THE TRAINWIRE

February 2011



The Western Reserve Division

Division 5- Mid Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

Full Convention Info Released and Online!

The Winter MCR Kingpin has been published with our Rails Of Ages convention information. A slightly more detailed version is on our convention website at www.RailsOfAges.org. Check it out and sign-up!

- Over 30 clinics
- * 7 Industrial / Prototype Tours
- ❖ 5 Non-Rail Tours
- Over 20 layouts open
- Silent Auction
- Judged NMRA Contest
- Model Display Area
- * Raffle / Door Prizes

More clinics, layouts, events, and tours are being worked on. Check the website regularly for updates.

You don't want to miss this convention!

We had five more Div 5 members come forward and volunteer to help with the convention. Thank You! We still need more help. The more people that help, the less time everybody has to spend working. Please consider helping us show off our Division.

You must be registered to attend and work at the convention. There is a special Div 5 Volunteer Registration form on the Div 5 website and available at the monthly meetings. By registering now, you let us know who will be helping. Your \$20 registration fee defrays the cost of your convention shirt, nametag, pin, and other miscellaneous items we will be giving to you.

February Division 5 Meeting

Date / Time: Friday, Feb 4, 2011 at 7:30 PM

Location: Hambden Town Hall

13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)

Chardon, Ohio

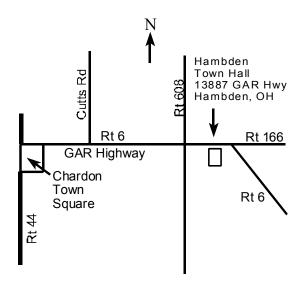
(Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.)

Program: Modeling Tarp Covered Loads

Bring & Brag Theme: Snow Removal

Reminder: Bring & Brag entries DO NOT 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 completed in the last 6 months. By all means, bring it in and show it off!





Map to Hambden Town Hall

Off the Mainline ...



By Eric Hansmann Division 5 Assistant Superintendent

I was very happy to field many questions during the January program on entering a model in an NMRA contest. Thanks to Don Bittner for bringing some fine examples of his work to share. I hope to publish this presentation on our website so it can be easily accessed and assist / encourage many modelers to enter an NMRA contest.

January is rolling right along and we will soon land in a busy spring! Railfest is the first big event on March 19th and 20th. We will need volunteers to assist in setting up tables and helping dealers move their boxes of goods in for display. Contact Jim Wendorf at Railfest@MCR5.Org or attend an upcoming meeting and jot your name / contact info down on the volunteer list. More volunteers help large events run smoothly and allow other volunteers a break to catch their breath.

At the end of April the Rails of Ages regional convention will capture our attention as a couple hundred NMRA members from all over Ohio, as well as parts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana, will travel to Geneva-on-the-Lake for a fabulous event. Prototype tours, layout tours, operating sessions, a banquet, and an array of presentations are all lined up. Volunteers are

also needed for this event so we have enough staff for the info table, contest room, silent auction room, company store, and more. Please see Matt Kross or Dale Smith at an upcoming meeting to lend your talents. Volunteering your time can net you a reduced convention registration as well. Check out the 2011 Convention Volunteer form on the Division 5 website.

www.mcr5.org/NMRA/documents/

I can't say enough good things about regional conventions. My father took me to my first regional convention in Pittsburgh back in 1976 when I was 15 years old. It was a defining experience in my model railroading 'career". I've now been on four regional convention committees and attended nearly a dozen conventions over the years. I always come away with a fist full of new ideas and lots of energy to work on the layout. Rails of Ages is in our backyard and a great opportunity to meet modelers from around the region and share great ideas. It's a great time to come out and experience one of the best benefits of your NMRA membership.

Lastly, I need some assistance with monthly programs. If you have a modeling technique to share, or some images of a great spot to model, please flag me down so we can get you on the program. I want our presentations to be a personal experience and offer some insight into a prototype or modeling issue.

I'll see you at the February meeting!

2011 Bring & Brag Themes

February - Snow Removal

March - Off-Line (non-RR) Structures

April - Trees and Shrubbery

May - Signage

June - Billboard Reefers

July - none

August - Anything Goes

September - Motor Trucks and Autos

October - Small Dioramas

November - Steam Locos!

December - none

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS



February 4

Location: Hambden Town Hall Program: Modeling Tarp Covered

Loads

Bring & Brag: Snow Removal

March 4

Location: Hambden Town Hall Program: Big South Fork Scenic

Railway in Sterns Ky. by Bruce Lutheran

Bring & Brag: Off-Line (non-RR)

Structures

April 1

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: Rails Of Ages Convention

Operations

Bring & Brag: Trees and Shrubbery

May 6

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: ???

Bring & Brag: Signage

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

7230 Justin Way
Mentor, Ohio 44060
440-251-0350 info@wrmrrm.org

Fall-Winter-Spring Hours

Monday thru Thursday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Friday - Closed
Saturdays 10 am to 5 pm
Sundays Noon to 5 pm

SCHEDULES



Div 5 Convention Meeting Feb 19

Geneva Lodge – 1:00 pm Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH

Div 5 BOD Meeting Feb 21

Hambden Town Hall - 7:30 pm

Div 5 Railfest 2011 Mar 19-20

Lakeland Community College www.mcr5.org/NMRA/railfest.htm

Div 5 BOD Meeting Mar 21

Hambden Town Hall - 7:30 pm

Live Steamers Public Run Apr 17

Lake Metroparks - Penitentiary Glen

1 pm - 3 pm

Div 5 BOD Meeting Apr 18

Hambden Town Hall - 7:30 pm

Rails Of Ages Convention Apr 28 - May 1

Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH www.RailsOfAges.org

Ohio N-Scale Weekend May 13 – 15

Franklin County Fairgrounds

Hilliard, OH

www.centralohiontrak.org

Live Steamers Public Run May 22

Lake Metroparks - Penitentiary Glen

1 pm - 3 pm

Railroads In The Parks Jun 4-5

Lake Metroparks

Modular layouts at Lake Farmpark

Live Steamers Public Run Jun 5

Lake Metroparks - Penitentiary Glen

1 pm - 3 pm

2011 NMRA National Convention Jul 3-9

Extra 2011 West Sacramento, CA www.x2011west.org

March Trainwire Deadline Feb 22

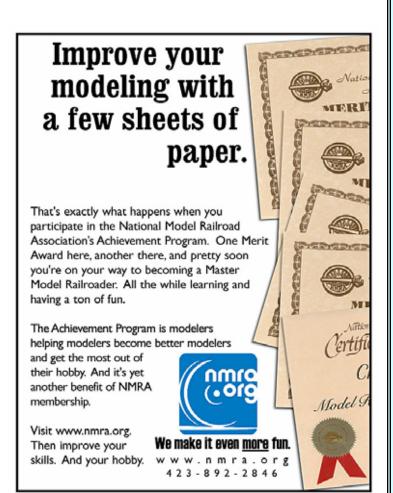
Important Note!

The MCR Officer Election Teller's Zip Code was stated incorrectly on page 15 of the Winter issue of The Kingpin.

The correct Zip Code is:

43103

Please use this zip code when mailing in your Election Ballot.



Team Track www.MCR5.org **Division 5 Officers:** Superintendent Mike Buehner 440-428-0137 Super@MCR5.org Asst. Superintendent Eric Hansmann 440-543-7754 AstSuper@MCR5.org Treasurer Bonnie Lette 440-298-3075 Treasurer@MCR5.org **Division 5 Trustees:** (Terms expire June 2012) 440-286-4932 Dale Smith 440-257-2105 Bruce Lutheran 440-298-3075 Wayne Lette Don Bittner 440-257-7555 Division 5 Board of Directors: BOD@MCR5.org **Division 5 Appointed Positions:** (Terms expire June 2012) Clerk Matt Kross 440-729-3045 Clerk@MCR5.org Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf 440-357-8890 Railfest @MCR5.org Promo Day Coordinator Bruce Lutheran 440-257-2105 PromoDay@MCR5.org Eric Hansmann 440-543-7754 Achievement Program AP@MCR5.org Bill Brodie 216-780-0938 Contests Contest@MCR5.org 440-255-2530 Mike Schaab Auditors Audit@MCR5.org Dennis Llovd 440-478-6661 Trainwire Editor Lenny Kessler Trianwire@MCR5.org 440-286-7341 Refreshments Doug Riedel Refreshments@MCR5.org Membership Roster Matt Kross 440-729-3045 Membership@MCR5.org Convention Co-Chairs Dale Smith 440-286-4932 Convention@MCR5.org Matt Kross 440-729-3045

Wayne Lette

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Webmaster@MCR5.org

CompanyStore@MCR5.org

January Meeting Pictures

















Photos by Ron Sieloff





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Railfest 2011 Is Coming Soon – Help Needed!

Railfest 2011 will be here before you know it. We will be needing lots of help! We will have a volunteer sign-up sheet at the Division 5 meetings and during Railfest setup.

Plan To Help The Division With Its Only Major Fund Raiser

Railfest Tasks

Thursday March 17 (approx. 4 pm to 9 pm - show setup only, no dealers)

- Begin putting tables in proper positions
- Deliver show materials

Friday March 18 (Official time is 6 pm but we can usually get in by 4 pm)

- 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
- Help vendors unload vehicles
- Setup the Division flea market tables and Division display items
- Put up signs

Saturday March 19 (7 am - 10 am - dealer and display set-up; show 10 am - 4 pm)

- Man the doors for security and assistance while vendors set-up
- Man the entrance desk: collect admission fee and make change
- 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
- Man the Division flea market table especially those selling items
- BUY LOT'S OF GOOD STUFF!

Sunday March 20 (9 am - 6 pm; 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

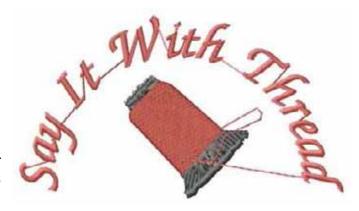


Div 5 Apparel Available From "Say It With Thread"

Division 5's shirts, hats, jackets, etc., are made by

Say It With Thread Embroidery in Wickliffe, Ohio Karen Erickson (440) 347-0938 www.sayitwiththread.net

You can call Karen directly and discuss what you would like to order. She can do single pieces or large lots. You can select from any items she has available in her catalogs.



Division 5 Fleamarket Table Item Rules

If you want to make use of the Division fleamarket table at Railfest, you MUST fill out a Division 5 Railfest Fleamarket Table Items list. A copy of this form is included with this Trainwire. Copies will also be available at the February and March Division 5 meetings. The form can also be found on the Division 5 website. 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, 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 a Business Size envelope to put the money in from the sales of your items. 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 use for making change. We would like at least ten \$1 bills in the envelope. Please mark on the envelope the amount of money you provided for making change.

Division 5 Company Store Items

- O scale Sugar Houses @ \$36/each
- HO scale Sugar Houses @ \$24/each
- N scale Sugar Houses @ \$17/each
- HO scale Western Reserve RR Reefers @ \$12/each
- N scale Western Reserve RR Reefers (two numbers) @ \$12/each or two for \$22
- Division 5 Pins @ \$2/each
- Division 5 "Pentagon" Patch @ \$2/each

Division 5
Membership
as of January 1, 2011

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Sat & Sun March 19th & 20th

10am to 4pm Model Railroad Show and Flea Market

Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts (Regional N-Trak)

HO Scale Layout

S Scale & American Flyer

(Cuyahoga Valley S Gaugers)

Lionel O Gauge LGB G Gauge

Live Steam Display

For Information Write:

NMRA MCR Division 5 PO Box 5081 Mentor OH 44061

Phone (440) 357-8890 Phone (440) 478-6861

Email - Railfest@MCR5.Org

Lakeland Community College

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 - Exit 193 (N.E. Ohio)

Kirtland Ohio

Admission \$7.00
Two-Day Pass \$12.00
Family (couples) \$12.00
Family (max) \$12.00
(Adults with Children under 18)

Food Service Available



A National Model Railroad Association MCR - Division 5 Event Since 1984 Visit us at www.Railfest.Org

Features

Dealers

Flea Market

Exhibitors

Operating Layouts

Video Tapes Historical Displays Train Ride Info

Food Service Available The Best Train Show in Ohio

3000 Free Parking Spaces Free Shuttle Bus 8:30am - 4:30 PM





Rails Of Ages 1961 to 2011

2011 Mid Central Region Convention

Hosted by Division 5 - The Western Reserve Division Celebrating 50 Years Of Railroading

April 28 – May 1, 2011 www.RailsOfAges.org



Note: You MUST be registered (Volunteer or Regular) to attend the convention activities.

There is a special Div 5 Volunteer Registration form on the Div 5 website and available at the monthly meetings. This is for Division 5 members only. By registering now, you let us know who will be helping. Your \$20 registration fee defrays the cost of your convention shirt, nametag, pin, and other miscellaneous items we will be giving to you.

Policy Change: Priority will be given to Early Registrants for tour and event sign-ups through Feb 12th. After that, it is first come, first served. Once tours are filled, we will create a waiting list. If there is a large waiting list, we will add a second bus, if possible. Division 5 members registered for the convention (Volunteer or Regular registration) may sign-up for any of the tours and events.

Convention Volunteer Tasks

- General convention setup on Thursday afternoon
- Changing signs during the convention (clinic schedules, prize winners, tours, etc.)
- Security in all convention rooms
- Silent Auction: (Note: all jobs filled at this time)
 - Logging items in / placing items on tables
 - Processing the items when sale ends
 - Print and post list of winning bids
 - Passing out items sold / collecting money
- Contest
- Logging in entries
- Counting popular vote ballots
- Company Store
 - Room set up on Thursday
 - Inventorying items brought for sale by other divisions
 - Selling merchandise
 - Inventorying remaining items after store closes
- Raffle
- Set up raffle prize display on Thursday
- Sell raffle tickets
- Draw winning raffle tickets
- Print and post list of door prize winners

- Hand out prizes as people come to claim them
- Door Prizes
 - Set up door prize claim area on Thursday afternoon
 - Run program several times a day to pick winners
 - Hand out door prizes when people come to claim them
 - Print and post list of door prize winners
- Tours
- Be a tour guide (only needed for a couple of tours)
- Assist with the bus loading at start of a tour
- Give tour information packet to bus driver
- Banquet
- Put up various signs in banquet room
- Put out table number signs
- Put out door prizes
- Set up video projector
- History Display Room
 - Set up room on Thursday afternoon
 - Log and label items brought in by convention attendees
 - Greet people and talk about how model railroading has changed over the last 50 years
- Hospitality Room
 - Set up room on Thursday afternoon
 - Greeter
 - Keep refreshments stocked
 - Monitor videos being shown and change as needed
- Registration Desk
 - Log people in
 - Register walk-ins
 - Hand out registration packets
 - Answer questions
- Clinics
- Set up room as needed for each clinic
- Change clinic room signs throughout the day
- Make sure convention equipment stays in the room
- Sit in on clinics in case there is a problem
- Convention Office
 - Print signs as needed
 - Check equipment in / out
- Run errands as needed
- Information desk
- Convention tear-down on Sunday morning

Div 5 BOD Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Matt Kross - Div 5 Clerk

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on January 17, 2011 at Hambden Town Hall. Those present were Eric Hansmann, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Don Bittner, Dale Smith, Bruce Lutheran, and Jim Wendorf.

- Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf provided an update on the Railfest 2011 planning:
 - o 205 out of roughly 410 tables have been sold so far.
 - o The second set of invitations will go out shortly to 25 more dealers.
 - We may increase the number of tables this year since we are adding the two handball courts to our show space.
 - There was a question about what records we need to maintain regarding our dealers' vendors licenses. We will inform our dealers that they need to provide us with a copy of their vendors license or at least provide us their vendors license number.
 - o We will hold our meeting with Railfest volunteers probably the first Monday in March.
 - o We will get a list of all the Railfest jobs into the March Trainwire.
 - We will only be giving the exhibitors a maximum of 15 free badges. The remaining members of their group will get a discounted entrance fee.
 - o We will be doing similar advertising as last year.
 - o 1200 fliers were mailed to dealers.
- Jim Wendorf needs a copy of the 2010 Railfest audit report for the Railfest records.
- Matt Kross and Dale Smith provided an update on the 2011 Rails Of Ages convention:
 - Next convention planning meeting will be on January 22.
 - o Convention information has been published in the Winter MCR Kingpin and been placed on the convention website.
 - We are ready to send out door prize donation requests to manufacturers and dealers.
 - o Convention shirts for the volunteers will be ordered within the next month.
 - o We are getting pricing on a convention pin.
 - o Working on getting the times set for all events.
 - o Assembling list of all equipment and supplies we will need.
 - o Dale Smith went to the Division 9 January meeting to promote our convention.
 - Since there was dissatisfaction with convention co-chair Matt Kross' statement that we
 may bump Division members from tours if there are non-members that want to go on
 the tour, the convention committee will review what our policy will be.
- A motion was passed to donate the Walthers HO Turntable owned by the Division to the convention raffle.
- Motion passed to purchase approximately 80 batteries for our radios that will be used at Railfest and the convention.
- Discussed upcoming meeting programs and Bring & Brag themes. The February meeting program will be tarp covered gondola loads put on by Eric Hansmann.
- Discussed the Division 50th anniversary plans. We are considering several possible dates for our celebration. The earliest would be in late May, but it will more likely be in the August to October timeframe. We are checking on what facilities are available and that are affordable.

 We received a notice from the Ohio Attorney General's office that we need to register our group as a charitable organization and submit various documentation by February 28, 2011. We are checking to see if we are exempt from this. If not, we will assemble the needed documentation and perform the registration. Next Division 5 BOD Meeting February 21, 2011 - 7:30 PM (Third Monday of every month) Hambden Town Hall Chardon, OH

- At the February Div 5 BOD meeting, we will discuss various funding requests submitted by outside groups.
- A number of Division 5 members are ready to submit requests for our New Display Awards.

Division 5 Meeting Minutes - January 7, 2011

Assistant Superintendent Eric Hansmann called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 23 members and 4 guests present.

- The recent deaths of Dean Freytag and Jim Boyd were discussed. Information on Dean Freytag's memorial service was provided.
- A lot of help is needed for Railfest 2011 in March. We will publish a list of jobs in the Trainwire.
- Bring N Brag Theme for the night: Autocarriers

Eric Hansmann Bill Brodie Don Bittner Rich Kacprzak Bill Berger Todd Liedel

- February meeting program will be "Tarp Covered Loads" by Eric Hansmann. The Bring & Brag theme will be "Snow Removal".
- Eric Hansmann presented a program on what you need to do to prepare your model for submission in an NMRA contest. There was a great deal of audience participation, both questions and answers. Don Bittner displayed some of his scratchbuilt structures and the issues he encountered when having them judged.
- Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided a financial report for the Division. We are solvent and have a comfortable amount of savings to ride through any difficult times.
- Matt Kross and Dale Smith provided a status report on the 2011 Rails Of Ages Convention planning. Detailed convention information has been submitted to the region Kingpin and will be published in the next week or two. This information is currently on our convention website. Industrial, prototype, and non-rail tours have been arranged. We have about twenty layouts scheduled for the Sunday tours. We are working to add more events, clinics, tours, layouts, and displays. Updates will be listed on the convention website. A convention committee meeting will be held on January 22.

Submitted by Matt Kross - Clerk

Division 50th Anniversary Celebration Ideas

We are trying to put together some type of 50th anniversary celebration for the Division. Right now, we are thinking of a sit-down dinner at a party center or banquet hall in our area. It would be on either a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday evening. At the moment, we are leaning towards a Sunday evening in the August / September timeframe. It is much easier getting a hall for a Sunday evening than a Friday or Saturday. At this time of year, it stays light until at least 8:30 pm for those that don't like to drive at night.

A possible schedule for an evening event:

- Social time: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pmDinner: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 50 Years Of Division 5: 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm
 - Brief history of Division 5
 - o Introduction of past Superintendents
 - o The last 50 years in pictures
 - Sharing memories of the past 50 years
- Program / Speaker: 7:45 pm to 8:30 pm
- Door Prize Drawing: 8:30 pm to 8:40 pm
- Closing: 8:40 pm to 8:45 pm
- Possibly music / dancing or some other entertainment: 8:45 pm to 10:00 pm

Some other thoughts:

- Division would cover the bulk of the cost
- If possible, we would like to get past officers of the Division to attend.
- Possibly have various door prizes
- So, what are your thoughts about this?
- Do you have any alternate ideas or thoughts on additional things we could do?
- What days / times / time of year would work best for you?
- Would you attend an event like this?

Please provide your ideas and feedback to one of the Division officers or BOD members.

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

 ${\it The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:}$



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys HobbyTown USA Train Specialty Company Village Train Shop Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters Willoughby, OHMentor, OHChardon, OHPerry, OH

- Geneva, OH



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Division 5 Railfest Fleamarket Table Items

 case of loss or damage to my property while at this show. Member's Signature:
Division 5 Member's Name:

I WIII accept cnecks: ☐ Yes ☐ No	I will accept checks:	☐ Yes	□ No
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Seller's Initials	Item No.	Description	Asking Price	Min Sell Price	Sale Price
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