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The Changing of the Guard

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s of June 1st, our Division will have a new Super and Assistant. Dale and I are hoping to pump new life into our membership. with new ideas, welcome several new faces, and hopefully bring back a few 'retreads' as well. Also, we will *always* be looking for program ideas and volunteers to present a program. As we discussed in a previous meeting, for one of meeting months, at the very least, we will feature "short programs" a 5 or 10 minute presentation, merely just an expanded 'bring and brag', if you will. This could be some special trick, technique involving modeling that you think everyone knows/does, but probably doesn't, and that information is definitely worth sharing. As just one example, Linda Kazperzak has suggested she can spend 10 minutes on how she paints figures en masse.

We are embarking on a most

important new month---the

NMRA Convention and National Train Show right here in Cleveland in July. This will be a spectacular once-in-our lifetime event, and if you haven't signed up as a convention registrant, or as a volunteer, don't wait! On line registration closes June 30, and you will note that there is now a single day and three-day registration on the website www.2014cleveland.org. Our two module groups, HO and LENS, will have displays at the National Train Show---and all our members are more than welcome to help setup (Wednesday), teardown (Sunday) and we'll need much help running for the full three days, so don't be afraid to ask to help!

This month your Division 5 Board of Directors voted to reimburse drivers, with receipts, a flat \$10 per day parking expense for four (4) hours of registered volunteer time for each day you volunteer at the convention! (This does **NOT** include helping out at the Train show, nor



Dave Neff – Superintendent Division 5 NMRA – Mid Central Region

helping any of our members doing Ops sessions or Layout Tours during the week---only qualified registered volunteer time spent on the Convention floor during the week). You must register in the volunteer office, then turn your parking receipt in to Bonnie at the September meeting (August will be the picnic at the Depot----see announcement).

Let's have a strong **Division 5** turnout at the Convention!

Dave

2014 Division 5 Election Results

Superintendent: Dave Neff

Assistant Superintendent: Dale Smith

These terms run from June 1, 2014 to June 1, 2016.



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

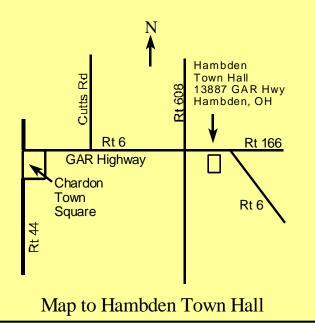
Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.

June 6th, 2014Location:Hambden Town HallProgram:Covered hoppers by Randy DettmerBring & Brag:Covered hoppers

There is no meeting in July, 2014.

August 1st, 2014

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



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Scenic Express road trip (Cancelled)	June 7
Delmont, Pa.	
L.S.L.S. Public run	June 1
Penitentiary Glen	
Kirkland, Ohio (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)	
BOD Meeting	June 9
Hambden Town Hall	
Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)	
Railfanning Day	July 12
Painesville Depot Museum	July 12
475 Railroad Street	
Painesville, Ohio (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)	
2014 NMRA National Convention	July 13 - 19
Cleveland, Ohio	Suly 15 17
2014 National Turin Show	Lub. 19 20
2014 National Train Show Cleveland, Ohio	July 18 - 20
Friday 9 am-noon Convention registrants - Pu	blic Noon 6pm
Saturday 10 am - 6 pm	one Noon - opin
Sunday 10 am - 5 pm	
Sunday Tourn 5 pm	
L.S.L.S. Public run	July 20
Penitentiary Glen	
Kirkland, Ohio (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)	
Division 5 Picnic	August 2
Painesville Depot Museum	(flyer on page 10)
Painesville, Ohio (2:00 pm - 6:00 pm)	
Train Show	August 9
U.A.W. Hall	(flyer on page 13)
Cleveland, Ohio (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)	



Division 5 Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Assistant Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Lake Farmpark. There were 38 members and 5 guests present.

·New member Mike Rudder introduced himself.

•Div 5 election results: Dave Neff will be the new Superintendent. Dale Smith will be the Assistant Superintendent. They officially start their new positions on June 1, 2014.

•Div 4 has invited Div 5 members to join them on a bus trip to Altoona, PA on Saturday Aug 2. Cost is \$20 and reservations due by May 10th. The trip includes stops at the Altoona Railroaders Memorial museum, Horseshoe Curve Historic Site, and the Gallitzin Tunnels. The bus will depart from an area of Brecksville to maximize the time in the Altoona area. Lunch and Dinner are included in the cost. Contact Bruce Bowie of Div 4 to make reservations. Information is on the Div 4 website.

·Jim Wendorf, Railfest Chairman, gave a big round of thanks to all those that volunteered at this year's Railfest. The final financial report is still being worked on but we did well this year.

•This meeting was the last time orders could be placed through Div 5 for the 2014 NMRA National Convention hats. The hats should be available by our June meeting.

•Paper copies of the Div 5 Spring 2014 Layout Tour Guide were available at the meeting. A PDF copy was e-mailed to the Div 5 member e-mail list. There are 11 layouts that will be open.

•Dave Neff provided an update on the current status of the 2014 NMRA National Convention. E-mail updates are being sent out about new tours and promoting tours which aren't selling well. Some tours may be cancelled if there aren't enough people signed up to cover the tour cost. The train show and its layouts are outside of the control of the convention committee. They are handled by the national office. We have received some details about setup times, vehicle access, and parking for trailers/trucks.

•Scenic Express trip is scheduled for Saturday June 7. We need to be there at 10:30am. Those wanting to carpool should meet at Dale Smith's house for a departure at 7:30am sharp. Details will be in the June Trainwire. (5/15/2014 update -the trip has been cancelled due a scheduling conflict at Scenic Express.)

Harley and Dale Smith have purchased an HO collection and are selling off the items. Contact them to make an appointment to view the items.

Bring & Brag: Farm Related Items

Matt Kross	Bill Berger	Don Bittner	Mike Buehner	Paul Chapple
Tom Pescha	Tom Korycki	Bryan Persing	Bob Orlando	

Program: The evening's program was a discussion on modules and module construction. The Lake-Geauga HO Module Group showed their new module design and discussed the reasons for the design, materials used, and methods of construction. They showed a number of examples of the different components. Information on the new modules:

Generic frame with interchangeable drop-in scenery sections. Modules fit together with tongue and groove for consistent alignment. Mainline tracks are on a wood base. Scenery inserts use ½" aluminum-backed foam. Module length of 45". Module leg units easy to adjust and are shared between modules. Modules will mate with NMRA standard designs. 20 frames have been built – still need to build the corner modules. All new units are three track. Basic frame costs \$32.

Submitted by: Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

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Pictures from the May Meeting

Photos by: Rich Kazperzak

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Next Division 5 Meeting June 6, 2014.

2014 Convention Logo

he 2014 NMRA National Convention logos are being put on 12" to 1' scale locomotives. Keep your eyes peeled as you are railfanning or having to sit at a crossing. You just might see the logo go by.



The following is the posting from Facebook at 2014Cleveland.org

ANNOUNCING A NEW CONTEST!!

Norfolk Southern Railway recently unveiled SD40-2 #3215 decorated with the 2014 NMRA Cleveland National Convention logo at the Juniata Shops in Altoona, PA. As part of the campaign to promote the 2014 NMRA Cleveland National Convention the Planning Committee will be running a contest from now until July 6th, 2014. If you spot #3215 while out railfanning, post the date and location you saw #3215 in the comments section of this thread. DO NOT start a new thread if you want to be included in the contest. Once the contest is closed we will select winners at random from all those entered. First place will win a 1 year membership to the NMRA. Second place will win a 2014 Convention polo shirt. Third place will win a 2014 Convention car.



Wheeling & Lake Erie Loco is now sporting the 2014 NMRA National Convention Logo. The pictures were taken at the Toledo National Train Days on May 3, 2014. Keep a look out for this loco.





Division 5 BOD Meeting

May 12, 2014

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on May 12, 2014 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Don Bittner, Ted Wiese, Matt Kross, Bob Frieden, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, Dale Smith, and Dennis Lloyd.

Dennis Lloyd, our election Teller, reported on the final Division 5 2014 election results. Out of the 79 ballots mailed, 61 were received back. The new officers for the June 1, 2014 to June 1, 2016 term are: Superintendent – **Dave Neff**; Assistant Superintendent – **Dale Smith**. The Clerk will notify the Mid Central Region of the changes.

Reminder that the annual **Mid Central Region membership meeting** will be on Saturday, June 14 in Marion, Ohio. All Division 5 members are encouraged to attend. Besides the meeting, there will be clinics and railfanning. Details will be in the MCR Kingpin.

At the end of the **Division 5 officer terms**, the terms of all the appointed positions expire. Superintendentelect Dave Neff is contacting the Division 5 members in these positions to see if they are willing to continue.

Reviewed the various upcoming events and programs for Division 5.

The **Division 5 2014 picnic** will once again be held at the Painesville Depot. It will be on Saturday, August 2nd, from 2pm to 6pm. Bring chairs and your camera. Tom Pescha has created a flier for the event that will be in the Trainwire.

A motion was passed to donate \$200 to the Western Reserve Railroad Association – Painesville Railroad Museum as a thank you for hosting our Division 5 picnic.

A motion was passed for Division 5 to reimburse Division 5 members who have to pay for parking while volunteering at the **2014 NMRA National Convention in Cleveland**. The Division will pay up to \$10 per day to members who have a valid parking receipt (no copies) and have officially logged 4 volunteer hours at the convention for that day.

Matt Kross and Dale Smith provided an update on the current **2014 NMRA National Convention** planning status.

Information on the **2014 NMRA National Train show** modular layout setups is now being received and will be distributed to the module groups.

There is a question as to whether Division 5 is going to sell our **Company Store merchandise** at the 2014 NMRA National Convention company store. This still needs to be decided. One drawback is that we will have to pay a commission (usually 10%) which wipes out our profit on the items. However, it is a way to get rid of some of our inventory.

Concerns were raised about the **Trainwire** not getting out in time for our meetings.

Don Bittner reported that the **Chesterland Historical Society** has a nice interurban display. Don recently donated a box of Cleveland, Painesville & Eastern memorabilia to the group.

The next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be held at Hambden Town Hall on June 9, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

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Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group Fundraiser



n Monday August 28th, 2014 the Lake-Geauga HO Modular Group held their second fundraiser for the building, refurbishing and displaying of the HO traveling modules. As we did



always a pleasure to spend time with friends that share a common bond, *model railroading*. The **OTTS** group had the best representation but Division 5, the LENS group and the S scale group was represented, thanks to all that participated. Inasmuch as this is the only source



for our first fundraiser last year, it was held at the **Stadium Grill** on Tyler Rd. in Mentor, Ohio. The grill provided a good pasta dish with a tossed salad and garlic bread. The group provided a dessert and a table full of door prizes. There were two



gift cards for the Applebee's restaurant donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Spena and numerous useful gadgets donated by Harbor Freight. Bob Orlando was gracious enough to set up his narrow gauge module which always attracts a crowd. It is



of income that this group generates other than small donations when we set up, we hope that you will join us next year when we once again ask for your support to help defray some of the costs of our undertakings. The modules will be displayed at the NMRA Convention in July, 2014 in





Cleveland, Ohio and the Holiday Lights show at Farmpark in Kirkland in December of this year. Our group was formed to display HO gauge trains and accessories and to promote the hobby of model railroading. Come and enjoy our endeavors. - Len Kessler





Division 5 Spring 2014 Layout Tour Guide

We are trying an experiment this year to spread our layout tours over four days so that people will have a chance to visit more layouts and so that the layout owners will have a chance to visit layouts also. The following layouts will be open for our tours:

Name	Location	Date Open	Times Open	Brief Description
Dick Naramore	Jefferson, OH	Saturday May 17	10am to 5pm	HO – PRR - Central PA
Gary Shaffer	Kingsville, OH	Saturday May 17	Noon to 5pm	HO – PRR – PA/OH
Ted Wiese	Kirtland, OH	Saturday May 17	1pm to 5pm	On3 - Colorado
John Penca	Painesville, OH	Saturday May 17	Noon to 4pm	HO Santa Fe / Lionel O PRR
Dave Hanna	Mentor, OH	Sunday May 18	1pm to 4pm	HO – PRR Middle Division
Matt Kross	Chesterland, OH	Saturday May 31	10am to 5pm	N - Freelance Western PA
Tony Spena	Concord, OH	Saturday May 31	1pm to 5pm	HO, Lionel O, G - freelance
Terry Kolenc	Mentor, OH	Saturday May 31	2pm to 4pm	HO – UP – Cheyenne, WY
Don Thomas	Chardon, OH	Sunday June 1	2pm to 4pm	HO – GN flavor
Dave Neff	Willoughby, OH	Sunday June 1	2pm to 5pm	N – Pocahontas roads
Pat Flash	Roaming Shores, OH	Sunday June 1	1pm to 4pm	HO – B&O flavor – MD/OH

Most of the layouts should be marked with the following sign:

All of the layout addresses were tried in Google Maps and the map provided gave the correct location. All of the layout addresses have been around for quite a while so most GPS units should be able to find the locations if their maps have been updated in the last five years.





Layout Tour

Please check any special notes that are listed for each layout and adhere to the layout owner's request. Several layout owners have specified that they do NOT want photographs taken. Please check with each owner before taking pictures.

The layout hosts have been working hard to get their layouts ready. Please visit as many layouts as you can.

Enjoy! Learn some new techniques. Think about having your layout open the next time we have tours.



Tours of Nationally Publicized Layouts

This November we have two very special tours of members' layouts. Each of these layouts was featured in one of the national model railroading magazines (NMRA Magazine, Dispatcher's Office, Model Railroader, or Railroad Model Craftsman) with either a feature article or photo.

Because most of us will not have the opportunity to visit these special layouts during the Convention, the layout owners have graciously agreed to open them up for us (and members of Divisions 1 and 5).

Mark your calendar...you don't want to miss these exceptional layouts:

Sunday, November 16

Dave Lawler: RMC, TBD Tom McInerney: Railroad Model Craftsman, April, 2014 The Novaks: Dispatcher's Office (OPSIG publication), January, 2014 The Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore Club: NMRA Magazine, November 2013

Saturday, November 22

Art Bumpus: NMRA Magazine, April, 2014, NMRA calendar; March 2014 Frank Feko: Model Railroader, May, 2014 Dave Johnson: NMRA Magazine, February, 2014 Jeff Mitchell: NMRA Magazine, March, 2014

Congratulations too to Jerry Krueger for his outstanding published photos of some of these layouts as well as others not in our Division.

Details about the layout open houses will be available in the fall.

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!

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Railfanning at the Painesville Depot



S aturday May 10th, 2014 was the first railfanning day at the Painesville Depot Museum on 475 Railroad St, Painesville, Ohio. Unfortunately, the event was not



advertised by the Western Reserve Railroad Association so the crowd that attended was quite small. Nonetheless it was enjoyable kibitzing with the other railroad enthusiasts. The associates provided burgers, dogs, snacks and



beverages for a small donation from the folks that might come down with a case of the *hungries*. On the inside amidst the numerous objects of memorabilia, several members were operating the museum HO layout. It is far from



being completed, but operational. It is a great way to do some serious railfanning up close and personal. Division 5 will be holding their annual picnic at the Painesville Depot on Saturday August 2^{nd} , 2014 from 2- 6 pm. Before I left the grounds for



the day, I was able to attain the dates for the other two railfanning events and they are both on Saturdays, July 12th and October 11th, 2014 from 10 am 'til 5 pm. If you would like to spend a relaxing day observing trains in the company of other train aficionados, this



is a place you want to visit. Bring a folding camp chair and enjoy the ambiance, see you there. *- Len Kessler*













Saturday, August 2, 2014 2:00pm to 6:00pm



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The Painesville Depot 475 Railroad Street Painesville, Ohio 44077





www.painesvilledepot.org

Driving directions

Exit Rt 2 at Richmond Street, South one block to Chester, East on Chester to N. State Street, South on N. State Street (under the RR bridge), East on Railroad Street to Depot



Join in on good fellowship and railfanning!



Menu: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Coleslaw, Chips Hobo Beans, Desert Pop & water

Food is being provide by Div. 5

Admission: Free to all Div 5 members and immediate family.

RSVP by July 24, 2013 to Bonnie at: (440) 298-3075 or send an e-mail to <u>Treasurer@MCR5.org</u>



Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!

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CONVENTION JULY 13-20, 2014

www.2014cleveland.org

Trip Cancellation

To All Concerned,

I received a phone call from Jim (*Owner of Scenic Express*) yesterday advising me that he had a conflict come up with our date of **June 7th** and would not be able to host our group for the clinic. He was very sorry for the mix up and will get back to me with a new date (*probably in September as we both agreed the summer was a busy time for all*) I will forward more information as I receive it.

Dale Smith

July Trainwire Deadline June 15th.

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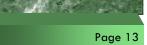
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Sunday, October 5, 2014 11a.m. – 4 p.m.

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