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Superintendent's Report

NMRA Convention in Portland

he convention this year was Aug. 23-Aug. 30---too late to make a report for the Sept. Trainwire, so here goes...

Somewhere between 1300-2000 model railroaders and guests attended. There was a good crop of clinics, and unlike our convention in Cleveland many were repeated. There was an especially good series of 4 clinics on DCC. I'll have these available for download and get them onto our Division website in due course. Several other clinics (3) laid out the story on LCC Layout command control. This is simply a parallel system which takes the burden off of the burgeoning DCC bus and allows the myriad of other things; signals, lights, turnout controls, etc, to be independent of track bus DCC information, which should free up the DCC system to do what it can do best, transmit information to run trains without other interference. However, it is up to us as consumers to tell manufacturers what we want. To date there are only two vendors who are supplying control logic packages - RR Cirkits, and ModelControlSystems.

As part of the EduTrain team I and the leader, Bob Blake, identified a couple dozen clin-

ics which we want to become 'certified' for EduTrain. This will increase the stable of deliverable clinics for Division meetings that are capable of being presented with a little practice.

I ran into old acquaintance Jim Zinser, MMR, who writes the Division Business Car section for the bi-monthly NMRA magazine. I discussed with him the successful Lincoln Train Event which we co-sponsored, and the outcome of creating good visibility for the Depot as a civic asses. He suggested I write this up, which I did and have submitted. It should appear in December.

I and my roommate—Dave Williams of Div. 4, went on a tour of Hull-Oakes Sawmill, one of the last to be steam-operated. Very interesting, but now running solely by electricity as one-hundred year old steam equipment became unreliable and with new parts being unavailable.

As many of you know, the Portland convention team adopted Wayne Lette's computerized Silent Auction program, which they had initial difficulty with because their people didn't engage with it properly and in advance of the convention. However, with some long distance help from Wayne, eventually all went well. The auction



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
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items themselves did not have the volume of Cleveland, but there was a good selection of high valued material, so the Portland convention did make money.

The train show was held in a more remote, older expo center versus the newer, closerto-the convention-hotel because of cost. Needed to take two trains to get there but Portland has an excellent mass transit system, so it was very easy. As in the past, fewer and fewer vendors this time mainly West Coast vendors, and the usual main manufacturers. Still possible to spend money, however! Next year, the convention is in Indianapolis, so hopefully many of our Division 5 members can attend. - Dave

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 2nd, 2015

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: Southern Railroad Museum (Bruce Lutheran)

Bring & Brag: Locomotives

November 6th, 2015

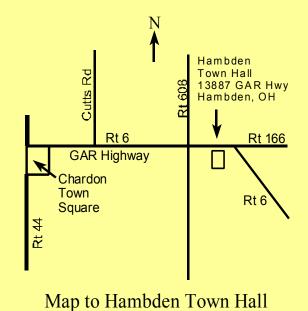
Location: Hambden Town Hall
Program: LEDs Part II (Al Arthur)
Bring & Brag: Electronic applications

December 4th, 2015

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: 'Understanding RR Signals' (Bill Osborne)

Bring & Brag: Signals and Signs



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Berea Train Show

October 3 & 4

Cuyahoga Fair Grounds

164 Eastland Road (Sat. 10 am - 5 pm)
Berea, Ohio 44017 (Sun. 11 am - 4 pm)

Depot Fundraiser October 12

Stadium Bar & Grill 8330 Tyler Rd.

Mentor, Ohio 44060 (Mon. 5 pm - 8 pm)

Division 5 BOD Meeting October 12

Hambden Town Hall

Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

Railfanning Day October 17

Caboose Christening

475 Railroad St.

Painesville, Ohio 44077 (Sat. 10 am - 5 pm)

How to Build a Model Railroad October 31

Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (Sat. 9 am - 2 pm)

2 Rail Train Meet October 31

Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (Sat. 9 am - 2 pm)

Diecast Collectable Toy & Model Show November 7

Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (Sat. 9 am - 2 pm)

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Clerk Matt Kross at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent were not able to make the meeting. 21 members and 2 guests were present.

Reviewed the trip details for those members going on the **Age of Steam Roundhouse tour** the next day.

We currently have 7 layouts on the list for our Fall **2015 Division 5 layout tours**. Those wanting to include their layout on these tours need to contact Matt Kross.

Some free copies of a map showing all the **active railroads in Ohio** were available. This map can be obtained for free by going to the following website: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/maps/Pages/OhioRailMapRail.aspx

There will be a **narrow gauge** meet (all scales) in Kirtland on Oct 17-18. It will be held at the Kirtland Community Center. Ted Wiese will have his layout open on October 18 for this event. For more information about the event, contact Ted.

Corrected copies were available of the **Trainwire misprints** that occurred during the last few months.

Reviewed some of the **upcoming events** such as Railfanning Day and NETS swap meet.

Members were reminded to get any **budget requests** for 2016 turned into Treasurer.

Dan Chuppa has volunteered to take over as the refreshment coordinator.

Member **Bob Palmer** had surgery recently and is currently in rehab. He appears to be doing well. We wish Bob a speedy recovery.

Steve Kaplan, MCR President, was on hand at the meeting. He mentioned that the National office has decided that former members of the Allegheny Highlands Division in the Niagara Frontier Region can move to the Mid Central Region. Division 5 and Division 11 are the possible MCR divisions these people may move to. More info as final decisions are made and the Mid Central Region BOD decides on what they want to do.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Laser Kits

Bill Berger Matt Kross Bryan Persing Pat Flash

Program: Watched one of the NMRA National Convention clinics that we now have on DVD. The clinic selected was "Advanced Techniques for Laser Kit Assembly" by Charlie Getz.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Division 5 BOD Meeting

September 14, 2015

A Division 5 **BOD** meeting was held on September 14, 2015 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Rob Bowers, Tom Pescha, Ted Wiese, and Don Bittner.

Feedback on the **Age Of Steam Roundhouse** trip was provided. There were 30 people that went on the tour. There was an impressive variety of equipment that is personally owned. All those that went on the trip seemed to enjoy themselves. The trip goers thanked the BOD for fully funding the event. Due to the schedule, people felt a little rushed going through the Warthers Museum.

Jim Zinser of the NMRA Magazine Business Car talked to Dave Neff at the **NMRA National Convention**. Dave is going to do a write-up on the Lincoln Funeral Train event for the December issue of the NMRA Magazine.

Superintendent Dave Neff attended the **NMRA 2015 National Convention** in Portland, OR this year. He provided his impressions of the convention. One thing of note is that the National Train Show seems like it is going down hill. The show space is getting too expensive for dealers.

Members have not been responding to requests for help at **Promo Day 2015** on October 31. We will put a request for help in the October Trainwire with a list of possible areas that people can help with. We had a large number of magazines donated to the Division that will be available for free at Promo Day. The presentations that we would like to have someone handle are:

NMRA General Information – **Dave Neff** Electrical / Wiring / Soldering – Benchwork – **Wayne Lette**

Scenery – Track Laying – Model Building –

Paper Models – Paul Chapple Greeters: Rob Bowers, Don Bittner

Layouts: Lake Erie N-scale Society N-Trak modular layout

A motion was passed that we give each person \$50 that puts on a **Promo Day presentation** throughout the day.

We will have NMRA membership forms available at Promo Day. If a person is willing to fill out the form there, we will take care of sending it in for them. We will also have Stamped Self-Addressed envelopes for those that want to take the form home and complete it.

Schedule of upcoming **Division meeting programs** are:

October - Bruce Lutheran - Southern Railway Museum B&B: Locomotives

November – Alan Arthur – LEDS Part 2 B&B: Electronics

December – Bill Osborne – How To Read Signals B&B: Signals & Signage

January - Division Annual Party

Dave Neff reported that no definite decision has been made yet on what to do with the members of the Allegheny Highlands Division of the Niagara Frontier Region. The issue will be discussed / decided at the September 2015 Mid Central Region BOD meeting. Division 5 thinks only those members of Pennsylvania counties of Erie and Crawford would make sense.

We currently have eight layouts for our Fall Layout Tours. Cutoff for including a layout on the tour will be the end of Sept.

Wayne Lette has developed a software program that could be used to replace the paper tickets used in our raffle at our monthly meetings. The BOD will review this at a later meeting.

Various **budget requests for 2016** were received. These will be included in the current proposed 2016 budget. The updated budget will be reviewed at the October BOD meeting and approved in November.

We will most likely be helping with the NMRA table at the **Division 4 Trainshow** in Berea on October 3 - 4. Request for help should be put in the October Trainwire.

The next regular **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be October 12, 2015 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by

Matt Kross - Division 5 Clerk



BUILDING A MODEL RAILROAD



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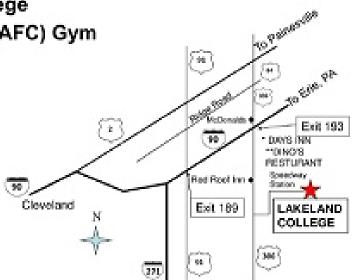
- Basic layout framing
- your railroad support structure (Benchwork)
- Basics of laying Track
- including the roadbed
- Basics transformer wiring how to connect your transformer to your track.
- Simple wiring / types
- to run your trains.
- Basic Scenery
- different construction techniques
- Model Building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

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A Division 5 Road Trip







n a cool early Saturday morning, with temperatures in the midfifties, a group of thirty Division 5 members and a few spouses meet in Hambden to take the Division road trip to Warther Museum, family style lunch and the Age of Steam Roundhouse. The weather provide a good day for our event as it was a cool and wet day with light rain to a mist. We arrived at Warthers around 9:00 am for a great tour of the museum. As we were ready to depart the bus, Dale Smith made a surprise announcement that the BOD decided to pay for the entire trip and all on the bus received an envelope with their \$25.00 back. No body complained about the BOD decision.

It was amazing to see so many locomotives that were all hand carved in wood and ivory. And to think, the wheels and

side rods all moved. These are all carved by hand only without the use of any power tools. There is a video posted on the Divison facebook page.

After the hour and half tour of Warthers was lunch. This was a family style meal with a salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, breaded chicken, and pie. If you left hungry it was your own fault as there was plenty to eat and seconds were also provided.







Next was the tour of the Age of Steam Round House. This is an 18 bay round house built like the in old days, except for the heated floors. The woodwork is outstanding. 16 bays were filled with steam engines of different size and age. What a great hobby to have, one to one railroad. You can see pictures of the

roundhouse on their web page at

www.ageofsteamroundhouse.com Even though we were allowed to take pictures for our own use, we were asked not to publish them on social media or the internet. Respecting their wishes, as our newsletter is on our web page, none of the pic I took will be in the newsletter.

After the two hour tour, it was back on the bus for the ride home.

I wish to thank the Division's BOD, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, and David James (of BRT Charter Service and Division 4 member) for setting up such a great road trip. - *Tom Pescha*







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Wanted

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 15th.

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Saturday, October 3, 2015 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 4, 2015 11a.m. – 4 p.m.

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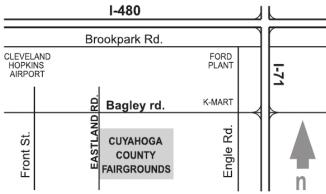
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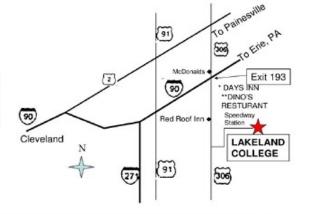
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