

Train Order

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Cab Signals

Fred Lux

It is hard to believe it is April already. As I write this temps are already in the 60's and the outdoors is beckoning. I wish I could convince my wife that an outdoor layout would be fun for everyone. She says I can't afford it. She is probably correct. However a high trestle over the pond in the back would sure look cool.

If you haven't logged in to the Division One web site recently, set aside some time to do so, and explore it. Member Paul Marsden has taken over duties as our web master from Ray Huber. He has completely redesigned the site. Take some time and browse through what he has created. At the same time, we owe a big Thank-you to Ray Huber for the years of work he has put in creating and managing the original site.

The April meeting is the last formal meeting of the Division One year. We are having a special members' night this year. Information about this event is included elsewhere in this newsletter. Also the election of officers and directors for 2013 – 2015 will take place at the April meeting. The slate of candidates is located elsewhere in the newsletter. This year, we have two candidates for the office of Director at Large. Paper ballots will be distributed at the meeting and the votes counted during the refreshment break. The election results will be announced after the break.

A couple of years ago we had a featured layout for each month. A couple of pictures of the featured layout were included in the newsletter, and the

layout owner had his layout open for Division One members to tour and the Saturday after the Division meeting. In the past couple of years we have gained new members, while other members have done more work on their layouts. It was suggested at the March meeting that we revive the layout of the month program this spring and continue it into the 2013 -2014 Division One year. Jerry Sahagian has volunteered to kick things off by having his layout open on Saturday, April 27 in the afternoon from 1 – 4 PM. More information about Jerry's layout and his open house is on the Division One web site and will be available at the meeting on the 26th.

As noted earlier, the April meeting will be the last formal meeting of the 2012 – 2013 year. Traditionally in May, we have a division outing for members and family / guests. This year's outing will be a trip to the Steam Institute in Owosso, Michigan, the home of Pierre Marquette 1225, which is under restoration. There will also be a stop of the Depot museum in Durand. Because of scheduling d both elsewhere in this newsletter and on the Division One web site.

Planning for the 2014 NCR regional convention is well underway. Various committees are hard at work with things that need to be done now. However, I still have one open committee chair position, that of publicity. This committee is responsible for creating fliers for the convention for distribution and deciding what events / train shows they should be disseminated at. They are also responsible for contacting publications and getting information about the convention on various calendar of events. I am asking again for a volunteer in this newsletter, and will ask at the meeting on the 26th. If no one

steps forward, I guess I will have to do some serious arm twisting.

There are two fliers included in this issue of the newsletter. One is for the National Train Day celebration taking place in Toledo on Saturday, May 4th. The other is for the first annual Small Layout Design Meet schedule for Saturday, June 1, in Findlay, Ohio. From the flyer, it looks as if they have a full, and very interesting schedule set up. Division One member Jeff Schumaker forwarded the flier to me and asked that it be included in the newsletter.

There will be a short version of the Train Order published in May. I will contain final information about the outing to Owasso, and the minutes of the April meeting. As I noted last month, this will be my last issue, as I am stepping down as publisher the end of May. The Division Board is still waiting for someone to step forward and take over the responsibility of publishing the newsletter. Talk with me, or any member of the current, or new, board if you are interested or would like more information about this position.

And finally, on Saturday, April 27, Dave McMullian and I will be in Lansing for the spring meeting of the NCR board. One of us should have a summary of the meeting for inclusion in the May newsletter.

I hope to see many of you at the April meeting on the 26th.

Minutes of March 22, 2013 meeting of Division One

Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH

Attendance: 21

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Assistant Superintendent Dave McMullian.

Dave reported on the current status of Bill Jacob Ray Huber and Tina.

Minutes of February 2013 meeting of Division One were approved unanimously.

Volunteers are still needed for the 2014 NCR Convention committee. In particular, a Publications Chair is needed.

On line registration is available for the 2013 NCR Convention in Troy (date Nov. 1-3). On line registration can be accessed at NCR2013-nmra.org.

Dave reported on the slate developing for the officers. Election will be at the next meeting. There is still a vacancy for Director at Large, a new position on the Executive Committee. Bill Jacob was nominated.

The new website is up and running.

Dave and Lou Glatzer researched library carts and they decided to recommend one that cost \$245 as best meeting our needs. It was moved and seconded that the Division buy the cart as recommended.

Jerry Sahagian suggested that the practice of having some layouts open for public viewing on the Friday following the Division monthly meeting be restarted. It was approved to start with April 2013 and will pick up again in the Fall. Jerry Sahagian's layout will be open in April.

New Business- the subject of our 501C3 status was brought up. Dave stated that we are pursuing this issue and will report back on the progress.

Dave discussed briefly the NMRA Board problems that have been reported.

Dave in his role as NCR President reported that the NCR Board will be investigating how to serve NCR members better.

Next month we will be focusing on what you are working on now. Everyone is asked to bring something to talk about or show. Bring photos on a thumb drive. It will also include a big RIP track.

Dean Pyers has suggested a trip to Owasso and Durand, probably an 8-5 day. We have settled on June 8 as the best day.

There was no other business. The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

After refreshments, Dex Decker gave a clinic on Tam Valley Depot products for powering turnouts and frogs.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Slate of Officers for 2013 – 2015

Superintendent – Dave McMullian

Assistant Superintendent – Jim Lang

Chief Clerk – John Roth

Agent (treasurer) – Phil Kauffman

Train Master of Services – Steve Kellogg

Director at large (vote for one)

- Bill Jacob
- Scott Davidson

You will note that, with the exception of the position of Director At Large, all of the offices are uncontested. We will have ballots to hand out at the meeting to facilitate voting. The ballots will be counted during the break for refreshments and the results announced after the break. My thanks to Ray Huber and Bill Jacob for heading up the nominations committee.

2013 MEMBERS NIGHT

Dave McMullian

This year we will hold our last regular meeting of the 2012-2013 Division One year on April 26th. The focus of the meeting's activities will be on members' modeling projects. Please bring as many models and projects as possible to display and share with everyone. They don't need to be new or complete. In fact, old projects will be appreciated by new members, and works in progress give everyone ideas on construction and techniques. (One of the models I will bring has been shown on members night the last two years!) We will have the digital projector set up so you can bring some pictures on a flash drive and show them on screen. That's a great way to share progress on your layout and projects too large to transport. If you have an idea for a mini-clinic, bring that too. You don't need handouts or a fancy presentation, just a demo or few pics on a flash drive

while you tell us about it. And feel free to bring pics of a prototype if you've seen something special out in the real world. The key to success for this event is PARTICIPATION. It will be as much fun as you make it by bringing your work to show and share. If everyone brings at least one project, it will be a very fun-filled evening. Let's all kick in big-time and finish the season on a high note!

2013 Division One Field Trip

The Steam Train Institute, Owosso, MI

and

Historic Durand Station and Museum, Durand, MI

You are invited to a great day of Michigan railfanning as we visit the Steam Train Institute in Owosso for a shop tour and view the overhaul in progress on Pere Marquette 1225. This is the beautiful 2-8-4 operated by the STI that was the subject of Dean Pyer's excellent clinic at our February Division 1 meeting. We will enjoy a steam train ride through the city and view the other STI exhibits and museum. There will also be a picnic lunch and rides on the 7.5" gauge railroad. Then it's off to nearby Durand to tour the renovated historic depot, view museum exhibits and layout, and watch the trains go by from the big porch.

Date: Saturday, June 8

Departure: 8:30 AM (watch this link for announcement on carpooling plans and directions)

Return: Approx. 6:30 PM

Cost: \$20 includes all activities (except lunch)

As an added attraction, that weekend is the annual Curwood Festival in Owosso. Check out this website for more info on this event:
<http://www.curwoodfestival.com>

To learn more about our destinations, go to these links:

<http://michigansteamtrain.com/sri>

<http://www.durandstation.org/>

At the April 26 Division One meeting there will be more information about lunch arrangements, departure points, carpooling, etc. If you would like to attend the outing but cannot be at the meeting, go to the CONTACT US page on the Division One website and email Dave McMullian.

We hope to see YOU on June 8!

NMRA News For April, 2013

Peachtree Express 2013 News

· Most of the prototype and general interest tours are limited to 50 people due to venue limitations. Keep in mind that we must confirm tours with the bus providers 30 days before the convention. So please register now to avoid disappointment and/or canceled tours due to lack of pre-registrations.

· Update of the tour to the CSX Training Center (P355): CSX has recently informed us they will **NOT** be able to allow us inside the center. We are working on substituting tours of Tilford and Hulseby yards. The good news is that we have added a visit to the Georgia Northeastern RR, where you'll get an overview of their operations, see some of their locos, and visit their dispatch center and yards.

· The Southeastern Region is hosting an NMRA Welcome Reception at the convention hotel on Sunday, July 14, from 4:00 - 5:30 PM, providing a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Light snacks and a cash bar provided.

· The clinic schedule has been posted to [www.NMRA2013.org](http://www.nmra2013.org) <<http://www.nmra2013.org/>> as well as updates to some of the other events.

· A very active and entertaining general interest/non-rail program is planned, so bring the family, sample some Southern hospitality, and see all that Atlanta has to offer.

· Model Celebration & Contest: Chair Bob Hamm has issued a challenge to exceed the 2011 Sacramento Convention in the numbers of models brought for display and/or AP judging. Let's not disappoint! Bring what you're working on and show it off.



Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan celebrate

National Train Day Toledo

Saturday, May 4, 2013

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Toledo Amtrak Station

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Plaza
415 Emerald Ave. Downtown Toledo OH

Opening Ceremony 9:30 a.m.

Amtrak Train • Norfolk Southern and W&LE Engines

Model Trains • Food • Music • Freight Rail Displays • Rail Art & History

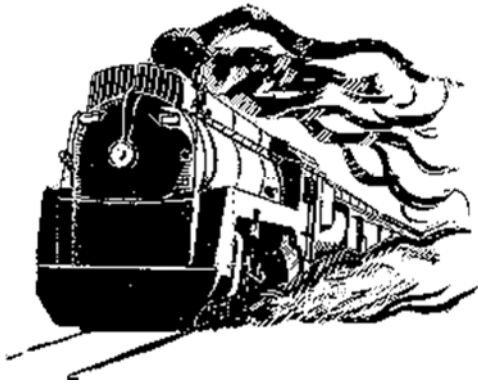
Train Trip Drawings • Kids' Ride • Vendor Booths • Prizes



FREE EVENT – SAVE THE DATE

For information: TrainDayToledo@aol.com

419.241.9155 ext. 134 www.tmacog.org



Small Layout Design Meet

Big layouts for small spaces

June 1st, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For early arrivals there will be a May 31st dinner social at 7:00PM. Activities for Sunday morning June 2 will depend on turnout and travel plans.

Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation Museum
11600 County Road 99
Findlay, OH 45840-9601

Send your reservation requests to

Marshall Stull
mstull@marshallstull.com or
call (517) 902-4018
R.S.V.P. by May 10th
to ensure your entry

We are asking all attendees to donate at least \$5 to support the Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation Museum in return for hosting the event.

Discussion of the design and construction of small and modular model railroad layouts.

We encourage everyone to bring something to share if you can. The meet is all about meeting others with similar interests, sharing modeling techniques and theories of smaller layouts -- table-tops, shelf layouts, micro-layouts, pizzas, modules and modular layouts -- and how they can be designed and built for enjoyment and modeling satisfaction.

Featured Items:

- Modular Layouts
- Display Layouts
- Table Top Layouts
- Quarter-scale Train Rides
- Lionel layout
- HO layout in progress
- Discussions on paper model building
- Discussion on Building a Layout with Foam Core
- Discussions on Layout Lighting including CFL and LEDs



See back for a list of area accommodations

Accommodations in Findlay

Findlay - Comfort Suites
(across the road from the museum)
3700 Speedway Dr
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 420-1212

Hampton Inn Findlay
921 Interstate Dr
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 422-5252

Findlay Drury Inn & Suites
820 W Trenton Ave
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 422-9700

Findlay Ohio - Quality Inn
1020 Interstate Ct
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 423-4303

Country Inn & Suites
903 Interstate Dr
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 422-4200

Findlay Inn & Conference Center
200 E Main Cross St
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 422-5682

Holiday Inn Express
941 Interstate Dr
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 420-1776

Red Roof Inn
1951 Broad Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 424-0466

Quality Inn
1020 Interstate Court
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 423-4303

Econo Lodge
316 Emma Street
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 422-0154

2013 is the first year for the Small Layout Design Meet. The objective is to raise awareness of small and modular model railroad layouts and the enjoyment they can bring. We hope to expand the show next year to include more layouts and move towards an exhibition style show as is done in Europe and Australia.

Please help us achieve our goal by participating and passing the information to others.