THE TRAINWIRE

September 2010



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THE WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION

Division 5- Mid Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

Hey!

What happened to the Trainwire?

Lenny Kessler, our Trainwire Editor, fractured a vertebrae and has been in the Heartland Rehab Center. He hopes to be out by the end of August. Until then, Matt Kross, our former editor is filling in for Lenny. Matt did not have access to the Trainwire files that Lenny was using so he used the old format.

Lenny should be back on his feet in time for the October Trainwire, at which time it will return to its new format. If you would like to send your get well wishes to Lenny, you can call him at (440) 478-6661 or send a card to 3257 Center Rd. Perry, OH 44081.

Get Well Wishes to Lenny Kessler

Important Correction ...

In the past Trainwire we included the flier for Division 4's Carnival Trainshow.

Unfortunately, we used an old flier with incorrect pricing. The correct pricing for the 2010 Carnival Adult Admission is \$ 7.00 and the Two Day Pass is \$ 10.00. The flier in this Trainwire is the correct one.

September Division 5 Meeting

Date / Time: Friday, Sep. 3, 2010 at 7:30 PM

Location: Hambden Town Hall

13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)

Chardon, Ohio

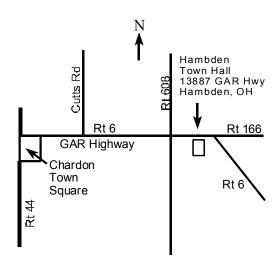
(Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.)

Program: Promo Day Clinic Preview

Bring & Brag Theme: Tank Cars

Reminder: Bring & Brag entries DO NOT have to adhere to the Bring & Brag theme for the evening. The themes are meant to add some variety to the types of model work shown and to encourage members to work on something they may not have tried otherwise. The themes are not meant to discourage you from bringing in other model work that you have completed in the last 6 months. By all means, bring it in and show it off!





Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS



October 1

Location: Hambden Town Hall Program: Promo Day Clinic Preview

Bring & Brag: Coil Cars

November 5

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: Promo Day Clinic Preview

Bring & Brag: Passenger Cars

December 3

No meeting – Holiday Party

January 7

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program:

Bring & Brag: **Automobile Carriers**

February 4

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: ??? 777 Bring & Brag:

The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum

7230 Justin Way Mentor, Ohio 44060

440-251-0350 info@wrmrrm.org

Fall-Winter-Spring Hours

Monday thru Thursday 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm Friday - Closed Saturdays 10 am to 5 pm Sundays Noon to 5 pm

SCHEDULES



Division 5 BOD Meeting Hambden Town Hall

Sep 20

WRMRR Museum

weekends in Oct

Nightmare Express Haunted House

Division 4 Carnival '10

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds 10am - 5pm

Berea, Ohio Oct 3

11am – 4pm

Division 5 BOD Meeting

Hambden Town Hall

Oct 18

Oct 2

Div 5 Promo Day Nov 6

Lakeland Community College

Willoughby Hills, OH

Division 5 BOD Meeting Nov 15

Hambden Town Hall

Div 5 Holiday Party Dec 3

Hambden Town Hall

Railroads In The Parks first 3 weeks of Dec

Lake Farmpark, Kirtland, OH

WRMRR Museum Open House Dec 4 - 5

Dec 20 Division 5 BOD Meeting

Hambden Town Hall

October Trainwire Deadline Sep 20

Off the Mainline...



By Eric Hansmann Division 5 Assistant Superintendent

Has it been a month already? It is hard to believe September is just a few days away. As the summer heat fades, our activities ramp up. Not only do we tend to get back to modeling projects, but our division has some big events in the next year and we will need many hands on deck.

First up, we will have a table at the upcoming Division 5 Carnival of Model Railroading the first weekend of October at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea. We have three events to promote so we do need people to staff the table and generate interest in the division events. In early November, we host our Promo Day in conjunction with a two-rail O scale show at Lakeland Community College. Next spring will be our Railfest at the same venue, and in May we host the NMRA regional convention at Geneva-On-the-Lake. There are many tasks to tend with each event so I look forward to meeting members at these events.

If you are considering the steps in the NMRA Achievement Program, please remember that volunteer hours for each division event can count towards the Volunteer AP award. Keep track of the time you spend on each event and I will review your paperwork for approval. I was unable to present the AP clinic at the last meeting, but I hope to review a few points at each meeting, especially paperwork. We will have a brief review of the Volunteer AP segment at our September meeting. An overview of three Promo Day clinics will be the main feature: trestles, scenery and track laying.

There were some nice bring and brag entries at the last meeting. If you are wrapping up a model or are close to the end of a project, bring it along for bring and brag. Tank cars are the featured category, but any recent modeling efforts will be appreciated.

We will see you September 3rd at the Hambden Town Hall for the next meeting!

Division 5 Company Store Items

- O scale Sugar Houses @ \$36/each
- HO scale Sugar Houses @ \$24/each
- N scale Sugar Houses @ \$17/each
- HO scale Western Reserve RR Reefers @ \$12/each
- N scale Western Reserve RR Reefers (two numbers) @ \$12/each or two for \$22
- Division 5 Pins @ \$2/each
- Division 5 "Pentagon" Patch @ \$2/each

Division 5 News & Info

September Meeting Program

For the meeting program in September and October, we will have a preview of the presentations that will be done at Promo Day. These will not be the full presentations, just a summary of what the people are planning to show to Promo Day attendees. Refer to Bruce's Promo Day article in this Trainwire.

September Bring & Brag Theme

This month's Bring & Brag theme is tank cars of any style. Simple as that.

Division 5 Membership as of August 1, 2010

91

New Refreshment Coordinator

Thanks to Doug Riedel for volunteering to take over as refreshments coordinator. Being the coordinator isn't suppose to mean that he has to do it every month. Let Doug know if you would be willing to handle the refreshments for just one meeting.

Are Your Certificates About To Expire?

Remember to check your Division 5 certificate's expiration date. Certificates are only valid for one year from the date they issued. Once they expire, they are worthless.

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Division 5 Promotional Day - "Promo Day"

By Bruce Lutheran

As mentioned at the last several meetings, Promo Day is a club activity that is scheduled for November 6, 2010 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Lakeland Community College in gymnasium C. It is being held at the same time as the O-scale 2-Rail show that will also be at Lakeland, but in gymnasium B.

There will be a number of clinics or demonstrations on various layout building and modeling skills. These clinics will be used to explain the "basics" of the hobby, and with a little luck, pull in some new members to the Division.

The following is our list of volunteers that have stepped forward to make presentations. As a pre-trial of each of the clinics being given at Promo Day, we will be having them as the basis of our meeting programs at the September and October meetings. Each person will present a short, approximately 10 minute, mini-presentation of what will be presented at Promo Day in November. These short presentations will be used as a way to "Fine-Tune" their presentation and get additional positive input from the members. This will be a great learning experience for all involved.

Listed below are the presentations and their scheduled month for the Division 5 meeting program:

SEPTEMBER PRESENTATIONS:

Scenery – Matt Kross Track Laying – Dave Hanna Electrical – Soldering – Dick Roth Model Railroading Basics – Dave Neff

OCTOBER PRESENTATIONS:

Bench Work – Dale Smith Building Bridges – Lenny Kessler N Scale Review – Mike Buehner Building Plastic Buildings – Bruce Lutheran

Please come to both the September and October meetings and support this Division activity.

"My 50 Years Of Experience" volunteers, people who can walk around and answer questions at Promo Day, are Don Bittner, Rich Kacprzak, Bill Berger, Dick Naramore and, I hope, everyone else.

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

The businesses listed below are currently accepting Division 5's award certificates:

Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys HobbyTown USA Train Specialty Company

Village Train Shop Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters - Willoughby, OH

- Mentor, OH - Chardon, OH

- Perry, OH

- Geneva, OH



Division 5 Live Steam Picnic Photos

By Eric Hansmann









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If you have internet access, the Division 5 Trainwire is available in electronic form at the Division 5 website: www.mcr5.org. It is in Adobe Acrobat format. The pictures are crisp and clear as well as being in color. If you are willing to accept your copy of the Trainwire in electronic form, please send an e-mail to the Trainwire Editor at Trainwire@mcr5.org and let us know so that we can stop sending the paper copy to you. You will be notified via e-mail each month informing you when the new issue of the Trainwire has been loaded on the website.

All Aboard! Arcade & Attica Railroad

By Bonnie Lette

Wayne & I took a day and drove to Arcade, NY during one of our vacations. We rode on the Arcade & Attica Railroad. The Arcade & Attica Railroad was incorporated in 1917. It is still operating out of it's old historic station on Main Street in Arcade, NY. The ride is about 2



hours long. The ride we took was pulled by No. 18, a 1920's 2-8-0 Alco Steam Engine. The coaches are circa 1920.

Main Street in Arcade is a 3lane highway and there is a lot of truck and auto traffic. The town has requested that the steam loco not sit at the Main Street Depot

because of the smoke and steam not being able to dissipate for traffic to see. The loco is fired up back at the locomotive shed, one city block behind the station. When it is time to depart, the locomotive runs around to the front of the train where it is switched and hooked up. Within 5 minutes of the locomotive running around the coaches, the train departs.



The train heads off for Curriers Station crossing Main Street and going between store buildings, passing a static display of an old steam engine, boxcar and caboose. There is a lot of farmland along the line to observe. Just outside the city limits, we stopped to build up more steam for the remainder of the trip.







Once on our way, we saw a Fire Department, the old Hummingbird Toy Shop, other commercial buildings, farmland, farmers out harvesting wheat, many people in vehicles on the road taking pictures as we passed, horses, cows, and even some deer.



Chugging along, listening to the whistle at the road crossings, we sat and enjoyed the scenery. There was live entertainment on the train. A young banjo player, a singer/guitar player, and during the trip back to Arcade, we picked up an accordion player. They entertained us while

walking up and down the different coaches. The concessionaire would walk the aisles selling his products of popcorn, drinks, and souvenirs.





At the Curriers Station, a small museum, we laid over for about 30 minutes. The little station had some antique railroad equipment, ticket booth, pictures and they served grilled hot dogs and ice cream. At the side of the station there was a platform that had the entertainers from the

train playing music. There was one entertainer that had a wooden puppet on a stick that would dance to the music on a board. There was a little 0-4-0 engine named "I Think I Can" with some

cars sitting on a siding at the station. A plywood cutout of a locomotive was in the yard where you could take pictures of you in the cab. After viewing our locomotive and having a brief time to walk around and get food, it was time to board for the trip back to Arcade. The locomotive did a runaround to take us back to Arcade.

It was a very warm August day but there was a nice breeze most of the time. We walked back to the open air observation car and enjoyed the views.

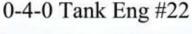
The A&A Railroad has many different types of excursions, from Wine Tasting to the North Pole Express. There are Civil War reenactments, children's trains, Murder Mystery, Double Headers for the photo op and many others. For schedule, costs, and more information, go to their

website – www.arcadeandatticarr.com. The old station has many pictures of the past, a souvenir shop, and a food counter. It is about a 3-4 hour drive from NE Ohio. There are a few Mom & Pop diners and fast food restaurants close by.













Div 5 BOD Meeting Notes

Submitted by Matt Kross

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on August 16, 2010 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Eric Hansmann, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Dale Smith, Don Bittner, Bruce Lutheran, Matt Kross, Rob Bowers Jr., Harley Smith, Ted Wiese, and Bob Frieden.

- Railfest audit has been completed but the report has not yet been submitted.
- The bank still has a problem with our accounts due to a mix-up with our tax ID number. This continues to be worked on. We think it has finally been resolved. This should now allow us to access our accounts online
- Promo Day presentations have been lined-up. Everything set with building. Bob Frieden will include Promo Day flier in his dealer mailing. We need to print 500 updated fliers.
- An issue was raised about a letter that went out to Railfest dealers suggesting that Railfest might be moving to the museum. If this is the case, we need to find out what information was sent out and to whom. We need to get a letter out to dealers to emphasize that Railfest will continue to be at Lakeland Community College for the foreseeable future. We need to formulate specific guidelines on Division correspondence by committee chairs.
- There was discussion about whether official Division correspondence that is sent out to a wide mailing by Div 5 chairmen should be reviewed by the BOD before it is actually sent.
- It was suggested that we need to put together a list of ethical guidelines that we believe Division chairmen and members should follow. It should be emphasized that Division information, especially our mailing list, is considered confidential.
- It was noted that the Division is at a point where we should have a CPA involved with reviewing Division finances and assisting with Federal tax filings.
- There has been a disconnect between the Division 5 convention committee and NOARS. The convention co-chairs will contact NOARS to see if we can get things straightened out. Need to solidify ties and work out how NOARS can best help us promote the convention.
- The BOD approved sponsoring a onetime contest award for our Rails Of Ages convention. The award will be for the model that best exemplifies railroading in Northeast Ohio (Geauga, Lake, and Ashtabula counties), past or present. Motion passed to name it the "Rails Of Ages" Award. Three judges will be selected from Division 5 membership by the convention contest chairman. The judges will not be eligible for the award. The award will be for modeling categories only (no arts & crafts or photos).
- Need to have convention registrar inform registrants about the hotel online registration problem.
- Trainwire Editor has been in the hospital and cannot do the September Trainwire. Matt Kross will fill in while the editor is unable.

- Holiday party will be first Friday of December at Hambden Town Hall. We will need to line up a caterer. Possible program is Estate Planning as related to your model railroad.
- Discussed some possible trip plans.
- Doug Riedel is new Refreshments coordinator.
- A table at Div 4 Carnival has again been offered to us. We definitely want to make use of this. We need to advertise Promo Day, Railfest, and the convention as well as to sell company store items. Eric will follow up with Div 4.
- Motion passed to purchase an HP Color LaserJet CP2025n printer at a cost of \$300 to be used for Railfest, convention, and general Division use.

Next Division 5 BOD Meeting September 20, 2010 - 7:30 PM

(Third Monday of every month)
Hambden Township Town Hall
13887 GAR Highway (Rt. 6)
Chardon, OH

Division 5 Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2010

Submitted by Bonnie Lette

- There was a good turnout for a summer meeting.
- New Visitor Tim Clint from Erie, PA.
- Comment about the Modeler's corner that we need to put the name of modeler. Consensus was that this feature is a very good thing. Does anyone have a modeling activity of their own that can be put in the Trainwire? Send it to the trainwire@mcr5.org.
- Lenny Kessler, our Trainwire Editor, is in the hospital cracked vertebrae will be in the hospital for at least a week.
- Open positions Refreshments, Doug Riedel will do the refreshments, Company Store we are trying to liquidate as much as possible. Currently being done by the Super Will someone step up to take over?
- Apparel Say It With Thread in Wickliffe, OH is the company that we are using soon you will be able to order direct. Mike Buehner is still working out the details.
- Events were brought up Live Steamers' runs, August 10th Module group meeting at Farm Park, Last Stop Willoughby the HO module group will be participating in the Masonic Lodge, LENS group has been asked to participate but it has not been determined if they will or not.

- Financial Report was given by Bonnie Lette we are solvent.
- The Div 5 2010 Summer Picnic was held at the home of Chan Bleil. We rode live steam trains all day and enjoyed a very delicious meal. Thank you Chan for having us and all the hard work you and your crew did so we could enjoy. Certificates were passed out for the members that brought food. Everyone enjoyed the time there.
- Division 4 members Chuck Klein, Jerry Krueger, and Steve Kaplan showed their 2014 national convention bid presentation that was made to the NMRA Board at this year's Milwaukee convention. As part of the planning for the 2014 national convention, we need to create a list of what there is to do in the Cleveland area for non-rail and rail activities. There was some discussion about the presentation.
- At the 2010 National Convention, NMRA introduced the new magazine that has replaced Scale Rails.
- Division 4 won their bid for the 2014 national NMRA convention in Cleveland. The competition was Memphis, TN and Calgary Canada.
- Some info from the 2010 national convention: There were 1600 paid registrations, 345 train show booths were sold at time the doors opened, and an anonymous donor gave \$250,000 for the California Model Railroad Museum
- If you model in large scale, new standards for couplers have been adopted.
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad will be running the Nickel Plate 765 during the month of September. Go to their website to see the schedule.
- Division 4's Oil City & Titusville Railroad ride in September is still a little short of participants to fill the bus. If you are interested, you need to talk to Tom ASAP. If there are not enough for the bus, they will refund the bus fee but will then caravan and have the box lunch on the train during the ride. Dick Roth said he will provide a one way cab ride on the OC&T if Division 4 will raffle it off and donate the money to OC&T.
- We would like to extend an invitation to all members to come to the Division 5 board meetings and participate.
- The 2011 Convention Committee meeting will be at Dale Smith Saturday 8/7/10 1:00 PM.

Bring N Brag

Ken Stroebel Bill Smith Rich Kacprzak

Dave Neff Don Bittner

Program for the evening:
 2014 National NMRA Convention in Cleveland presentation

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Mid-Central Region, Division 5 of the National Model Railroad Association Presents

Model Railroad Layout Building Basics



Attend our FREE Model Railroad Promotional Day

Saturday, November 6, 2010 Lakeland Community College Gym 10:00 am to 3:00 pm In conjunction with the "O" Scale 2 Rail train show

Have you ever wanted to learn how to build a model railroad?

Come learn how for FREE!

We will be presenting free classes on the Basics of Model Railroad Layout building

These will include:

- ➤ Basic layout framing your railroad support structure
- ➤ Basics of laying Track including the roadbed
- ➤ Simple wiring to run your train
- ➤ Basic Scenery different construction techniques
- ➤ Basic Plastic model building add that Station or Factory

Attend one class or all!

NO PREVIOUS BUILDING SKILLS REQUIRED!!!

You will be using only the most basic tools

Note: Under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult! Each Clinic will be taught by experienced model railroaders. Bring your Questions and take home a wealth of knowledge and experience!

You are also invited to join us each March as we present Railfest, at Lakeland Community College, the largest train show in the state of Ohio!

For more up to date Info please check www.MCR5.org

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MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Carnival '10

Saturday, October 2, 2010 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 3, 2010 11a.m. – 4 p.m.

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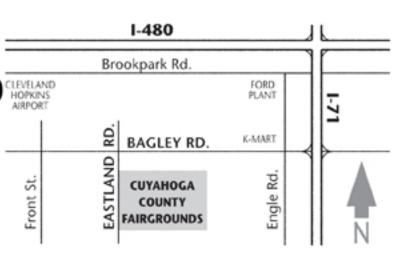
Admission \$ 7.00 Under 16 Free with Adult Special 2-Day Pass \$10.00

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