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THIS MONTH:

Friday October 4
Membership Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
7:30

Monday October 14
BOD Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
7:30

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on't worry you have not received the wrong Trainwire, this is still the official publication for Division 5. However, starting this month I will be taking over Trainwire duties. Due to unforeseen circumstances it was not possible to get a past template to work off so I had to start from scratch. Hopefully you enjoy the new color scheme and layout; and I know change is difficult but I'm sure over the next couple of months everyone will get used to the new format and where to find all the great happenings in our division. I hope to add a few more sections that may interest our members so be on the lookout for those in the coming issues.

Speaking of change we have had a few in our division the last couple of months. In addition to the change in the Trainwire editor we have had two board members retire from their positions and added two great additions. In case you have not attended the last couple of division meetings our two newest board members are Mike Carovac and Ray Newnes. Both gentlemen have been attending board of directors meetings in recent months and are ready to keep our division headed in the right direction.

Now with new board members I would be remised if I didn't mention our retiring members from the board. I would personally like to thank Tom Pescha and Wayne Lette for their years of service and countless sacrifices to our division. Each of these gentleman have spent hundreds of hours helping our division grow and be the envy of many other divisions in the NMRA. Both of these men helped me as I took on more responsibility in our division and I am sure I could still count on them if I need anything in the future. Thank you Tom and Wayne for your service and we look forward to you both still being active members for years to come. I would also like thank our outgoing Trainwire editor Lenny Kessler for his years of producing and publishing our Trainwire. As I finish my first edition I can tell you it is not the easiest task to coordinate all the items that must go into each publication. We wish Lenny all the best in the future and I hope I can produce a Trainwire that can meet the high bar Lenny has set.

~ Bryan Persing

MIEITINGS & IEVIENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

13887 GAR HIGHWAY (ROUTE 6)

CHARDON, OHIO

OCTOBER 4, 2019

LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

PROGRAM: TERMINATING TURNOUT

TROUBLES — DAVE NEFF

BRING/BRAG: UNUSUAL TOOLS FOR LAYOUT,

STRUCTURE, OR ROLLING STOCK

CONSTRUCTION/ASSEMBLY.

OCTOBER 14, 2019

LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

BOD MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2019

LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

PROGRAM: WORKING WITH FOAM

BOB GITTINGER

BRING/BRAG: UNUSUAL, SCRATCH-BUILT, OR

NON-COMMERCIAL SCENERY

NOVEMBER 11, 2019

LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

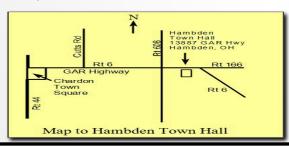
BOD MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2019

LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

PROGRAM: LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR—VIDEO

Bring/Brag: MOW



UPCOMING Events

(SEE ATTACHED FLYERS IN TRAINWIRE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS FOR MOST EVENTS)

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 3-8

DEPOT FUNDRAISER

TEXAS ROADHOUSE—WILLOUGHBY

OCTOBER 5-6, 2019 10-4

BEREA TRAIN SHOW

CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

OCTOBER 12, 2019 12-10

OKTOBERFEST

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

OCTOBER 26, 2019 10-3

TCA TRAIN SHOW

UAW HALL—PARMA

OCTOBER 27, 2019 9-3

MEDINA TRAIN SHOW

MEDINA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

NOVEMBER 2, 2019 10-3

PROMO DAY

PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

NOVEMBER 3, 2019 10-4

ERIE MODEL TRAIN SHOW

WALDAMEER PARK

NOVEMBER 9, 2019 10-3

NETS MODEL TRAIN SHOW

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS COMM CENTER

NOVEMBER 15 9-MIDNIGHT

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION
PAINESVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM

MINUTES

AUGUST BOD MEETING

BOD Meeting 12 August 2019

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on August 12, 2019 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Mike Buehner, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Chuck Limbert, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Ray Newnes, and Mike Carovac.

The Division Holiday Party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Hambden Town Hall. The membership will be surveyed at an upcoming meeting to see if they want to continue to have the party in early January every year.

Currently there are no meeting programs scheduled for October, November, or December. If you are willing to provide a program, please contact Dave Neff or Mike Buehner.

Tom Pescha has asked to be replaced as a Division Director due to his health issues. Ray Newnes has been appointed by the Superintendent as Tom's replacement effective as of the beginning of the August 12, 2019 BOD meeting.

Everything is set for the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge workshop on September 14, 2019 at the Painesville Depot. Everything should be the same as last year including having Operation Lifesaver there.

Promo Day 2019 ("How To Build A Model Railroad") is set for November 2, 2019 at the Painesville Depot. This will be the first time holding the event at the Depot and we need to determine how best to utilize the limited space available. There will not be any additional layouts set up other than those already part of the Depot displays. We need to know well ahead of time who will be doing presentations so we can figure out the table layout.

The Division and Railfest 2019 financial audits will be done on August 19, 2019.

The Division 2020 Budget will be worked on at the October 2019 BOD meeting and finalized at the November 2019 BOD meeting. In general, the budget stays the same every year. It is only adjusted if there are any known major expense changes coming up in the new year. Any special requests for 2020 funding need to be submitted to the BOD before the November BOD meeting.

Railfest 2020: We need one or more people to start assisting Jim Wendorf to learn what is required to put on the show so that we have a backup person. The workload of putting on the show has expanded due to changes at the college.

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BOD CONT.

Due to the problems we have had in trying to use the Division's laptop to play DVD's as part of the program and just due to the age of the laptop, a motion was made and passed to purchase a new laptop PC to replace the Treasurer's current laptop, total cost not to exceed \$1000. The laptop PC is to be multimedia capable and have any features needed to support the Treasurer's needs, play DVD's for meeting programs, run PowerPoint presentations, run the Railfest Door Prize Picker program, and any other normal Division need of PC. The existing laptop will be passed on to the Railfest Chairman.

A Division survey has been created and will be passed out at the next Division membership meeting. It was noted that there was an article in the August 2019 NMRA Magazine on how MCR Division 7 refined and improved their train show advertising.

The next scheduled Div 5 BOD meeting will be October 14, 2019 at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by

Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

AUGUST MEETING

The August 2nd, 2019 membership meeting was held at the outdoor theater in Bill Osborne's home. No official meeting was held. About 20 members were present.

2 members brought items for bring-and-brag, Bryan Persing and Jim Wendorf.

After viewing Bill's numerous railroad signals and signs, we enjoyed pizza and waited for darkness to view the videos in a perfect weather setting. The first videos were presented by John Penca, which were taken by him and his father taken from the locomotive cab in the '60's and '70's. Videos were taken between Collinwood and Buffalo, with a few views of the Painesville depot when it was still in business. Other shots included a derailment in Painesville and a CTS bus that was struck at the Babbit Road crossing. The second video was of the NYC branch from Dunkirk NY and Titusville PA. A special bonus was an intermission, where we paused to watch the Space Station do a fly-over in a salute to our division during our monthly membership meeting.

The informal meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

The division thanks Bill for hosting this meeting and all his efforts once again. Thank you also to John Penca for sharing his videos.

~ Submitted by Chuck Limbert—Division 5 Board Member

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September 2019 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Mike Buehner at Hambden Town Hall. 16 members and 3 guests were present.

Guests Ken and Judy Kovats from Hambden attended our meeting. They model 'G' Scale.

Lenny Kessler has been having health issues. We wish the best of luck while recovering.

Mike Buehner stated that Tom Pescha has resigned from the Board of Directors. Ray Newnes is now a Board member.

Trainwire Editor position was discussed. We are looking for a volunteer to take over this very important position. A couple of people have expressed an interest, but nobody has officially filled this position at this time. If interested, please contact the Officers and Board of Directors as soon as possible. The need is immediate.

The audit has been done for the past year. All accounts are balanced and no errors were noted.

The 2020 budget will be put together soon. If anyone desires to apply for a grant, it needs to be submitted to the Board of Directors IN WRITING. You need to include what the funds will be used for, and, also provide the BOD with a report on what you have done with the grant money when the project is complete. As usual, the funds are for projects that promote Model Railroading.

Boy Scout merit Badge program is at The Painesville Depot September 14th. Volunteers are needed to help the Scouts assemble their models. Lunch will be provided.

Promo day is November 2nd. We need confirmation of participants as well as what you are going to demonstrate or display. Also needed are greeters and people "polling" people at the exit to see if what we are doing is effective.

NMRA Mid-Central Division 4's Berea Carnival of Trains at the Cuyahoga Fairgrounds is October 5th and 6th. We are looking for volunteers to sit at the NMRA Information table. E-mail the BOD if you are willing to spend some time at the table. This also gets you free admission.

Don't forget to check CLEVESHOWS.com for information on local train shows.

A survey was handed out to those attending the meeting. The purpose of this is to gain information on what the members would like to see at meetings, activities, etc. They will be available soon to those who were not in attendance at the meeting. Please fill one out and get it to the BOD.

Name Tag draw: Bob Gittinger.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Locomotives.

Bob Gittinger Bryan Persing Bill Osborne Dave Neff Dave Metzger Rich Kacprzak

Program: Program was postponed until a later date when a larger number of members are present.

Submitted by:

Chuck Limbert - Division 5 BOD Member

BUNGER BUCCE

No photos where taken at the last meeting so lets just refresh everyone's memory as to what Bring & Brag entails. Bring & Brag is just as the name says, you bring something that you have been working on recently (we like it to be within the last six months) and then tell about it. We have a theme which usually ties into the program and if you want to follow that great. However, if you have been working on something else then by all means feel free to bring that in and share. I mean the bring and brag police are not going to come up and drag you and your project away just because you deviated from the topic. When you arrive to the meeting there is a table at the front were you place your item and then a sign up sheet where you will write down your name so the person in charge, (usually the assistant superintendent) knows who to call with each item. When it is your turn you come up front and give a quick (usually about 2 to 3 minutes) explanation of your item and how you

completed it. It is always nice to ask if anyone has any questions because someone may want to attempt the same technique on their project. It is really not intimidating and really a great way to contribute to our meetings and division. Of course I saved the best for last in that the division actually pays you to do this. Yes you heard me right, the division will give you a \$5 certificate for participating. These certificates can be redeemed at local hobby shops in the area (see list below for participating dealers) and you can actually save them up and purchase items whose cost is more than 5 dollars. A few important items to remember is that the division can't replace lost certificates and you must use them within the year timeframe. Each certificate has an expiration date on them for your reference.

> ~ Bryan Persing Assistant Superintendent

BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES

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Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys
Hobby Town USA
Train Specialty Company
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters
The Painesville Railroad Museum
CW Trains, LLC

Willoughby, Ohio Mentor, Ohio Chardon, Ohio Geneva, Ohio Painesville, Ohio Mentor, Ohio



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Movie Night













Boy Scouts













Member Contributions

Articles

I thought I would share with you how I got started in model railroading. First I mean no disrespect to any modelers in other scales but if you're offended then switch scales (LOL). It started when I was 6 I believe. I had toy trains before this but not electric models. On Christmas morning I came down stairs to find that Santa had left me a Lionel train set under the tree. My mother reminds me of this every once in a while, that I began crying and refused to play with it. She wanted to know why and I told her through my tears that it had 3 rails and real trains only have 2. Now I know she was thinking Geez a damn rivet counter (not really) but she was mad and told me that's what Santa left and I should play with it or he wasn't going to bring me any more trains. Well I refused to play with it but my sister enjoyed it and played with it, but I think just to make me mad. Well I had gotten other stuff so I played with that.

After the holidays my parents realized I didn't want it and didn't play with it. So my dad packed it up and we went to Jaye and Jaye trains to trade it in. Now if any of you remember Jaye and Jaye it was a train store I think in Euclid and dealt with new and used trains. I don't remember much about it but what I do remember was there was a trailer behind the store that had a large American Flyer layout inside. I remember that it took a nickel and the trains would start running and the cars on the street would move and was behind a large glass window. Man I loved that and my dad had to drag me out of there. Well my dad traded the Lionel for American Flyer trains. Those were OK because they had 2 rails just like the real ones. Now my father wasn't a model railroader or train buff for that matter. Trains were just something that got in his way at a crossing when the gates came down. I remember many times with him driving and I would see a train and want to stop but we weren't stopping so I would get to see it for just a few seconds at 80 miles an hour. Any how we got home with the American flyer trains. I got track, transformer, an all metal old American Flyer version of a Pennsy

K4, Gulf tank car, Illinois Central reefer and an AF flat car with sticks for a load held down by wire. After my dad set it up we realized that the steamer was an old American flyer version with the lever coupler that coupled the pin on the side of the coupler and all the cars had Knuckle couplers. Well that didn't work out so well, I could force the arm into the knuckle but it always uncoupled on curves. So back to Jaye and Jaye. This time we came home with a diesel, an Alco PA painted green and silver and a rocket on the side. It didn't have a railroad name just rocket so I will have to just live with it. Well we put it on the track and it wouldn't move, that's when we learned what a dummy engine was and why it was so cheap. Well that will have to last me till next Christmas. Next Christmas was pretty much uneventful as I got the American Flyer panel layout. It was new and had 6 panels and the scenery, houses, trees, signs etc. Those trains had the cheap 2 piece couplers that broke very easy as I found out.

The next year is when the HO trains showed up as I think Santa was having a hard time finding American Flyer stuff because they were going out of business. It was a Tyco set with a neat Santa Fe diesel and freight cars. Now believe it or not the brand new Tyco engine didn't work right out of the box. I don't remember where or how but I ended up with an AHM rs 3 diesel painted Pennsylvania. This is the gauge I would stick with the rest of my life.

Now back then just about every store sold trains and the Great Lakes Mall was nirvana at least for a 9 year old kid. Six stores sold trains there. May Company, Newberrys, Higbees all had Ho stuff, Sears had strictly Lionel. JC Penny and the toy store (I forget its name) had a large selection of HO stuff. I remember that the toy store also had that new size, Postage Stamp trains (N scale). Wow those were pretty small. We would go Christmas shopping and my parents would turn me loose there (that was back in the day when you could do that)

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Articles Cont.

and I would make my rounds going from store to store seeing all the neat stuff with the exception of Sears of course. In the world of model trains I was a lone wolf. No one, not neighbors, friends, family or classmates were into trains. They were all into Hot Wheels, Johnny Lightning, Cox glow plug cars anything and everything except trains. I spent a lot of time setting up trains on the carpet and just trying to keep them coupled and on the track was a challenge. Every time we crossed the tracks at E305th Street I always wondered how Penn Central trains didn't derail with track like that but mine did and mine was straight and level. PC track looked like spaghetti noodles all wiggly and wobbly. I never realized that weight made up for lousy track. All those Tyco and AHM cars were so light they practically floated out of the box. I never knew what better train stuff was, heck I never even saw or knew of Model Railroader magazine. I remember seeing a store in Willoughby, Willoughby Trains. My mom and dad wouldn't take me there. One day I talked my grandfather to take me there. Man as soon as I walked in the door I heard angels singing and I don't think my feet even touched the floor. They had a whole wall filled with blue boxes of HO cars (Athearn) and they were kits. I never saw that before. That's when I came over to the other side. My first kit was an N&W boxcar. Later on, 11 years old or so my parents let me use a spare bedroom on the third floor for my train room. Oh boy now I can build a layout, the start of my massive empire on a paperboys budget. Somehow I got a 4X8 sheet of plywood through the house and up 3 flights of stairs I'm sure with the help of dad and set it up on a couple of sawhorses. Step one was the proverbial 4X8 grass mat that EVERY award winning layout starts with. I built some house kits and

the Ramsey Journal building using enough glue for six buildings. I put lights inside these buildings that lit the entire train room but I didn't care. I thought it looked great. One fond memory I have is when they were building Burger King behind our house I found a couple of pieces of scrap plywood on the building site. I brought them home to expand my empire. I wanted to have a river scene with a refinery on the bank. I saved my money and bought a can of toxic chemicals to make water. I think it might have been Envirotex but not sure. Anyhow it was two parts that you mix together and pour onto your layout. (back then no one saw anything wrong with selling chemicals like these to an 11 year old kid). Well I mixed the chemicals and man the fumes, my mother 3 floors below me wanted to know what in the hell am I doing up there. I poured it onto my layout where I wanted the river and vacated the room. I came back the next day the fumes were still strong but to my dismay I found that all that Envirotex stuff had seeped through the holes and openings at the plywood joints. Unbeknownst to me I had just invented Nature Stone flooring, well actually Nature Carpet flooring as now I had a rock hard tile floor that looked like carpet. I should have patented it back then. Well I only was interested in trains for a couple more years before I started messing with lawnmowers then cars. I spent the next 20 or so years in the garage building engines, transmissions and such and got back into it at age 40 or so and am glad I did.

Looking back its amazing I stuck with it in the early years but if you love something like trains like we all do then you still like doing it no matter how frustrating!

~Bill Osborne



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WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP

Member Contributions

Photos



B&O Train Wreck (2-8-8-4) Cleveland



B&O Triple to Fairport



B&O 7628 Painesville Engine Terminal



B&O 7605 Painesville Engine House



B&O 7611 Middlefield



B&O 7611 Outside Middlefield



B&O 7611-7625 Coal to Fairport Docks



B&O 7617 Water at Painesville



NYC on NP Trestle in Painesville

Member Profile [Layout Updates]

One of the items that I am going to try out is a Meet a Member section. I know that some members have been in the division forever but for those of us that are newer (I just started in 2014) it might be nice to get to know one another more than just seeing a face at the meeting. This doesn't have to be long or detailed and I added some questions below to get you started if you want to participate. If you do just send an email to me at trainwire@mcr5.org. I might be sending some of you an email in the next couple of weeks to get this started.

- Profession, retired, what 1. if or profession did you retire from?
- 2. What scale do you model in and what is your primary focus? (operator, col lector, era you model)
- 3. What started your interest in model railroading?
- 4. How long have you been in the NMRA and how did you come about joining?
- Any background you want to tell us 5. such as where you are from, spouses, ect?
- 6. Any other interests or something you would like to share with the group?

This is a new section I wanted to add to our Trainwire and hopefully we can get some participation. Many times we see projects that people bring in for bring and brag and wonder how that person is using them on a layout. Here is your chance to show case your overall layout. Or perhaps you are doing something on your layout or a project and it just isn't practical to bring it into a meeting. (A perfect example would be Bill Osborne and his collection) Send them to the Trainwire to share with the group. No write up is needed but if you want to say something about it that would be great also.

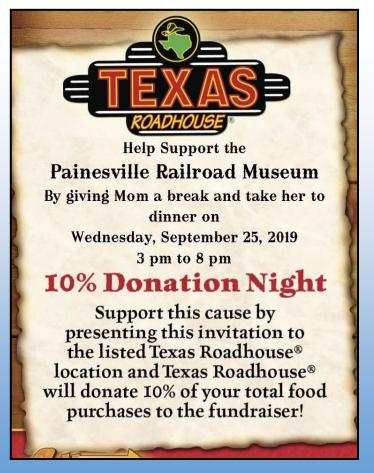
Bryan Persing's prison, barbed wire, and baseball field lighting projects.

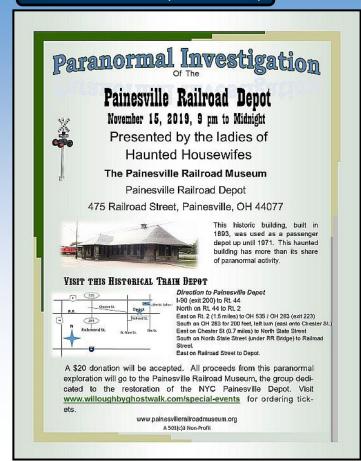








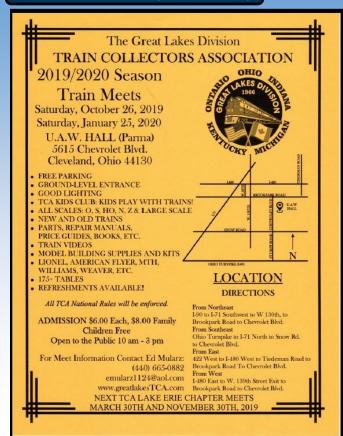




















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The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular viewpoint on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the members profile; then we want to 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 write your article and send them to the Editor by email.

NOTICE

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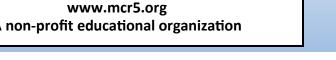
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