



The Trainwire



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Superintendent's Report

A Little Bit of This and That

Here we are in what is something of a weird winter. Not a lot of snow (*at least here in western Lake county*), a fair amount of sunshine, temperatures variable but several days above 40 degrees. Sort of takes the edge off of wanting to do basement model railroading when the sun is out.....

Dennis Lloyd and I made the pilgrimage a couple weeks ago to the Amherst Railway Society West Springfield Train show in Massachusetts. A nice drive on the Southern Tier Expressway in southern New York State and then up through Albany and on into Springfield---a big break clear and dry mostly, with very little traffic. Definitely the best way to go---avoids tolls, traffic, and weather on I-90! The train show is as advertised---HUGE. Four buildings at the Eastern States Exposition Center, each one dwarfing any of the buildings in Berea. But we had made a list of specific 'stops' at the show---known N scale manufacturers and vendors, a few layouts, and we easily made the rounds in just 6 ½ hours on Saturday but the cement floors were tough on the feet and legs! We therefore chose not to return on Sunday. We went to an Ntrak dinner

Saturday night where several awards were given to North-eastern N scalers.

You'll note in looking through the section in this newsletter on Upcoming programs that the schedule throughout the rest of the year is taking shape very nicely. Plan ahead to attend as many meetings as you can! Pay special attention to Bill Osborn's Movie Night in September!

The BOD has agreed that we should hold another Division Layout tour later in the year, and we will make it easy for host participants and layout visitations by spreading out the event over four different weekends, with just a few layouts open each day. Sign up---your choice---and stay tuned as the schedule takes shape.

We'll be looking at a Division Road Trip to Entertainment Junction just north of Cincinnati. mid July or mid August This will include a side trip on the way/back to the nearby Sign Museum.

Railfest is coming up in just a few weeks---our big event of the year---plan to be there to help!

Many other opportunities will abound for our personal and Division participation in both prototype and model



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5
NMRA – Mid Central Region

railroading events as the year unfolds. Announcements will be made at each meeting ---and may not necessarily appear in the Trainwire---so plan to be at the meetings to hear what's happening!

- 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.

March 3rd, 2017

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Backdrops (*Dave Ellis*)
 Bring & Brag: Backdrops and background flats

April 7th, 2017

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Jack Ellis' (Bar Mills) "Signage" CD clinic (*Dave Neff*)
 Bring & Brag: Structures with signs—how were they applied?

May 13rd, 2017

Location: Erie, Pennsylvania
 Program: Western Roads and Shortlines Motive Power (*Gary Widell*)
 Bring & Brag: Western Roads locomotives (*SP, UP, ATSF, other*)

June 2nd, 2017

Location: Farmpark - Kirtland, Ohio
 Program: Weathering with Oils (*Mike Hawk*)
 Bring & Brag: Weathered Locomotives, Rolling Stock, Structures (*any weather technique*)

No Meeting in July

August 4th, 2017

Location: Hambden Town Hall
 Program: Trainz Computer program (*Randy Hahn*)
 Bring & Brag: Anything electronic or explain any computer controls on your layout

September 8th, 2017

Location: Bill Osborn's home
 Program: Railroad Movie Night. Outside with Popcorn!
 Bring & Brag: RR prototype artifacts (*signs, signals, dining car ware, timetables, etc*)

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Division 5 BOD Meeting	March 13
Hambden Town Hall Hambden, Ohio	(7:30 pm)
Railfest 2017	March 18 & 19
Lakeland Community College	(flyer on page 8)
Kirtland, Ohio 44094	(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)
Railfest 2017 Dinner	March 18
The Painesville Depot 475 Railroad Street	(flyer on page 11)
Painesville, Ohio 44077	(5:30 pm)
Massillon Train & Toy Show	March 26
Massillon K of C Hall 988 Cherry Road NW	(flyer on page 8)
Massillon, Ohio 44647	(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)
Medina Train & Toy Show	April 2
Medina Fairgrounds	(flyer on page 8)
Medina, Ohio	(9:00 am - 3:00 pm)
Painesville Railroad Museum Fundraiser	April 8
Harry Buffalo Restaurant 2119 Mentor Ave.	(flyer on page 9)
Painesville, Ohio 44077	(3:00 pm - 5:00 pm)
Toy Train & RR Flea Market	April 9
Salem Center Plex 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave.	(flyer on page 8)
Salem, Ohio 44460	(10:00 am - 3:30 pm)
Model Train Days	May 6 & 7
The Painesville Depot 475 Railroad Street	
Painesville, Ohio 44077	(10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2017

The February 3, 2017 membership meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. **31 members** and no guests were present.

It was noted that fellow NMRA member **Bob Orlando** died recently of a heart attack.

Reviewed upcoming **events and shows**.

The membership was reminded that there was an **NMRA election ballot** recently sent out and everyone was encouraged to submit their vote.

Railfest 2017 has 348 out of 410 tables taken to date. A signup sheet for the various Railfest jobs was passed around at the meeting. A few regular vendors will not be returning, mainly due to health or retirement. Table setup will be on **Thursday March 16 from 2 pm to 6 pm**.

Superintendent Neff reviewed the upcoming **list of programs** he has tentatively set up

March – Dave Ellis – backdrops – B&B: backdrops or backdrop scenes

April – (tentative) Larry Madson – soldering

May – meeting in Erie, PA on Saturday, May 13 at 11 AM. Gary Lidell – slide show on late steam / early diesel in the local area – B&B: motive power

June – meeting at Lake Farmpark for Railroads In The Parks weekend – don't know if we will have a program due to limited time and having to set up the modular layouts

July – no meeting

August – Randy Hahn – Train simulation program

We are working to set up another **Division 5 road trip** in mid July or possibly mid to end of August. Options presented to the membership were **EnterTrainMent Junction** near Cincinnati, Ohio or the **Trolley Museum** near Washington, PA. The membership present at the meeting chose **EnterTrainMent Junction** which will also include a stop at a nearby sign museum. More details later as the details are decided.

The membership was reminded about the **Mid Central Region Convention** on May 18-21 and the NMRA national convention in Orlando, FL in August.

Don Thomas showed pictures of a group of layouts for sale from an estate in the area. All the layouts are in a single house and are 3-rail O and HO. The family wants to sell it all as one lot and it will be up to the buyer to dismantle everything. They are trying to close the estate as soon as possible so they are looking for a buyer soon. Don Thomas is the contact person if you are interested.

Modeling Questions: Any temporary adhesive for placing people on the layout?

Response: Woodland Scenics "Scenic Accent" glue.

Question: Any replacement for PlioBond glue?

Response: Walther's Goo.

The Division will have a table at the upcoming **Erie, PA Show** to promote the Division and the NMRA. We will need help manning the table.

Bring & Brag: Theme – *"Roadside Attractions"*

Dave Neff
Bryan Persing

Bonnie Lette
Dave Metzger

Wayne Lette
Bill Burger

Tom Pescha
Jim Wendorf

Bill Osborne

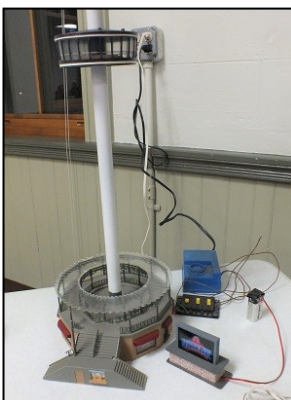
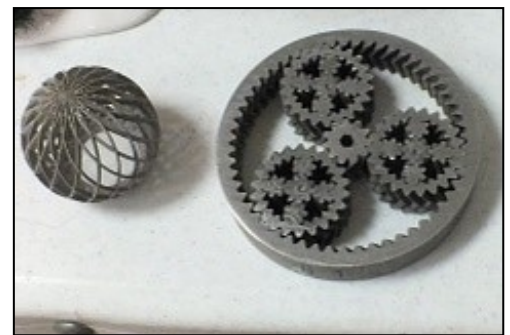
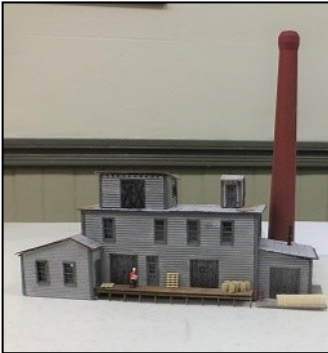
Program: Bryan Persing presented a review of the Shell Point Model Railroad Club that is within a retirement community in Florida. It has been existence for many years and attracts many visitors from outside the retirement community.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Pictures from the February Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting March 3, 2017

Division 5 BOD Meeting

February 13, 2017

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on February 13, 2017 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Lenny Kessler, Tom Pescha, Ted Wiese, Jim Wendorf, and Bob Gittinger.

Discussed supporting our Division table at the upcoming **Erie, PA train Show** on Sunday, March 5. A better table sign has been made for this.

We need to have more **Division 5 tri-fold brochures** printed for upcoming shows. Tom Pescha will take care of this.

Everything is going well with **Railfest 2017** preparations. We still have some tables left. At the last Division 5 meeting, we did not get very many people to sign-up to fill the various jobs.

We received a grant request for \$500 from the **Lake Shore Model Railroaders Association**. Along with the request, they provided information on what last year's grant was used for. There was some discussion in general about what the Division expects in return for grants provided. The main requirement is that the group actively promote the NMRA and Division 5, but there wasn't a clear definition on what this means. A decision on this grant was tabled until after Railfest.

Information was received about a new train show that will be held in **Jefferson, Ohio** on Saturday, July 15 from 10 am to 3 pm. This is a trial event being put on by the Jefferson Historical Society. There are supposed to be 43 vendor tables. There may be some layouts at the show. LENS and the Lake Geauga HO groups will be asked if they want to participate. It was recommended the Division get a table at the show to promote the Division and the NMRA. We will offer the group a table at Railfest to promote their show.

The Kids show will be on March 25th at Great Lakes Mall. Division 5 will have a booth there. We are working on having a layout on display. It was approved to provide material for 500 grab bags for the first 500 people that sign up. Cost to do the "stuffers" is \$75 plus the cost of copying. The material must be provided to the event planners by March 10th.

We would like to start planning for another round of **Division 5 layout tours**. We are looking at spreading the tours over four weekends, two in October (21/22 and 28/29) and two in November (11/12 and 18/19). We will see what level of interest we have.

Dave Neff reviewed **the list of programs** he has lined up for the meetings. A few changes had to be made from the list he presented at the Division membership meeting due to the presenters' availability. The revised program list is as follows:

March 3 Dave Ellis Backdrops **BnB:** backdrops and background flats

April 7 Dave Neff will present Jack Ellis' (Bar Mills) "Signage" CD clinic. **BnB:** Structures with signs.

May 13 Sat. in Erie Gary Widell Western Roads and Shortlines Motive Power **BnB:** Western Roads locos

June 2 at Farmpark Mike Hauk "Weathering with Oils" **BnB:** Weathered Locos, Rolling Stock, Structures

July NO MEETING

August 4 Randy Hahn Trainz Computer program **Bnb:** Anything electronic or any computer controls

Sept. 8 at Bill Osborn's home: Railroad Movie Night including **POPCORN!** **BnB:** RR prototype artifacts

Oct. 14 Sat. in Erie Dick Bradley Railroad Slide Show (subjects TBD) **BnB:** anything goes

Nov. 3 Larry Madson Soldering (a Make n Take clinic). **BnB:** Locomotives, Rolling Stock, Signals, etc

Everyone was reminded that **Trainwire submissions**, especially the superintendent's report and meeting minutes, need to be received by the editor by the date listed in the previous month's Trainwire in order to get the Trainwire out on time. It was also noted that the editor needs to send a confirmation to the submitter so they know the information was received.

We will no longer be doing **the Boy Scout Railroading merit badge workshop** with Lake Farmpark anymore due to management decisions by Farmpark. We will look at other venue's where we could conduct the workshop. We also need to find a Boy Scout representative that we can work with. At the moment, we don't have anyone willing to lead / coordinate this workshop.

In light of the recent heart attack and death of **fellow model railroader Bob Orland** at an NMRA meeting, the Board passed a motion to purchase a defibrillator for Hambden Town Hall.

The next regular **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be March 13, 2017 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Rails Across the Nation

By: Len Kessler



Day of Discontent

Much to my disdain, we woke up on Monday morning sitting on a side track, not moving and still in Montana. We were supposed to be in the state of Washington at this time, scheduled for Seattle by 10:25 *am*. Greg had reserved a rental car and was going

to give me a tour of the city, concluding with dinner at the Space Needle, another point of interest on my **bucket list**. He has worked in Seattle many times before and knew it well. ***So much for the best of plans.*** We finally started moving and eventually exited Montana, traversed the state of Idaho and entered Washington around 11 *am*. To make matters worse, 10 minutes before arriving at the

Spokane depot, the crew informed us that the train portion of the trip was ending and that all passengers were going to be bused to their final destinations in Seattle, Washington or Portland, Oregon. It was lunch time, and we had only 10 minutes to pack up our gear and get off the train. We were herded out of the station and on to a bus, ***what about lunch?*** Being handicapped, getting



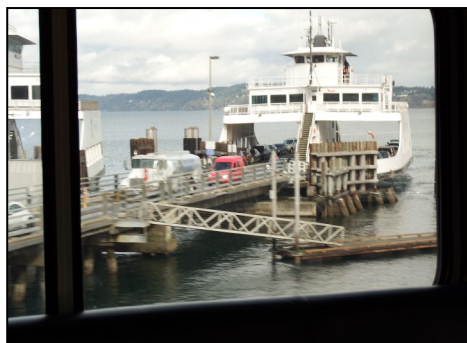
The impressive King Street Station Seattle, Washington

around on the train was difficult at best, but being jammed into a very cramped bus for over 5 plus hours, took a severe toll on me physically and mentally. We left the train in total **chaos** at the time we should have been served lunch and told we were on our own as far as getting

something to eat was concerned. I paid a lot of money for a train trip **that included all the way to Seattle**, there will be a letter sent to the president of Amtrak. After a brief stop at a Subway shop, we finally got to Seattle after 5 *pm*, we lost the rental car and I could barely get to the

hotel, **completely destroying** our sight-seeing plans for the day. Fortunately Greg reserved a great room in a downtown hotel in Seattle with such a comfortable bed, it was like sleeping on a cloud.

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Rails Across the Nation cont....



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The Coast Starlight

After a restful night, Tuesday started out great. We made it to the ornate King Street Station in plenty of time and boarded the Coast Starlight train and departed for Emeryville Station in California at 9:35 *am*. So long Seattle, *sorry I completely missed you!* We passed many interesting sidings contain-


ing hundreds of engines and rolling stock, the covered hoppers being very prominent out west. Portland, Oregon was great for rail-fanning with its multiple marshaling yards and a wide variety of coastal port industries with numerous freight commodities being transferred, exchanged, delivered and shipped. After our stop in Portland, we were reintroduced to a Canadian couple and their teenage daughter. They were on the Empire Builder with us and they were

bused to Portland, Oregon. Unlike us, they were given food on their bus. We spent most of the day with them in the lounge car sightseeing, drinking wine and playing cards. We enjoyed their company late into the evening and said good-bye to them as they would depart the train before we got up the next morning. Retiring to a full bedroom was a huge improvement over the extremely restricted area in the tiny roomettes. A bedroom has more than twice the area

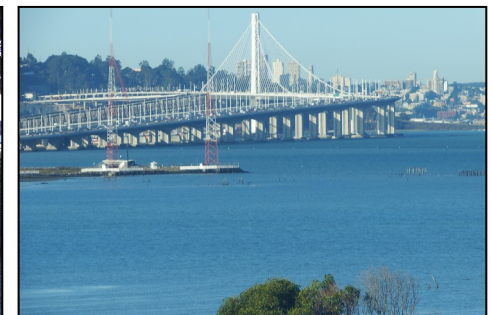


of the roomette, bigger beds, more places to sit, its own restroom and shower and you can stand up and walk around in the room. In a roomette, if you stand up and take one step, you're out in the hall! Even the train seemed to have a more comfortable ride. After a somewhat relaxed sleep, it was time to get up early. We would be arriving in Emeryville,

California at 8:10 *am* and we had to be dressed, packed and have breakfast before 8 *am*. Fortunately the porter delivered a good breakfast to our room which made it a lot easier. The trip from Seattle to Emeryville took 22 ½ hours and was a very comfortable ride with some outstanding scenery along the west coast of our great country. Greg rented a

car right in the train station and it was only a short hop to another great Marriot Hotel. The room was impressive, but now it was time to see the city of San Francisco. We dropped off our bags and headed for the Oakland Bay Bridge. 

- to be continued....



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5. If for any reason the show is cancelled, all sums will be refunded.

6. All boxes and storage material must be placed directly under the tables. No loose material is to be left in the aisles or unattended. Electricity is available if ordered in advance (3-pronged outlet) at no additional cost.

7. All loading and unloading of material, exhibits, and etc. are to be done at the designated entrance.

8. No "pack-up" before 3 p.m.

Next Show: December 10, 2017

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Sunday, March 5, 2017

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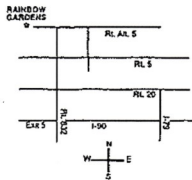
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Greetings Members of Division 5!

I hope you are all staying warm in NE Ohio! RPM-East is just ahead on the calendar. This prototype modeling meet has been a solid event in the Pittsburgh area

since 1999. Attached is the press release. Can you please include this with your membership communications? We seem to gain a few more Ohio attendees with each event.

Thanks!
 Eric Hansmann
 El Paso, TX
 RPM-East web publicity guy

WHAT: 2017 RPM-East Prototype Modeler Meet

WHEN: March 24 & 25, 2017

WHERE: Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center
 100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

HOW MUCH: Registration is only \$35, with an additional Saturday banquet cost of \$28. A single-day registration of \$20 will be available at the door. A special hotel room rate of \$104 per night.

START TIME: Clinics begin at 1 pm on Friday March 24 and run to 10 pm. Saturday March 25, clinics begin at 9 am and run to 10 pm.

WEBSITE: http://hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm

Press release:

Railroad Prototype Modeler in metro-Pittsburgh, PA

It is time to make your **RPM-East** plans and fire up your modeling efforts after a long winter! There will be plenty of action March 24 & 25 at the prototype modeler gathering in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

- two days of prototype and model presentations
- a large display room to share your modeling efforts and learn new techniques
- a variety of vendors selling prototype modeling supplies
- Thursday evening operating sessions on local model railroads
- an informal Saturday buffet
- Sunday model railroad layouts to visit

Registration is only \$35, with an additional banquet cost of \$28.

A single-day registration of \$20 will be available at the door.

RPM-East will be held at the Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. A special hotel room rate of \$104 per night that is available beginning January 1, 2017.

Registration forms, PayPal registration, hotel information and more can be found at the website:
http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm

RPM-East is sponsored by Division 2, MCR-NMRA.

The following modelers and historians are already committed for our event.

Dom Candelore,	Nick Fry,	John Gallagher,	John Greene,
Eric Hansmann,	Dave Hopson,	Matt Hurst,	Jerry Jordak,
Greer Kuehn,	Den Lippert,	Jim Panza,	Ramon Rhodes,
Jim Sacco,	Steve Stewart,	Chip Syme,	John Teichmoeller
and Bob Zoella.			

Presentation titles will be posted to the RPM-East website in January.
A tentative presentation schedule will be posted to the website in late February.

Set your schedule and register now for RPM-East!

Eric Hansmann
RPM-East Publicity and Web Guy
eric@hansmanns.org

RAILFEST 2017 DINNER

4th Annual Railfest Dinner ☘ March 18, 2017

Will be held at Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Eleven miles east of College.

Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!



Time:

Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 18, 2017

Price:

\$20.00 per person

SPEAKER & SUBJECT

The Euclid Railroad - by Tom Pappas

RESERVATION DEADLINE

March 11, 2017

DINNER MENU

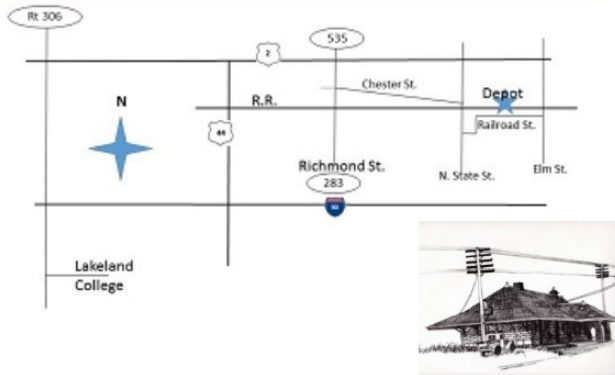
- Tossed Green Salad
- Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
- Chicken
- Roast Beef
- Corn Beef and Cabbage
- Mixed vegetables
- Red Skin Potatoes
- Rigatoni

Beverages Stations:

- Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
- Pitchers of Coke - Pitchers of Diet Coke
- Coffee Condiments: Creamer, Sugar, Sweeteners

Direction to Painesville Depot

Exit College, turn right (North) onto Rt. 306
 North on Rt 306 to OH Rt 2 (2 miles)
 East on Rt. 2 (8 miles) to OH 535 / OH 283 (exit 223)
 South on OH 283 for 200 feet, left turn (east onto Chester St.)
 East on Chester St (0.7 miles) to North State Street
 South on North State Street (under RR bridge) to Railroad Street.
 East on Railroad Street to Depot.



This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.

Please retain this part for your information

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Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 11, 2017.
 (Check will be held & deposited March 20, 2017)
 Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Please return this part only

Print your name: _____ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Please list and Print all Attending

Mail to:

Tom Pescha
 3942 E, 364th St.
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Return this part

RAILFEST 2017

Box Lunch



This year we will once again be offering Box Lunches. These will be delivered to the main show lobby for your pick-up.

You will have the following choices of Box Lunches.

Choice of:

1. Italian Sub
2. Turkey & Cheese on Kaiser roll
3. Veggie Wrap

Sides choice of: A. Potato Salad B. Pasta Salad



All Box Lunches include chips and a cookie for only **\$7.00 each**
Pop and water will be available on the carts for additional cost.

Make your Checks out to **RAILFEST**

Mail check and order form to:
Tom Pescha
3942 East 364th Street
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

If you have any questions, Call Tom at 216-470-5780



Please retain this part for your information

Your order must be received by **March 6**

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Box Lunch Order Form

Business Name / Contact _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Cell Phone: _____

Check # _____

*Return **ONLY** this part back to Tom Pescha*

SAT

Italian Sub		Turkey & Cheese		Veggie Wrap	
Potato Salad	Pasta Salad	Potato Salad	Pasta Salad	Potato Salad	Pasta Salad

SUN

Italian Sub		Turkey & Cheese		Veggie Wrap	
Potato Salad	Pasta Salad	Potato Salad	Pasta Salad	Potato Salad	Pasta Salad

Please return this part only

Division 5 Fleamarket Table Item Rules

If you want to make use of the Division fleamarket table at Railfest, you **MUST** fill out the form on the other side of this sheet. Use as many copies of the form as needed to list **ALL** the items you are selling. Each item on the table must have a sticker that contains the member's initials and a sequence number corresponding to the items on the form. Multiple items, bagged or boxed, are only counted as one item if they are being sold as a set.

Please keep prices in even dollar increments (\$1, \$2, \$3, etc.) if at all possible. This makes it a lot easier for the people manning the table to make change and handle the money.

Also, **you need to provide a Business Size envelope** to put the money in from the sales of your items. Mark your name clearly on the envelope. You also need to put some money in the envelope to allow the people manning the table to use for making change. We would like at least ten \$1 bills in the envelope. Please mark on the envelope the amount of money you provided for making change.

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
Bova's Music & Train Shoppe

Willoughby, Ohio
Mentor, Ohio
Chardon, Ohio
Geneva, Ohio
Westfield, New York




Please support these dealers!

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Division 5 Directors: (Terms expire June 2018)			
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Wayne Lette	440-298-3075	Tom Pescha	216-470-5780
Division 5 Board of Directors:		BOD@MCR5.org	
Division 5 Appointed Positions: (Terms expire June 2018)			
Treasurer	Bonnie Lette	440-298-3075	Treasurer@MCR5.org
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Bring & Brag	(Open Position)		
Layout Tours	Mike Buehner	440-428-0137	layouttour@MCR5.org

**Division 5 Layout Tours In The Fall**

We are looking at having Division 5 layout tours in the Fall. We are considering spreading them over four weekends (Saturday or Sunday) with just a few layouts open each weekend to make it easy for people to get to all the layouts. We are targeting the following weekends: October 21/22 and 28/29 and November 11/12 and 18/19. Start thinking about whether you would like to have your layout open for the tours and what weekend and day you would want to do it on. More information and details as we get closer. Matt Kross will be organizing the layout tours. You can contact Matt at Clerk@mcr5.org or call 440-668-9462 if you would like more details about hosting a layout tour or if you want to go ahead and add your layout to the tour list. 

Notice

I will be compiling the next Trainwire on the 19th of the month and any articles or reports that come in after the 19th will probably be published in the following issue. - The Editor

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