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# The Trainwire



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# Superintendent's Report

# Winter Musings

he Division Christmas party in January is behind us. Not a large gathering this time; we need to re-think what we want to do next time around, (evening? Daytime? Friday? Saturday?.....)

Time now to really attack the model railroad and make some progress...... Discussion in our LENS group recently on various ways to clean track, looking for easy ways, maybe unique tools, upgrades of track-cleaning cars, etc...

It seems one of axioms in model railroading is Law of Dropped Objects on Hard (or even Soft) Surfaces: Horizontal distance small object travels, ie screws, wheels, locomotive and rolling stock small details, etc, is at least twice the height of the vertical drop, within 360 degrees......

Discovering (once again) how tedious it is to clean turnouts. Maybe I'll do a detailed article or clinic someday on specific tools and techniques, which probably will be all-scales applicable.....

Looking forward to the pilgrimage last weekend in January to the Amherst Railway Society Springfield Show. Probably one of the two or three largest in the land, and every model railroader should attend just once....our own 'hajj'......

Learning reluctantly to take better care in locomotive maintenance. Does anyone use a swab of dilute acid (what type?) to deoxidize motor pickup contacts on the trucks? Constructing a new module for use at Railfest and upcoming national Ntrak layout convention in Pittsburgh in June. Our Division needs to finalize a Road Trip for this sum-



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mer if we wish to take one.

Come one, come all to the February and March meetings. Review of a Florida club layout by Brian Pershing in February; Dave Ellis will present a clinic on Backdrops in March, and of course we'll plan for Railfest. See you there.

- Dave

# 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.

#### February 3rd, 2017

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: Shell Point Model RR (*Bryan Persing*) Bring & Brag: Roadside attractions - tourist traps

#### March 3rd, 2017

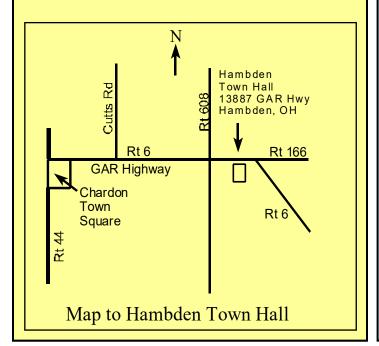
Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **TBA**Bring & Brag: **TBA** 

#### April 7th, 2017

Location: Hambden Town Hall

Program: **TBA**Bring & Brag: **TBA** 



## SCHEDULED EVENTS

Medina RR & Toy Show February 5

Medina Fairgrounds (flyer on page 8)

Medina, Ohio (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Division 5 BOD Meeting February 13

Hambden Town Hall

Hambden, Ohio (7:30 pm)

Railfest 2017 March 18 & 19

Lakeland Community College (flyer on page 8) Kirtland, Ohio 44094 (10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

Railfest 2017 Dinner March 18

The Painesville Depot

475 Railroad Street (flyer on page 9)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (5:30 pm)

Massillon Train & Toy Show March 26

Massillon K of C Hall

988 Cherry Road NW (flyer on page 8)

Massillon,Ohio 44647 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Painesville Railroad Museum Fundraiser April 8

Harry Buffalo Restaurant

2119 Mentor Ave. (flyer on page 13)
Painesville, Ohio 44077 (3:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

Toy Train & RR Flea Market April 9

Salem Center Plex

1098 N. Ellsworth Ave. *(flyer on page 8)*Salem, Ohio 44460 (10:00 am - 3:30 pm)



# Pictures from the January Holiday Party

Photos by: Tom Pescha

























Next Division 5 Meeting February 3, 2017

# **Division 5 Annual Losers Raffle Winners**

The following lucky people were the winners in this year's Division 5 Annual Losers Raffle. They are listed in the prize order.

1 – Dave Ellis

2 – Rich Kacprzak

3 – Matt Kross

4 – Don Thomas

5 – Bryan Persing

6 – Chuck Limbert

7 – Bill Kester

8 – Ray Newnes

9 – Wayne Lette

10 – Dave Neff

11 – Ted Wiese

12 - Tom Pescha

13 – Anthony Conti

14 – Bruce Lutheran

15 – Linda Kacprzak

16 – Mike Buehner

17 – Dennis Lloyd

18 – Doug Riedel

19 – Bonnie Lette

# **Condolences To The Orlando Family**

ob Orlando age 72, of Mayfield Heights, passed away January 13, 2017, beloved husband of 48 years to Sandra (nee Popa) devoted father of Nicholas, Jennifer Gallucci (Thomas), and Kim Pasquale (Michael), loving grandfather of Alexandria, Antonio, Dominic, and Franco, great- grandfather of Zoe. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Mayfield Road. Interment was at All Souls Cemetery.

There is no easy way to say that a friend has passed. Bob Orlando was very giving with his knowledge

and time to many friends as well as his family. He was a kind and generous family man that loved his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and many friends. Model railroaders have lost a helpful and committed friend. It has been a pleasure having you for a friend Bob, the light of this world will be a little dimmer now that your beacon has been extinguished. You have slipped the bonds of this world to enter the Kingdom of the Lord. Bob you will truly be missed by family and the countless people whose lives you has touched over your many years. You have done your job well dear friend and now it is time for your final reward.

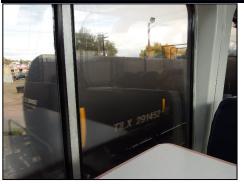
Rest in peace, and may the Lord watch over you throughout eternity; until we meet again.



Robert "Bob" Orlando 1944- 2017

# Rails Across the Nation

By: Len Kessler





Favorite Companion Traveler



#### The Empire Builder

have always had a love affair with railroads but never traveled anywhere by train. It has always been a desire of mine, but I never had time to make this dream trip to the west coast during my thirty-five year career in the Trade Unions. Shortly after I retired and

with my health slowly deteriorating and no interested traveling companion, I all but gave up on crossing the nation by rail. At 75 years old and handicapped, I was finally ready to pull the plug on my dream when my youngest son said, "I'll take you on that excursion dad." Within a week, he had made all the arrangements to leave on October 15th, 2016. I can't tell you how excited I was about the pending trip and being the editor of three newsletters, I anticipated a great article that would be printed in all three circulars. It all started on Saturday October 15th, 2016 at 3:30 am at the Amtrak station in downtown Cleveland. We boarded the train and stored our baggage and before we were seated, the train was in motion. Although it was very dark and hard to know where we



Chicago Union Terminal

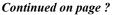
were, we could recognize going over the bridge at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. Hopkins airport was easily distinguished with all its lights illuminating the night sky. Now it was time to settle in our coach seats and try to catch some shut eye until we could see outside. Shortly after daybreak, we crossed from Ohio to Illinois. I couldn't help but be



disheartened by all the deteriorated factories and businesses we passed with their numerous broken windows, many others bricked in completely. parking lots with capacity for thousands of cars were empty and covered in weeds, bushes and small trees. The few factories that were still opened were manned skeleton crews



concrete silos and building infrastructure were crumbling and enveloped with rust, showing a major lack of maintenance. I was glad when we finally pulled into the Chicago Union Station and some sort of normalcy. The interior architecture of the station was impressive as was the size of the building. While this is a 4 ½

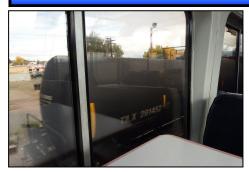








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hour scheduled layover, the station offered a private lounge for passengers traveling on sleeper cars. The lounge was bright and filled with comfortable chairs and couches and several large TV screens. Beverages such as coffee, soda or water were complimentary. In addition on this particular day they offered travelers an assortment of wine and cheeses to enjoy. Before we knew it, the



Empire Builder was ready to board, destination Seattle, Washington, *all aboard*. Once on board, we stored our baggage and my walker and found our roomette. In a roomette there is enough room for two adults and two small carryons. The room was 3 ½ feet by 7 feet, hell my closet is bigger than that. We made the best of it but spent most of our time in the dining and lounge cars. After dark, the porter converts the roomette from a 2 seat compartment into a 2 bed



sleeping area. It takes a little getting used to, after all you are trying to sleep on a narrow glorified cot that is rocking and rolling in constant motion with bright lights filling your cabin every time you went through a railroad crossing or got near buildings. But man can adapt to anything and after the first night, sleeping was like rolling off a log. By Sunday morning, we had traversed the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and had just entered Montana.



With the freight traffic having the right of way, our Amtrak passenger train had to spend a lot of time on sidings waiting for freight trains to clear the main line. From a comfortable seat in the lounge car, we saw more trains in an hour than I have seen in several days at the Depot, all while enjoying a sip of the grape. My son Greg brought along a box of wine, equivalent to 2 bottes, and was very gen-



erous to fellow travelers. Railfanning on a train has a whole different perspective than sitting in a car or on a wooden bench near a set of stationary tracks. Another exciting incident was when two trains go blaring past your car in opposite directions at the same time. You can't hear or see them coming and in an instant, *they're there*, sometimes with a shocking surprise. The price of a sleeper



ticket included 3 meals a day in the dining car. The meals were very appealing to the eye as well as the palate and ample size proportions. At the end of the second day, we went to bed still in Montana and hours behind schedule.

- to be continued....











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# Visit to the Byesville Scenic Railroad Museum









n June of last year, I went with my wife to visit the Byesville scenic Railroad Museum located in Byesville Ohio, just south of Cambridge, Ohio. As we were camping at Salt Fork State Park,

I wanted a quick trip to a train location, and the Byesville scenic railroad museum fit the bill. As we arrived, I noticed right away that the place was abandoned, with the exception of the station and the equipment. So not to be

one shy of doing a little exploring, I took a look at everything that was available. Located right up front was what looked to be a brand new ticket booth and a passenger loading platform. (See pictures above):







The crane was very interesting with some detail located on the side of it that I have not seen on other cranes in much worse shape. The pictures below on the left is a side view of the crane and the picture in the middle is

a close-up of the hand signals chart used on the crane:



The ride thru the country side to Byesville was very enjoyable. It was



located just off I-77, so if you are on the way down to southern Ohio and



you want a quick stop, you might enjoy this little railroad.







- Bruce Lutheran

Will be held at Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 Eleven miles east of College.

Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!

Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 18, 2017

#### Price:

\$20.00 per person

#### SPEAKER & SUBJECT

The Euclid Railroad - by Tom Pappas

#### RESERVATION DEADLINE

March 11, 2017

#### DINNER MENU

Tossed Green Salad Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side Chicken Roast Beef Corn Beef and Cabbage Mixed vegetables Red Skin Potatoes

#### Rigatoni

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**Beverages Stations:** Pots of Coffee - Pots of Decaf Coffee Pitchers of Coke - Pitchers of Diet Coke Coffee Condiments: Creamer, Sugar, Sweet-

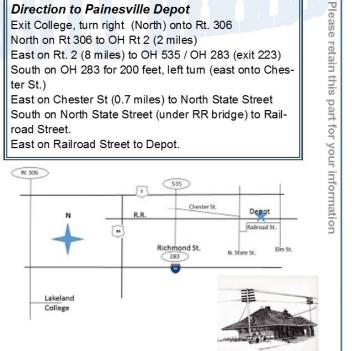
#### Direction to Painesville Depot

Exit College, turn right (North) onto Rt. 306

North on Rt 306 to OH Rt 2 (2 miles) East on Rt. 2 (8 miles) to OH 535 / OH 283 (exit 223) South on OH 283 for 200 feet, left turn (east onto Chester St.)

East on Chester St (0.7 miles) to North State Street South on North State Street (under RR bridge) to Railroad Street.

East on Railroad Street to Depot.



This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.

Cut and Return Cut and Return

> Please mail back with Separate Check for the Buffet by March 11, 2017. (Check will be held & deposited March 20, 2017) Make Checks payable to: Railfest

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### **BOD Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2017**

Attendance: Dave Neff, Bryan Persing, Bonnie Lette, Wayne Lette, Dale Smith, Bob Frieden, Lenny Kessler, Tom Pescha

- Railfest Still time to RSVP for box lunch and/or Railfest dinner, cut off is early March. Forms are on the website. Tables are selling. Jim sent an email with the status of Railfest.
- Railfest Jim is being asked if it would possible to move NMRA Table out of the hallway and into one of the main gyms. One suggestion made is to move the NMRA selling tables down one and have the NMRA Table just inside the door of Room A.
- The Highlanders Division of the Niagara Frontier Region Question brought up at the last meeting about any money remained from the Division that was moved to MCR. Dave asked around and it was suggested to find someone who has been in that group from the past for the answer. Short answer though was probably no money.
- Auction Loans for National Convention. Mike Bressel It is possible to loan money as we have in the past, but should talk to Bob Ansel about getting National to take this over in the future.
- May Membership meeting will be Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am 2:00 PM in Erie. At the Lakeshore Model Railroad Association's club house. 2320 East Lake Road.
- KidShow There is plans to have a layout at the show. Tom P has made arrangements with ProMark for our Division to have a table and layout. Volunteers will be needed to help during the show on March 25 & 26. Setup is Friday night March 27.
- How to Build a Model Railroad Day (Promo Day) is November 4<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to have a commercial for TV made and aired before the event. Total outreach should be approximately 151,000 homes.
- If you have events you want in the trainwire email them to Lenny Kessler
- Holiday Party was discussed and everything is ordered. It was discussed that we might move the holiday party back to Friday night depending on turnout. There was discussion of moving it back to December, but feeling was January is better due to work and family parties during December.
- Trip Idea Dale S brought another trip idea to add to the list. Mill Creek Central Railroad in Coshocton, it is a live steam venue similar to Blueberry. They do actual operating sessions and it is larger than Blueberry.

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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.



## Notice

I will be compiling the next Trainwire on the 19th of the month and any articles or reports that come in after the 19th will probably be published in the following issue. - *The Editor* 

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Saturday, April 8, 2017 3 to 5 p.m.

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