



# The Trainwire



## Inside this issue:

<b>Scheduled events</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Meeting Pictures</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BOD Minutes</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Railfest flyers</b>	<b>6-8</b>
<b>Railfest Dinner Info</b>	<b>9-10</b>
<b>Flea market Form</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Flea market Info</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Div. 5 Regulations</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Dale H. Smith</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Officer Info</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Last Page</b>	<b>16</b>

## Superintendent's Report

### Meanderings

**T**ough to think about pleasant thoughts given the sad shocking news about Dale this week.....

Here we are in mid-winter but planning ahead for Railfest, and other model railroad events this year. We will need many hands on deck to conduct Railfest and so it is hoped that everyone can pitch in some fashion with setups, tear-downs, vendor assistance, security, etc. Don't forget to complete the signups for lunches both days and the Hobo program dinner at the Depot Saturday night!

I had the opportunity a couple weeks ago to do a consulting job for the US Army Corp of Engineers in Ste. St. Marie (Ontario and Michigan) on the Soo Locks.. Very interesting to view the now-dry locks since the St. Lawrence is closed to shipping during the winter season. For you steel-mill aficionados, Sault Saint Marie is also the home of Algoma

Steel. I drove around the facility admiring the steel works, but they are mainly shielded from prying eyes by a perimeter brick wall separated from the roadway and residential section near the St. Mary river. And for us railroaders, the city is also the departure point for the Algoma Central Railroad tourist trip through the Agawa canyon. If I had known I was going to get stuck there a couple of days because of flight cancellations back to Toronto, I would have taken the trip on the train! What are your plans for the Summer? We'll talk in the next Division meetings about another Division trip ---perhaps a bit shorter than going to Cincinnati and back---if we can find a suitable date and place to visit. Note that there is a **Train Show in Jefferson on Saturday July 21, and because of that, our Division 5 picnic has been moved to Sunday July 22nd at the Painesville Depot.** And is anyone



Dave Neff – Superintendent  
Division 5  
NMRA – Mid Central Region

planning to go the NMRA national convention in Kansas City August 5 thru 12th?

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting, Friday March 2nd, at Hambden!

- 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 2nd, 2018

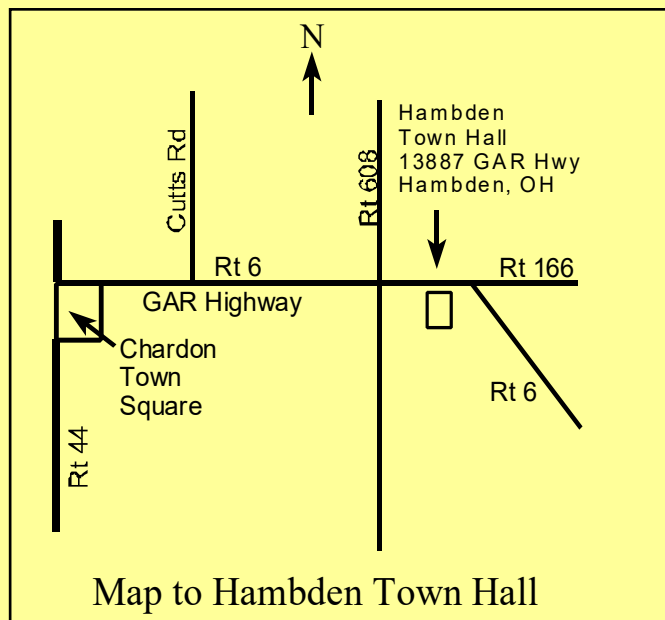
**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** Steel Mill modeling by Paul Emch  
**Bring & Brag:** TBA

### April 6th, 2018

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

### May 4th, 2018

**Location:** Hambden Town Hall  
**Program:** JMRI applications and signaling by Brad White  
**Bring & Brag:** TBA



Map to Hambden Town Hall

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Independence Train Show** **March 3**  
6001 Archwood Rd. *(flyer on page 17)*  
Independence, Ohio 44131 **(10:00 am - 3:00 pm)**

**Division 5 Railfest** **March 17 - 18**  
Lakeland Community College *(flyer on page 7)*  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094 **(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)**

**Division 5 Railfest Dinner** **March 17**  
475 Railroad St. *(flyer on page 10)*  
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(5:30 pm)**

**Mt. Hope Train Show** **March 24**  
Mt. Hope Event Center  
8076 State Rt. 241 *(flyer on page 18)*  
Mt. Hope, Ohio 44660 **(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)**

**Pancake Breakfast** **March 31**  
Painesville Railroad Museum  
475 Railroad Street *(flyer on page 19)*  
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(8:00 am - 12:00 noon)**

**Painesville Depot Fundraiser** **April 7**  
Harry Buffalo Restaurant  
2119 Mentor Ave. *(flyer on page 20)*  
Painesville, Ohio 44077 **(2:00 pm - 4:00 noon)**

**Division 5 BOD Meeting** **April 9**  
Hambden Town Hall  
Hambden, Ohio **(7:30 pm)**

# Division 5 Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2018

The February 2, 2018 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Dave Neff at Hamden Township Hall. 25 members and 8 guests were present.

It was noted that the **Division holiday party** was cancelled due to the weather and will not be rescheduled.

The names of this year's **Losers Raffle winners** were read off. Those not present will have their certificates mailed to them.

Reviewed this year's **election process**. A call for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee was made. Dennis Lloyd volunteered to handle Lake County and Dale Smith volunteered for Geauga County.

The formation of the new **Division 12** within the Mid Central Region is official. Several of the Division 12 members were on hand at the meeting. Division 5 presented Division 12 with a check for \$2,500 to help get them started. We are planning to have a joint meeting between Division 5 and Division 12 in May.

There are about 35 tables left for **Railfest 2018**. Still waiting to hear back from some previous vendors. There will be some new vendors. Reminder that the reservations for the box lunches and the Railfest Dinner need to be in by March 10.

The March meeting program will be on **Steel Mill Modeling**. The Bring & Brag theme will be anything steel mill related. We will also have a short presentation about the upcoming Mid Central Region convention.

Reminder that the **NMRA National Convention** will be August 5 – 12, 2018.

We are currently in need of a program for the **April and June meetings**. The June meeting will be held at Lake Farmpark in Kirtland, OH.

The date for the **Division picnic** is tentatively set for July 21 at the Painesville Depot.

**Division 1** is currently looking for someone that can be a scenery judge for an AP Scenery Certificate.

**Division 1** is looking for layouts that could be part of their self-guided layout tours for the 2019 Mid Central Region Convention in Boardman, OH on Sunday, May 5, 2019. If you are interested, contact Matt Kross and he will forward the information to the convention layout tour coordinator.

It was noted that the NMRA is conducting a **social media contest**. There is information about this on the NMRA Facebook page.

Former member **Doug Anderson** was at the meeting and announced that he is selling off a large portion of his HO collection.

**Bring & Brag:**

Bill Berger	Dave Metzger	Dennis Lloyd
Tom Pescha	Bob Gittinger	Dave Neff
Bryan Persing		

**Program:** Brad White did an overview of the JMRI software applications available to help you with various aspects of running your model railroad including DCC decoder setup, signaling, CTC panels, and throttles.

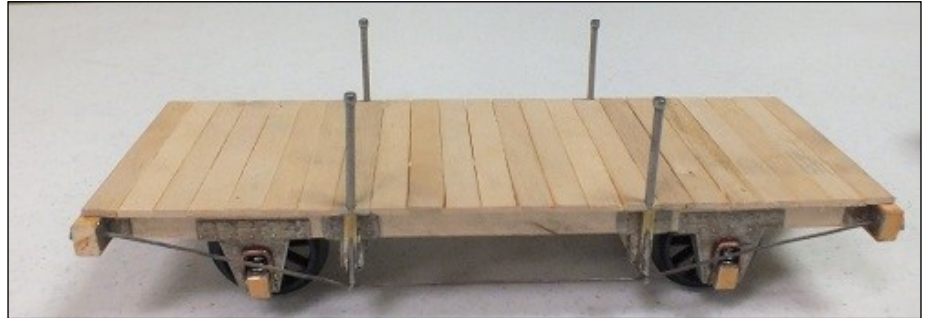
**Submitted by:**  
**Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk**

# Pictures from the February Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Superintendent Dave Neff presented a check for \$2,500.00 to Brad White, superintendent of Division 12, for start up money of the new Division 12.



## 2017 Division 5 Losers Raffle Winners

Ray Newnes  
Brad White  
Bryan Persing  
Jim Wendorf  
Wayne Lette

Jim Davidson  
Linda Kacprzak  
Rich Kacprzak  
Dave Barnes  
Jan Nagle

Dave Neff  
Tom Pescha  
Ted Wiese  
Paul Emch  
Bonnie Lette

Bill Osborne  
Bill Berger  
Jim McCallum  
Sam Monturi

Congratulations to this year's winners. Remember, just like the lottery, you can't win if you don't get a ticket. You can't get a ticket unless you come to a meeting. So come on out the first Friday of the month and join us at the Division 5 membership meeting.

# Division 5 BOD Meeting

12 February 2018

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on February 12, 2018 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Letter, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Tom Pescha, Jim Wendorf, and **Dale Smith**.

A letter was received from **Division 12** thanking Division 5 for the \$2,500 grant to form their new division. The official formation date of Division 12 is December 7, 2017, the date when they filed their incorporation papers with the state of Pennsylvania.

Several **Division 5 members** attended the first meeting of Division 12. Division 12 had 16 members present, adopted their new Division Regulations, and discussed what they want to do as a division.

No feedback yet from the **Division 5 Nominating Committee** as far as candidates for the upcoming elections. We are targeting having ballots mailed before the end of April with a due date around mid-May. New officers' terms start June 1<sup>st</sup>.

All **appointed Division office holders and coordinators** are reminded that their terms end June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please consider if you want to continue serving in your current capacity. If someone else is interested in taking over a position, please let the current or new Superintendent know.

We are still planning on having a **joint meeting with Division 12** in the Erie, PA area in May. We do not have a meeting place yet. Program will be a slide show by Dick Bradley.

**Railfest 2018** planning is still going well. We have about 20 tables left.

**The BOD** approved proposed changes to the Division 5 Regulations regarding the election procedures. The changes include adding a provision for Election by Acclimation which allows the BOD to declare the elections completed without a ballot when all Division offices only have a single candidate running, loosening the requirements for the Nominating Committee makeup, and allowing for the possibility of electronic balloting in the future. The proposed revisions will be published in the Trainwire. The membership voting on the Regulations changes will be an item on the 2018 Division 5 Ballot.

Reviewed **upcoming events and meeting programs**. We still need programs for the April and June meetings. Railroads In The Parks weekend will again be held at Farmpark in June. The Division meeting will be held at Farmpark. We need to find out if there will be a Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop and if Division 5 is to supply the railroad car kits.

BOD passed a motion to add **the Painesville Depot** as another local model railroad dealer that can accept Division 5 certificates for the purchase of merchandise only.

Due to a conflict, we are proposing changing **the Division 5 picnic date to July 21**.

It was noted for **Promo Day 2018**, the 2-rail O-scale show will no longer be held at Lakeland Community College. This does open the possible use of the auxiliary gym for Promo Day but would be a lot more expensive. The BOD decided to stay with the gym we have been using.

The next scheduled **Division 5 BOD** meeting will be April 9, 2018 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

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

# Railfest 2018



## Railfest 2018 Model Train Show

National Model Railroad Association MCR Division 5 is Celebrating 31 years of Railfest at Lakeland Community College on Saturday, March 17, 2018, and Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission	\$7.00 each
	\$12.00 Two Day Pass
	\$12.00 Family
	Free Parking – Shuttle Bus service available (free)

This is the largest two day continuous running ALL Gauge Train Show in Ohio!

See *13 Operating Layout* in many different scales

**Buy – Sell – Trade - New and use trains!**

**ATM is now in lobby of ACF.**

110 + Dealers and over 420 tables to view, see exhibitors with all scales of trains and accessories for sell and trade, video tapes, train ride information, and historical displays. This year we have many new vendors which will add a fresh look to the show.

This is the place to look for and find you're hard to find items and your train treasures. Use the *Luck of the Irish* and find your Pot of Gold filled with your Train Treasures, and hard to find items.

Enjoy our Food Service train show specials!

This program is funded in part by a grant from The Lake County Visitor's Bureau Arts and Culture Fund to further participation in, and awareness of, arts and culture in Lake County and News-Herald.

Lakeland Community College (AFC)  
7700 Clocktower Dr.  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

Exit I-90 at Rt. 306 (exit 193), South on Rt. 306, ¼ mile, College on left.

440-357-8890

[railfest@mcr5.org](mailto:railfest@mcr5.org)

[www.Railfest.org](http://www.Railfest.org)

[www.facebook.com/RailfestTrainshow](http://www.facebook.com/RailfestTrainshow)



# RAILFEST 2018

Saturday and Sunday

March 17 & 18, 2018

10 am to 4 pm

Buy – Sell – Trade

Located at:

**Lakeland Community College**

7700 Clocktower Dr.

Kirtland, Ohio 44094

State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 – exit 193



Use the Luck of the Irish and find your Pot of Gold filled with your Train Treasures.



### Operating Layouts

**N Scale Layouts**  
(LENS)

**HO Scale layout**  
(LG HO G)

**S Scale & American Flyer**  
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association)

**Lionel O Gauge**

**LGB G Gauge**

**Live Steam Display**  
(Lake Shore Live Steam)

**Admission \$7.00**

Two Day Pass \$12.00

Family (couples) \$12.00

Family (max) \$12.00

(Adults with Children under 18)

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

### Features

Dealers

RR Flea market

Exhibitors

Operating Layouts

Video Tapes

Historical Displays

Train Ride Info

Food Service Available

ATM

### For Information Write:

NMRA MCR Division 5  
PO Box 5081  
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Phone: (440) 357- 8890  
Phone: (440) 417- 6746

Email: railfest@mcr5.org



**Free Parking**

**Free Shuttle Bus**  
9:30am – 4:30pm

Presented by

THE NEWS-HERALD



## National Model Railroad Association

MCR – Division 5 Event

Since 1987 at Lakeland

Visit us at [www.railfest.org](http://www.railfest.org)

Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RailfestTrainshow](http://www.facebook.com/RailfestTrainshow)



Largest continuous running two day train show in OHIO!



# RAILFEST 2018

## 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 364<sup>th</sup> 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 5**  
*Cut and Return*

*Cut and Return*

### 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



# Railfest 2018 Fifth Annual Dinner

This year Division 5 will be hosting its Fifth Annual Railfest Dinner at the Historic Painesville Depot, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 440707.

The Painesville Depot is only 11 miles east of the College. A short drive for a great night.

Come and enjoy a great dinner at the Historic Painesville Depot. This dinner is open to anyone who is a railroad enthusiast not just our Railfest vendors.

The Painesville Depot, now the home of the Painesville Railroad Museum, was built in 1893 for the Lake Shore and Southern Michigan Railroad and is on the CSX Water Front mainline. Spend an evening at the depot, do a little railfanning, enjoy a great meal, and the company of other railroad enthusiast.

## **The dinner menu:**

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

*With our dinner being on Saint Patty Day, so we added Corn Beef and Cabbage to the menu.*

You must clip off the bottom of the form and mail it in with your payment. We will hold your checks until March 10, 2018

Guest speaker will be **Barbara Hacha** will talk about hobo culture.

*Join us for a night of good food, history and trains.*

# RAILFEST 2018 DINNER

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Railfest Dinner ☘ March 17, 2018

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 17, 2018

**Price:**

\$22.50 per person

**SPEAKER & SUBJECT**

Barbara Hacha will talk about hobo culture.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE**

March 10, 2018

**DINNER MENU**

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

**Beverages Stations:**

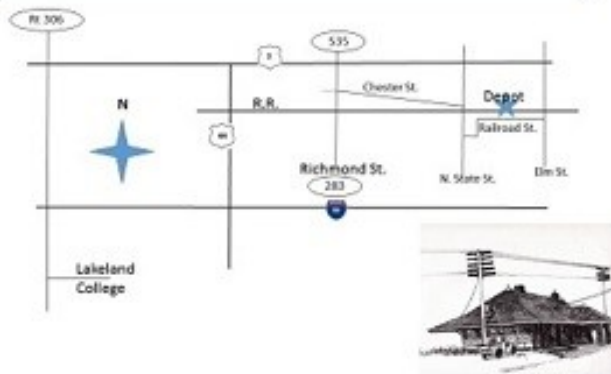
- Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee
- Pitchers of Coke - Pitchers of Diet Coke
- Coffee Condiments: Creamer, Sugar, Sweeteners



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

**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.



Please retain this part for your information

Cut and Return

Cut and Return

Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 10, 2018.  
 (Check will be held & deposited March 19, 2018)  
 Make Checks payable to: **Railfest**

Print you name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and Print all Attending

**Mail to:**

Tom Pescha Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3942 E. 364th St. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Willoughby, Ohio 44094 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Return this part



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

## Presenting of an AED to Hambden



**B**ryan Persing, Dave Neff, and Dale Smith from Division 5

presented an AED to the Hambden Township Trustees on Nov. 15th. Don Bittner was present but not in the

picture. The device will be mounted in the town hall for use in an emergency if someone is struck by a Heart Attack.

# Proposed Division 5 Regulations Changes

The Division 5 BOD approved the following proposed changes to the Division 5 Regulations regarding the election procedures. The changes include adding a provision for Election by Acclimation which allows the BOD to declare the elections completed without a ballot when all Division offices only have a single candidate running, loosening the requirements for the Nominating Committee makeup, and allowing for the possibility of electronic balloting in the future. The final approval of these proposed changes must be made by the Division 5 membership and will be an item on the 2018 Division 5 Ballot.

All the proposed changes are in the section **ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS**. The electronic version of the Division 5 Regulations can be found on the Division 5 website ([www.mcr5.org](http://www.mcr5.org)). A paper copy of the Regulations can be obtained by contacting the Division 5 Clerk.

The following are excerpts from the Regulations that are to be changed. The V indicates it is from Article V **Elections** and the number indicates the paragraph number. The proposed text changes are in bold text.

V.1 **Existing Text:**

... Each person on the committee shall be from a different county of the Division. ...

V.1 **Proposed Change:**

... **If possible**, each person on the committee shall be from a different county of the Division. ...

V.7 **Existing Text:**

... Election for Division officers shall be conducted by mail ballot. ...

V.7 **Proposed Change:**

... Election for Division officers shall be conducted by **ballot (via mail or electronic means)**. ...

V.8 **Existing Text:**

The Teller(s) shall see to the mailing of a ballot to each member of the Division who is listed on the Division 5 Mid-Central Region NMRA, Inc. most current membership list from the NMRA.

V.8 **Proposed Change:**

The Teller(s) shall see to the **sending (via mail or electronic means)** of a ballot to each member of the Division who is listed on the Division 5 Mid-Central Region NMRA, Inc. most current membership list from the NMRA.

V.9 **Existing Text:**

... The name and address of the Teller(s) and the latest date for return of the ballots shall be included in the ballots. The only address to which a ballot can be mailed is that of the Teller(s). ...

V.9 **Proposed Change:**

... The name and address (**mailing address or electronic address**) of the Teller(s) and the latest date for return of the ballots shall be included in the ballots. The only address to which a ballot can be **sent** is that of the Teller(s). ...

V.20 **New Paragraph:**

If all elected offices only have a single candidate, then an Election by Acclimation process can be implemented as long as the Division nominating committee has made a diligent effort/search for multiple candidates for each elected office. The Election by Acclimation process shall consist of the Division 5 Board Of Directors reviewing the actions of the Nominating Committee, and after determining that no suitable additional candidates can be found, passes by majority vote that the election process is complete and the specified candidates will be the new duly elected officers. No membership balloting (paper or otherwise) will be required for this process.

# Condolences To The Smith Family

Dale Harlan Smith, 62, died unexpectedly on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018. He was born on July 6, 1955, at the Corey Hospital in Chardon, OH, to Harley DeWitt and Ellen (nee Tucker) Smith. Dale was a 1973 graduate of Chardon High School, where he had been a member of the band, and also The Great Geauga County Fair Band. In 1979, he was hired at the Brecksville VA Medical Center as a firefighter, later becoming the Safety Officer for the Medical Center, retiring in 2006. Dale developed his love of model trains with his father, becoming a Life Member of the National Model Railroad Association, and Assistant Superintendent of Division 5 in NE Ohio.

After retirement from the VA, he became a seasonal employee of the Hazen Construction and for the Hambden Twp. Road Department, keeping the roads safe

and clean. His passion was the Hambden Fire Department, joining at age 18. He devoted over 30 years to fire service; as 2nd Asst. Chief (under Fred Zukurish); as Hambden's training officer; as a member of the Geauga Arson Task Force; and as a State Certified Fire Instructor. Dale taught many young men and women to share his passion for fire service throughout NE Ohio. He was awarded the "Firefighter of the Year Award" for the Hambden Fire Dept. in 2015.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah (nee Meade) whom he married on Aug., 2, 1986, in Claridon Twp.; his mother, Ellen (nee Tucker) of Hambden Twp.; daughter, Sarah N. Smith (Fiancé: Adam Robbins) of Galloway, OH; sister, Lu Ann (Dennis) Burger of Montville; step-daughters, Carrie Stokes of Claridon

Twp., and Darcy Bishop of Middlefield; step-son, Dameon (Jackie) Keller of Mentor, OH; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces, Juli D. Stone and Sally D. (Jason) Chapek; nephew, Paul (Heather) Burger; four great nephews and two great-nieces.

The family will receive friends on Sat., Feb. 24, from 11 a.m. until 1p.m., with a Funeral Service at 1p.m. at the Burr Funeral Home, 116 South St., Chardon, OH. Interment will be in Hambden Twp. Cemetery, on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m.

Contributions are suggested in Dale's name to the Hambden Fire Dept., 9867 Old State Rd. Chardon, OH 44024. Information and condolences online at [www.burrservice.com](http://www.burrservice.com).

Published in [www.News-Herald.com](http://www.News-Herald.com) on Feb. 20, 2018

## Dale Smith

Longtime Division 5 member Dale Smith died on Friday, February 16, 2018.

Dale had been involved with Division 5 since its founding in 1961, even though he was a small child then. His father, Harley Smith, was a founding member of the Division and Dale would always be part of the activities. Harley and Dale were the proprietors of Smith & Son Ballast that provided realistic, real rock ballast for model railroads. Dale served Division 5 as Assistant Superintendent, Tripmaster, 2005 and 2011 MCR Convention Co-Chairman, BOD member, ran the entrance gate at Railfest, coordinated many of the Division Christmas parties, took care of getting the

Hambden Town Hall for our Division meetings and activities, cleaned up the town hall after our events, ran the Silent Auction at the 2014 NMRA Convention in Cleveland as well as helped with the silent auctions at many other conventions, and the list goes on. He was always there to help with whatever needed to be done.

At the Division's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2011, Dale was awarded Division 5's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dale will be greatly missed. He was a big part of Division 5 as well as being a great friend.

- Matt Kross



**Dale H. Smith**

**1956 - 2018**

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden passing of Firefighter Dale Smith. Dale was one of our most knowledgeable, dedicated, and respected members. Dale previously held the rank of

Assistant Chief and was 2015 Firefighter of the Year. He was the "dedicated driver" of Tanker 3631 and served as the water officer at most fires in Hambden. Dale was at almost all of our fundraisers and was

always eager to help out. Rest In Peace Firefighter Smith. You will be greatly missed Sir.

- Hambden Fire Department



**Team Track**

[www.MCR5.org](http://www.MCR5.org)

**Division 5 Officers**

(Terms expire June 2018)

Superintendent	Dave Neff	440-269-1229	<a href="mailto:Super@MCR5.org">Super@MCR5.org</a>
Asst. Superintendent	Bryan Persing		<a href="mailto:AstSuper@MCR5.org">AstSuper@MCR5.org</a>
<b>Division 5 Directors:</b> (Terms expire June 2018)			
Don Bittner	440-257-7555	Robert Gittinger	440-585-0237
Wayne Lette	440-298-3075	Tom Pescha	216-470-5780
Division 5 Board of Directors:		<a href="mailto:BOD@MCR5.org">BOD@MCR5.org</a>	
<b>Division 5 Appointed Positions:</b> (Terms expire June 2018)			
Treasurer	Bonnie Lette	440-298-3075	<a href="mailto:Treasurer@MCR5.org">Treasurer@MCR5.org</a>
Clerk	Matt Kross	440-729-3045	<a href="mailto:Clerk@MCR5.org">Clerk@MCR5.org</a>
Railfest Chairman	Jim Wendorf	440-357-8890	<a href="mailto:Railfest@MCR5.org">Railfest@MCR5.org</a>
Promo Day Coordinator	Bob Frieden	(440) 256-8141	<a href="mailto:PromoDay@MCR5.org">PromoDay@MCR5.org</a>
Achievement Program	(Open Position)		<a href="mailto:AP@MCR5.org">AP@MCR5.org</a>
Contests	(Open Position)		<a href="mailto:Contest@MCR5.org">Contest@MCR5.org</a>
Auditors	Dennis Lloyd Tony Spena	440-255-2530	<a href="mailto:Audit@MCR5.org">Audit@MCR5.org</a>
Trainwire Editor	Lenny Kessler	440-417-6746	<a href="mailto:Trainwire@MCR5.org">Trainwire@MCR5.org</a>
Refreshments	Dan Chuppa	440-488-4179	<a href="mailto:Refreshments@MCR5.org">Refreshments@MCR5.org</a>
Membership Roster	Matt Kross	440-729-3045	<a href="mailto:Membership@MCR5.org">Membership@MCR5.org</a>
Webmaster	Wayne Lette	440-298-3075	<a href="mailto:Webmaster@MCR5.org">Webmaster@MCR5.org</a>
Company Store	Ted Wiese	440-256-5212	<a href="mailto:CompanyStore@MCR5.org">CompanyStore@MCR5.org</a>
Bring & Brag	(Open Position)		
Layout Tours	Matt Kross	440-729-3045	<a href="mailto:Membership@MCR5.org">Membership@MCR5.org</a>



Picture from my file.

**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



Rockslide in Pennsylvania

**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*

# The Trainwire Newsletter

# Electronic Version

Publication of Division 5  
12049 Sperry Road  
Chesterland, Ohio 44026



Picture from Larry Novak

## March, 2018

Division 5 Membership  
as of February 1st, 2018



# 78

## The Trainwire

*The Trainwire* is an official publication of Division 5 "The Western Reserve Division", Mid Central Region, of the National Model Railroad Association. It is published approximately once a month and mailed to all NMRA members residing in Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula counties (Ohio) free of charge, as long as the Division has funds for mailing. Others wishing to receive it may do so for the annual fee of \$12.00 for a mailing or it is always available on the website (FREE).

Information regarding *The Trainwire*, Division 5, or the NMRA may be obtained by writing to 3257 Center Road, Perry, Ohio 44081 or sending an e-mail to [Trainwire@MCR5.org](mailto:Trainwire@MCR5.org). The Trainwire and Division 5 activities are funded by flea markets, raffles, contributions, and donations. All comments and opinions are welcome. Those views expressed in *The Trainwire* do not necessarily reflect the policies or opinions of the NMRA, the Mid Central Region or Division 5.

## The Western Reserve Division 5



[www.mcr5.org](http://www.mcr5.org)

A non-profit educational organization



<b>Trainwire Editor:</b>	Lenny Kessler	3257 Center Rd. Perry, Ohio 44081	440-417-6746	<a href="mailto:Trainwire@mcr5.org">Trainwire@mcr5.org</a>
<b>Superintendent:</b>	Dave Neff	5479 Chestnut Hill Dr. Willoughby, Ohio 44094	440-269-1229	<a href="mailto:Super@mcr5.org">Super@mcr5.org</a>
<b>Asst. Super:</b>	Bryan Persing	2860 Loreto Drive Willoughby Hills OH 44094	330-715-3519	<a href="mailto:AstSuper@mcr5.org">AstSuper@mcr5.org</a>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Bonnie Lette	17541 Thompson Rd. Thompson, Ohio 44086	440-298-3075	<a href="mailto:Treasurer@MCR5.org">Treasurer@MCR5.org</a>
<b>Clerk:</b>	Matt Kross	12049 Sperry Road Chesterland, Ohio 44026	440-729-3045	<a href="mailto:Clerk@mcr5.org">Clerk@mcr5.org</a>



# INDEPENDENCE



## Saturday March 3, 2018 **TRAIN & TOY SHOW** 10 am to 3 pm

The Independence High School *Fieldhouse*

6001 Archwood Road

Independence, Oh 44131

Adults \$6.00 \* Children 12 and under FREE

300 Dealer Tables - Operating Layouts  
Door Prizes - Good Food  
Tables - 8ft @ \$25.00 each

**Directions:**

Rt 480/77—Rockside Rd Exit  
East to Brecksville Rd—Right Turn  
-south to Selig Dr.-right turn



For info/tables call **Dennis Peffer (216) 642-0692**  
Email: kdtrains@att.net

### Rules for Dealers:

Dealers will set up Friday 6pm—10pm,  
Saturday - 7am-10.00am

Dealers will accept full responsibility for any injuries or loss to them or their property while attending the show. Dealers expressly release the promoters, KD Trains LLC, and the Independence Fieldhouse from any liability and agree to hold promoters harmless therefore. If show is cancelled, all monies refunded. All boxes/storage



material placed under tables. All loading/unloading to be done at designated entrance. There is to be nothing attached to wall/floors. Dealer must give KD Trains, LLC two weeks prior notice if unable to attend.

**No pack-up before 3 PM**

### March 2018 KD Train Show **PAYMENT MUST BE SENT WITH APPLICATION**

PLEASE PRINT

Two free admissions per exhibitor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Items selling \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ No of Tables \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by KD Trains

8' X 30" Tables

Selling items - Table cost \$25.00 each

Load in Fri.6:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
Sat. 7 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

**Make Checks Payable To:**

**KD Trains, LLC**  
**Mail To:**

**KD Trains, LLC**  
**C/O Dennis Peffer**  
**5415 Hillside Rd.**  
**Independence, Ohio 44131**

**ALL TABLES MUST BE PREPAID**

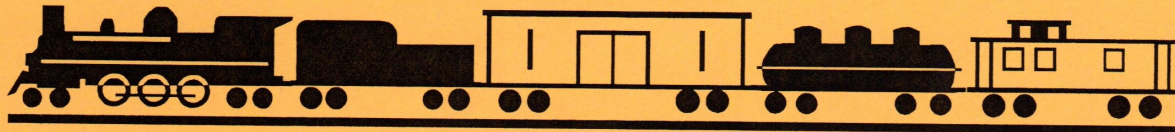
Please send table request by Feb 18, 2018

PUT ME ON EMAIL LIST: YES \_\_\_\_\_

Return this part

Please return this part only

Jon Ulbright presents the 1<sup>st</sup>



# Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show

sponsored by CJ Trains LLC  
[www.cjtrains.com](http://www.cjtrains.com)

### Featuring:

- All Gauges & Parts
- Running Layouts
- Farm & Vintage Toys
- Die-cast Models
- Books & Videos
- NASCAR Items
- 600+ Dealer Tables
- Free Parking
- Catered by Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen

## Saturday, March 24, 2018

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM • Admission: Adults \$5.00 • Children 12 and under FREE

### Mt. Hope Event Center

8076 St. Rt. 241

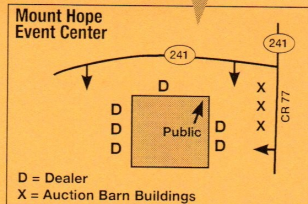
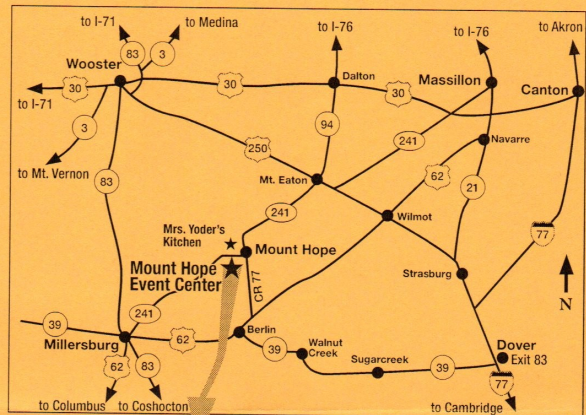
Mt. Hope, OH 44660

(if using GPS: 8076 St. Rt. 241, Millersburg, OH 44654)

### Rules for Dealers:

1. Dealers will set up Friday 3PM-9PM, Saturday 6AM-10AM
2. Dealers will accept full responsibility for any injuries or loss to them or their property while attending the show(s). Dealers expressly release the promoters (CJ Trains LLC) and Mt. Hope Event Center from any liability and agree to hold promoters harmless therefore.
3. All monies will be refunded for each show that a dealer is unable to attend because of illness or vehicular problems. If unable to attend because of any other reason(s), the dealer must let CJ Trains LLC know one week prior to the show in writing or by phone.
4. There is to be nothing attached to the walls.
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 entrances.

**8. No "pack-up" before 4 p.m.**



**Next Show:  
November 3, 2018**

### Please Print

Dealers - \$25 per 8' table in advance. — Buy 5 tables, get 1 FREE ! —  
Two free admissions per exhibitor.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Z, N & HO    O&S    TOYS    MISC.    ELECTRICITY

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tables at \$25.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Free coffee for Dealers till 10:00 AM, courtesy of CJ Trains LLC.

**All table orders are prepaid! No exceptions!**

Make checks payable to:  
CJ Trains LLC  
c/o Jon Ulbright  
PO Box 446  
Wooster, Ohio 44691  
[www.cjtrains.com](http://www.cjtrains.com)

Call after 6:00 PM  
Jon Ulbright  
330-262-7488 • 330-466-8664  
e-mail: [cathijon@ssnet.com](mailto:cathijon@ssnet.com)  
Mt. Hope – Spring 2018



**Date:** Saturday March 31, 2018  
**Location:** Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad St., Painesville, Ohio 44077  
**Time:** 8:00 am – 12:00 noon  
**Cost:** \$7.00/Adults \$5.00 Sr Citizen \$3.00/Children (10 under)  
 \$15 family of 4 = 2 Adults 2 Children (10 under)

**Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am**



**Proceeds Benefit:  
 Restoration of Painesville Depot  
 and  
 Diabetic Children**



Lake County Juvenile Diabetes Walk Family  
 www.lcjdwf.org  
 A 501(c)3 Non-profit  
 440-479-5461

Painesville Railroad Museum  
 www.painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org  
 A 501(c)3 Non-profit  
 216-470-5780

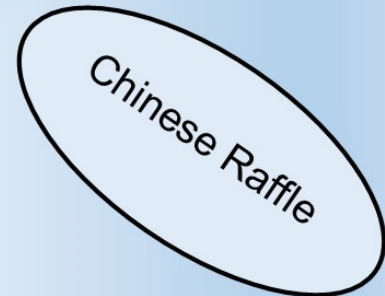
# PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 7, 2018 2 to 4 p.m.

## HORS D'OEUVRES & DRINKS

Come and join us for an evening of great Hors d'oeuvres and the fellowship of railroad enthusiast at:

**Harry Buffalo**  
 2119 Mentor Ave.  
 Painesville, Ohio 44077



**Menu: *All you can eat and drink for 2 hours***

- Smothered Chicken
- Sheet Pizza
- Bonesless Wings
- Salad - Fries



**All you can Drink** - Domestic Draft Beer, House Wine & Well  
 Liquors from 2 pm to 4 pm

**Cost:**  
**\$20.00 Each Pre-Sale**  
**\$25.00 Each at Door**

**contact:**  
**Staci Jacob**  
 4742 Stanhope Kelloggsville Rd.  
 Andover, Ohio 44033  
**Phone 440-812-3310**  
 stacijacob2008@gmail.com



www.painessvillerailroadmuseum.org  
 501(c)3 non-profit

**Proceeds** to help the restoration and preservation of the historic Painesville Depot and bring her back to its glory days of the NYC.

