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Division Reserve

Coming Soon...with Your help!

ay back when---early last spring, we did a survey on what folks wanted for our Division programs. There were 30+ in attendance that night, and 22 responses were received, a pretty good return.

The checkmarks have now been counted and the results are in! Regarding general program type wants, checked boxes of interest were very similarly spread among hands-on or live modeling programs, slides and powerpoint presentations, and railroad-related speakers. I take the latter to mean someone talking about real railroads. Interestingly, prototype videos---which we have seen many---drew less interest. On the other hand, actual layout videos---which we have not seen in my last 2-3 years, were checked off almost as much as the hands-on, live modeling programs. Does anyone have an actual layout video of some model railroad(s) they can show as one of our programs? This would be easy---especially if it contains its own audio. No effort other than bringing it in!

Then we get to the specific checked boxes on particular topics. Five categories stood out from the rest--structures, scratchbulding, scenery, kitbashing, and painting/weathering. This is not to diminish interest in the other categories---operations, signaling and decaling, electronics, DCC, etc. It's just that these categories were checked off somewhat less--but not by many votes. Additionally several members added in specific industries of interest they would like to see featuredcoal, grain, steel, oil, etc.

Sooooo, who among you can give a program on 'how-to and what you've done' on these various topics? It's not that hard, folks. You are the expert in what you have built or scratch-built, scenery techniques, or how you've painted and weathered locos, rolling stock, structures. With our concept of 'miniprograms', you need only take 10-15 minutes----not much more than an extended Bring 'n Brag. And we do have the overhead camera projector if you want to do a 'live' demonstration. But your presentation would be in our 'program' time after the refreshment break and needs



Dave Neff – Superintendent
Division 5

NMRA – Mid Central Region

to be *pre-scheduled* so that we can announce your offering and get it into the Trainwire *before* our meeting night. If we do just two per night, that's thirty minutes of program, which is certainly enough.

Now don't everyone rush the front table at the October meeting at once to volunteer, but how about it? All it takes is to say 'I'll do it'! And we need two per meeting, starting in February. Our programs are covered up to then.

Dave Neff.

Superintendant, Division 5

UPCOMING DIVISION 5

MEETINGS

Division 5 monthly meetings normally start 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.

October 3rd, 2014

Location: Harley Smith's House (refer to notice on page 4)

Program: Slide program on European Trains (Pat Flash)

Bring & Brag: foreign trains/models

November 7th, 2014

Location: Hambden Town Hall Program: multiple mini-programs

(\$5 certificate for being a presenter)

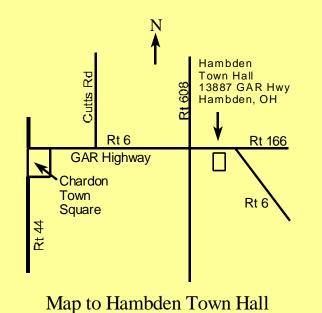
Bring & Brag: TBA

December 5th, 2014

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: Building Cardstock Structures (Paul Chapple)

Bring & Brag: TBA



SCHEDULED EVENTS

L.S.L.S. Public run

October 5

Penitentiary Glen

Kirkland, Ohio (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm)

Railfanning Day

October 11

Painesville Depot Museum

475 Railroad Street

Painesville, Ohio (10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

HOBO Stew Dinner

October 11

October 13

Penitentiary Glen
Kirkland, Ohio (5:00 pm)

BOD Meeting Hambden Town Hall

Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

Promo Day (Building a Model Railroad) November 1

Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Division 1 Annual Flea Market November 2

Akron Yacht Club

3575 South Main Street

Portage Lakes area (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Diecast Collectible Toy Show November 8

Lakeland Community College

Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Thanksgiving Train Show November 29

UAW Hall

5615 Chevrolet Blvd.

Cleveland, Ohio

Division 5 Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Neff at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 30 members and 5 guests were present.

Two new visitors were greeted and welcomed, Jim from Montville and John from Thompson.

The membership was reminded that budget requests for the **2015 Division 5 budget** need to be submitted to the BOD now.

Some additional feedback on the **2014 NMRA convention in Cleveland** was provided. The convention committee has received lots of accolades from people around the country that attended the convention. They were impressed with Cleveland. The official number of volunteer hours were presented (951 for Div 5, 1433 for Div 4, 343 for Div 1). These are only hours that were worked at the convention center and officially logged.

The September meeting was the cutoff for turning in requests for **national convention parking reimbursements**.

Division 5 purchased the unsold **N-scale convention hopper** cars at cost. 300 cars were originally ordered for the convention. 185 were sold at the convention. Of the remaining 115 cars, we have sold 18 so far and have sent information to several N-scale publications and clubs to advertise that these are for sale.

The Ages of Steam roundhouse has indicated to the Divisions involved with the national convention that they are open to us organizing additional tours of their facility. Division 5 will look at putting together a trip to this facility some time in 2015. The rescheduled tour to **Scenic Express** is still planned for this Fall but no specific date has been set yet. We are also exploring the possibility of a Division 5 operating session on Jerry Albers' layout in Cincinnati.

Dave Neff and Sam Monturi met with Lake Farmpark officials to discuss issues we have with our new layout location during the Country Lights event in December. Items such as security, parking, dirt, accessibility, signage were discussed. Farmpark is working to remedy some of the problems. More discussions will take place. The **HO and N modular groups** will need to decide if the proposed changes are acceptable and want to continue setting up their layouts for this event. Farmpark has approximately 20,000 people attending this event during the month of December and must focus first on keeping these people happy. The Arena area where the layouts are now located was previously underutilized during this event and Farmpark wants to work to get more people to go through this area.

A report was given on **Promo Day 2014** planning. We are continuing to advertise this event as "*How To Build A Model Railroad*". We are targeting local people instead of trying to pull people in from long distances. The event will be on **Saturday November 1, 2014** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We need presenters to provide a talk or demonstration on a large number of basic layout building tasks.

The **revised diorama program** was presented. We would like to have these dioramas available for Promo Day 2014. Some animated scenes would be nice.

A number of the upcoming events were reviewed. **The NKP 765 steam locomotive** will be operating on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Don Thomas is selling off excess layout items at dealer cost on September 10th from 6:30pm to 10:00pm at his house in Chardon. The **NETS group** is holding an old fashion model railroad swap meet on September 20.

We need people to man the NMRA membership table during the Division 4 train show in Berea on October 4 and 5.

The **November meeting** program will consist of a number of short, 5 to 10 minute, talks on model railroad topics of your choice. If you are willing to participate, please contact Dave Neff or Dale Smith.

Modeling Questions / Requests: Rich Kacprzak is looking for pictures of the NYC Railroad's AF Tower.

Bring & Brag: Dale Smith Matt Kross Ken Stroebel Don Thomas Charlie Tidd Dave Neff Tom Pescha Bryan Persing

Program: Mike Buehner provided an overview of the NMRA Achievement Program and provided examples of some of the tasks he has done to meet the requirements for the Chief Dispatcher certificate. Dave Neff also talked about all the things that count towards getting the Association Volunteer certificate.

Submitted by:

Matt Kross - Division 5 Clerk



Pictures from the September Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



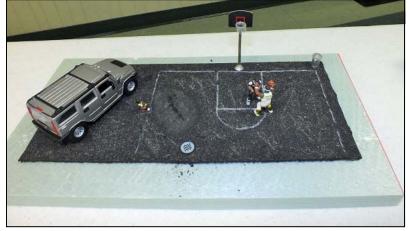














Attention!

The next **Division 5 meeting** on **October 3rd, 2014** has been moved to Harley Smith's house at 13630 GAR highway (Rt. 6).

His home is about a half mile west of the Hambden Town Hall.

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Division 5 BOD Meeting

September 8, 2014

A **Division 5 BOD meeting** was held on September 8, 2014 at Hambden Town Hall. In attendance were Dave Neff, Dale Smith, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Matt Kross, Bob Gittinger, Rob Bowers, Bob Frieden, Ted Wiese, Lenny Kessler, and Tom Pescha.

We received some signage from the **NMRA national convention** that we can use for our Division signage.

Information has been submitted to the **N-Trak newsletter** regarding our N-scale convention hoppers we have for sale.

Rob Bowers, Bob Frieden, and Tom Pescha talked about the preparations that have been made for Promo Day 2014 (*How To Build A Model Railroad*). There are 15 topics that we would like to cover for the various demonstrations. We need volunteers to step forward and put together a training session for each of the topics. Rob Bowers has a sign-up sheet. Demonstrators will be reimbursed for materials they use for their demonstrations. If demonstrators will provide in advance a copy of any handouts they have, the Division will get copies made to give out to attendees. Attendees generally have very basic questions about building a model railroad and these questions are what we should be trying to answer. The budget for this year's event was provided to the BOD.

We are struggling to come up with ideas for **new programs and events**. We currently need programs for the December meeting and all of next year. We are trying to figure out how to get more people to make presentations on modeling topics.

For our **modeling questions** time during the membership meeting, it was suggested that we should have a way for people to submit their questions anonymously ahead of time. Maybe we need a **questions box**.

The **BOD** began roughing out the **2015 Division 5 budget**. We have received budget estimates for a number of Division functional areas. Cut off date for budget requests will be the October BOD meeting. The budget will finalized at the November 2014 BOD meeting. At this point, it looks like the budget amounts will be very similar to those for 2014. We are looking at increasing our **Tours/Trips budget** to cover some special trips in 2015.

The next **Mid Central Region BOD meeting** will be on Sunday, September 28. Dale Smith will be attending in place of Superintendent Dave Neff.

The next **Division 5 BOD meeting** will be **October 13, 2014** at 7:30pm at Hambden Town Hall.

Submitted by: Matt Kross – Division 5 Clerk

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



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Coke Ovens and Trolleys

By Linda Kacprzak







hen Rich and I worked at the information desk during the NMRA National Convention in Cleveland, we were asked many times for more details about the Cherry Valley Coke Ovens that were on one of the tours. We were unfamiliar with the historic park in Columbiana County, so after the convention we took a short trip to see what we missed. The facility, which was built in 1866 in Leetonia, Ohio by the Leetonia Iron & Coal Co. (later the Cherry Valley Iron Works), is believed to be one of the largest complexes of its kind in the nation.







Two hundred beehive coke ovens were built on the site to transform coal into coke, which was the best fuel for the nearby furnaces used to manufacture iron and steel. Operations ceased in the 1930's, another casualty of the Great

Depression. Because beehive coking is now illegal in the United States, many ovens were destroyed in the 1970's and 1980's, which makes this a rare view of history. At one time there was a Union Passenger Station in Leetonia that

served the Pennsylvania and the Erie railroads, and the Erie also had a freight station there, but the only remaining structure is the tower. We had to take a photo of a gas station overlooking the tracks in town, where the Norfolk South-









Coke Ovens and Trolleys cont.....













ern runs through today. We then continued on to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington, PA. The museum offers a four-mile round trip on vintage trolleys and a collection of more than 50

old streetcars in a display building and restoration shop. On the day we visited, they were very busy running shuttle trolleys to the county fair across the road.







The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad









n Thursday September 18th, 2014 the NETS group was once again on the road. This time we were traveling to Independence, Ohio to ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic **Railroad.** We arrived at the Rockside Station a half an hour before boarding time under a bright blue sky filled with brilliant sunshine, a few fluffy white clouds, and a temperature in the low seventies with low humidity. Mother Nature has nothing better to offer. At 12:45 pm eight members of our

troupe took advantage of this picturesque day and left the Rockside Station to enjoy the gentle rocking and swaying of the stylish Emerson dome car as it journeyed down the tracks toward Akron, Ohio. We all sat in the upper dome of the Emerson Car,









was originally built for the California Zephyr and still had the markings from the D&RGW. The seats were comfortable blue leather and provided a magnificent view of the country side as we rambled by many old and distinguished buildings and barns.

through, over, under and around numerous distinctive bridges. Scenic trees and vegetation lined the right of way as we meandered along the Cuyahoga River and through many marshes where several bald eagles have built their nests, some having an

Emerson car were more comfortable and spacious, but lack the outstanding view that riding high in the dome provided. As we passed through the Fitzwater yard, we were able to see

eight foot plus diameter. The first-

class seats on the lower level of the

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Cuyahoga Valley Railroad cont....





the 765 steam engine that had been running on the main line for the two previous weekends. It was still in the area because of a derailment in Indiana preventing it from returning to its home base. The train makes



popular runs and it is recommended to book them far in advance. We arrived in Akron at 2:20 pm and after a twenty minute layover, we departed the Akron Station at 2:40 pm for the return trip. There were more than 400 passengers today that experienced the pleasant reminder of an era a long,





about six or seven stops to pickup and drop off passengers and bike riders in both directions. The train crew was courteous and informative and did an excellent job. It was a pleasure to see our old friend Allen Rice who is our favorite conductor. He and his crew gave our group many interesting



long time ago, *traveling by train*. Once back at the Rockside Station shortly after 4 pm, we were able to walk through the diner car and one of the many coaches. There are many more windows in the coach cars providing an outstanding view of the countryside, but leg room is definitely





insights on this unique railroad. The trains on this line normally consist of twelve cars, ten capable of carrying passengers. One of the cars is a dining car that does serve meals, but only on weekends and with a reservation. The Fall Color Trips and the Polar Express are by far the most



at a minimum. The Emerson car is the best on the line and well worth the extra cost. Our group thoroughly enjoyed the experience and I am sure we will repeat next year, possibly during the fall color season. - Len Kessler



NETS Swap & Trade Meet



or the third time, the NETS group held a low keyed swap & trade meet at the First church of Christ on Mentor Ave. in Painesville, Ohio (across the street from Lake Erie College).



that had the hungries. There seems to be enough interest to continue the event next year and possibly expand it to small local dealers and folks that sell railroad



The intent has always been to promote camaraderie among modelers and area model railroad clubs that have a common bond. We had about one hundred plus modelers and guests that were interested in trading, buying or



memorabilia. We consider the event a win, win venture for modelers, clubs and the church which receives the non perishable food and door donations for their



selling. This recreation of the days of *the old swap meets* is an ideal situation for people giving up their layouts, collections, or those who have purchased a model railroad estate. A limited menu of refreshments was available for those of us



food bank. The big shows like *Railfest and Berea* have nothing to fear from our *very small* operation. Hope to see you next year. - *Len Kessler*







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Wanted

he Trainwire is always looking for an interesting article. If you have taken a trip lately, seen something interesting trackside, have a particular view point on a railroad subject or just want to participate in the Modelers Corner; 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 article and send them to the Editor by email and share them will all of us.

November Trainwire Deadline
October 15th.

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Sunday, October 5, 2014 11a.m. – 4 p.m.

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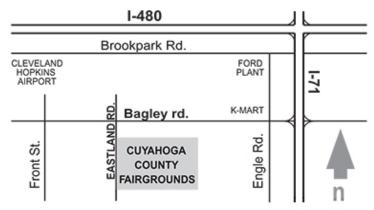
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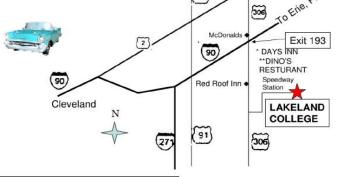
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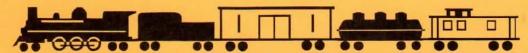
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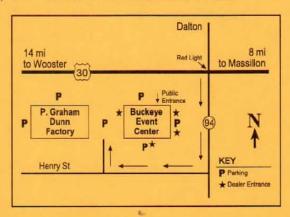
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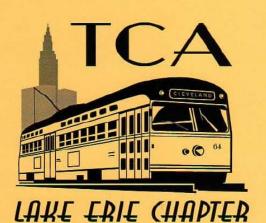
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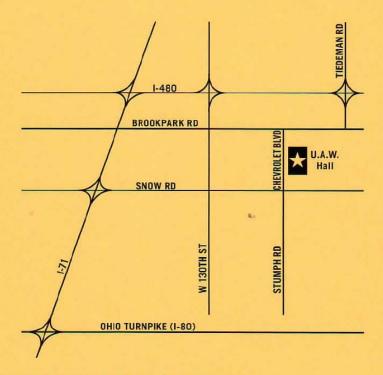
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