning.

**Bruce Lutheran** talked about his visit to the Northeast RR Museum.

**Bill Smith** talked about a new scale called T. It is 1:450 scale.

Bring & Brag: Bill Berger Don Bittner



### **Division 5 BOD Minutes**

February 15, 2010 7:30

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on February 15, 2010 at Hambden Town Hall. Those in attendance were: Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Lenny Kessler, Matt Kross, Bruce Lutheran, Rob Bowers, Jr., Bob Frieden, and Jim Wendorf.

The board was informed that Division 5 member Dennis Walker passed away just recently.

March program will be "Scenery using styrofoam and plaster" presented by Doug Nichols of Nick's Hobby Shop. The April program will be "The Last Steam Operations On The B&O" presented by Chuck Klein, Div 4 Superintendent.

Railfest 2010 status: We only have 25 tables left to sell. We have contacted vendors on our waiting list. We still have three dealers that need to pay for their tables. There will be a Railfest Helper training meeting the week before Railfest. Jim Wendorf will check with the college to see when we can hold the meeting.

A coordinator is needed for the Division 5 Fleamarket tables at Railfest.

Bruce Lutheran will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for those wanting to run trains on the HO modules.

It was suggested that we start a new section in the Trainwire that features a member's modeling project each month. We will see if we can get members interested in submitting some pictures of something they have worked on and provide a description of how they built it.

We will again provide a \$15 discount off of full NMRA memberships for new members that sign-up between Railfest and the first meeting in April. To receive this discount, you cannot have been an NMRA member within the last 5 years.

Lake Farmpark has offered permanent storage of the HO modules as well as space to work on them. We don't know if they will be able to help with transporting the modules. We will pass this information on to the new group that takes over the modules.

The 2011 MCR Convention Committee held a meeting on Feb 6, 2010 at the Geneva Lodge. The meeting was well attended and good progress is being made. Tour planning is in progress. Dick Naramore has volunteered to coordinate the buses and other transportation. Dale Smith will coordinate the banquet. We still need coordinators for the raffle and contest. Eric Hansmann provided some great ideas from his experiences with conventions in Division 2.

2010 Div 5 Election status: We have not heard anything from the Division 5 Nominating Committee. So far, we have not received any nominations for the three Div 5 elected offices: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Treasurer. Nominations from the floor are suppose to occur at the March meeting. Matt Kross will handle mailing out the election ballot. It will be a stamped, pre-addressed postcard as in past years. All the members need to do is mark their votes and drop the postcard in a mailbox. The ballots will be mailed to all Div 5 members listed on the official roster from the NMRA headquarters as of March 2010. In addition to the ballot, a copy of the Division 5 roster will also be included.



### Division 5 BOD Minutes cont...

(Continued from page 4)

There were some issues with our Div 5 Holiday Party in January. We will have an open discussion at the March Div 5 meeting to see what the opinions are as to what day and time we should have next year's party.

A suggestion was made that Division 5 should make a donation to the Ashtabula Maritime Museum to be used towards the cost of moving former Div 5 member Lawson Stevenson's layout from his house to the museum. This was tabled until the March Div 5 BOD meeting to give board members time to think it over.

Division 5 member Bob Frieden offered the following to the Division to use for Railfest: his mailing list from his trainshow business in order to mail out Railfest advertising postcards, approximately 60 tables, a 100 cup coffee pot, and several 2'x8' train show signs to put out along the road. Thanks Bob!

We have the first batch of Promo Day 2010 flyers. Some have been mailed out to various train shows.

Next BOD meeting: Monday March 15, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by Matt Kross - Div 5 Clerk

## Division 5 loses another Member.

ASHTABULA — Dennis C. Walker, age 64, of Ashtabula, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at home.

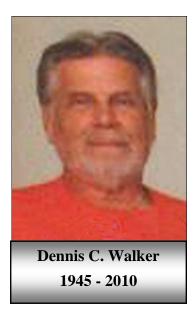
Born March 25, 1945, in Middlefield, the son of Clarence and Alice (Greening) Walker Zappitelli.

Dennis was a watchmaker, working several years at Jewel Box in Geneva and also a pipe bender in Grand River, Ohio. He helped with the Indian Creek Chapel and was also an EMT with the Geneva-on-the-Lake Fire Department.

He is survived by a brother, David J. Zappitelli of Garland, Texas; and his loving dog, "Sarge".

He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Walker; and his mother and stepfather, Alice and Emil Zappitelli.

Memorial Service were held on Monday, February 22nd, at WALKER FUNERAL HOME, 828 Sherman St., Geneva, with the Rev. James Douglas, of Indian Creek Chapel, Geneva-on-the-Lake, officiated. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Rock Creek.



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# Sat & Sun March 20th & 21st ..... 10am to 4 pm

Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 - Exit 193

(N.E. Ohio)

Admission ----- \$7.00

Two-Day Pass ----- \$12.00

Family (couples) --- \$12.00

Family (max) ----- \$12.00

(Adults with Children under 18)

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### Railfest 2010 Is Almost Here!

We are coming down to the wire for Railfest 2010. The tables are sold. The exhibitors are lined up. The equipment is reserved. All we need now is **YOUR** help!

### Plan To Help The Division With Its Only Major Fund Raiser

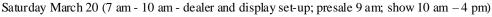
#### Railfest 2010 Tasks

Thursday March 18 (approx. 3 pm to 9 pm – Rooms A, B, C, D show setup only, no dealers)

- Begin putting tables in proper positions
- Deliver show materials
- Help with the Division HO modular layout delivery/setup

Friday March 19 (Official time is 1 pm Room A, dealers can come in)

- Move tables to proper positions
- Cover the tables
- Put out chairs
- Attach vendor labels to the tables
- Make coffee
- Get the donuts!
- Man the doors for security and assistance while vendors set-up
- Hand out Badges & Vendor Packets
- Help vendors unload vehicles
- Help with the Division HO modular layout setup
- Setup the Division flea market tables and Division display items
- Put up signs



- Man the doors for security and assistance while vendors set-up
- Man the entrance desk: collect admission fee, make change, put wristbands on and check for reentry of people
- Run the PA system make announcements
- Collect and count money
- Make coffee for the morning set-up
- Assist vendors and guests with questions
- Provide general overall security
- Police the rooms for proper isle width & vendors in proper location
- Man the Fire Exit Doors
- Raffle Table
- Door Prizes
- Man the Division flea market table especially those selling items
- BUY LOT'S OF GOOD STUFF!

Sunday March 21 (9 am - 6 pm; presale 9 am; show 10 am -4 pm) (Must be out by 6 pm)

- Same show items as on Saturday
- Buy more good stuff!
- Remove covering from tables
- Clean up trash
- Provide security while vendors load their vehicles
- Assist vendors with carrying merchandise to their vehicles
- Take down displays and signs

Please sign up at the March Meeting or contact Jim Wendorf @ 440-357-8890 or email Railfest@mcr5.org

Please commit to 2 hours at a time with a minimum of 4 hours each day for free entry into the show.





# Additional Requests for Railfest Help.

- This is our Division's only major fund raiser for the year, it must have 100
  cooperation from each and every club member to make this a continuing
  success for us.
- 2) Pre-show meeting at Lakeland Tuesday, **March 9 at 700 pm** in lobby of gym for all club members working **Railfest 2010.** 
  - A) Review room layouts
  - B) Procedures for set-up (Thursday 03/18 start at 2pm) & teardown Sunday evening

C) Gate entrance: Pre-sale/wrist band

Gate cashiers

Door security

- 3) Division 5 tables needs a coordinator for set-up/sales/teardown
- 4) Need room captains to police each room etc
- 5) Division 5 Modules needs a coordinator for delivery of modules/set-up/running of trains/teardown
- 6) Raffle/door prize coordinator to gather items/ticket sales
- 7) Coffee maker/donut runner
- 8) Remember you must work a minimum of 4 hours each day for free entry into the show for that day.

# Division 5 Modules – Sign-up for Railfest

By Bruce Lutheran

I will be having a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for those who want to run on the module layout at Railfest. Everybody who is interested in running both Saturday and Sunday can sign-up at the meeting. "Big Mike" and I will be asking for setup / teardown help also. See you at the meeting!

#### Division 5 Fleamarket Table Coordinator Needed At Railfest.

We need someone to manage the group of tables we have at Railfest where members can sell items. This involves recruiting table helpers, setting out the items for sale, keeping track of sales, and getting the money to the sellers at the end of Railfest. Those members wishing to sell items on the Division tables MUST fill out the Division 5 Fleamarket Table Items form (sample below) found on the Division 5 website. Directions are on the back of the form. We will try to have extra copies of the form at the March meeting.

Division 5
Railfest
Fleamarket
Table Items

My signature on this paper hearby releases Div 5 MCR NMRA, its officers & workers from any and all liability in case of loss or damage to my property while at this show.  Member's Signature:				
Division 5 Member's Name:	(PleasePrint)			

Initial	Item No.	Description	Ask Price	Min Price	Sale Price



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### **Division 5 Fleamarket Table Item Rules**

If you want to make use of the Division fleamarket table at Railfest, you MUST fill out the form on the other side of this sheet. Use as many copies of the form as needed to list ALL the items you are selling. Each item on the table must have a sticker that contains the member's initials and a sequence number corresponding to the items on the form. Multiple items, bagged or boxed together, are only counted as one item if they are being sold as a set.

Please keep prices in even dollar increments (\$1, \$2, \$3, etc.) if at all possible. This makes it a lot easier for the people manning the table to make change and handle the money.

Also, you need to provide an envelope to put the money in from the sales. Mark your name clearly on the envelope. You also need to put some money in the envelope to allow the people manning the table to make change. We would like at least five \$1 bills in the envelope, but would prefer to have ten \$1 bills. Please mark on the envelope the amount of money you provided for making change.

## **Bulletin Board.**

#### **Division 5 Holiday Party – Discussion**

By Bruce Lutheran

The date and time of the holiday party is up for discussion at the March meeting. The original holiday party was always the first Friday of December, our regular meeting. This past year, it was decided that it would be moved to January in an effort to allow the people who set-up and run the modules a chance to attend. As it turned out, we had about 2/3 of the turnout we used to have. Several people commented that both the afternoon time and having it on a Saturday was not convenient. I was hoping to get some feedback from the group at the March meeting as to whether or not we would like to:

1. keep it in January?

2. move it back to December?

3. same time or different?

See you at the meeting!

#### 2010 Division 5 Elections

So far, we do not have any official candidates for the 2010-2012 term of Division offices. The Division offices are: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Treasurer. See the list of duties that were published in the January Trainwire or you can find them in our Div 5 Regulations that are available on the website. We are running about a month behind of where we should be according to our Regulations. The BOD has not yet received a list of candidates from the Nominating Committee. We will have nominations from the floor at the March 5, 2010 Division 5 meeting. If you would like to make a nomination from the floor, please make sure you have the permission of the person you are nominating and the support of at least one other Division 5 member. If you cannot attend the March meeting and would like to run for office, you may submit a petition requesting to be put on the ballot for a specific office. The petition must be signed by two other Division 5 members to be accepted.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Those running for office are to submit a brief statement for the April 2010 Trainwire. The statement should provide a short background description, what you feel your qualifications are, and what you would like to accomplish if elected. It would also be nice if you submitted a digital photograph of yourself so that members can put a name with a face. Digital pictures can be taken at the March meeting or you can send them to the Trainwire Editor.



### CLINICS AT NMRA '75 LOOK FORWARD & BACK.

ould you like to learn how to create a modern CTC panel for your layout using CATS? Or maybe you'd like to find out more about building kits made from brass etched parts, or increase your knowledge about chapel cars. Did you even know there were such things as chapel cars? You can learn about these topics and many more by attending the clinics at NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association convention for 2010. This year the NMRA celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so its altogether fitting that our national convention be held in Milwaukee Wisconsin, the city where it all began. The dates are July 11th through the 18<sup>th</sup>. While NMRA 75 will take an affectionate look back at our hobby's days of old, it will also be looking ahead to the fresh and new. This year's clinic program reflects

that idea very well. Of the 163 clinics scheduled to be presented, 123 are brand new and never before presented at an NMRA national convention. These new clinics will cover everything from scenery to structures to the newest trends in Digital Command Control. So if you're looking for fresh new ideas to enhance your modeling, NMRA 75 is the convention you must not miss! But not all the new clinics at NMRA 75 are about You can fresh new ideas.

look forward to a couple of them that look back. Clinician Paul Hobbs will present Seventy-Five Years Of Development And Achievement In Model Railroading. Paul will review events, processes, inventions, companies and individuals that have made significant contributions to the hobby over the past 75 years. You might also want to see Steve Stewart's new clinic. Seventy-Five Years Of Railroading. Steve examines prototype railroading



from what was in 1934 to what will be in 2011. And what could be more appropriate to bring the list of new clinics to an end than one about the history of Milwaukee Road Cabooses? As an added bonus, many of the new clinics at NMRA 75 will be presented by some of the bestknown names in model railroading. Names like Jack Burgess, Bruce Chubb, Chuck Hitchcock, Tony Koester, Sam Swanson, Bill Schaumburg, Andy Sperandeo, Tony Thompson and Wayne Wesolowski. Of course NMRA 75 is about much more than clinics. To find out everything you need to know, visit our website at www.nmra75.org. You can even register online. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer in Milwaukee! Oh and in case you were wondering, no actual cats were harmed in the making of that CTC clinic.

# RPM REVS UP AT NMRA 75.

t started 75 years ago in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders intent in setting interchangeability standards for motive power, rolling stock, and track formed the National Model Railroad Association or NMRA. It started 25 years ago at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NMRA convention in Milwaukee. A group of model railroaders interested in the contemporary scene formed The Modern Prototype Modelers. Over the years the emphasis changed to prototype

modeling from all eras. As a result the name changed too, and the group became known as Railroad Prototype Modelers or RPM. Over the years both the NMRA and the RPM continued to grow and now 25 vears later, both are meeting once again in Milwaukee. The event is NMRA 75, the National Model Railroad Association's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention. From July 11 the through the 16<sup>th</sup>, RPM modelers and NMRA members from all over the world will join together to celebrate the accomplishments of two great

organizations. Just as NMRA standards spawned innovations that have changed the hobby, so too has the innovative modeling of RPM members. In fact the level of detail and the technical excellence of today's models owe much of their origins to the NMRA and the RPM. No doubt about it, there is much to celebrate. which is why you should come to this party! An entire room will be devoted to RPM models from all over the world and you're invited to bring yours to display as well. The room will be open from

Wednesday to Friday during convention week. In addition to the RPM exhibit, NMRA 75 will offer a huge array of tours, clinics programs, and special events designed for model railroaders and their non-modeling family members. That means NMRA 75 makes for an ideal family vacation this summer! Get all the details by visiting our website at www.nmra75.org. You can even register online. So join the party. Come celebrate 75 years of model railroading this summer at NMRA '75!



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### **February Division 5 Meeting**

March 5th, 2010

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

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall

13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)

Chardon, Ohio

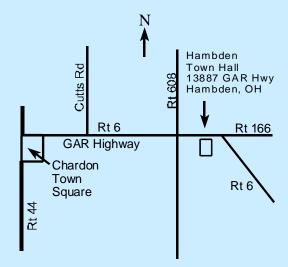
Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.

**Program:** Scenery featuring Styrofoam and plaster

**Presented by:** Doug Nichols

Bring & Brag: "Structures"

Reminder: Bring & Brag entries <u>DO NOT</u> have to adhere to the Bring & Brag theme for the evening. The themes are meant to add some variety to the types of model work shown and to encourage members to work on something they may not have tried otherwise. The themes are not meant to discourage you from bringing in other model work that you have



Map to Hambden Town Hall

March Trainwire Deadline March 20th.

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