



# The Trainwire.



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## Programming and Planning - Part II

In the August issue of the Trainwire I previewed the August meeting topic, which was to discuss what interests our Division membership with regard to programs. Discussion ensued with many topics brought up, from railroad histories to several ideas for clinics---especially 'how-to's. But there have been very few volunteers from within our own ranks to present such clinics!

Recently, clinics on styrene model building (Bob Gittinger), trucks/couplers installation (Harley Smith), and weathering (Joe Saunders) have been real hits at our meetings, especially using the camera so detail could be seen throughout the room. We would hope to continue with these types of clinics. This month it's Pat Flash who is going to discuss building Sedum trees. For the future, I have in mind---if I can obtain the clinicians either from our Division or others---such topics as steel mill modeling, what the OpSIG and Layout Design Special Interests Groups are all about, resin and pewter casting, etc. Depends on who and when I can get such folks! And I want to bring back Joe Saunders or another who will focus on weathering structures. And of course there are many more possible topics. If you have a specific interest, or know of someone---even outside our Division---who can present an interesting clinic, let me know!!

But I want to call your attention to a new initiative undertaken by the NMRA, and spearheaded by our own (at one time) Jim Six. Unveiled at the Grand Rapids Convention, Jim is launching a somewhat formalized Model Railroader Education and Training program, with a 'curriculum' to be formatted and then 'taught' by experienced clinicians. The topics in the E & T program will include layout planning, benchwork, track laying, wiring, scenery building, lighting, soldering, locomotives and rolling stock, structure building, etc. Many of the basic skills necessary to take an around-the-tree fascination of running trains into the modeler's world. There will be basic, intermediate, and advanced levels of 'how-to-do' clinics to be developed which should be of interest to the beginner through advanced modeler. I am our Division's designated member on the E & T Development committee. We intend to roll out some clinics of this nature in next year's convention in Atlanta, and even more at our convention in Cleveland in 2014.

As this program develops and specific clinics emerge, I'll try to get them to us as soon as possible.

**Dave Neff**  
*Assistant. Superintendent*

## 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.

### October 5th, 2012

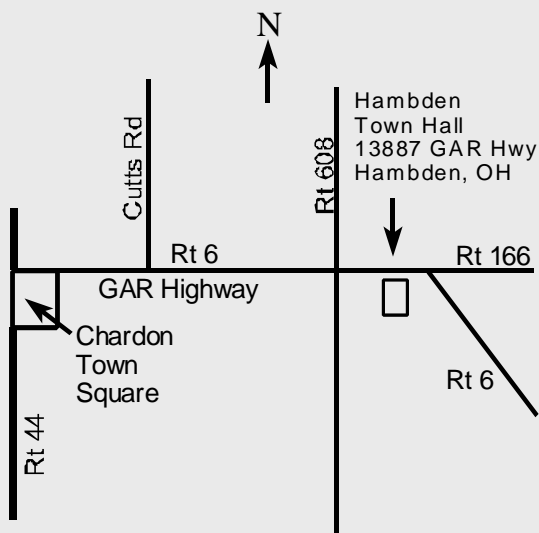
**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** Making Sedum Trees (Pat Flash)  
**Bring & Brag:** "Fall Colors (scenery)"

### November 2nd, 2012

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** Cass Railroad (Dave Neff)  
**Bring & Brag:** "Doodlebugs/RDCs"

### December 7th, 2012

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** TBA  
**Bring & Brag:** "On-line Structures"



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

<b>Carnival of Trains "12"</b> Cuyahoga Fairgrounds Berea, Ohio 44017	<b>October 6</b>
<b>L.S. Live Steamers Public Run</b> Penitentiary Glen Reservation Kirtland, Ohio (1-3 pm)	<b>October 7</b>
<b>Railfanning Day</b> Painesville Depot Painesville, Ohio 44077	<b>October 13</b>
<b>LSLS Hobo Stew Dinner</b> Penitentiary Glen Reservation Kirtland, Ohio (5 pm) <i>Trains start running at (11 am)</i>	<b>October 13</b>
<b>BOD Meeting</b> Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	<b>October 15</b>
<b>Cincinnati Model Train Show</b> 8940 Union Centre Blvd. West Chester, Ohio 45069	<b>October 20-21</b>
<b>Division 5 Promo Day</b> Lakeland Community College Kirtland, Ohio 44094	<b>November 3</b>
<b>Railroad Swap Meet</b> American Legion Post 151 Conneaut, Ohio 44030	<b>November 18</b>
<b>Country Lights</b> Farmpark Kirtland, Ohio 44094	<b>Nov. 30 - Dec. 2</b> <b>December. 4 -23</b>

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2012 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Rob Bowers at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. There were 26 members and 6 guests present.

It was noted that **longtime Division 5 members** Frank Russell and Bob Kissig had died recently.

Division 5 member **Tom Carr** had surgery recently.

Division 5 will share an **NMRA membership table** at Division 4's upcoming trainshow with Division 1 and Division 4. We are all being asked to help man this table.

A proposed trip to **Blissfield, Michigan** was presented. The trip would involve an operating session on one layout and visiting some other railroad related points of interest. Without any specific details being presented, there was no interest expressed by the members present.

The **HO Module Group** reported that their setup at the Last Stop Willoughby event went very well. The city of Willoughby had about 15,000 people attend the event and 1500 of them came through and saw the layout. The city treated the module group well. Being a one day show, it was a very long day of work for the few group members that participated.

We are constantly looking for **program ideas**. Let Dave Neff know of things you would like to see or if you are willing to put on a program.

## **Bring & Brag:**

Matt Kross          Dave Neff          Charlie Tidd

## **Question Period Topics:**

Additional sources of information on building layouts

Pattern sheets

Using curved turnouts for a yard – one tip was to use progressively sharper curved turnouts

How to get started on something – just do it!

**Program:** Freight Car Weathering by Joe Saunders. Joe presented a live clinic showing the various techniques he uses for weathering all parts of freight cars, including the trucks and wheels.

## **Business Meeting:**

Treasurer Bonnie Lette indicated that we are financially solvent.

No other business was conducted.

## **Submitted by:**

**Matt Kross** – Division 5 Clerk

# Division 5 Loses Two Former Members.



**Frank H. Russell Jr.**  
1929-2012

**F**rank H. Russell passed away on Sept. 2, 2012. Frank was a retired draftsman and was an avid model railroader. He was a member of Cleveland & Eastern inner Urban Historical Society, Lakeshore Live Steamers and the NMRA Division 5. May the Lord welcome this gentle soul into his Kingdom and watch over him for eternity. ❁



**R**obert P. Kissig passed away Sept. 10, 2012. Bob was a U. S. Navy veteran who served for four years during Vietnam aboard the aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La. He loved trains and spending time with his family. A special thanks to the loving nurses from Hospice who took special care of Bob. May the Lord watch over our former member through eternity. ❁



**Robert P. Kissig**  
1944-2012

## Bulletin Board.

### Hobo Stew Dinner

The Lake Shore Live Steamers have invited Division 5 to once again attend their Hobo Stew Dinner and Club Run on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Penitentiary Glen, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland, Ohio 44094. Trains start running at 11:00 am. Dinner is at 5:00 pm.

Robbi Haines runs the LSLS food committee and needs to know how many Div 5 members are planning to come. If you are planning on attending the dinner, please contact Robbi and she will coordinate what you are to bring to the dinner. This will also give her a head count. You can call Robbi at home (440) 322-3293 or at her cell (216) 402-2357. Her e-mail is rah258@earthlink.net.

You need to bring your own bowls and silverware. The bowl should NOT BE PLASTIC because the stew is very HOT. The size of a soup bowl with a large opening is best.

### New Div 5 Directors

The following Division 5 members have accepted positions as new Division 5 Directors:

**Tom Pescha**

**Bob Gittinger**

They replace Dale Smith and Bruce Lutheran who had served for a number of years and asked to be replaced. The other two current Directors are Wayne Lette and Don Bittner.

**Thank you to Dale Smith and Bruce Lutheran for your service as Directors!**

## Bulletin Board cont.....

### Oversight

The information in the “*Steam in the Valley*” notice that was printed in the September issue of the Trainwire was compiled and submitted by:

**Kenneth Stroebel**

### Proposed Youngstown Area Trip

Harley Smith is working on a possible trip to the Youngstown area to tour a strip mine and processing plant along with stopping at 3 or 4 hobby shops on the way. This would be an all day trip on a Saturday. We don't have a date yet. We will check with those at the October meeting to see if there is interest in pursuing this trip.

### Budget Requests For 2013

If you run an area within the Division that spends Division money, you need to submit (in writing) your request for next year's funds by the October 2012 BOD meeting in order for the funds to be included in the 2013 Division 5 Budget. You can e-mail your funding requests to [BOD@MCR5.org](mailto:BOD@MCR5.org) or give them to one of the BOD members.

### 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  
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters

Willoughby, Ohio  
Mentor, Ohio  
Chardon, Ohio  
Geneva, Ohio



*Please support these dealers!*

# Division 5 BOD Minutes

September 17th, 2012 7:30 pm

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on September 17, 2012 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Rob Bowers, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Lenny Kessler, Tom Pescha, Bob Gittinger, and Dave Neff.

The following Division 5 members have accepted positions as **Division 5 Directors**: Tom Pescha and Bob Gittinger. They replace Dale Smith and Bruce Lutheran.

Tom Pescha has volunteered to be the **Division Publicity Coordinator**. We still have open positions for Achievement Program and Contest Coordinator.

**Harley Smith** proposed a possible trip to the Youngstown area to tour a strip mine and processing plant along with stopping at 3 or 4 hobby shops in the area. This would be an all day trip on a Saturday. It will be presented to the membership at the October meeting to see if there is interest.

The Division 5 Holiday Party will be on Friday, January 11, 2013.

Rob Bowers and Dave Neff will attend the **Mid Central Region BOD meeting** on Sunday, September 23, 2012. They will report on the various activities within the Division and note that our Division is unusual in that we have a very strong N-scale contingent within the Division.

Dave Neff said he has talked to Rob Stewart about handing out Division 5 tri-fold brochures at his hobby shop.

**The Lake Shore Live Steamers** have invited Division 5 to once again attend their Hobo Stew Dinner and Run in October. Anyone wanting to attend the dinner must contact LSLS so that they have a head count.

The board discussed various **program ideas** for the upcoming year.

Tom Pescha has obtained discounted pricing from **OfficeMax** on printing and mailing the Trainwire. Starting with the October Trainwire, we will begin using them and save approximately \$600 a year.

**Preliminary 2013** budget discussions were started. It initially appears that we can keep all budget categories at their 2012 levels. Budget requests from various Div 5 coordinators need to be submitted by the October BOD meeting. Treasurer Bonnie Lette will provide our actual 2012 expenses to date at the October BOD meeting.

Next **Division 5 BOD** meeting will be October 15, 2012 at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall.

*Submitted by:*

**Matt Kross** – Division 5 Clerk



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# Wanted

**T**he 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.

**November Trainwire Deadline  
October 20th.**

# The Trainwire Newsletter

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# Carnival of Model Trains '12



**Saturday, October 6, 2012  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 7, 2012  
11 am. – 4 p.m.**

**Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds – Berea, Ohio  
164 Eastland Road, Berea, Ohio 44017**

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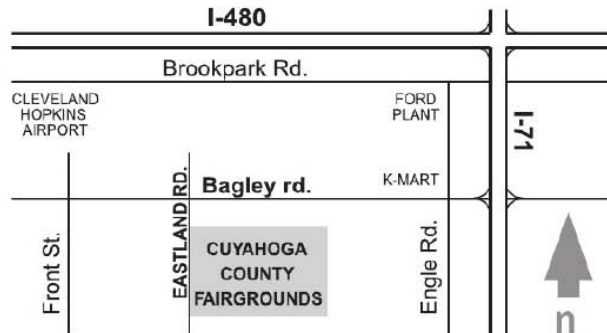
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Under 16 Free with Adult  
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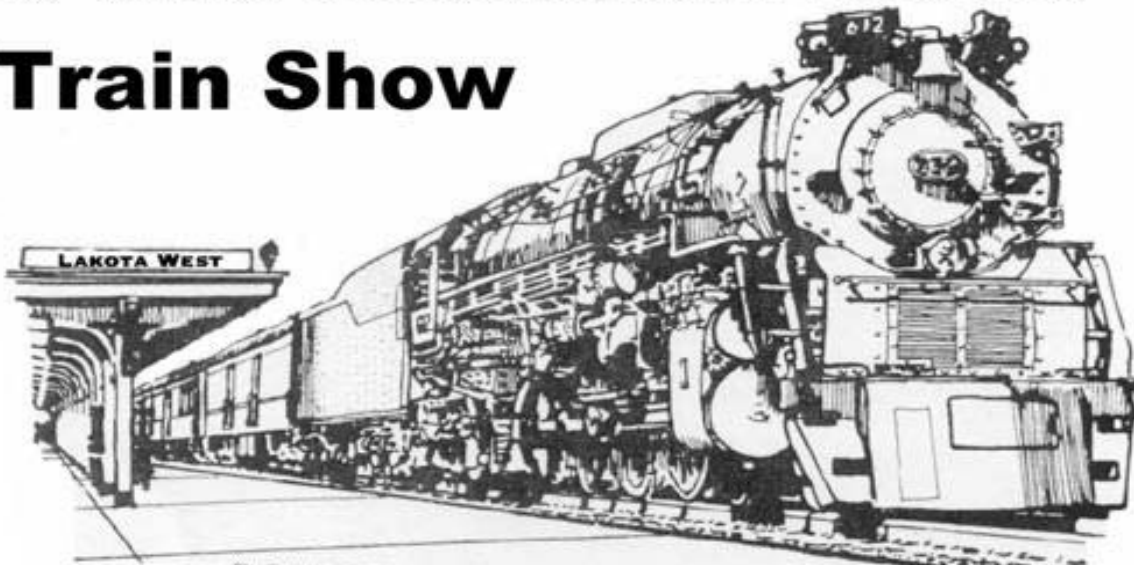


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Sunday October 21, 2012 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

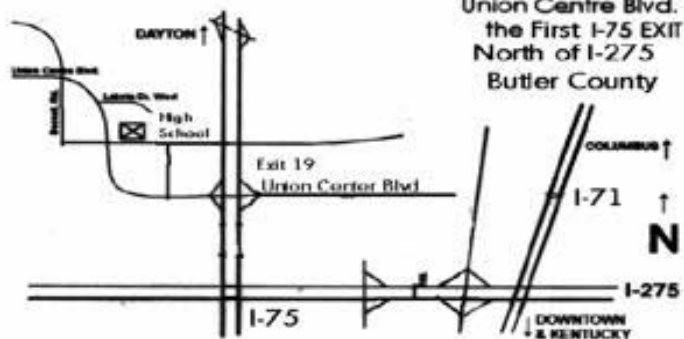
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# Learning Basic Model Railroading

Saturday, November 3, 2012

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Admission is **FREE** \* **Public is welcome**



## Model Railroad Basics

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

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

Attend one or all classes

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

- Non-members are **Welcome**
- 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](http://www.MCR5.org) or email: [promoday@mcr5.org](mailto:promoday@mcr5.org)



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# == CLEVELAND ==

## 2-Rail "O" SCALE TRAIN MEET

BUY \* SELL \* TRADE

Saturday, November 3, 2012

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Admission: \$7.00 \* 12 & under and Active Military Personal with ID Free

### LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Auxiliary Gym  
7700 Clocktower Drive  
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## Sunday Nov. 18, 2012

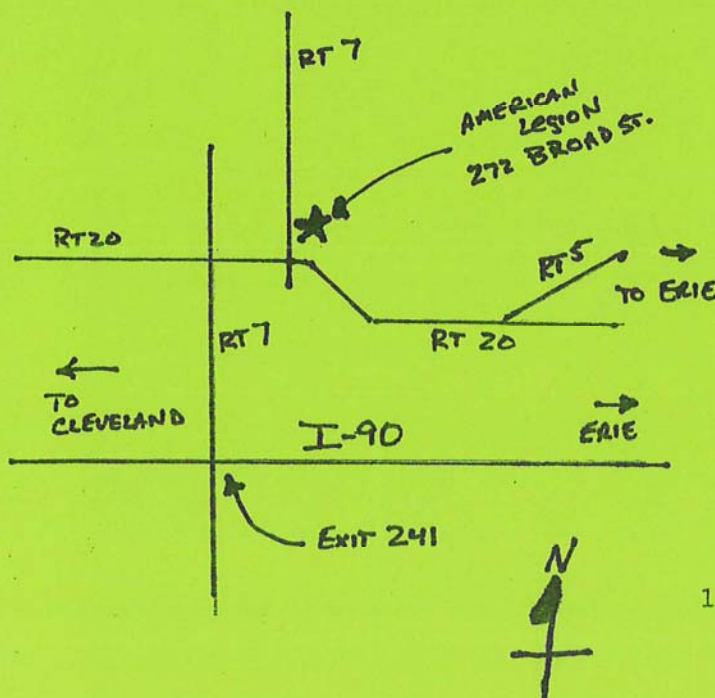
### 9am-3pm

Where: American Legion Post 151  
272 Broad st.

Conneaut, Ohio 44030

( I-90 to Exit 241 Rt 7 N to Rt 20 E to NE corner of Rt  
20 and Rt 7 )

Admission: 2.00 (under 12 Free)



#### Dealer Info:

Tables: 8ft 20.00  
( # of tables limited due to room size )

Contact: Jim Kociemski  
702-592-0687  
or Email:  
modeltrainfixer@gmail.com

Please Respond by Oct 1, 2012