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Superintendent's Report

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s the year draws to a close, we should reflect on the good works of our Division this year and look forward to continued success in the New Year. Once again we held a very successful Railfest, which continues to fund our operating budget for the coming year. Thanks in part to great advertising, drew about 4000 we Many of active visitors. members helped tremendously with setup. teardown, module layouts, and helping vendors. We participated in KidFest at Mentor Mall, which also drew an excellent crowd. Rails in the Park at Farmpark again saw our module groups participating. And who can forget the Lincoln Funeral Train Exhibition! Again, many of our members were actively engaged in the planning and execution of this very successful event.

Several of our members went in small groups throughout the year to various real railroad venues, and our Division travelled en masse to the Warther's Museum and Age of Steam Roundhouse. We also held a two-weekend Division Layout tour---which drew several modelers from adjacent Divisions in addition to several of our own members. In November (well, actually Oct. 31) we held our most successful 'How-to-Build a Model Railroad' event yet. And of course, the year ends with our HO and LENS module groups displaying at Lake Farmpark's Country Lights Holiday event the full month of December.

So what's in store for us in 2016? Hopefully we gain a few more members (had a few in 2015); our meetings—nay 'events'---will continue to draw more attendance and our clinic programs will be meaning-ful. What new trips would



Dave Neff – Superintendent Division 5 NMRA – Mid Central Region

you like to see? And don't forget our Mid Central Regional in late April in nearby Columbus, and National Convention in nearby Indianapolis in July! See you at our annual Christmas Holiday Party on Friday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Bonnie immediately for reservations and payment!

-Dave Neff



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

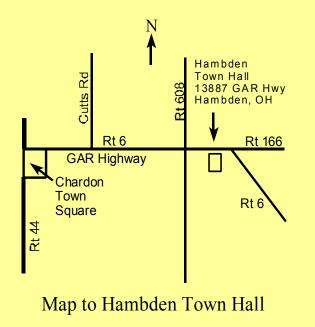
Located on Rt. 6 between the intersection of Rt. 608 and Rt. 166 next to Hambden Elementary School east of Chardon.

<u>January, 2016</u> No Meeting

February 5th, 2015 Location: Hambden Town Hall 'Understanding RR Signals' Part 2 (Bill Osborne) Program: Bring & Brag: Signals and Signs

March 4th, 2015

Hambden Town Hall Location: TBA Program: Bring & Brag: TBA



SCHEDULED EVENTS

(2016)

Snow Dogs Train Show		January 2
UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet	t Blvd.	
Parma, Ohio 44130	(10 am - 3 pm}	
Division 5 Holiday Party		January 8
Hambden Town Hall		
Hambden, Ohio	(6:30 pm)	
Antique & Collectible To	y Show	January 9
Lakeland Community Colle	ege	
Kirtland, Ohio 44094	(9 am - 3 pm}	
Division 5 BOD Meeting		January 11
Hambden Town Hall		January 11
Hambden, Ohio	(7:30 pm)	
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TWA Train Meet		January 16
UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrole	t Blvd.	
Parma, Ohio 44130	(10 am - 3 pm}	
TWA Train Meet		February 27
UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrole	t Blvd.	
Parma, Ohio 44130	(10 am - 3 pm}	
Railfest 2016		March 19 & 20
Lakeland Community Colle	-	
Kirtland, Ohio 44094	(10 am - 4 pm}	
Railfest Dinner		March 19
Painexville Depot		
475 Railroad Street		
Painesville, Ohio 44077	(5:30 pm)	



Division 5 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent **Dave Neff** at 7:30 pm at Hambden Town Hall. 29 members and 2 guests were present.

An article about the **Lincoln Funeral Train display** and Division 5's sponsorship of it was in the Business Car section of the December 2015 NMRA Magazine.

Items left from **Paul Chapple's collection** were available for a small donation.

Discussed some **possible tours for 2016:** EnterTrainment in the Cincinatti area, PA Trolley Museum near Washington, PA, and the NYC Museum in Medina, NY.

It was noted that there is a nice article in the online edition of the **NMRA Business Car** about scratchbuilding louvers that let light through.

Starting with the Feb 2016 meeting, **the monthly raffle** will now be done using a computer program to eliminate the paper tickets.

We need some members to volunteer to be on **the Nominating Committee** for our upcoming Division elections. Dennis Lloyd has volunteered to be the election Teller.

Due to the addition of counties to the Division 5 area, we will need to revise our **Division Regulations** in several areas.

Bring & Brag: Theme – Signals & Signs

Bill Berger	Mike Rudder	Matt Kross
Linda Kacprzak	Bryan Persing	Tom Pescha
Bob Orlando	Bill Osborne	Dave Metzger

Program: Bill Osborne put on a clinic about prototype signals. Bill brought in a number of real prototype signal components to show their actual size and how they work.

Submitted by

Matt Kross - Division 5 Clerk

Businesses Accepting Division 5 Certificates

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



Stewart's Hobbies & Collector's Toys Hobby Town USA Train Specialty Company Toy-N-Hobby Headquarters Willoughby, Ohio Mentor, Ohio Chardon, Ohio Geneva, Ohio



Please support these dealers!

Pictures from the December Meeting

Photos by: Tom Pescha



Next Division 5 Meeting February 5, 2015



Bulletin Board

Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed

2016 will be an election year for Division 5 so we need to form a Nominating Committee to put together a slate of candidates. We are looking for three representatives, each from a different county. Your job would be to review Division 5 members and determine if they would be good candidates for office. You would then need to contact them to see if they would be willing to run.

If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee, please contact Superintendent Dave Neff.

Refer to the section elsewhere in this Trainwire on the Division 5 Election Process for more details on the Nominating Committee duties.

Losers Raffle Prize Drawing

All the losing raffle tickets left over from the monthly meeting prize drawings throughout the year are collected for one last drawing. At the annual Division 5 Holiday Party, 19 tickets are drawn from this collection. Winners receive Division 5 Award Certificates ranging in value from \$25 to \$100. You do not have to be present to win.

Only Division members are eligible.

Division 5 Holiday Party

When: Friday, January 8, 2016

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Dinner served at 7:00 pm

Gift exchange and Losers Raffle will start around 7:30 pm

Where: Hambden Town Hall

(our normal monthly meeting location)

13887 GAR Highway (Route 6)

Chardon, Ohio 44024

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

Entertainment: Catered Buffet Dinner (Roast Beef, Ham, Chicken, Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Beverages)

Chinese Gift Exchange (\$15 to \$20 value item)

Lucky Loser's Raffle Drawing

This year's costs are as follows:

\$5 for Division 5 member

\$5 for one guest of a Division 5 member

\$10 each for additional guests.

Advance sign-up and payment is required for the dinner. RSVP and money to Bonnie Lette, Treasurer by December 30, 2015. No payment will be accepted at the party.

<u>Revised Chinese Gift Exchange Rules</u> <u>for the Christmas Party</u>

For those people wishing to participate in the Chinese Gift Exchange, bring a **new or unused model railroad related gift** costing approximately \$15 to \$20 to the party. Mark on the gift what scale it is such as "HO", "N", "Any", etc.

Note: Only those bringing a gift may participate!

All those participating will be assigned a number. Once the exchange is started, a designated person will pick numbers. As numbers are picked, the person with that number gets to take their turn. The first person picked takes a gift from the table, opens it, and shows it to everyone. The next number is drawn and that person can then either pick a gift from the table or take the gift from the first person. If he takes the one from the first person, then the first person gets to pick another gift from the table. The third person picked can then either pick a gift from the table or take the gift from either #1 or #2. If someone has their gift taken, they get to pick a new one from the table or take one of the gifts from someone else. They cannot take back the gift that was just taken from them! This continues with each person having the choice of either picking a gift from the table or taking a gift from one of the other participants until everyone has a gift. At the end, the first person picked then gets to trade their gift with any of the other people. If you want, you can bring more than one gift so that you can get additional picks. It is a lot of fun and everyone is encouraged to participate!



Bulletin Board

Division 5 Election Process

The following are excerpts from our Division 5 Regulations explaining the election process:

The Division Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Superintendent. It shall be composed of a Chairperson and two other members. Each person on the committee shall be from a different county of the Division. The current Superintendent shall not serve on the committee, nor sit with it during its deliberations. The Nominating Committee will report the nominations to the Clerk and the membership.

Members of the Nominating Committee may not nominate themselves for any office, including re-election for office.

The Teller shall report the results of the election to the officers of the Division and to all nominees prior to the May meeting. The results are to be announced by the Teller at the May meeting. Those elected shall be invited to participate in the May Board of Directors meeting. The newly elected officers will assume office June 1st.

Nominations for Division 5 offices may be made by a petition signed by two members and the nominee and submitted to the Nominating Committee. The signatures must be legible and the member's NMRA membership number and their membership expiration date must appear with the signature. The petition shall state for what office the candidate is seeking nomination. No candidate can be nominated for more than one office in an election.

Nominations from the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the January meeting of the election year. Nominations of members from the floor shall be presented at the February meeting of the election year. Nominations from the floor shall be by a motion and must be seconded. Nominees cannot nominate themselves.

No member shall be nominated to an elective office without their approval.

Election for Division officers shall be conducted by mail ballot. Nominees for office and qualifications for same shall be included in the March issue of the <u>Trainwire</u> for elected office balloting.

Division 5 2016 Elections

This coming spring will be election time again for Division 5.

There are 2 elected officers in the Division:

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent

Elections are held every two years in the Spring of the even-numbered years. Only Division 5 members may hold office. Terms are two years in length and are limited to 4 consecutive years (two terms) in a row in the same office. If a member has been in a position for two consecutive terms, they can be elected for that position again after they have been out of that position for one term.

If you are interested in running for Superintendent or Assistant, please contact a member of the Division 5 Nominating Committee.

The duties of the Superintendent are:

Preside at all Division 5, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee meetings.

Serve or appoint a proxy as the Division representative on the Region Board of Directors.

Assign the Assistant Superintendent Suitable duties and keep him/her informed of Division 5 business.

Appoint chairpersons of committees required to accomplish the stated purposes of the Division.

Cooperate with other Divisions in every way possible.

The duties of the Assistant Superintendent are:

Assist the Superintendent in any way possible.

Assume the functions of the office of Superintendent during the absence of the Superintendent.

Run the monthly meeting raffle.

Run the Bring & Brag period during the monthly meeting.







Part III

The North Platte Experience



Alliance to North Platte - Friday 9/18 was a cold, dreary, overcast and dizzily day. All we wanted was to get away from this second rate motel and grab breakfast on the road. Did you know that there is no diner between Alliance and Norther Platte? Me neither! No breakfast and 3 hours later we arrived in North Platte under a beautiful blue sky filled with sunshine. First order of business was



to check in at the Days Inn. When I pointed out the building, Bob's comment was, "We're not staying there." Next came one of his famous "U" turns and we were pulling into the Comfort Inn's parking lot. So much for my plans! When I got out of the truck to change reservations, the first person I saw was my former chiropractor who lives in my neighborhood. Doctor



Brown and his hunting party had to spend a couple of nights at the Comfort Inn while their transmission was being replaced. They were on their way to Montana to hunt elk when they lost their transmission in North Platte, small world isn't it. In a short time accommodations were completed and we were on our way to Perkins for a **big** brunch! The next thing on the itinerary was a bus tour



of the Bailey Yard, the largest railroad classification yard in the world. I had ordered tickets for this special bus tour that started from Cody Park, but that was one of the things I left at home. *"Not a problem"* said old



mister smooth talker Bob, *"I'll get us tickets for the bus."* While Bob negotiated with authorities, I located the other members by phone that were converging on North Platte. I found out that Dave and Dale were

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Platte and were scheduled for this bus trip. I gave them direction to Cody Park and told them not to spare the horses. When Bob got back to the truck, not only did he have tickets for the bus tour, he also had tickets for a train ride from Bailey Yard to Maxwell, Nebraska about a half hour trip one way. Finally our four companions joined us and we boarded the bus. The first thing our tour guide introduced us was the green box that is used to run the massive engines by remote control *(last 2 pictures on previous page)*. We also learned that Bailey is a massive yard that covers 2,850 acres, reaching a total length of eight miles and is two miles wide. The yard is located in the midst of key east-west and north-south corridors, making it a critical component of Union Pacific's rail network. Bailey Yard has 17 receiving and 16 departure tracks handling 14,000 rail cars every 24 hours. Of those, about 3,000 cars are sorted daily in the



yard's eastward and westward yards, nicknamed "hump" yards. Using a mound cresting 34 feet for eastbound trains and 20 feet for those heading west, the hump yards allow four cars a minute to roll gently into any of 114 "bowl" tracks. Here they



become part of trains headed for destinations in the East, West and Gulf Coasts of America, as well as the Canadian and Mexican borders. An average of 139 trains per day, comprised of raw and finished goods, such as automobiles, coal,



grain, corn, sugar, chemicals, steel and consumer goods, including electronics, apparel and other retail products are handled at Bailey Yard. To keep America moving, train operations and repair shops at Bailey Yard are open 24 hours a day, seven



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days a week. The fueling and service center processes more than 9,000 locomotives each month, using technology like overhead cranes and elevated work bays to maintain fluid operations. The on-site car repair facility annually replaces 10,000 pairs of wheels, many identified



through an in-motion defect detector using ultrasound technology to inspect the wheel. This detector was developed by Union Pacific and is the only one in the world. Some wheel repairs even take place without the rail car ever leaving the track, minimizing down time. After the bus

tour, our group of six explored the engines on display at Cody Park. There was a Challenger with tender, a baggage car converted into a museum, a mail car and a caboose. On another track was a DD 40 one of the largest diesel engines in Union Pacific's inventory and a box car.



They also had a depot that was moved there from Hersey, Nebraska. Enough mind boggling information and sightseeing, it was time to go back to the motel, freshen up, take a break and make arrangements for a late dinner. Someone of the locals suggested a favorite sports bar and gave me enough coupons for all of us. Everyone had a different agenda on things to do before and/or after dinner. Getting this group together for dinner seemed an impossible task. Unbelievably, we all arrived at the restaurant within 3 minutes of each other, go figure. This is the first time all eight travelers had seen the whole group since we left Ohio, all on different days. After a short wait, we were seated at one table to enjoy good company, good food and liquid





gratification. Time seemed to come to a screaming halt as we savored comparing notes, laughing at each blunders, missed time other's schedules, shabby accommodations and meals, what we saw and what we missed. It was a delight spending time with old friends so much so that the experience was more important than any other plans that had been made for the remainder of the evening. It was a good thing we all had ten percent coupons seeing that the bar felt it appropriate to charge \$1.00 extra if your drink had ice in it or if your martini was served up without ice. At this point it was the end of a very busy day and no one really gave a damn. Next stop, bed!

To be continued.....





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Bad Weather Closings

Even though the weather is still very nice and warm, soon it will change to winter with cold and snow. In the event that it becomes necessary for us to cancel our meetings, it will be broadcast on Ch 5, WEWS.

So if the weather looks bad, and you want to know if the meeting has been cancelled, check on Ch 5 or <u>www.newsnet5.com</u>, click on the weather tab, then the closing tab to see if we are listed. "and will be posted on Division 5 web page at <u>www.mcr5.org</u>"

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.

> February Trainwire Deadline January 15th.



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Matt Kross

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