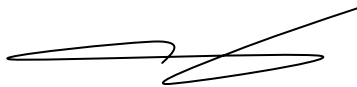


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Model of the Month

Your photo can be here if you just send us one.



**Work in Progress
By Ray Huber**

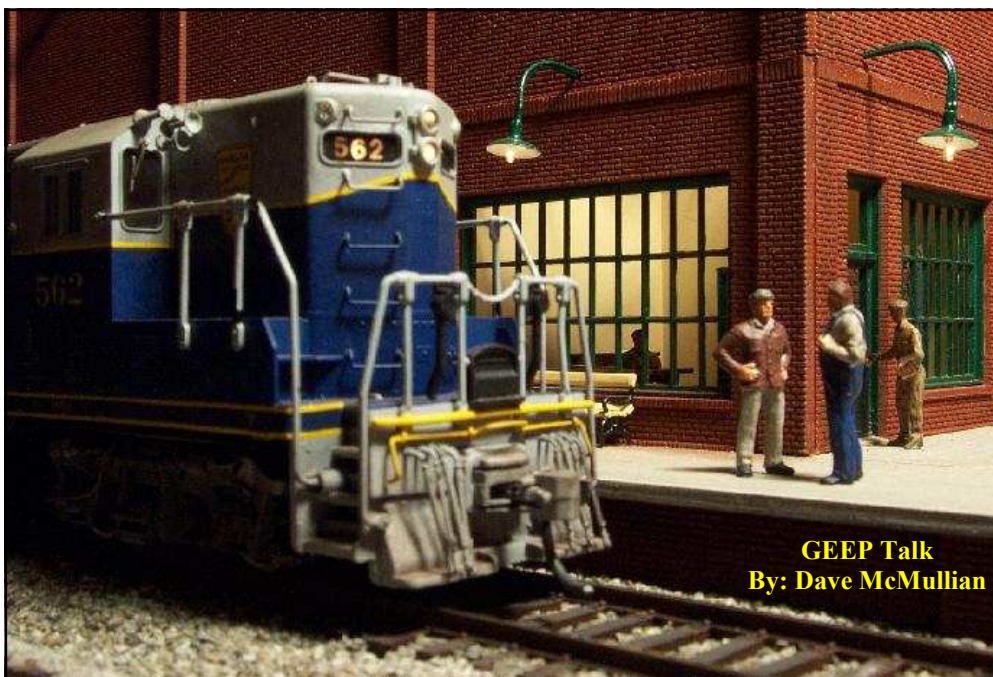
VIEW FROM THE CAB

Well, school's back in session, football is in full swing, and nights are getting crisp. That can only mean one thing: Division 1 of the North Central Region of the NMRA is back in action! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you as we kick off the new year on September 27th. We have a lot of catching up to do business-wise, including plans and prep for Maumee Express 2014, the regional convention we will host in April. We also need to catch up on the modeling and rail-fanning we did over the Summer so come prepared to show and/or tell what you've been up to the last four months.



This year, your leaders are going to challenge you to try some new things in terms of meeting activities. We've been doing Show-n-Tell for years and last year we added Tools-n-Tips. Show-n-Tell will continue as a forum for you to bring a model and for September the subject is open to whatever you've been working on. Tools-n-Tips will continue to provide an opportunity to show or tell something that makes us better modelers

This year, we're adding one more activity, called Pics-n-Flicks. Pics-n-Flicks is really going to open up some broad sharing opportunities, and I hope each of you will climb on board and make it work. Basically, it's this: if you've got something to share from your layout, or a project that's too big to bring in, or a rail trip you took, just put some photos or videos on a flash drive and share it onscreen with the group. It can be as short as one picture. The idea is to create dialogue and share information. Don't worry about fancy photography or formal presentations, just grab your smart phone or point & shoot digital camera and press the button. Think of the possibilities if we all get behind this idea. We all have so much to share as modelers and we hope this format will knock down some of the technical and preparation barriers so everyone can contribute for the good of all

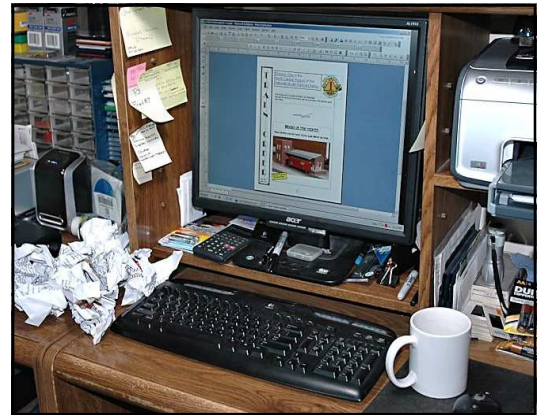


At the September meeting, we've got a few things lined up to show you how it works, and don't forget to bring something for Show-n-Tell and/or Tools-n-Tips. Let's make this the most informative and educational meeting year we've ever had and remember, it's all about YOU, so jump in and participate. See ya on the 27th.

Dave McMullian
Superintendent

From the Editor's desk

Another Summer Gone! Did you get everything done you wanted to? I did not which does not surprise me. I've planned every year to do this or that and have yet to do this or that!



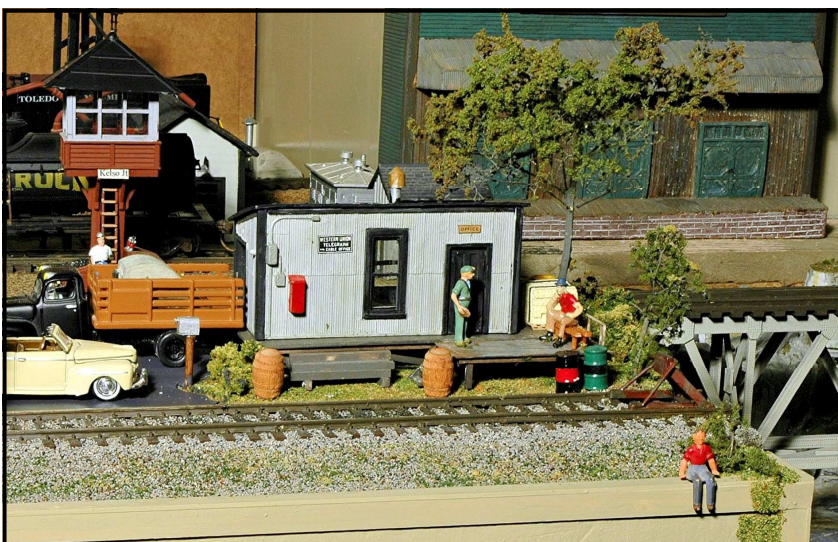
However, I did start a new DPM building (see cover) that needs just a few more details. I realize there is a lot of detail I could put on the building, but do we really need all the trappings of a first place model? There are those that will say, every model should be a first place model! I will not argue that point. However, each of us has our limits and skills, and that's what is important. As you step back from your work, are you satisfied? If you are, then you have accomplished what you set out to do. If your goal was to build a first place model, then maybe you should step back and take another look, Or better yet, let a new pair of eye's look at your work or take a picture and study the results.

If you're like me, different eye's or a photo tells many a tale and reveals those little flaws that our mind tends to blur out and a judge would have a ball with. Keep in mind, it's your Railroad and no one has the right to "knit pick" unless asked.

I once read that "a good leader should demand perfection" I say NA! To suggest, promote, or strive for is one thing, but to demand — remember, to demand perfection means that you must be perfect yourself.

More importantly, this hobby is for the fun of it, so enjoy it to it's fullest!

Ray Huber
Editor



New detail on the Toledo & Maumee Valley which is currently being rebuilt. Finish date?

Division One on the Move

Special Report



Pere Marquette
#1225

On the New Buffalo
Turntable

What: Division One Spring outing for members and family

When: Saturday, June 8th - 8 AM-3 PM

Who: Approximately 20 members and an additional 7 family members (wives and children)

Where: Steam Railroading Institute of Owosso in Owosso MI and a side trip to Durand MI to an active Train Station.

We were greeted by Dean Pyers, representing the Steam Railroading Institute of Owosso. He gave us an overview of the facility and encouraged us to enjoy their indoor museum displays. A brown bag picnic lunch followed. Dean led us on a tour of the back lot and repair shed where he explained the repair and restoration capabilities they have at this site. He highlighted the New Buffalo Turntable and the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton/Grand Trunk #15027 Burro Crane both of which are in active use. We walked to the shed where we could observe their people rebuilding the Pere Marquette #1225, the largest operating steam locomotive in Michigan. Its other claim to fame was its starring role in *The Polar Express*.

Our next event was a great train ride complete with re-enactors and a train robbery. We rode behind a Vulcan 0-4-0 steam locomotive switcher to the edge of town and back to the Owosso station. We also noted their extensive outdoor collection of cars and locomotives.

The short trip from Owosso to Durand took about 20 min. Durand features a working diamond crossing of tracks. The Durand Union Station, a functioning Amtrak station, is home to the Michigan Railroad History Museum. Our group had time to explore this historic depot and all the indoor displays including an HO model train layout complete with a scale model of the station. The observation platform provided a great view for the many trains that normally pass through town each day, but to our dismay only one train came through town during our visit.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Dean for organizing our visit and sharing his commentary and background information. His knowledge and welcome made this a really enjoyable day for all of us.

Jim Lang
Assistant Superintendent

Convention 2014 update

2014 NCR Convention Report
Fred Lux, convention chair

Planning for the convention is moving along nicely. The committee is now meeting almost monthly to deal with issues and make decisions as the need arises. It looks like we will have a nice selection of modular layouts in the ballroom area. All layouts will be in the same location this year.

There will be several convention items offered for sale to attendees and Division One members. These items include coffee mugs, polo shirts, and both long and short sleeve denim shirts. Dave McMullian will have a shirt order form at the September Division meeting. The committee is urging all Division One members to purchase at least one shirt and to wear it often to model railroad events. The committee feels this will be one effective means of advertising the convention.

By the time you are reading this article in the Train Order, Paul Marsden should have the convention web site up and running. There will be a link to this site from the Division One web site. Information on the convention will appear here as it becomes available. Online registration for the convention will go live sometime in mid October. We are doing as much as possible not to infringe on the 2013 Regional Convention in Troy.

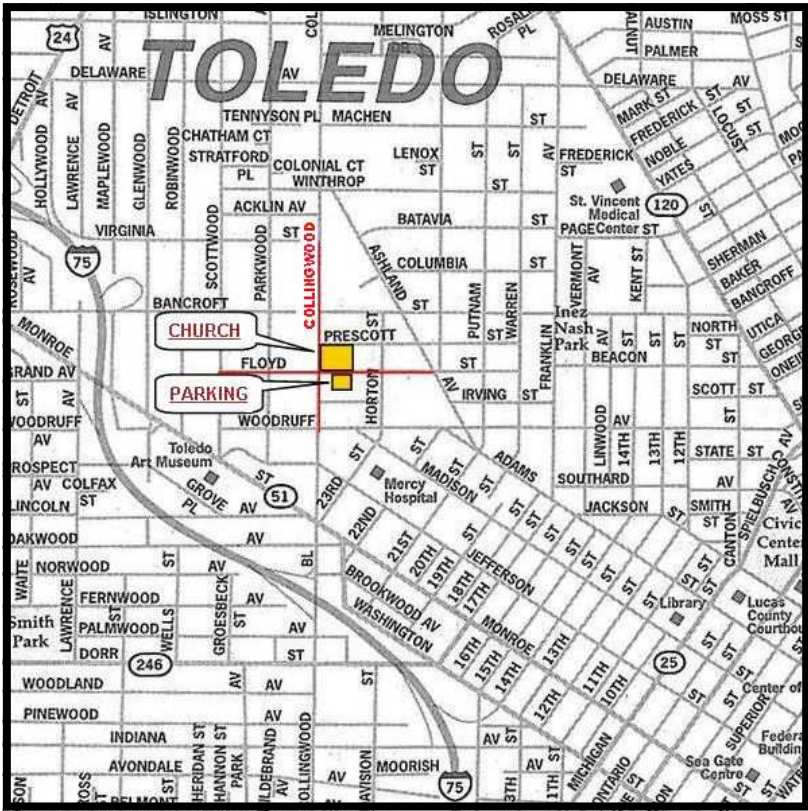
Mark your calendars for April 25 - 27. We are going to need everyone's help with this.

More next month...



Remember, April 25—27

We meet at the Collingwood Presbyterian Church located at 2108 Collingwood Blvd. at Floyd St. near downtown Toledo, Ohio. See the location map shown below. The doors open at **7:00 PM** and the meeting starts at **7:30 PM**.



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