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The October Membership Meeting

ur next membership meeting is *Saturday*, *October* 8, 2016 at 11:00 am not Friday night and is in *Erie*, *PA*. Our guest speaker will be Bill Wolf, retired Engineer from the GE Elector-Motor Division, will be around 12:30 pm.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church

2320 East Lake Road

Erie, PA 16511 (Across from GE)

Directions from Ohio and heading east to Erie.

I-90 East

Take exit 22B to merge onto I-79 North toward Erie

Follow Bayfront Pkwy to E Lake Rd in Lawrence Park

Turn right onto E Bayfront Pkwy

Turn left onto E 6th St

E 6th St turns right and becomes E Lake Rd

Make a U-turn at Harvey Ave

Church is on the North Side.



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5

NMRA – Mid Central Region





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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 8th, 2016 (Saturday, 11 am)

Location: Erie, Pennsylvania

Program: Retired Engineer from GE ELECTRO-MOTIVE

Division. (Bill Wolf)

Bring & Brag: Anything goes, but preference for GE locos!

November 4th, 2016

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **TBA**Bring & Brag: **TBA**.

December 2nd, 2016

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **TBA**Bring & Brag: **TBA**.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Berea Train Show

October 1 & 2

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds (flyer on page 12)
Berea, Ohio (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Division 5 BOD Meeting

October 10

Hambden Town Hall

Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

Railfanning Day (Oktoberfest) October 15

The Painesville Railroad Museum

475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 13)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Depot Fundraiser

October 22

Harry Buffalo 2119 Mentor Ave.

Painesville, Ohio 44077 (3:00 to 5:00 pm)



Division 5 Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by **Superintendent Dave Neff**. New Member – Don Murphy from Erie, PA Attendance: 27 Guest - 1

There will be three events on Saturday, September 10th:

Lakeshore Live Steamers have invited the members and their families of Division 5 to come out to Geneva, Ohio to run trains at the **Blueberry Farm & Railroad** on West Street. Run time is 12 pm till 5 pm

Train Show put on by NETS at the fitness center at Mayfield High School in Mayfield, Ohio - 10 *am* - 4 *pm* - \$5.00 entrance / \$7.00 family. There will be layouts and vendor tables, along with a NMRA Membership table

Painesville Railroad Depot Corn Roast/Railroad Fan Day 10 am - 5 pm

September 21st - Painesville Railroad Depot will be hosting a Paint & Sip event 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Pre-Sale tickets only \$30

Age of Steam Roundhouse will be open to the public for the first time on September 10th

There were a few members that played the **Railroad Clue game** that Dave put into the September Trainwire. Linda Kacprzak had the most correct answers. She won a \$5.00 certificate.

Our next membership meeting will be held in **Erie**, **PA** at the Lakeshore Model Railroad Association newest location for their layout and meetings. We will be meeting on Saturday October 8th at 11 *am* - 2 *pm* with lunch provided by NMRA MCR Division 5 - at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church 2320 East Lake Road. This is across the street from the GE Plant. If coming from the West and you go Franklin to East Lake Road, you will be turning right (East) – beware there is a center barrier in the road and you will need to go past the church and turn around to come back to it. Tim Clint is working on getting a speaker from GE or RJ Corman.

Programs are needed for **November and December membership meetings** – contact Dave Neff if you have a program you want to put on for the group or an idea for a program. We have the library of Videos from Edutrain that we can view.

The Holiday Party will be in January, date to be determined

Name Tag winner – Bill Berger – won a \$5.00 certificate for wearing his name tag and having his name drawn.

Bring-N-Brag: Bryan Persing Dave Neff Bill Osborne Dave Ellis Bob Orlando

15 minute Questions: How to power a LED from the DCC track?

Answer - DCC is a pulsing wave signal, going from Zero to Full on. In order to have a steady lit LED one needs to smooth out that pulse and that is why you want use the diode in series with the LED and Resistor. Just about any small switching diode will serve your purpose.

Freight depot in Johnstown, PA – who owns the building?

Answer - check with the Historic Society of the different Railroads from the area and the area's Historic Society

Program: We had short demonstrations from **Bob Orlando** - how he researched and decaled the baggage/ supply car that Fort Wayne Historic Society uses with the NKP 765 - which is currently renumbered to 767 till the end of the year.

Dave Neff - explaining the circus elephant car that he put together, it even has an elephant. The use of CA for the trucks and bolster pin; using a thin amount of white glue to put the decals on the stained (not painted) wood sides; and the three part roof that needed to be folded at the folds to get the shape needed.

Bob Gittinger - Modeled the Burlington Northern theater observation car "Glacier View". He took a Bachmann 85' AMTRAK full dome passenger car. Shaving the fluted siding off and hand painted to match the Burlington Northern car, creating the theater observation car. He scratch-built the plate glass window and framework that replace the diaphragm on the rear of the car. Adding and deleting windows and framework as required. He detailed the interior with the theater-style 24-seating, making it visible through the rear of the car.

All three have done a very good job on their individual projects. Thank you for sharing.

Submitted by:

Bonnie Lette, Treasurer



Pictures from the September Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



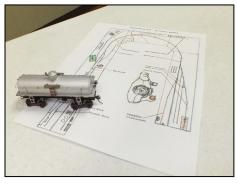
















Next Division 5 Meeting October 8, 2016

Division 5 BOD Meeting

September 12, 2016

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on September 12, 2016 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Don Bittner, Bob Gittinger, and Dale Smith.

Discussed **logistics of the October membership meeting** in Erie, PA. The Lakeshore Model Railroad Association is hosting the meeting at 2320 E. Lake Road, Erie, PA on Saturday, October 8 from 11 *am* to 2 *pm*. Food consisting of pizza, sub sandwiches, salad, soft drinks, and coffee will be provided around noon. The program will start sometime between 12:30 and 1 *pm*. A former employee of GE Locomotive will be our speaker. Bring & Brag theme will be anything related to GE locomotives.

Work on the **Division 5 2017 budget** will be done at the October BOD meeting with the budget finalized at the November BOD meeting. Anyone with budget requests needs to submit the request to the BOD before the October 10 meeting.

Help is needed to man the **NMRA promotion table** at the Division 4 train show on October 1 and 2. Contact Dave Neff if you are willing to help.

Many of the presenters from last year's **How To Build A Model Railroad** (*Promo Day*) will again be putting on their demonstrations. However, we are looking for additional presenters to cover other topics of your choice. Contact Bob Frieden if you are willing to provide a demonstration.

The **Division 5 and Railfest** financial books have been audited for 2015/2016. Everything is in order and no problems were found.

We are looking at holding the Division 5 **Holiday Party** on either Friday evening January 6 or early afternoon on Saturday January 7. This will be discussed further at the next BOD after we find out the availability of the Hambden Town Hall for those dates.

A motion was passed to donate \$100 to **the Blueberry Railroad** in Geneva, Ohio as a thank you for hosting Division 5 on Saturday, October 10.

The next regular **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be October 10, 2016 at 7:30 *pm* at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross - Division 5 Clerk







Bulletin Board

2017 Budget Requests

Division 5 officers and coordinators that have areas requiring Division funding in 2017 need to submit their budget requests by the October BOD meeting. The 2017 budget will be worked on at the October BOD meeting and finalized at the November BOD meeting.

Looking For More Demos For Promo Day

This year's Division 5 model railroading promotion day where we show the public **How To Build A Model Railroad** will be on Saturday, November 5 at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, OH. Many of last year's presenters will again be putting on their demonstrations. However, we are looking for additional presenters to cover other topics of your choice. Contact Bob Frieden if you are willing to provide a demonstration.

NMRA Promotion Table At Division 4 Train Show

Help is needed to man the NMRA promotion table at the Division 4 train show on October 1 and 2 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea, Ohio. Contact Division 5 Superintendent Dave Neff if you are willing to help.

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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.



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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