



The Trainwire.



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Superintendent's Report.

I do not know how many of you have noticed, but lately the world of model railroading has been seen and mentioned during primetime television programming. I actually have seen a layout during one of my favorite shows; it was actually running, fully scenic, portable size pike. Another show that model railroading was a part of had one of the characters going to a hobby show to buy a starter kit train set and had then set it up in the living room. With all this on TV you would think that model railroading could be promoted, well it can! Our membership can promote our hobby, Division 5 Promo Day is this

month and you can come and help. We need more people to be involved; we have all seen how people respond when we have set-up displays and hands on modeling. We want those people to participate in Our hobby.

Other business that is coming up, a ballot will be sent out shortly for a regulation change. Please place your vote and return the ballot. This change is being made for some wording issues and for the Treasurer position from being an elected to being appointed.

A final note, Thank you Dave Neff for filling the Assistant Superintendent

position till June, it will be short and painless.

Mike Buehner



Mike Buehner – Superintendent
 Division 5
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



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| 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!

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

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.

November 4th, 2011

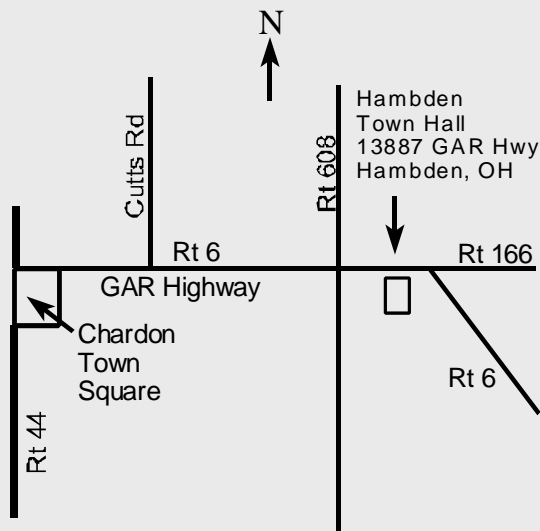
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Penn Central Operations in New Castle, PA by Jerry Jordak
Bring & Brag: "Steam Locos!"

December 2nd, 2011

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: "Division 5 Memories" by Harley Smith
Bring & Brag: "Online Structures"

January 6th, 2011 (Holiday Party)

Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: Presentation on Cleveland Terminal
Activity: "Chinese Gift Exchange!"



Map to Hambden Town Hall

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Division 5 PROMO Day	November 5
Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio	
Division 1 Model RR Fleamarket	November 6
Akron Yacht Club Akron, Ohio	
BOD Meeting	November 21
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	
Country Lights	December 3 - 23
Farmpark Kirtland, Ohio 5 - 9 pm	
"HO" Layout displayed	December 3 - 10
"N" Layout displayed	December 11 - 23
 <u>2012</u> 	
BOD Meeting	January 16
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

October 7th, 2011 7:30 pm

Superintendent Mike Buehner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 18 members and 4 guests present.

Communications and upcoming events: Lake Shore Live Steamers Hobo Stew Dinner / Run on Oct 15.

Karen Erickson, the person that does our Division 5 apparel, has some old Ives trains for sale.

If interested, contact Mike Buehner.

A neighbor of Sam Monturi has a 5' x 7' N-scale layout for sale. If interested, contact Sam.

Bring & Brag – Theme: *Small Dioramas*

Bob Gittinger - Don Bittner - Bill Smith - Ken Stroebel - Rich Kacprzak

Program: Ontario Northland Railroad by Ken Stroebel. Ken provided a slide show of the Ontario Northland over much of its route. The pictures were taken by Ken during his many railfanning trips of the Ontario Northland.

It was noted that Division 5 member **Jim Sifling** has been recovering from a knee problem and will be going home soon.

Mike Buehner reviewed some of the highlights of the recent Mid Central Region BOD meeting.

A formal proposal has been submitted to the NMRA by some members of the inactive Allegheny Highlands Division of the Niagra Frontier Region to join Division 5. This would involve three counties in PA: Warren, Crawford, and Erie. The proposal must go through a number of formal reviews and votes.

Working on coordinating **Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge**. Ken Stroebel was provided as the Division 5 contact for our merit badge program.

MCR continues to work on expanding the clinic database. **An MCR Facebook page** is being created.

The proposed changes to the **Division 5 Regulations** were reviewed. There was concern expressed with having the Superintendent appoint the Treasurer. Some alternate suggestions were made to either have the BOD appoint the Treasurer or have members vote to endorse the appointed person. It was noted that there are controls in place regarding the Treasurer. The financial books are audited annually and the Treasurer cannot issue checks for non-budgetary expenses without elected officer approval. A motion was made and passed to have all appointed positions approved by the BOD.

2011 Promo Day planning is going okay. Rob Bowers is coordinating the demos that will be presented. An e-mail blast was sent out letting people know about the event along with some local Public Service Announcements on the radio.

Bob Frieden and Tom Pescha have arranged a copying contract with OfficeMax at 3 cents a copy (one sided) black print on colored paper. A credit card is required to make use of this offer. Contact Bob Frieden for more information.

The Treasurer reported that we are solvent.

The 2011 Rails Of Ages Convention financial books have been audited and a report turned in. The convention ended with a profit of approximately \$700.

An update on the **2014 NMRA national convention** planning was provided by Dave Neff. The next formal planning meeting will be held sometime before the end of the year. They are looking for layouts to be included on the layout tours. Trying to have some themed layout tours such as N-scale only or garden railroads. Besides the normal clinics, there will be a series of workshops.

The Division 5 table at the recent Division 4 train show went well. Division 5 members talked to many of the people passing by and we feel we got some good publicity.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 BOD Minutes

October 20, 2011 7:30 pm

Attendees: Mike Buehner, Dave Neff, Bruce Lutheran, Don Bittner, Dale Smith, Lenny Kessler, Wayne & Bonnie Lette

We discussed the **NMRA Privacy Policy**.

Lake Farm Park Country Lights – HO Module Group will be displayed 12/1-12/10; LENS N-scale Module Group will be displayed 12/11-12/23 – 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Discussed **Programs and Bring 'n' Brag**; December will be Online Structures and Division 5 Memories by Harley Smith

Holiday Party – January 6, 2012 at the Hambden Town hall at 6:00 pm, dinner will be at 6:30 pm.
Chinese Gift Exchange – Rail & Non-Rail with a \$10-\$15 value
Chuck Klein will have a program of the Cleveland Union Terminal

We reviewed the **upcoming events** for the Trainwire; went over items that needed corrected and items to be put into the Trainwire.

Mike received a email from **Exact Rail** - Exact Rail model trains would like to support your upcoming event on November 5, 2011 with product donations, banners, and/or other promotional materials. Plus other events your organization has.

Wayne motioned to keep the original wording for the changes to the regulations that have been published in the trainwire and at the meetings. Dale Smith 2nd the motion and all voted yes. The Superintendent will make all appointments as stated in the regulations. Matt will be sending out the ballot to vote on the change.

The BOD went over the **2012 Budget**;

Travel reimbursement was discussed and Bonnie motioned to have it at \$.28/mile and Wayne 2nd – it was voted to be accepted. This will be for all approved Division business travel expenses; such as regional BOD meetings, flyer distribution, etc.

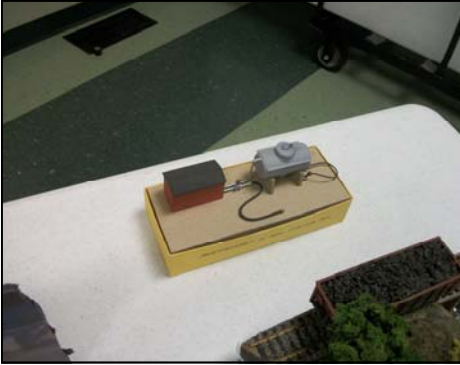
After discussions and reviewing each line item we have come up with a 2nd revision. Bruce Lutheran motioned to **accept the budget**; Dale Smith 2nd – it was decided to defer till the November BOD meeting. This will give time to review the budget.

Dale has contacted two caterers for the Holiday Party. We will have the same menu and will be keeping the price the same for this year. Cost will be \$8.00 per person for member and one guest; \$10.00 for any additional guests. All money and reservations are to be made and paid by the December meeting.

Bruce motioned to purchase an extension cord for the digital projector and Dale 2nd vote approved – Wayne is to purchase it.

Submitted by
Bonnie Lette – Division 5 Treasurer

Pictures from the October Meeting.



Next Division 5 Meeting - November 4th, 2011.

Division 5 Loses A Former Member.

Former Division 5 member Ed Fritz died on October 20, 2011 in Phoenix, Arizona. Ed had served the Division as Clerk/Treasurer, Railfest Assistant

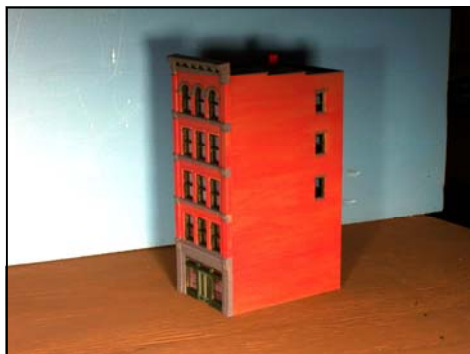
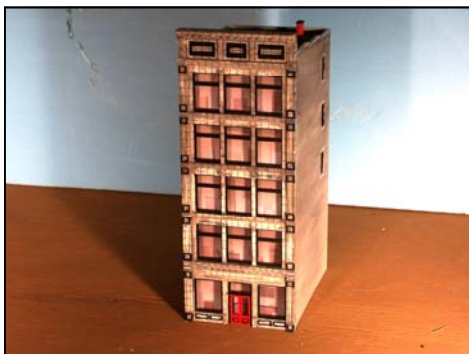
Chairman, Railfest Chairman, and Trainwire Editor between 1983 and 1998 before moving to Arizona in 1999. Ed's wife, Marilyn, died just a few months ago. He is

survived by two daughters and a son. Condolences may be sent to the Fritz Family, 4755 E. Melanie Drive, Cave Creek, AZ 85331. ❀

Burial will be in Arizona.

Edward A. Fritz
1928 - 2011

The Modeler's Corner.



Every layout needs at least one city, large or small, for a starting point and/or destination for your one or more classy passenger trains. In the midst of a lot of shops, manufacturing plants, warehouses, fire and police buildings you will need some office buildings. I chose four different City Classic five story models and two are featured in this article. Of the two, the red building is the East Ohio

Street Building and the other model is the Grant Street Iron Front Building. I have the other two City Classic models that will be built once the city construction is started. These models are relatively simple to build and you can build them separately or in a block of four using the same façade. These models are designed to simulate buildings that were common in most cities during the late 1880's. The models will stand alone, but look better when

clustered in buildings of the same size or smaller. These are not the cheapest models price wise, but they will bring a lot of panache to your city. If you would like your project featured in the **Modeler's Corner** then take plenty of pictures, write down some information on your project and send it to the Trainwire editor by email.

- *The Editor*



The 2014 National NMRA Convention will be here before you know it! Start making your plans now. Division 5 is one of the local NMRA divisions helping put on this convention. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dale Smith, Dave Neff, or Matt Kross.



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National Model Railroad Association Mid-Central Region – Division 5

Presents

Model Railroad Promotional Day

Learning

Model Railroad Basics

Saturday, November 5, 2011

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Admission is FREE



**Division 5 will be presenting classes on the following
Basics of Model Railroading:**

- Basic layout framing - your railroad support structure (Benchwork)
- Basics of laying Track - including the roadbed
- Simple wiring - to run your trains
- Basic Scenery - different construction techniques
- Basic Plastic Model Building - add that station or factory

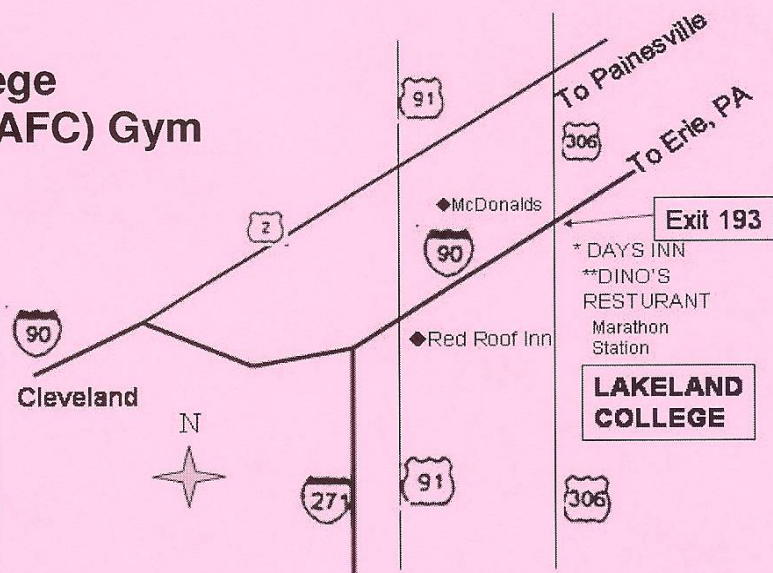
Attend one or all classes

**Lakeland Community College
Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Gym
7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, Ohio 44094**

Note: Under the age of 15, must be accompanied by an adult.

Each Class is taught by experienced model railroader.

Bring your questions, Take home a wealth of knowledge.



For latest up to date info, check www.MCR5.org or email: promoday@mcr5.org



National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Confidentiality Policy

In order to protect the privacy rights and concerns of our members, the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. is forwarding this statement to all Region and Division personnel. All such personnel are expected to understand and abide by this policy.

Due to changes in the law as well as increased concern over privacy issues and identity theft, it is now NMRA policy that anyone with access to membership information obtained from the national NMRA must agree not to disclose any such information to anyone who is not authorized to have access to the information for official use.

The NMRA is in the process of obtaining permission from each member to disclose his or her personal information to other members, as we have in the past for those wishing to visit or contact other members. Due to changes in the law and increased privacy concerns, we can no longer disclose such information without the consent of the members concerned. Moreover, no information should be disclosed by any NMRA official, elected or appointed, at any level of the NMRA, that would allow those without authorization to obtain personnel information of other members. This would include mass electronic mail distribution with private email addresses in the "to" or "cc" address lines where the information can be read by any recipient.

Currently member information such as name, address, phone number, and email address is made available to each Region membership officer, and is also available to each Region president. Those persons are expected to pass this information along to their Region's Division superintendents and membership officers so that they can use the information for official business. Welcome letters, re-rail letters, newsletters, meeting notifications and the like would be considered official business. Other official mailings to all Region or Division members are also permitted.

This policy strictly prohibits dissemination of member information to 100% NMRA clubs. Such clubs are not part of the NMRA corporate structure, and the NMRA has no way to control how such information would be used. 100% NMRA clubs are clubs whose members are all members of the NMRA, however, they have no other responsibilities to the NMRA. The NMRA HQ will continue to identify if a person is a member of the NMRA to an NMRA club for purposes of confirmation of the person's eligibility for membership in the 100% NMRA club. However, we would request the club to first request a copy of the membership card from the prospective member in order to confirm eligibility.

Any NMRA official who passes personal membership information along to non-authorized individuals runs the risk of being held personally legally liable for this action. Moreover, the NMRA insurance does not apply to such disclosures by region or division officers or personnel.

Further updates of this policy will be issued as they are formulated and adopted by the Board of Directors.

We appreciate that these changes may cause changes in the way that your NMRA organization conducts business and serves its members, but these changes are necessary as the law evolves regarding privacy issues. If you have questions about this policy and how it should be applied, please direct them to me at nmrapres@zoomtown.com or to NMRA General Counsel, Robert J. Amsler, Jr., at legal@hq.nmra.org.

Mike Brestel, NMRA President

June 12, 2011

The October NMRA InfoNet News

Greetings, Presidents & Superintendents --

Here's all the news that's fit to print for October:

- In order to ensure the financial wellbeing of the NMRA into the future, there will be a **dues increase on January 1, 2012 for U.S. members and overseas members served by the Chattanooga office.** Regular memberships will increase by \$5 to \$44, and subscriptions to *NMRA Magazine* will increase by \$3 to \$22. Sustaining memberships (including the magazine) will increase by \$13 to \$110, and student memberships (including the magazine) will increase by \$4 to \$32. In addition, our highly successful RailPass trial membership program will continue at \$9.95. The current RailPass conversion rate to regular memberships is around 65%. **Memberships administered by the A, B, and C offices are not affected.**
- Di Voss, who's heading up the Cruise Convention committee, continues to receive **results from the survey published in the October issue of NMRA Magazine.** To date he's received around 200 responses, and estimates those "in favor" to be about 75%. In addition, Di would like to remind those who think there won't be enough time on a Cruise Convention for layout tours, OPSIG meets or other activities, that the ship will be in port from about 8:00 a.m. until about 10:00 p.m.
- For some reason, the story that the NMRA membership has been declining over the past few years continues to persist. **IT AIN'T TRUE. NMRA membership is holding steady** at around 19,500. According to the latest "Membership Thermometer" figures compiled by Marketing, Advertising and Promotions manager Tom Draper, the NMRA lost 104 members between August 2009 and August 2011, but **gained** 91 members between August 2006 and August 2011. Please help us set the record straight by mentioning this to your membership!
- Convention news: Even though Grand Rails 2012 will have dozens of top notch model railroads open for self-guided tours, the convention committee wanted to make sure everyone has a chance to see some of their great layouts. So there will also be **several bus tours to some of the area's best layouts.** Layouts include every scale from Z to G, and every level of completion. They're also offering a very special, exclusive seven-hour **limo** layout tour for groups of 6 to any of the six layouts on the self-guided list. The price for the limo is only \$120 per person. Get all the details and registration info at www.gr2012.org.

Repeat announcement: The Howell Day Museum is issuing a new release of its highly successful **Gorre and Daphetid bobber cabooses.** Two new bobbers, numbered 3 and 5, are available from Headquarters immediately. A single car is US\$19.95 + \$4 shipping and handling, and the set of two is US\$34.95 + \$4 shipping and handling. The new cars are available in HO scale only, and are ready to run. They feature operating magnetic knuckle couplers and free-rolling metal wheels. Watch for the ad running in *NMRA Magazine*. To order, call HQ at 423-892-2846.

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in NMRA Magazine.

And if you're changing email addresses, please let me know at this email address: NMRA-infonet@earthlink.net

Gerry Leone, MMR

NMRA Communications Director

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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 view point on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the Modelers Corner; 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 article and send them to the Editor by email and share them will all of us.

**December Trainwire Deadline
November 20th.**

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