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Division 5- Mid Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

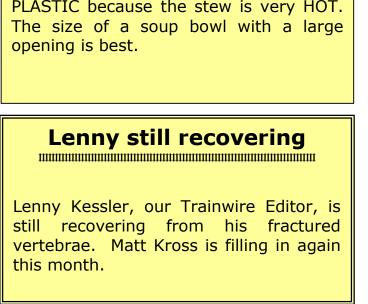
Lake Shore Live Steamers **Hobo Stew Dinner**

October 16, 2010 Club Run 11:00 am to dusk Dinner at 5 pm

Division 5 has once again been invited to ioin the Lake Shore Live Steamers in their Hobo Stew Dinner and club run on Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Robbi Haines runs the LSLS food committee and needs to know how many Div 5 members are planning to come. If you are planning on attending the dinner, please contact Robbi and she will coordinate what you are to bring to the dinner. This will also give her a head count. You can call Robbi at home (440) 322-3293 or at her cell (216) 402-2357. Her e-mail is rah258@earthlink.net.

You need to bring your own bowls and silverware. The bowl should NOT BE PLASTIC because the stew is very HOT.



October Division 5 Meeting

Date / Time: Friday, Oct 1, 2010 at 7:30 PM

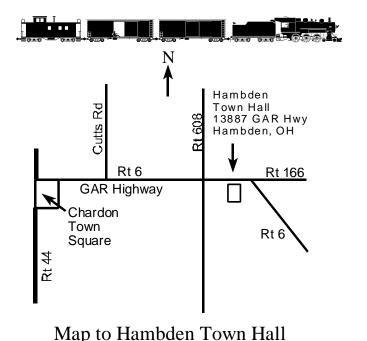
Hambden Town Hall Location: 13887 GAR Highway (Route 6) Chardon, Ohio

> (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 Part 2

Bring & Brag Theme: Coil 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!



UPCOMING **DIVISION 5** MEETINGS



November 5

Location: Program:

Hambden Town Hall NMRA Achievement **Program Review** 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: ??? Bring & Brag: ???

March 4 Hambden Town Hall Location: Program: ??? 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



WRMRR Museum weekends in Oct Nightmare Express Haunted House

Division 4 Carnival `10 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Berea, Ohio

Oct 2 10am - 5pm Oct 3 11am – 4pm

Hobo Stew Dinner & Club Run Oct 16 with Lake Shore Live Steamers Penitentiary Glen Park Kirtland, OH

Oct 18 Division 5 BOD Meeting Hambden Town Hall

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

Country Lights first 3 weeks of Dec Lake Farmpark, Kirtland, OH HO modules set up first half LENS N-Trak modules set up second half

WRMRR Museum Open House Dec 4 – 5

Division 5 BOD Meeting Dec 20 Lake Farm Park

Div 5 Railfest 2011 Mar 19-20 Lakeland Community College

November Trainwire Deadline Oct 20

Division 5 News & Info

October Meeting Program

For the meeting program in October, we will continue our 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.

October Bring & Brag Theme

This month's Bring & Brag theme is coil cars of any style. These are any type of railroad cars carrying coils of steel.

Division 5 Membership as of September 1, 2010

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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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Important Meeting Changes

Starting with the October 2010 meeting, we are going to experiment with changing the meeting order and room layout to try to make the meetings more enjoyable for everybody. We will push the Division business meeting to the end so that visitors can enjoy the program and social time without having to first sit through the sometimes long business meeting.

New meeting order:

- Bring & Brag
- Announcements
- Refreshments & Social Time
- Program
- Business Meeting

We will also change the room layout. So that we don't have to change the seating when it is time for the program, we will rotate the seating so that it faces the wall we use as the projector screen. We will set the Bring & Brag tables up so that it is easier for everyone to see.

We are open to suggestions to things that will make the meeting flow smoother and be more enjoyable.

2011 Budget Requests Due

Division 5 2011 budgets are due. The BOD will put the 2011 Division budget together at the October BOD meeting and finalize it at the November BOD meeting. All coordinators and officers that have areas that need to be funded are required to turn in a budget request by the October BOD. Any member or outside group that would like to submit a request for Division 5 financial support in 2011 must have the request submitted to the BOD before October 18.

Div 5 Events In Google Calendar

Division 5 events are available via Google Calendar. If you set up a Google Calendar for yourself, you can link it to the Division 5 calendar so that you will get automatic notices of any meetings and events that we put on the Div 5 calendar. For more information, visit the Division 5 Events web page:

www.mcr5.org/NMRA/events.htm

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

Ken Krayer

(Editor's Note: This note was received from Dick Roth on August 5, 2010. Though not a Division 5 member, Ken Krayer was a friend of the Division. Ken regularly made the long trip from Erie along with Dick Roth to attend our Division 5 meetings.)

It is with a great deal of sorrow that I convey to you news of the passing of Ken Krayer at age 84. Ken was an avid railfan, model railroader, travel companion, and dear friend. A week ago he had a spell at home that caused him to fall and not be able to get up from the floor. This resulted in his hospitalization at Hamot Medical Center in Erie. Tests were inconclusive as to possible cause, and after 4 days he was released to Health South for rehab to regain some of his strength. Early yesterday (Wednesday) evening while his daughter was visiting him he had a massive heart attack and passed away very quickly. I spoke to Ken by phone earlier in the day and he said that he felt somewhat better and was hoping to maybe be able to leave the facility next Monday for long enough to have dinner at the Erie Seibenbuerger Club.

Ken was a very accomplished modeler, winning his first accolades in 1949 for Best Locomotive and Best in Show at the Niagara Frontier Region Convention at Meadville, PA. Ken was known for the models he built for GE in Erie that were presented to railroad executives, first in O-scale and later, in HO. Only about a year ago he disposed of the last zinc molds he built for the model GE locomotive frames and body shells. This summer he began moving features in his yard in preparation for a garden layout. Even after giving away a number of scratch built cars and locomotives, his shelves continued to be well stocked with his models.

Ken was a good friend and frequent travel companion, riding with me to train shows, meetings, conventions, and other railroad and model railroad events in PA, NY, OH, and across the border in Canada. He was never happier than when he was among model railroaders. He was a regular passenger on the Oil Creek & Titusville trains and was again looking forward to the Speeder Car runs at Titusville in two weeks.

Ken leaves a daughter, Karen Sheffer, who lived with him, 2 sons, Bill in Maryland and Ken in Michigan, and numerous grand children and several great grand children.

Dick Roth



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Div 5 Model Railroading Promotional Day "Promo Day"

By Bruce Lutheran

As mentioned at the last several meetings, Promo Day is a Division activity that is scheduled for Nov. 6 from 10:00 to 3:00 at Lakeland College. It is being held at the same time as the O scale 2-Rail show that will be in one of the other gyms.

The presentations being given at Promo Day will be used to explain the "basics" of the hobby, and, with a little luck, pull in some new members to the club.

I would like to thank Dave Neff, Dave Hanna, Dick Roth, and Matt Kross for their presentations given at the last meeting. They received a good amount of comments from everybody who stayed and I know they do some fine tuning to their presentations for November based upon these comments.

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

Below is a list of those presentations and their schedule.

OCTOBER PRESENTATIONS:

Benchwork – Dale Smith Building Bridges – Lenny Kessler – NOTE: might not be able to present at the meeting. N Scale Review – Mike Buehner Building Plastic Buildings – Bruce Lutheran

Please come to the October meeting and support this Division activity.

Also mark down the date of November 6th on your calendars now, so that you can come support Promo day.

Thank you.

Call For Private RR Heralds

For all of you model railroad superintendents out there, we are currently putting together the 2011 convention timetable and may have additional space to include your pike's card. If you are interested, please send a copy of your logo or card for publication. We would prefer to have it in electronic form (jpg format), but if you only have a paper version, we can convert it. The only condition is that it should be no larger than a 2"x3" format and the wording should be readable in a small format. I would especially like to have cards or logos from any layouts that are going to be part of the layout tour.

The following is an example from Matt Kross' Brandt River Railroad:



Please send all images to:

Publications@RailsOfAges.org

or Rails Of Ages c/o Matt Kross 12049 Sperry Road Chesterland, OH 44026

I will try my best to fit them into the Timetable, although the final decision will be based on available space.

Ken Stroebel - Rails Of Ages Publications Coordinator

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Steam in the Valley

By Ken Stroebel

For several weeks in September, the sights and sounds of not one, but two, steam engines returned to the Cuyahoga Valley. The first event took place during the second weekend of the

month. I decided to try and railfan the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad on the Sunday, in spite of the heavy overcast that seemed to dominate the morning (at least on the east side), and headed towards Brecksville. Luckily, the further south I drove and the later in the afternoon it got, the weather actually improved. Arriving at the Brecksville station about 10 minutes before the regularly scheduled southbound passenger train, I had a chance to setup and catch engine 1822 (an Alco RS18), which was leading the regular passenger consist. Trailing was Alco C-424 4241.



With a break in the action before the next scheduled run of the steam train, I decided to head south and see if I could chase the passenger train. Unfortunately about 200 motorcycles were transiting the valley, and after a 15 minute wait behind the waving arm of a park ranger, I decided to turn around and head back to Brecksville to catch the steam train.

Forty minutes later it was time for one of the featured steam engines, Viscose Company #6, a 1925 Baldwin-built coal-fired 0-4-0 saddle tank steam engine, to make an appearance. The CVSR was running the #6 as a shuttle between the maintenance yard, where the Nickel Plate Road 2-8-4 Berkshire No. 765 was located, and the Brecksville station. The little engine actually has quite a decent sound to it, as it came into the station.

After watching the #6 board some passengers for the last shuttle back north, it was time to head south again and setup for the returning northbound passenger train. A couple of quick shots at Peninsula and then again at Boston Mills, before I jumped into the car and paced it back towards Brecksville station. While the parking lot of the Brecksville station was earlier filled with bicyclists and people hiking through the park, many steam fans were now out and ready to catch the 765. Luckily I was able to get close to the station and loaded up the photo gear once again to make the trek down the tracks. But first was



another run of the southbound passenger train, followed shortly after by the return of #6 minus its earlier passenger consist.

By this time, the light in the valley had turned to shadows and a few clouds were playing havoc with trying to get a well lit photo. Many "fans" were also starting to ignore the photo line in an attempt to get further down the tracks and a better view of the 765. As luck would have it, I was staked out early enough that my vantage point became the photo line, in spite of some attempted late interruptions by a few folks who just didn't have the proper photo etiquette for this setting. A few comments and requests from our photo line got their attention, although a few still slipped by and wandered down the tracks.

Finally, about 30 minutes late, it was time for the sounds of the Berkshire to echo in the valley. What a sight to see, as all of that black and white smoke appeared rolling up the valley a full 5 seconds before we caught sight of the engine. Blowing whistle and steam as she approached station, it was quite a sight. Upon arrival, she blew out her tubes for a full 30 seconds before coming to a final halt.







As many know, the 765 was built by the Lima Locomotive Works in 1944 and is currently the largest operating steam locomotive east of the Mississippi. Both the No. 6 and 765 engines were to be part of a steam gala this evening, albeit at a cost of \$80 per head to experience it. I didn't see many people eating, although the caterer's tents were setup. By this time, I decided it was time to exit and head home, as the light was getting poor, and it was unknown as to when the No.6 and 765 would depart again for a short run.



Div 5 BOD Meeting Notes

Submitted by Matt Kross - Clerk

A Division 5 BOD meeting was held on September 20, 2010 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Mike Buehner, Eric Hansmann, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Dale Smith, Don Bittner, Bruce Lutheran, Matt Kross, Harley Smith, and Doug Riedel.

- Railfest audit report has been received.
- Next set of Promo Day presentation reviews will be done at the October Div 5 meeting. Everything is in place for this year's event.
- Eric Hansmann has started gathering information on ethical guidelines for non-profit groups. He will put a draft together for review at a future BOD meeting.
- Trainwire Editor is still recovering and cannot do the October Trainwire. Matt Kross will fill in again for the October issue.
- The caterer for the Division 5 Holiday Party will be the same as last year. We are checking on the pricing. The cost to Division members and guests will probably be the same as last year, but we need to check first. We are looking at having two programs at the party. One will be a short presentation on what we as model railroaders should do regarding Estate Planning. The second will be on railfanning around the world. We will again have two categories for the gift exchange, Rail and Non-Rail.
- Division 5 has been invited to the Lake Shore Live Steamers' Hobo Stew Dinner in October. Details will be in the October Trainwire.
- Eric Hansmann is coordinating the staffing of our table at the Div 4 Carnival. We need to advertise Promo Day, Railfest, and the convention as well as sell company store items.
- Convention committee meeting was held on September 18. Planning is progressing. Biggest issue at this point is getting all the tours lined-up so that we can start our advertising campaign. We have 18 registrants, 11 Division 5 volunteer registrations, and 13 family members signed up so far. The hotel has 20 rooms booked so far for the convention. We have commitments for about 20 clinics and 15 layouts to date. We still need more! Next convention committee meeting will be Nov 13th.
- Discussed ideas to make the Division membership meetings more interesting and flow better. It was decided to change the order of the meeting to start with the Bring & Brag, then do announcements, refreshments and social time, program, and end with the business meeting. We are also going to change the seating to face the wall that we use as a projector screen and move the Bring & Brag tables to the front.

We will experiment with the meeting order and room layout over the next few meetings to see what works best.

- The HP Color LaserJet CP2025n printer has been purchased that will be used for Railfest, convention, and general Division use.
- 2011 Budgets are due. The BOD will put the 2011 budget together at the October BOD meeting and finalize it at the November BOD meeting. All coordinators and officers that have areas that need to be funded are required to turn in a budget request by the October BOD. Any member or group that would like to submit a request for Division 5 financial support in 2011 must have the request submitted to the BOD before October 18.
- There is concern about liability coverage for the HO module group. Since the group has 100% NMRA membership, they are covered by the NMRA insurance. Also, since the HO group's setups are Div 5 sanctioned events and the group puts out literature to promote the NMRA, they are covered the Div 5 NMRA insurance.

Next Division 5 BOD Meeting October 18, 2010 - 7:30 PM (Third Monday of every month) Hambden Township Town Hall 13887 GAR Highway (Rt. 6) Chardon, OH

Division 5 Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2010

Superintendent Mike Buehner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hambden Township Town Hall. There were approximately 21 members and 4 guests present.

- Railfest audit was performed and no problems were found. Waiting for official report.
- Division 5 banking issues have finally been resolved.
- Div 5 Promo Day planning is going well. The biggest thing needed at this point is for people to help with the event on Saturday, November 6. Setup will begin on Friday at 12:00 pm. The gym will be open for setup Saturday morning starting at 7:00 am. The event opens to the public at 10:00 am.
- A 2011 convention planning update was given. A special award is being sponsored by Division 5 for the best model that represents Northeast Ohio (Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula counties) either past or present.
- It was noted that Div 5 Trainwire Editor Lenny Kessler was still recovering from his back injury.
- Division 4's Carnival Train Show was promoted. Div 5 will have a table there to promote Promo Day, Railfest, and the 2011 convention. We need Division 5

members to help man the table during the show. Eric Hansmann is coordinating this.

- The Division 5 Holiday Party will take the place of our normal monthly meeting in December. We are looking at possible programs. One possibility is on model railroad estate planning that Frank Bongiovanni of Div 4 has put together.
- A color laser printer is being purchased for the Division for use at Railfest, the convention, and general Clerk use.
- Dick Roth provided information on the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad runs this Fall.
- Treasurer Bonnie Lette provided a Division financial report. All bills have been paid and we are solvent.
- In preparation for the 2011 convention, we will have some operating (switching) sessions this Fall for members to see what these are like and give layout owners a chance to practice. We need more layout owners that support prototype operations to open their layouts for an operating session during the convention.
- The HO Module Group set up at the Last Stop Willoughby event in Willoughby, Ohio. A number of issues were encountered with being on the second floor of the Masonic Hall. The biggest problem was that people didn't know they were there due to poor signage. There were also a number of parking problems.
- Bring N Brag Theme for the night "Tank Cars"

Ken Stroebel	Don Bittner	Bill Smith
Rich Kacprzak	Mike Buehner	Bill Brodie

• Program for the evening:

Div 5 Promo Day Clinic Review Four of the people putting on demonstrations at the upcoming Div 5 Promo Day reviewed what they were going to present. Feedback from the audience was provided to help adjust the presentations for the expected audience.

September Presenters:

Dave Neff – Model Railroading Basics Dave Hanna – Track Laying Dick Roth – Basic Soldering & Wiring Matt Kross – Scenery

Submitted by Matt Kross - Clerk

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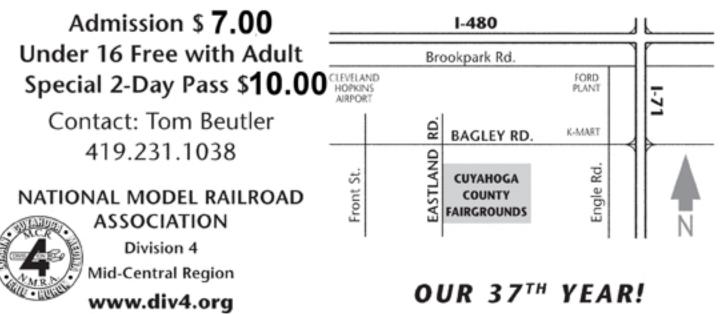
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Mid-Central Region, Division 5 of the National Model Railroad Association Presents

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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:

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 - including the roadbed

– to run your train

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- ➢ Basic Scenery
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Attend one class or all!

NO PREVIOUS BUILDING SKILLS REQUIRED!!! You will be using only the most basic tools

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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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