



# The Trainwire



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## Superintendent's Report On the National Convention

The NMRA annual convention and the National Train show was held in Indianapolis July 3-9. Representing the Division were Dale and Debbie Smith, plus Wayne and Bonnie Lette who ran the silent auction---which was indeed *very* well run. I'm told that the next *three* conventions---Orlando, Kansas City, and Salt Lake City have already asked 'our crew' to run the Silent Auction for them. (maybe yes, maybe no).

The only other Division 5 members in attendance were Doug Reidel, Dennis Lloyd, and myself. Many members from Divisions 4 and 1 were also present.

There was the usual line-up of layout tours and clinics. I only attended clinics. The overall clinic program ran smoothly it seemed. One of the key clinics---actually two---featured a presentation on the new LCC program---layout command control---but by a group of *techies* who are developing LCC rather than by a polished marketer who could introduce and explain the topic and speak to the average modeler's interest. LCC is supposed to operate separately from a DCC bus in order to free up data transmis-

sion. DCC to run trains, LCC to run everything else---turnouts, signals, lights, other operating accessories. Control points would be 'nodes'---electronic things like Arduinos or even Circuitron stuff, but easily *programmable*, and able to talk to each other rather than be independent. At least that is what I envisioned and what I surmised of the presentation---in much simpler terms than the techies provided.

But a key point of controversy was that our glorious leader---President Charlie Getz---said it is up to each and every member to tell potential 'node' manufacturers what we want. There was considerable pushback to that declaration---why can't the NMRA with its *clout as one voice* tell the potential suppliers of these new node devices *exactly how we want them to function and what we want them to do---simply*. Consequently, let's hope that the national powers---that-be get straight on this.

Bruce Chubb presented a three-part clinic on Signals, reprising a portion of his articles that have appeared recently in RMC. Stephen Priest said at the conclusion of the magazine series there will be a special publication collection of these articles.



Dave Neff – Superintendent  
Division 5  
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The Train show was held at the Indianapolis Convention Center, and was a bit vendor-sparse, as most shows are when held in pricey convention centers. Many of the national manufacturers were there, however---Atlas, Bachmann, Woodland Scenics, Scenic Express, Bar Mills, etc.

See you at our next meeting Friday August 5 at Hambden!

**And remember our annual Division Picnic at the Depot Saturday August 6, 1-5 p.m.!**

Dave



## 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.

**August 5th, 2016**

Location: Hambden Town Hall  
 Program: DVD of Lima Locomotive Works  
 Bring & Brag: Locomotives and Engine sheds

**September 2nd, 2016**

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

**October 7th, 2016**

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

**Division 5 Picnic** **August 6**  
 The Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street **(RSVP to Tom Pescha)**  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(2:00 pm - 5:00 pm)**  
*(flyer on page 6)*

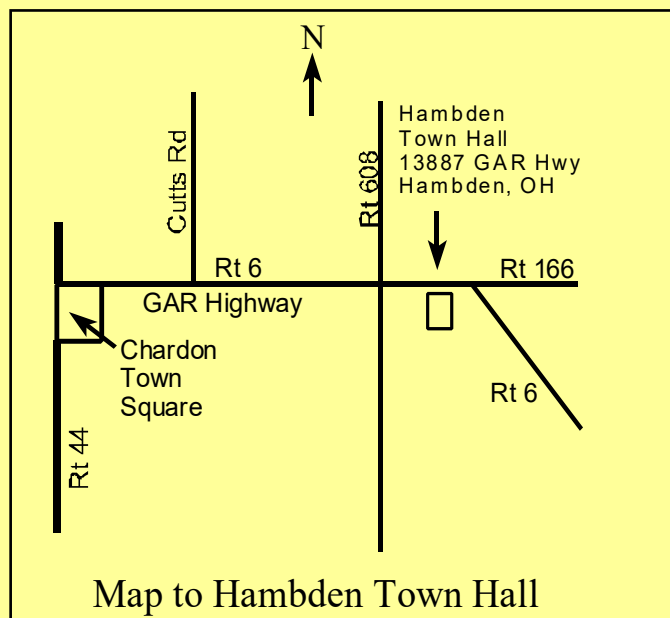
**Division 5 BOD Meeting** **August 8**  
 Hambden Town Hall  
 Hambden, Ohio **(7:30 pm)**

**Railroad Memorabilia Show** **August 28**  
 The Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)**

**Railfanning Day** **September 10**  
 The Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(10:00 am - 5:00 pm)**

**NETS Fall Train Show** **September 10**  
 Wildcat Sport and Fitness  
 6116 Wilson Mills Road  
 Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143 **(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)**

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** **September 12**  
 Hambden Town Hall  
 Hambden, Ohio **(7:30 pm)**





# Cleveland and Eastern Interurban Historical Society and Museum



If you are interested in trolleys and local history, you'll enjoy a visit to the Cleveland and Eastern Interurban Historical Society and Museum. It is located in the basement of the 1850 Town Hall building at the Chesterland Historical

Village, on the northwest corner of Mayfield (Rte. 322) and Caves Roads in Chesterland, Ohio. All of the buildings in the village, including the Scotland Interurban Station, have been restored and filled with furnishings, clothing and artifacts from that era. The C&E museum displays a

collection of artifacts from the electric railroads as well as books, videos, maps and tours along the old, abandoned right of ways. A model layout of a small part of the Maple Leaf Route, which was the nickname of the interurban railroad through Geauga County, is under



construction in the museum. A very informative website at [www.trainweb.org/ceihsm](http://www.trainweb.org/ceihsm) has details about the history of the interurbans, monthly meetings on the first Thursday, and membership infor-

mation. The Chesterland Historical Village buildings and the C&E museum are open to the public during major events sponsored by the Chesterland Historical Society and by appointment. The next events are

an open house on August 7 from 2-4 pm and a flea market on August 20 from 8 am -3 pm.

- Linda Kacprzak





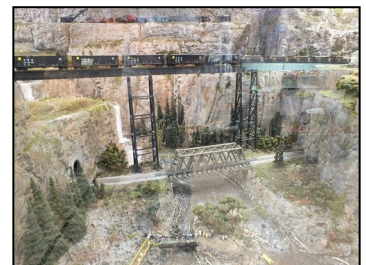
# Road Trip to Medina Railroad Museum



**W**ith Blue Clear Skies, a group of Division 5 members met at Lakeland Community College to take a

Road Trip to Medina Railroad Museum in Medina, New York. The bus left at 7:30 am and with a stop in Erie to pick up more of our members, we arrived at the

museum around 11 am. **What a great facility!** The Museum is housed in an old NYC freight station, approximately, 75 feet wide by 300 feet long. It has a



very large HO layout that runs most of the length of the building. There is also a good collection of American Flyer S gauge, O gauge

and Standard gauge trains on display. The museum is located on the Genesee Valley Transportation Rail system. This is a short

line running from Niagara Falls to Rochester, New York. Trains run on it on only two days a week,

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# Road Trip to Medina Railroad Museum cont.....



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Tuesday and Friday, so not the best place to do railfanning. With this short line, it does allow the Museum a place to run some passenger excursions as they own several passenger cars and use the motor power of the short line. They also own a pair of E-8's which are in the process of being restored. The curator of the museum is a retired Fire Chief and the museum has a very large

collection of fire hats including one from Cleveland. After our visit at the museum, the curator gave us a guided tour of the Medina area. Medina was known for its rock quarry which mined a very special red color of sandstone. Many of the building in the area are made from this red sandstone. As Medina is located very close to the Erie Canal, we also visited the canal. We then went to dinner at Tillman's

Village Inn in Albion, NY. The Inn was originally a stage coach stop for the trip from Niagara Falls to Rochester. After Dinner we boarded the bus for the return trip home arriving around 8:30 pm. - *Tom Pescha*



## 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       |
| Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters             | Geneva, Ohio        |
| Bova's Music & Train Shoppe          | Westfield, New York |



*Please support these dealers!*



**Div. 5 Picnic**  
 Saturday, August 6, 2016  
 At  
**The Painesville Depot**  
 475 Railroad Street  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077  
[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)  
 2 pm to 5 pm  
 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:**  
 Breaded Chicken - or Grilled Chicken  
 Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Chips  
 Hobo Beans,  
 Desert  
 Pop & water  
 If you wish - Dish to pass  
 Food is being provide by Div. 5

Admission: **Free** to all Div. 5 members and immediate family.  
 RSVP by August 1, 2015 to Tom at:  
 (216) 470-5780 or send an e-mail to [Tom.Pescha@MCR5.org](mailto:Tom.Pescha@MCR5.org)

*Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!*

**RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW**  
 COME AND SEE ARTIFACTS OF RAILROADS GLORY DAYS  
 FROM TIMES GONE BY  
**Sunday, August 28, 2016**  
 10 am to 4 pm  
 Admission \$3.00 each, Family \$5.00

**PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM**  
 Located in the NYC Painesville Depot  
 475 Railroad Street  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077  
 216-470-5780

See Collinwood Engine 999

Food and Drinks available

Donate \$2.00 to have a picture in the Speeder with your

See railroad signals, plate setting ware (Dinner Ware) that were used in the dining cars, railroad lanterns, paper work from different railroads, conductor hats, engineer hats, and much more from railroads of the past. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be available for purchase.

[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)  
 prrm@att.net 501(c)3 non-profit

**2016 RAILFANNING DAYS**  
 at  
 The Painesville Railroad Museum,  
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077

Spend a day *RailFanning* at the Painesville Depot  
**VISIT THIS HISTORICAL TRAIN DEPOT**

**THE DEPOT OPENED IN 1893 FOR THE LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN LINE**  
**THE DEPOT IS ON THE CSX MAIN LINE -Mile Post 153.2-**

**Sunday, July 24, 2016**  
 Sponsored in part by LCJDWF

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**  
 Sponsored in part by Harry Buffalo, Painesville

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**  
 Sponsored in part by LCJDWF  
 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
*Be sure to bring your Camera and a CHAIR!*

Food and Drinks available  
 216-470-5780  
 prrm@att.net  
[www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org)

**NORTHEAST TRAIN SOCIETY PRESENTS**

**All Aboard!**  
**Fall Train Show 2016**

**Vendors and Dealers**

**Operating Layouts**

**Saturday September 10th.**  
 10:00A.M. to 4:00P.M.  
 All Gauge Show  
 Admission = \$5.00  
 Children under 12 Free  
 Free Parking

Located at:  
 Wildcat Sport and Fitness  
 6116 Wilson Mills Road,  
 Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143  
[www.mayfieldschools.org](http://www.mayfieldschools.org)  
 Located on the Mayfield Heights High School Campus

**Wildcat Sport & Fitness**

Net Proceeds go to Wildcat Sport and Fitness



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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.



## 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. - *The Editor*

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