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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

Friday September 11

Division Meeting @ 7:30 Virtual Using Zoom

Monday September 14

BOD Meeting @ 7:30 Virtual using Zoom

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Super Reflections September 2020

Model Railroading Budget Over Time

When I was much younger and had a very small budget to buy model railroading items, I was always amazed at the older model railroaders and the amount of stuff they bought. I looked forward to someday having a much bigger budget for trains. Well, the model railroading budget did gradually increase over the years to the point where I can readily buy the things I need and also buy a number of the "nice to have" items. It does make the hobby more enjoyable to be able to get what you need when you need it.

Is It Hoarding Or Just Smart Buying?

The other thing I heard the older guys say when I was younger was that they had boxes and closets full of structure and railroad car kits waiting to be built. How could this be!? As soon as I got something, I immediately built it and put it on the layout. Were these people lazy or buying stuff they really didn't need? Having all that inventory did not stop those older guys from buying more and more.

Well, now that I am one of those old guys, looking back over my purchases and current inventory, I understand. I am one of those that have boxes and closets full of model railroad "stuff". I recently started going through all my inventory. I was amazed at how many things I have squirrelled away over the years, waiting for time to assemble them and add to the layout. There have been a number of items that I came across that I had forgotten all about. There were also a lot of items that I purchased "just in case I might need them". One group of items that I have tons of are vehicle kits, mostly white metal but also a lot of 3D printed items: trucks of all kinds, specialty vehicles like ambulances, police cars, fire engines, cement trucks, etc., and then various railroad vehicles, mostly MOW. I have a number of structure kits sitting there. They are mostly the more difficult ones to assemble that I keep putting off. Then there are all the detail parts that I have been collecting for 50 years, waiting for the layout to be ready to use them.

Limited Runs And Hard To Find Items

One problem with model railroading over the years, at least in N scale, has

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MIEITINGS & IEVIENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION: HAMBDEN TOWN HALL

13887 GAR HIGHWAY (ROUTE 6)

CHARDON, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM

(DIRECTIONS ON PAGE 7)

PROGRAM: MATT KROSS

LAYOUT FASCIA

BRING/BRAG: WHAT YOU WORKED ON

DURING THE LOCKDOWN

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

LOCATION: VIRTUAL USING ZOOM

PROGRAM: BOD MEETING

UPCOMING Events

(SEE ATTACHED FLYERS IN TRAINWIRE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS FOR MOST EVENTS OR GO TO WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM)

Obviously with everything being the way it is right now it is important to confirm if an event listed will actually be held.

AUGUST 30 10-5

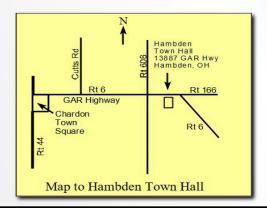
RAILROAD MEMORABILIA SHOW

PAINESVILLE DEPOT

SEPTEMBER 26 10-3

MODEL TRAIN FLEA MARKET

PAINESVILLE DEPOT



MINUTES

AUGUST MEETING

Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

Aug 7, 2020

The August 7, 2020 membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross in the backyard of Division 5 member Bill Osborne's home. 10 members and no guests were present.

This was an abbreviated meeting due to the special outdoor movie night as the program.

Reviewed upcoming shows and events:

Div 5 picnic will be held on Saturday, August 22.

Not sure if the September meeting will be in-person or not. To be decided at the upcoming Div BOD meeting.

Division 4's train show in Berea the first weekend in October is currently still a go.

Division 4 may be looking for volunteers to help them put on their October train show.

The NETS show this Fall has been cancelled.

People are asking if we will be having Railfest in March 2021. At this point we don't know. It will depend on Covid-19 conditions as of November/December 2020. We don't want to put a lot of work into prepping for the show to then have it cancelled again.

We are not sure about the status of the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop to be put on by the Painesville Depot. As of the time of this meeting, it is believed to still be a go.

Division 5's "How To Build A Model Railroad" day at the Painesville Depot needs to be reviewed to see if it is still possible to hold this event and meet the Ohio health requirements.

Lake Farmpark's Country Lights event in December may still go on but will probably be significantly different than past years. We don't know if it will be possible to have a modular layout set up there.

Bill Osborne volunteered to be the Division 5 Program Coordinator. It was suggested that the Division 5 survey results be sent to Bill so he has an idea of what members would like to see. Bill will continue to also be the Division Trip Master.

There was no Bring & Brag, raffle, or name tag drawing held at this meeting.

Program: It was an outdoor train movie night put on by Bill Osborne. Three train videos were shown on Bill's outdoor screen. The first video was a documentary on the Union Pacific Big Boy steam locomotive. The second video was on the history of the streetcar and interurban. The third video was on trains around the Detroit, Michigan area filmed by Emery Gulash.

Submitted by Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

MINUTES

AUGUST BOD

BOD Meeting 10 Aug 2020

A virtual Division 5 BOD meeting was held on August 10, 2020 via online meeting using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Mike Carovac, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Chuck Limbert, Ray Newnes, Bob Gittinger, Linda Kacprzak, and Bryan Persing.

- Due to the current state of Covid-19 in the local area as of the time of the BOD meeting, it was decided to cancel having a physical in-person meeting in September. Instead, the September meeting will be our first attempt to hold an online virtual meeting using Zoom. Due to Labor Day weekend, the meeting will be pushed back a week to Friday, September 11, 2020 at 7:30pm. We will not have a raffle but we will have a Bring & Brag session.
- Matt Kross will put together some Zoom meeting instructions to publish for members that have not used Zoom before. A number of other divisions have created these instructions so we can use those as a model.
- The September meeting program will be on layout fascia presented by Matt Kross. Bring & Brag for September will be items that you have been doing during the lockdown.
- We may try once again to have an in-person meeting in October. This will be determined at the September Div 5 BOD meeting. If we do have an in-person meeting, it will be held at the Painesville Depot on Friday, October 2, 2020.
- Since we have not had many meeting raffles this year (only two so far), the question was asked about what we are going to do as far as the Losers Raffle at the Holiday Party? The BOD will have to think about this and wait to see how the next few months go.
- The Division picnic is still a go for Saturday, August 22. We have 24 people signed up so far. The Painesville Depot will provide their standard food (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks) at a flat fee per person. The Division will provide some small packages of cookies for dessert. Some type of ticket or food card will be provided to Division 5 attendees to use get their food.
- At the time of this BOD meeting, it is believed the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop put on by the Painesville Depot is still a go in September. A notice of this should be published in the Trainwire to see if anyone would like to help the Depot with this event.
- The Division 4 train show in Berea the first weekend of October is still a go at this time. Division 4 is polling their membership to see if they will have enough volunteers to put on the show. To meet the current Cuyahoga County Health Department requirements, the train show will require masks, have one way aisles, and separate entrances/exits. They are going to need more help than normal to police this. They would probably appreciate volunteers from other divisions.

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The question was raised whether we are going to have Division 5's Railfest 2021. If Lakeland is accepting reservations, we will go ahead and reserve the weekend for the show. We will need to set a deadline for when we have to make a go/no-go decision. We don't want to spend money or do a lot of prep work if the show looks doubtful. We will need to get Jim Wendorf's input on this.

The new Division 5 Grant Request form has been placed on the Division website.

The Clerk needs to update membership information on the Division website.

Bill Osborne is our new Program Coordinator.

We will hold a special Division 5 BOD meeting in September to determine what we are going to do about the October meeting and the November Promo Day.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 7:30pm online using Zoom. (Note: Normally, BOD meetings are held on even numbered months from February to October and then in November and not in December.)

Submitted by Matt Kross – Superintendent / temporary Div 5 Clerk

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been the limited runs or discontinued items. If you didn't buy it when it first came out, you probably will never be able to buy it in the future (at a reasonable price). (Those that are trying to find Walthers N scale steel mill kits know what I mean.) That caused me to buy things I didn't need at the time but would like to have in the future. Similarly, I learned over the years, if you see something you really want or need, you better buy it when you see it, because you may never be able to find it again. Because of this, I have accumulated a lot of stuff, just in case.

Time To Thin The Inventory

So now I have a lot train stuff packed in boxes in the

basement. Hey, it is all "good stuff", but I may never use it. Now might be the time to go through everything and decide whether to keep it or sell it. With everything locked down due to Covid-19, it's hard to sell stuff at the moment. At least that gives me time to go through all those boxes and make some decisions.

How about you? Do you have boxes and shelves over-flowing with train stuff you don't need? Well, hopefully we can all decide to sensibly reduce our inventory and have a bunch of items for the Division 5 sales table at our next Railfest.

See you down the line.

Matt

BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys
Hobby Town USA
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The Painesville Railroad Museum
CW Trains, LLC

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Dívísion Announcements

Zoom Meeting Instructions

Getting Started

Up to 15 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to start, click on the link you were provided for the Zoom meeting or type it into your web browser.

If you have not used Zoom before on your computer, you will be instructed to download the Zoom application. You need to do this but it doesn't take very long.

Zoom will ask for or show your default name. Enter your name so we know who you are.

You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on "Test Computer Audio." Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on "Join audio by computer."

You will be placed in a waiting room until the meeting host allows you to join the meeting. This is why we need to know who you are.

Once You Are Connected

At the bottom of your screen you should see the following participant controls:



Mute/Unmute your microphone

Start/Stop Video – turns your webcam on or off

View Participant list – opens a pop-out screen that includes a "Raise Hand" icon that you may use to raise a virtual hand. You can also change your screen name that is seen in the participant list and video window.

Chat allows you to type text messages to meeting participants

Somewhere on your Zoom screen you will also see a choice to toggle between "speaker" and "gallery" view. "Speaker view" shows the active speaker. "Gallery view" tiles all of the meeting participants.

General Instructions

If you want to be heard during the meeting, you need to make sure your microphone is Unmuted. Normally, you should leave your microphone muted so that background noises (dogs barking, TV, phone ringing) are not picked up. At times in the meeting, the host may mute all participants to eliminate background noise.

You do not have to turn on your webcam (Start Video). If you do, the other meeting participants will see you which is nice during the social time. But, you can leave it off and a blank box with just your name will be seen by the others.

Gallery View displays all the meeting participants on one screen. The box of the person talking will be highlighted in yellow. Speaker View shows a full screen view of the current person speaking.

During The Meeting

Mute your microphone unless you have something to say

Do not share your screen unless instructed to by the host

Unruly or unwelcome participants can be kicked out of the meeting by the host

Ask questions using the Chat box. The presenter will periodically check these.

Be aware that the meeting may be recorded.

Dívision Announcements

New Division 5 Clerk Needed

Since Matt Kross is now Division 5 Superintendent, the Clerk position is available if anyone is interested. The Clerk is an appointed position. The biggest duty of the Clerk is to take meeting minutes for the monthly membership meetings and the BOD meetings. The Clerk is a voting member of the BOD. Other duties of the Clerk include: handling correspondence with various groups and Division members, generating and mailing ballots for elections and Division votes, publication of notices, and maintaining the Division Regulations. The complete set of duties are spelled out in the Division 5 Regulations (available on the Division website). If you are interested, please contact Matt Kross (440-668-9462 or Super@mcr5.org).

Program Coordinator Position Filled

Bill Osborne has volunteered to take on the responsibility of coming up with programs for our membership meetings and themes for our Bring & Brag. However, this is not a one-person job. We all need to let Bill know if we have some form of presentation we can make, no matter how small or short. Maybe you came up with a new technique to improve your model building that you could show the rest of us. Maybe you visited some train related location that you could tell us about. Also, if there are particular topics that you would like to see for the program, let Bill know that, also.

September 2020 Division 5 BOD Meeting

We will have a special Division 5 BOD meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:30pm. The main focus of this meeting will be whether to hold an in-person membership meeting in October and whether we can still have our annual How To Build A Model Railroad day on November 7. This will be a virtual meeting on the computer using Zoom. If you would like to attend the meeting, please email Matt Kross at Super@mcr5.org and a meeting link will be emailed to you. Alternatively, you can go to the Members Only section of the Division 5 website to obtain the meeting link. It is not required that you have a webcam but a computer with an internet connection is preferred in case documents are shared on the screen with meeting participants. As a last resort, you can just call into the meeting using your phone and just participate verbally.

Depot Has Cancelled Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop

The Painesville Railroad Museum has decided to cancel the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Workshop that was scheduled for September 19th. There are no plans to reschedule until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Hopefully they will be able to sponsor this event next September.

Division 5 Promo Day Is Currently Up In The Air

The Division 5 BOD will be working with the Painesville Railroad Museum to determine if we will be able to hold our model railroading promotional day, "How To Build A Model Railroad", on Saturday, November 7, 2020. If we do decide we can hold the event, it will need to be conducted differently than last year. We will not be able to have everyone in the same room at the same time. Stay tuned as we try to figure this one out.

<u>September Division 5 Membership Meeting Will Be Virtual Only</u>

Due to the increase of Covid-19 in the local area at the time of the August BOD meeting, it was decided to cancel having a physical in-person meeting in September. Instead, the September meeting will be our first attempt to hold an online virtual meeting using Zoom. Due to Labor Day weekend, the meeting will be pushed back a week to Friday, September 11, 2020 at 7:30pm. We will not have a raffle but we will have a Bring & Brag session.

Approximately a week before the meeting, an e-mail will be sent to Division 5 members that contains the Zoom meeting link. If you do not receive the e-mail and would like to attend the September Division 5 membership meeting, please email Matt Kross at Super@mcr5.org and a Zoom meeting link will be emailed to you. Alternatively, you can go to the Members Only section of the Division 5 website to obtain the meeting link. It is not required that you have a webcam but a computer with an internet connection is needed if you wish to see what is going on.

Division 4 May Be Looking For Volunteers To Help With Their Show

The Division 4 train show in Berea the first weekend of October is still a go at this time. Division 4 is polling their membership to see if they will have enough volunteers to put on the show. To meet the current Cuyahoga County Health Department requirements, the train show will require masks, have one-way aisles, and separate entrances/exits. They are going to need more help than normal to police this. They would probably appreciate volunteers from other divisions.

Request for Clinicians

The planning committee for the 2021 Mid Central Region Convention, The *Northern Express*, is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania from May 20 through 23, 2021. The center will feature three well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet last September, giving participants a chance to get a peek at our future convention center.

Contact Doug Sandmeyer at dsandme@stny.rr.com for more information and the submission form. Visit the Northern Express website at https://www.div12mcr.org/northern-express/.

October Division 5 Membership Meeting

We will have to see if we can have a physical in-person meeting in October. This is always subject to change and possible last-minute cancellation. Hambden Township is still not currently permitting any meetings at the town hall so our October meeting would be held at the Painesville Railroad Museum (Depot) if we have an in-person meeting.

As before, if we have the meeting, the following are the guidelines:

Physically meet at Painesville Railroad Museum on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Masks and physical distancing will be required per State mandate to help ensure the safety of our members.

Meeting attendance will be limited to about 30 people (this should not be a problem).

Those who do not wish to physically attend can attend virtually online using Zoom. We will try to have two computers running Zoom. One will be for the Superintendent and the other will use its web cam to show everyone in the meeting room.

We will conduct a normal meeting.

We will have a Bring & Brag. Those online can hold their model(s) up to their webcam at home to show the people at the meeting. We will use the Division video projector to display their models on a screen.

Not sure if we will have a Raffle. The BOD will need to determine if it is feasible.

We will try to have a program which can be easily viewed by those people virtually attending the meeting online.

Refreshments will be limited.

2020 PSA Model Train Flea Market - Garage Sale Aug

Saturday, **Sept 26**, 2020, 10 am to 3 pm at the Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077.

The Painesville Railroad Museum will be hosting a Garage Sale including model train sale in 'O' Gauge, 'HO' scale and 'N' scale, plus addition to many good house hold items.

One of the friends of the Museum has moved out of town and has donated many items house hold items from their home to us.

We have also received many new model train items that will be for sale.

We will also once again have an outside flea market for model trains, 10 x 10 foot booth is only \$10.00, with vendors supply their own tents and tables. Dealer set up 8 am.

100% of proceeds to benefit the restoration of the Painesville Depot. The Painesville Railroad Museum is a 501c3 non-profit.

Spend the day railfanning, Food will be available for small donation.

Social Distancing Rules Apply.

Remember we are open Friday evenings, 6 to 9 pm, and 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month, May thru October.



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COME AN	D SEE ARTIFACT	'S OF RAILBOAI IMES GONE BY	SHOW SHOW IS GLORY BAYS
PAINESVILLE BAILROAD MUSEUM 475 Railroad Street Palnesville, Ohio 44077 Admission: 55.00 abult, 53.00 child (3 to 12 year old) 512.00 Family (max 2 abult), 3 child (etc)			
See railroad signals, plate setting ware (Dinner Ware) that were used in the dring cars, railroad lantens, paper work from different conductions, conductor hats, enginer hats, and much more from railroads of the past. Some items will be for display only by private collectors and some items will be waitable for purchase. Vendors - If you wish to only display your item (not self them) then your table is Free If you wish to self items, then your table cost is \$25.00 per table Remortable Food and Drinks available. Www.panesvillerailroadmuseum.org prim@att.net 501(c)3 non-profit			
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WANTED

The Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular 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

I work on the Trainwire throughout the month and publish it around the 20th. If you absolutely need something in the next Trainwire issue please send it as soon as possible or let me know to hold space for you. Many times space allotted for certain items may already be spoken for. However, if you send items in early I can rearrange the format. Also when items are submitted I will inform you that I received them and when to look for them in the Trainwire.

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