

Train Order

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Cab Signals

Fred Lux, Superintendent

The Christmas season is over, all the decorations are put away, and the new goodies we acquired are now with the layout. You did acquire goodies didn't you?

We had a nice turnout for the Christmas party this year. It seemed like everyone had a good time. As Steve Kellogg mentions elsewhere, John K. got to open more than his share of presents. Everyone went home with something nice.

You will note in Steve Kellogg's article that a change has been made in the program schedule for February. William Jacob has asked that his program on bench work be rescheduled for a later date. To accommodate this, Steve is expanding his program on scenery to two sessions and will be presenting part one this month and part two in February.

I have made initial contact with a member of the Blissfield Model Railroad Club in regard to them hosting an operating session for interested members of Division One. I was told that this should not be a problem as they have done this for other clubs in the area. I will continue to pursue this and provide updates as they become available.

Last year, Division One donated two subscriptions for Railroad Model Craftsman magazine to the Monroe County Library system. I have emailed the head of acquisitions at the library to see if the subscriptions circulated well and if they are interested in having them renewed. I indicated that this was not a decision that I could make, but would have to be brought before the group for approval. I hope to have an answer from the library in time for the meeting.

I received an email from a model railroader in Detroit who does a lot of traveling chasing and photographing trains. His photos are posted regularly to a list serv. In addition to his photos, he receives photos and links from others in the hobby. Below is a link to a video clip that was shot this summer featuring PM 1225 and NKP 765 in double-head action. The video is about 9 minutes long. You will need a fast internet connection to view it. I found it enjoyable.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXJ9eKwYSpU>

The featured layout this month is the Stinky Creek, a logging railroad owned by James Treadaway. Jim is going to be open for two days – one for viewing the layout and one for observing an actual ops session in progress. More information is elsewhere in this newsletter.

And finally on a personal note, my hearing has deteriorated to a point where, according to my hearing doctor, I am now classified as profoundly deaf. I can carry on conversations one on one in a quiet setting, but am functionally deaf in any sort of group, or noisy situation. I am going to try to run this month's meeting, but will have to rely on someone sitting next to me to relay anything said from the floor. If this proves too cumbersome, or unworkable, I am prepared to turn the meeting over to one of the other officers. The doctor and I are exploring different options to try and remedy my hearing situation and hopefully things will be resolved in the not too distant future. Please bear with me as I try to work through this problem.

**Division One Minutes
December 18, 2009
Collingwood Presbyterian Church**

Superintendent Fred Lux called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

There were no visitors.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Officer Reports: Steve Kellogg reported on continuing investigations into the possibility of sponsoring a Train Show.

Old Business: There will no report on additional A-V equipment until the January meeting. John Roth reported on the status of the Division Library. It is progressing, but slowly.

New Business: Superintendent Lux took a straw vote on the possibility of an OPS trip in the spring. There was general support.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

After refreshments, the gift exchange began at 8:30 and ended at 9:21.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

**Kellogg's Korner
By Steve Kellogg**

A big thanks to everyone who brought items for the Chinese Auction, or snacks for the refreshment table. Everyone seemed to have a good time at the Christmas party. Next year, maybe we should just let John open all the gifts and hand them out to whoever wants them. That's about what he did this year.

This month's show and tell is: non-revenue or M of W cars. Let's see something in all the scales you members model. Remember, show and tell item gets you an extra door prize ticket.

I will be putting on the clinic this month and next month. My clinic is on scenery, from the ground up. Part one this month will cover the basic types of

scenery support and framing, (including their pros and cons), basic landform techniques and rock face casting and carving. Next month I will conclude with coloring, and applying various types of ground cover.

Since I will be setting up for the clinic, Tina could use some help getting the snacks set up. Thanks.

See everyone on the 22nd.

**January Layout –
Stinky Creek, James Treadaway**

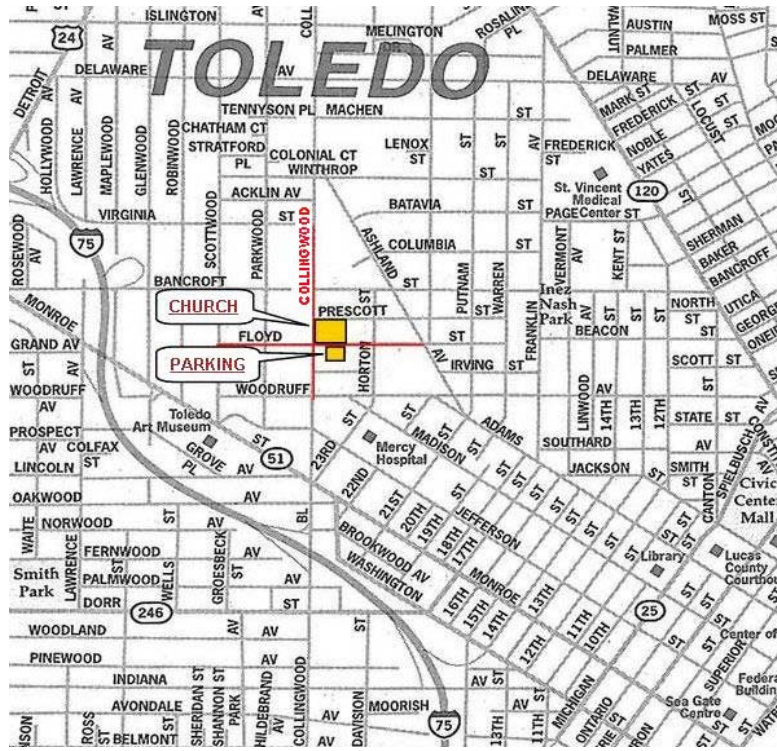
Jim Treadaway's Stinky Creek is the featured layout for January. Jim's logging layout features lots of Shay and Climax action, all DCC controlled. Steep grades require the use of helper locomotives in one part of the layout. Those seeing Jim's layout for the first time are in for a visual treat. His scenery is as good as anyone's in the Toledo area and rivals what is seen in many magazine spreads. Jim has just finished an expansion to his layout, so, except for his regular operators, there should be something new for everyone to see. Jim's layout will be open for viewing on Saturday, January 23 from 10 AM – 5 PM. Jim is also hosting a full operating session for his regular crew on Sunday, January 24 from 2 – 5 PM. Members of Division One are invited to come and observe his railroad in action.



Monte Crisco Mines Heisler #1 works a cut of empty ore cars up a steep grade on the new addition to Jim Treadaway's layout

Next Meeting – Friday, January 22

Collingwood Presbyterian Church



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