



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report

### What's Coming Up?

Well, among other things, Spring buds and flowers just a few tads early. This has been a very mild winter—thus far at least. Maybe this has resulted in less basement modeling time with the railroad as the outdoors has beckoned. And I can't recall a winter with as much *sunlight* as we've had.

So here we are now roaring through another year ready for more active model railroading. There is plenty on the agenda. Soon you'll be voting for new officers for the Division. By the time you read this, our annual Railfest will have come and gone. Kidsday at Mentor Mall beckons April 9-10. Then there's the Mid Central Regional in Columbus April 28-May 1, followed by meeting with our new friends in Erie, Crawford, and Chatauqua counties at our May meeting in Erie. First weekend in June we'll be at Rails in the Park at Lake Farmpark. The NMRA convention this year is in nearby Indianapolis in July

and I'm sure many of us will be attending. Following that, it's time for our Division trip to the Medina, NY Train museum on Saturday, July 23. (We met with the director of the museum at the train show in Erie on March 6.) And soon after our annual Division picnic will be at the Painesville Depot on Saturday Aug. 6.

First weekend in October bring us Berea Carnival, and first Saturday in November our Build a Railroad Layout Day at Lakeland. The very next day we will be once again going to the Erie Train show. We can possibly also anticipate an invitation/open house/layout tour with new folks in the Erie area sometime this Fall. And our year will end with modular setups at Lakeland November 20 at the Trains and Toys show and at Farm-park during the month of December for Country Lights.

Among all this flurry of activity, don't forget our monthly meetings (except July). Plenty to Bring and Brag about as we squeeze in



Dave Neff – Superintendent  
 Division 5  
 NMRA – Mid Central Region

actual modeling activities between these other events. And somehow, we'll find a few programs of interest to whet your appetite.

Of course, you'll undoubtedly find other times during the year to do some railroading and rail-fanning.

So mark your calendars, plan your railroading year accordingly, and travel on down the track---it's all about the journey, not the destination. The station at the end will come soon enough!

*Dave - Superintendent*



## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start at 7:30 PM.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**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.

**April 1st, 2016**

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** Tank Cars (*Usual and Otherwise*) by *Rich Kacprzak*  
**Bring & Brag:** Tank Cars and industries they serve

**May 6th, 2016**

**Location:** Erie Area (*more info to follow*)  
**Program:** Intro to NMRA  
**Bring & Brag:** Anything goes.

**March 4th, 2016**

**Location:** Farmpark  
**Program:** TBA  
**Bring & Brag:** TBA

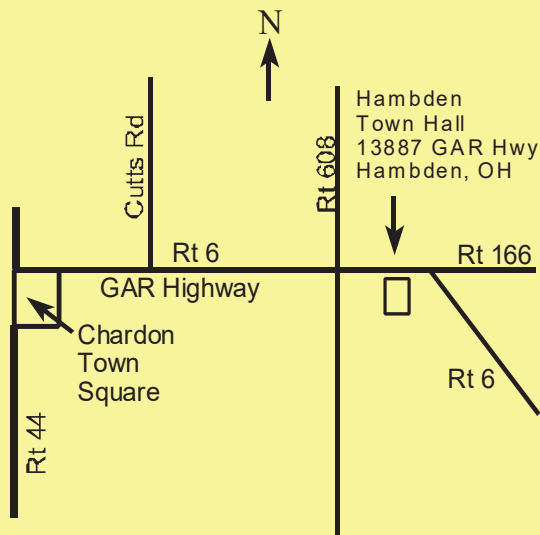
**Militaria Collectors Show** April 8 & 9  
 Lakeland Community College (*Fri. 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm*)  
 Kirtland, Ohio (*Sat. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm*)

**KidShow** April 9 & 10  
 Great Lakes Mall (*Sat. 10 am - 6:00 pm*)  
 Mentor, Ohio 44060 (*Sun. noon - 5:00 pm*)

**Painesville Depot Fundraiser** April 11  
 Harry Buffalo Restaurant  
 2119 Mentor Avenue  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 (*6:00 pm - 8:00 pm*)

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** April 11  
 Harry Buffalo Restaurant  
 2119 Mentor Avenue  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 (*8:00 pm*)

**TCA Train Meet** April 23  
 UAW Hall  
 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.  
 Cleveland, Ohio (*10:00 am - 3:00 pm*)



Map to Hambden Town Hall

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2016

The March 4, 2016 membership meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 40 members and 5 guests were present.

Several NMRA members from the Erie, PA who are now part of Division 5 came and joined us at the March meeting.

Announcements included the Division 1 layout tours on Mar 12, Lake Shore Live Steamers run time pamphlets, and that Bova Music & Trains in Westfield, NY is now accepting Division 5 certificates.

The Mid Central Region is considering moving some additional counties that once were part of the Allegheny Highlands Division in Pennsylvania and New York into Division 5. This is going to be discussed at the next Region BOD meeting.

An NMRA promotional video clip created for Division 4 has been modified by a member of Division 4 to be used by Division 5. We will use it at the upcoming Erie, PA train show and at Railfest.

Division 5 will have a table at the March 6<sup>th</sup> train show in Erie, PA to promote the NMRA and our Division.

The May Division 5 monthly membership meeting will be in Erie, PA at St. Michael's Church, 6366 West Lake Road (Rt. 5). We are going to provide food (pizza, salad, soft drinks, coffee) starting around 6:30 pm. The meeting will start at our usual time of 7:30 pm. Tim Clint, coordinator of this meeting, indicated that there is parking behind the church via a grass/gravel driveway.

Superintendent Dave Neff recognized a number of the Division officers and coordinators for their work.

Railfest chairman Jim Wendorf provided an update on Railfest 2016. There are less than 20 tables unsold but we still have some requests outstanding and are waiting for the vendors to make a commitment. A signup sheet for the various Railfest jobs was passed around along with a signup sheet to man the NMRA table. JDRF will be selling Railfest T-shirts as a fundraiser.

There may be an opening on the Division 5 BOD. Dave Neff is talking to people about the position.

No additional nominations were made for the upcoming Division 5 elections. The current slate of candidates is: for Superintendent – **Dave Neff**, for Assistant Superintendent – **Bryan Persing**.

The members present at the meeting voted to go to the New York Central Museum in Medina, NY for our 2016 Division trip on July 23. It will be an all day trip, approximately from 7 am to 7 pm or later.

The Volunteer Association of the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway is inviting Division 5 members to join them on a trip to the Cincinnati area on the weekend of April 9-10. The highlights include a tour of the Cincinnati Union Terminal, dinner on a refurbished ex-NYC dining car, and a visit to EnterTrainment Junction. Price is \$271/person. If you are interested, you can get more tour details by going to the following website: [www.greatdaytours.com](http://www.greatdaytours.com) or calling them at 440-526-5350 or 800-362-4905.

**Modeling Questions:** How to drill a 1 inch hole in ceramic? Response was to use a diamond hole saw, available at Lowes or Home Depot. Need to keep the hole saw cool while drilling.

What to use for a hinge to attach N scale engine house doors made out of pewter? Some suggestions were to use small pieces of cloth, Tyvek house wrap, or drill a hole for a wire pivot.

Next month's program will be on tank cars. April Bring & Brag theme will be tank cars or related items.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Narrow Gauge

Bill Berger  
Rich Kacprzak

Dave Neff  
Bryan Persing

Dave Metzger  
Gary Shaffer

Bill Osborne

Tom Pescha

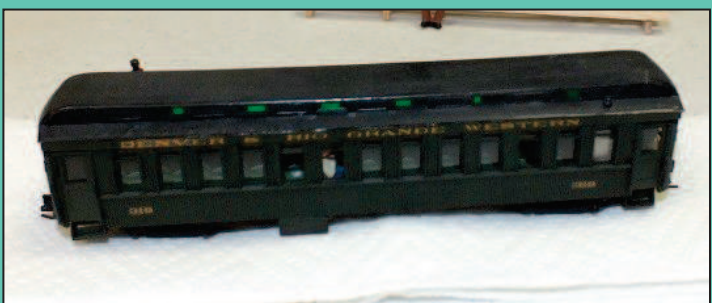
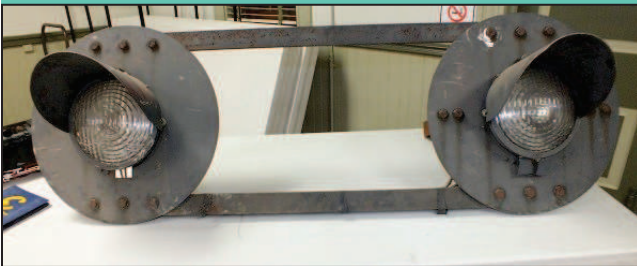
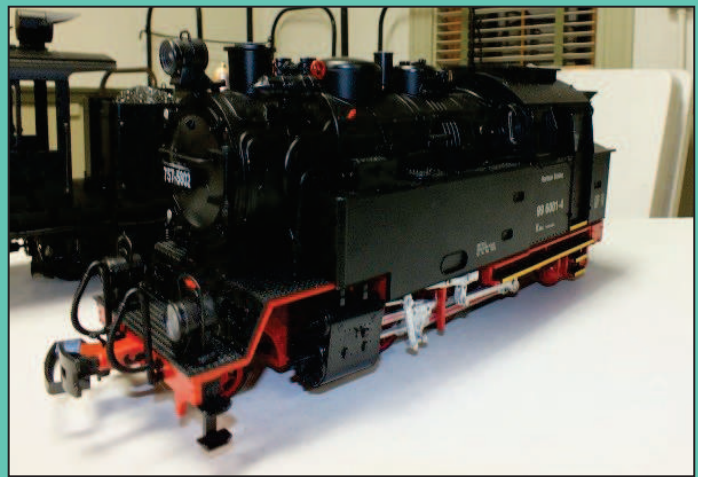
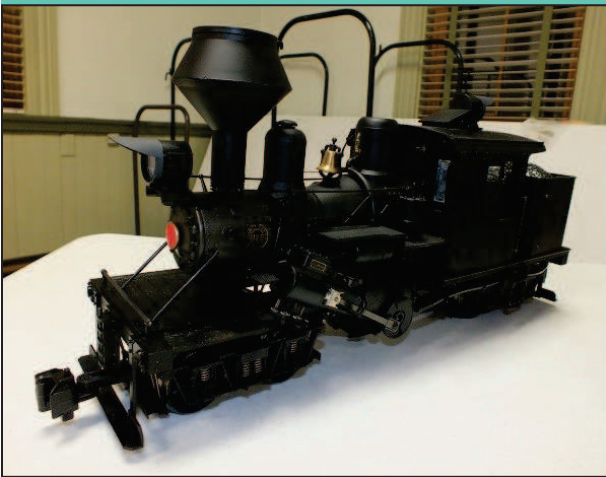
Program: Ted Wiese provided part 2 of his presentation on narrow gauge railroading. This time the focus was on Colorado.

*Submitted by*

**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Pictures from the March Meeting

*Photos by: Tom Pescha*



**Next Division 5 Meeting April 1, 2016**

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on March 14, 2016 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Tom Pescha, Bryan Persing, Jim Wendorf, Ted Wiese, Rich Kacprzak, Don Bittner, and Lenny Kessler.

It was incorrectly reported at the March membership meeting that there was going to be a vacancy on the Division 5 BOD. The current BOD make-up is remaining as is.

No last minute nominations for Division office were received. The ballot format and procedures were reviewed for the upcoming Division 5 elections. The ballot format was Okayed and ballots will be mailed March 18, 2016.

We are under 10 tables remaining for Railfest. Quite a few reservations were received recently for the Railfest dinner Saturday night, so that will go on as planned. Other than that, everything is in place and ready to go.

Discussed railroad car kits for the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop. If we need more kits, we need to get them ordered before the end of April. Dave and Dale to contact Bob Gittinger to get the list of kits he created along with what parts are missing from some kits.

The BOD agreed to provide two N scale and two HO cars out of the Division's Company Store to be used as door prizes at Railfest.

Discussed the possibility of creating some type of Railfest gift certificates to have as door prizes in various monetary amounts. The certificates would only be good at Railfest dealers during Railfest. Any vendors accepting the certificates would be reimbursed by Railfest for the amount of the certificate or the dealer could decide to "eat the cost" as a donation. It was decided that this is something that can be thought about and considered for next year's Railfest.

The KidShow at the Great Lakes Mall is April 9 – 10, 2016. Division 5 will have a table there. Everything is in place for this. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April meeting for people to man the table.

Dave Neff reported on how our promotion efforts went at the March 6<sup>th</sup> Erie, PA train show. We got about 25 people to give us their contact information so that we can add them to our mailing list and send them the Trainwire. We will invite them to the May meeting in Erie. We are planning to do this same promotional effort at the Erie train show in November.

May membership meeting planning: Tim Clint is coordinating the food for the meeting. Gary Shaffer is working on getting a program about the B&LE Railroad lined up. We need to work on getting Ohio Division 5 members to attend the meeting. We will set up car pooling to the meeting. Details will be discussed further at the April meeting.

NYC Railroad Museum trip planning: Date is set for Saturday, July 23, 2016. Dave Neff was able to talk to the museum director and he is excited to have us visit. He is working on providing lunch on the museum grounds as well as helping us arrange for dinner at a local restaurant. We have not yet talked to the bus company about transportation, but the owner will be at Railfest and we should be able to get things rolling then.

The Lake Modeling Club in Erie, PA has a number of members which are now members of Division 5. They have asked if the Division can donate funds to help their club build a new layout at their new location. Dave Neff has talked to them and asked for more details. He will also review with them the BOD's guidelines and requirements for donations. They have been invited to attend our May meeting in Erie to give us a chance to meet and get to know them. Once we get a more detailed donation request, we will consider it just as any other model railroading group in our Division area.

Rick Kacprzak will be doing the April program on tank cars. The April Bring & Brag theme is tank cars. The May program will be an intro to the NMRA for our guests present and a presentation on the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad (tentative). No theme for the May B&B and it will be open to anyone attending the meeting. The June B&B theme will be anything farming related.

Some upcoming program possibilities include: Signal Aspects by Bill Osborne and some NMRA EduTrain sessions.

The Division 5 picnic is tentatively set for Saturday, August 6, 2016. The tentative menu will be chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, hobo beans, and beverages.

Matt Kross has started looking at the various Division 5 documents that need to be updated. It is turning out that a lot of changes need to be made. We will hold off updating our Division Regulations until the MCR BOD decides if they are going to add more counties to our division.

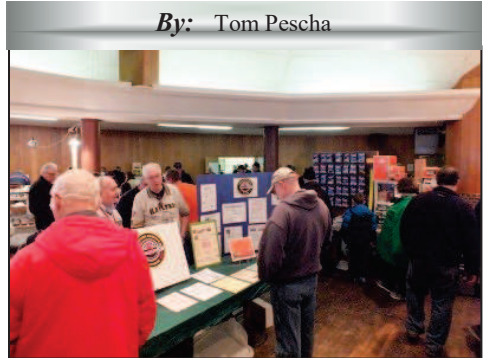
The BOD approved trading 12 of our FP&E boxcars to Division 1 for 12 of their V&O cars.

The next regular Division 5 BOD meeting will be April 11, 2016 at 8:00pm at Harry Buffalo, 2119 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, OH 44077.

**Submitted by: Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Membership table at the Erie Train Show

By: Tom Pescha



As Erie and Crawford Counties in PA and Chautauqua County in NY are now part of our Division the BOD felt it would be a good

idea to have a presents in this area, so on March 6, 2016 we had a membership table at the Erie Train Show. We were well

received by all and signed up several new members and invited many to our May 6, 2016 meeting that will be held in Erie.

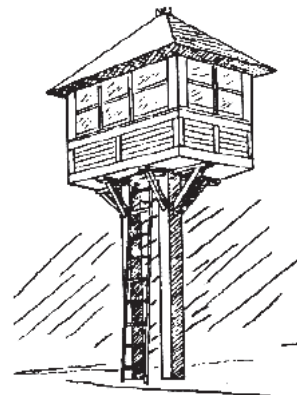


The both was maned by Dave Neff, Wayne and Bonnie Lette, Tom Pescha, Rob Bowers and Tim Clint. Linda & Richard Kacprzak had a table next to ours and also helped.





## PRICE & PREVIEW



To: Fellow Model Railroaders

When: Sunday, April 3, 2016, 1:00pm

Where: Chesterland, Ohio 44026;  
Off Wilson Mills Road, near County Line Road

What: Pricing model railroad items in anticipation of sale  
(sale is Sunday, April 17, 2016)

Items: Various "G", "ON<sub>3</sub>", "HO", and "N" scale items including cars, power packs, track, turnouts, tools, scenic material, train sets, trolley, display cases, book, assorted toys, etc.

Prototype items include switch-stand lanterns, brakeman's lanterns, metal signs, track crossing signs, utility car (mow), locks, tools, manual car mover, other miscellaneous items

RSVP: Gene Katz (life member of N.M.R.A. since 1969); 440-729-4242  
Please leave name and phone number no later than

*Soft drinks and cookies will be served!!*

Thanks,

Gene



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**Bad Weather Closings**

Even though the weather is still very nice and warm, soon it will change to winter with cold and snow. In the event that it becomes necessary for us to cancel our meetings, it will be broadcast on Ch 5, WEWS.

So if the weather looks bad, and you want to know if the meeting has been cancelled, check on Ch 5 or [www.newsnet5.com](http://www.newsnet5.com), click on the weather tab, then the closing tab to see if we are listed. "and will be posted on Division 5 web page at [www.mcr5.org](http://www.mcr5.org)"

**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.

**Notice**

**I will be compiling the next Trainwire on the 22nd of the month and any articles or reports that come in after the 22nd will probably be published in the following issue.**



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## Entertainment Schedule

Northeast Ohio Parent Entertainment Stage in front of Macy's

### Saturday, April 9

- 11:00am Babywearing Fashion Show with Carrying Karyn
- 11:30am Ridge Middle School Rock Orchestra
- 12:00pm Sisters Madi & Sophia Scarvelli Singing Performance
- 12:30pm FAA Vocal Motion
- 1:00pm Ronald McDonald's Magic Show
- 1:30pm Eric Sconyers - The Sax Slayer
- 2:00pm TNT Starlettes
- 2:30pm Karate Institute Martial Arts Demo
- 3:00pm Anabella - Handstand Artist
- 3:30pm Spring/Summer Hair Trends with Ladies & Gentlemen Salon and Spa
- 4:00pm Rockin Robots
- 4:30pm FAA KREW
- 5:00pm Joe's Music Student Band

### Sunday, April 10

- 12:00pm The Great Brad - Magician
- 12:30pm Sky Zone Trampoline Park Game Show
- 1:00pm The Mentor Mannheim Chamber Orchestra
- 1:30pm Rockola Twirlers
- 2:00pm Mentor Theatre - Selections from Mary Poppins
- 2:30pm Karate Institute Martial Arts Demo
- 3:00pm Mentor Top 25
- 3:30pm Nach Ballet Bailar - Multicultural Dance Troupe
- 4:00pm Riverside Youth Majorettes
- 4:30pm Music Bingo

#### Saturday, April 9

- 10am-12pm Lakeshore Learning Make and Take Craft
- 12pm-2pm Crafty Kidz with Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library
- 2pm-4pm Fun & Activities with Barnes and Noble
- Cookie Decorating with Eat'n Park
- 4pm-6pm Mentor Public Library Craft Activity

#### Sunday, April 10

- 12pm-2pm Lakeshore Learning Make and Take Craft
- 2pm-4pm Fun & Activities with Barnes and Noble
- 4pm-5pm Crafts with Mentor Ridge Middle School Art Club

#### KidShow Kids Counter Activities!



The **KidShow Kids Counter** features cookie decorating, activities, crafts and more. Check out our schedule and visit the **Kids Counter!**

# PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Monday, April 11, 2016 6 to 8 p.m.

## HORS D'OEUVRES & DRINKS

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2119 Mentor Ave.

Painesville, Ohio 44077



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- Pork Sliders
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- Bonesless Wings
- Salad - Fries

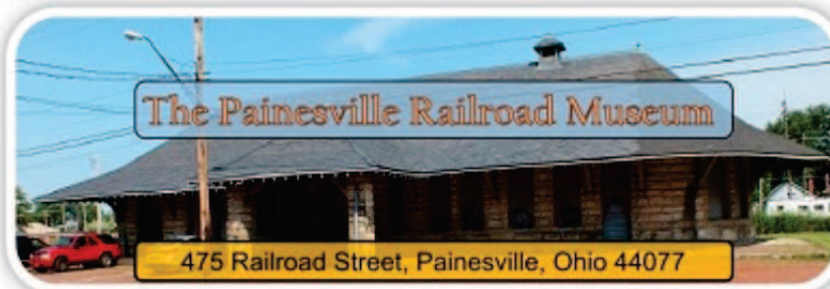


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