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## THIS MONTH:

Friday September 10  
Div Meeting @ 7:30  
Virtual Using Zoom

(Take note this is the  
2nd Friday of the month  
as the 1st Friday is La-  
bor Day Weekend)

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## Super Reflections September 2021

### Another Fun Outdoor Movie Night!

You missed another great movie night. We had great weather for our August outdoor meeting and movie night. We had plenty of snacks, drinks, pizza, and cake. Bill Osborne had several great videos lined up for us. My only complaint was that Bill had technical problems and couldn't show any cartoons before the start of the train videos. Maybe next year he will get it figured out.

### Sorry, More Changes Due To Covid-19

Reluctantly, the Division 5 BOD decided to postpone our return to in-person meetings by one month out of an abundance of caution. Since we have a number of members that have health conditions that require them to still be cautious being around groups of people and we don't have the technical capabilities at the moment to broadcast an in-person meeting on Zoom, the BOD thought it would be best to hold off a month before returning to in-person meetings. Thus, our return to in-person meetings is now planned for the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### Still Hopeful

So far, Division 4's Great Berea Train Show is still a go! I am really looking forward to this show and really hoping the recent surge in Covid 19 doesn't do anything to derail the event. Please plan on attending the show and supporting our neighboring

division.

### Steel Mill Modelers Meet

I just got back from attending this year's Steel Mill Modelers Meet near Detroit, MI. There were three of us from Division 5 that attended. It was nice to get together for a specialized meet. There were a number of interesting clinics and displays. Overall attendance was much lower than past years and so there weren't as many display models or dealers. Not sure if this was due to Covid or not. Still, I learned a number of things that I want to try.

### My Past Month Modeling Work

I didn't make any more progress on my project to paint locomotives for my Brandt River Railroad. I need to get some supplies from the hobby shop and I haven't had time to do that. I did work on making some building flats for the background of some of my steel mill scenes. I worked on building a security gate/guard house for one of my industries. I spent some time figuring out where and how I am going to add some roads to several of my industrial areas. I am also adding little details here and there that are starting to make some nice looking scenes. Not a lot of work, but a little progress here and there. Slow and steady progress.

Please join us for our September online Zoom meeting. See you down the line.

Matt

# MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

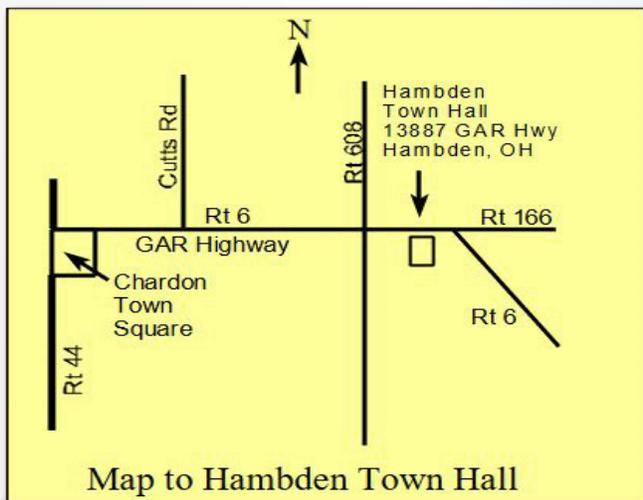
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Map to Hambden Town Hall

## UPCOMING Events

(GO TO [WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM](http://WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF SHOWS)

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

### September 11 & October 9

#### Model Train Flea Market

Painesville Railroad Museum  
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio  
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. Free  
 Phone: 216-470-5780

### September 26 Canfield Train and Toy Show

Canfield Fairgrounds  
 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406  
 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$6.00  
 Phone: 330-651-1042

### October 2 & 3 Berea Train Show

Berea Fairgrounds  
 19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights,  
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Adm. \$8.00  
 Phone: 440-785-9907

### October 30 TCA Train Show

5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130  
 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00  
 Phone: 216-233-6135

### October 31 Medina Train Show

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256  
 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00  
 Phone: 330-948-4400

# MINUTES

## Division 5 Membership Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2021

The August 6, 2021 membership meeting was held outdoors at the home of Bill Osborne. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Superintendent Matt Kross. 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. There will be a train show in Canfield, OH September 28. The Mount Hope is also coming up. The Erie train show has been changed to October 31. Division 4's train show in Berea is still a go for October 2-3.

Reviewed plans for manning our NMRA membership table at the upcoming Jefferson train show.

Registration for the 2022 Tri-Region convention is supposed to go-live on the website the weekend of August 13. There is also a Power Point presentation available highlighting the convention activities.

An RSVP sheet for the August 28 Div 5 picnic was passed around.

It was noted that the Steel Mill Modelers meet was coming up on August 19 – 22 at Southgate, MI. There was no Bring & Brag, raffle, or name tag drawing held at this meeting.

**Program:** Two train videos shown outside on a large screen. The first video was an extensive railroad trip in Mexico. It appeared to be filmed in the 1990's but Mexico uses a lot of hand-me-down US railroad equipment so there was a lot of old equipment still in use. There was quite a range of scenery throughout the video. The second video was the Nickel Plate Railroad in the 1950's with a number of shots of the Lake Branch. Lots of big steam locomotives, first generation diesels, and crack passenger trains.

Submitted by  
Matt Kross – Div 5 Clerk

## BUSINESSES ACCEPTING DIVISION 5 CERTIFICATES



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys	Willoughby, Ohio
Hobby Town USA	Mentor, Ohio
Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters	Geneva, Ohio
The Painesville Railroad Museum	Painesville, Ohio



PLEASE SUPPORT THESE DEALERS!

# MINUTES

BOD Meeting 9 August 2021

A virtual Division 5 BOD meeting was held on August 9, 2021 via online meeting using Zoom. In attendance were Matt Kross, Mike Carovac, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Linda Kacprzak, Bob Gittinger, Ray Newnes, Chuck Limbert, Ted Wiese, and Bryan Persing.

Due to the recent Covid virus surge, the BOD discussed whether the Division 5 picnic on August 28 should still be held. It was decided to proceed with the picnic unless something dramatically changes by August 23.

Due to the recent Covid virus surge, the BOD discussed whether the September Division 5 membership meeting should be an in-person meeting or be an online Zoom meeting. The BOD decided to exercise caution and postponed our return to in-person meetings to be the October 1, 2021 meeting, NOT the September meeting.

Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend in September, the Division 5 BOD has pushed the September meeting date back a week to Friday, September 10, 2021.

We have not heard of any recent changes regarding our upcoming use of the Hambden Town Hall for our meetings. The Hambden Trustees will be meeting on August 18 and so we will be monitoring any changes they make at that meeting, as well as subsequent meetings, that would affect us.

The BOD discussed whether to hold or cancel our Promo Day 2022. Feedback on holding the event at the Painesville Railroad Museum was that it was a bit cramped and hard to hear presenters. Due to the recent surge in Covid 19, there was concern about being in such a cramped space. We don't have any alternative venue lined-up and we have not advertised the event this year. We have not been getting many people attending the last few times we held the event. It was decided that we should cancel the event this year and start planning for next year's event in order to secure a location and work on program that would attract beginning model railroaders.

The Division auditors have been having a hard time getting together due to Covid. They are going to look for a location that will work for them. They asked the BOD if the audits could be postponed into next year. The BOD said the audits could be postponed to no later than the Spring of 2022 but that the audit committee should make every attempt to get the audits done in the next month or two. The audit committee said they would try again to work something out in the coming weeks.

Worked out the schedule for manning the NMRA membership table at the Jefferson train show. Five members have volunteered to help run the table. Matt Kross will provide the materials for the table.

The next Div 5 BOD meeting will be on Monday, October 11, 2021, 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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## September Trainwire Items

### Important: September Meeting Changes

Due to the surge in Covid-19 cases in early August, the Division 5 BOD decided to exercise caution and postponed our return to in-person meetings to be the October 1, 2021 meeting, NOT the September meeting. Also, due to the Labor Day holiday weekend in September, the Division 5 BOD has pushed the September meeting date back a week to September 10, 2021. Therefore, the upcoming meetings will be as follows:

**September Meeting:** September 10, 2021 - 7:30pm – Online Zoom meeting only (a Zoom meeting link will be emailed a week before the meeting)

**October Meeting:** October 1, 2021 – 7:30pm – In-person meeting at Hambden Town Hall (no online Zoom meeting will be available)

### Upcoming Division 5 Meetings In 2021

September – online Zoom meeting

October – Hambden Town Hall (back to in-person meetings!)

November – Hambden Town Hall

December – Hambden Town Hall

### Division 5 Promo Day 2021 Cancelled

Due to the surge in Covid-19 cases and the lack of a suitable venue with the desired amount of open space, the Division 5 BOD has decided to cancel our annual Division 5 model railroading promotional day for 2021. We will begin looking for a suitable location that is within our budget for our Promo Day 2022.

### Upcoming 2021 Events

Besides a number of smaller train shows in the area, the following model railroading related events are currently on the schedule for 2021. As always, during the pandemic, they are subject to cancellation.

Assist Painesville Railroad Museum with their Boy Scout Railroading merit badge workshop – September 18

Div 4 Great Berea Train Show – October 2,3 – Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

Farmpark Country Lights – December

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Black Swamp Junction Special Announcements

**8,000 square feet of additional exhibition space has been added!**

Black Swamp Junction has added the Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza (former Toledo Central Union Terminal) with an additional 8,000 square feet of layout and exhibit space! The station is the last major train station built by the New York Central Railroad. The station was built in 1950 and received a major renovation several years ago converting the passenger concourse into banquet and meeting space. The station is also a great railfanning location!



**The official list of clinics has been released!**

The list of clinics (<https://www.divisiononencr.com/2021/clinics.html>) has been released and its looking very exciting!

- We will have 22 topics, including 11 by MMRs.
- Many are brand new for this convention
- 10 clinic sessions with no other activity conflicts
- 19 presenters, including 8 MMRs
- 7 topics on modeling ships and nautical scenes
- Laser kit Modeling with the Masters (make 'n' take clinic)
- Others include operations, backdrops, structures, planning, and prototypes.



**Early Bird Pricing Ends Soon!**

Summer is here and when its over, so is Early Bird Pricing! Make sure to get your registration in before the deadline! Registration is available at <https://www.divisiononencr.com/2021/register.html>

For more information about the Black Swamp Junction, see the official event website at <https://www.divisiononencr.com/2021/>



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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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