

Train Order

Division One NCR

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Cab Signals

Fred Lux, Superintendent

Thanks to Jerry Sahagian for setting up the Andersons tour. There is more about the tour elsewhere in this issue.

Because of the Andersons tour, there will not be a featured layout for April. When we put the schedule together, we were not sure when the tour would actually be scheduled, so we needed to keep the meeting weekend free.

Speaking of featured layouts, it is time to start thinking ahead to next year. It appears that Division One members have liked the opportunity to tour a different layout each month. Layout hosts have reported between 20 and 30 visitors at each of the open houses so far this year. A straw vote at a recent division meeting indicated that you, the membership, would like to do the featured layouts again next year. Therefore, I will have a sign-up list at the next meeting so that we can start lining up hosts for the year. Like this year, we need seven people to step forward and volunteer to open up their layouts. So far, both Larry Hickman and Hollis Merrick have indicated that they would be willing to act as hosts.

The April meeting will be our last meeting of the year held at Collingwood Presbyterian Church. .

Also, the April meeting will be our annual non-contest. There will be more about this annual event in Kellogg's Korner. Plan to bring something to share with the group.

Minutes of Division One Meeting

March 26, 2010

Chuck Williams, Chief Clerk

Attendance: 29

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm by Superintendent Fred Lux.

After Greetings and Announcements, the minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Old Business-the Anderson's tour was discussed. It will be on either a Thursday or Friday in the 2nd or 3rd week of April. Anderson's does not have a Saturday shift so a Saturday date is out.

Jim Treadaway discussed the results of his search for a suitable cabinet for our A-V equipment. He found a very good deal and went ahead and purchased the cabinet for \$54.39. A motion to reimburse Jim for this purchase was passed.

Discussion on the purchase of microphones (not to exceed \$200 for a wireless hand held mike and a lapel mike) resulted in a motion authorizing the purchase. It passed unanimously.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Barry Hensel of NCR Division 6 presented a DVD on the October NCR convention in Livonia (Oct. 21-24, 2010).

Dave Miller talked about his Z scale layout which is open for visits on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Shoe and Tell featured structures.

At 8:45, Bill Jacobs presented a program on the planning and construction of the benchwork for his new layout.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Kellogg's Korner

Steve Kellogg

A big thanks to Bill Jacobs for his different way to do shelf bench work. Looks interesting. I think I will give it a try when I put in my layout's staging yard this summer.

This month's program is our annual model, photo, memorabilia show. Everyone is encouraged to bring something, or more than one something, to show. This is not a contest. There will be no judging. Bring something you bought, built, shot (with a camera, not a gun), or collected and show it off.

Lets see LOTS and LOTS of stuff !

Tina and I will see you at the meeting. Now, lets see, what should I bring?

May meeting to be cookout at Jim White's

The May meeting will be held on Saturday, May 15, at Jim White's home in Lambertville. Saturday, May 22 is our rain date. In addition to viewing Jim's garden layout, we will have a cookout, along with a SHORT business meeting. Division will be providing hotdogs and brats, buns, and condiments. We would ask that each of you bring a dish to pass. Keep in mind that space to keep dishes cool will be limited. Family members are welcome at this event. There will be room for a limited number of guests of Division one members. I know that I have invited someone who is interested in model railroading to come and see Jim's layout. Because this meeting involves a cookout, we need to know in advance about how many people to plan for. Please let me know by Friday, May 7 if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party. Of course, all Division One members are welcome, even if you have not

attended any other Division meetings or events. Jim has indicated that his layout will open for viewing at 2 PM. We plan to fire up the grill(s) around 4:30. We will be grilling and eating between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. Jim has indicated that he will stay open as long as people wish to stay and play (within reason). Running after dark is an option.

We need to hold a short business meeting about 4 PM to wrap up the Division One year.

Jim has asked that his driveway be kept open for those with handicap stickers on their vehicles. His layout is almost completely handicap accessible. There is wheel chair access to the back porch and the bathroom and grab bars in the bathroom. He keeps a walker and a transport chair on site.

Because Division One is furnishing the meat, buns, and condiments, we need an idea of how many will be there. I will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting. If you are not at the April meeting and plan to come to Jim's, please email me or call me. (734-856-6489)

Don Bigney receives 50-year plaque

Don Bigney recently received a plaque from NMRA recognizing 50 years of membership in the organization. Don has been a life member for many years. I am aware of only one other current member in Division One who has received the 50 year membership award. During the course of his membership, Don has attended numerous NMRA national and regional conventions. He has won awards at the national convention for photography. He has earned three achievement awards. He has had his layout on both national and regional convention tours. Congratulations, Don.

National Train Day Celebration

This year's National Train Day Celebration in Toledo is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, from 9:30 AM – 4 PM. The event will be held at the Toledo Amtrak

station. Opening ceremony speakers include Marcy Kaptur - U.S. Representative from Ohio, Jolene Molitoris – Director of ODOT, and Michael Bell – Mayor of City of Toledo.

The celebration will include an Amtrak train, model trains, food, music, a NS locomotive simulator, Rail Art, train trip drawings, displays, rides, vendor booths, prizes, and kids' activities. Come on down and enjoy the fun.

National Train Day was created 3 years ago to celebrate America's love affair with trains and to commemorate the driving of the last spike in the first transcontinental railroad at Ogden, Utah. The event is sponsored nationally by Amtrak, and NARP (National Association of Rail Passengers), as well as other major railroads and local communities.

The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.'s 75th Anniversary Photography Contest

Win a cab ride in a Union Pacific steam locomotive!

The National Model Railroad Association and the Union Pacific Railroad are pleased to announce a model photography contest to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NMRA. The NMRA will pick one photograph submitted by an NMRA member in good standing depicting one or more models of UP equipment and/or structures in a realistic scene. The photograph will be judged for prototype fidelity of the modeling and scene as well as for photographic art.

The member submitting the photograph will win a cab ride in one of the mainline steam locomotives operated by the Union Pacific on the Kansas City to Jefferson City leg of the Missouri River Eagle Excursion. Airfare (up to \$500.00), two hotel nights, and transportation to and from the excursion will be provided for the winner by the NMRA.

To be eligible, the photograph must be in an envelope postmarked (or originated in transit by a

third-party service such as FedEx or UPS) by August 31, 2010, and received no later than September 7, 2010. Only one photograph may be submitted per envelope, but there is no limit on the number of photographs a member may submit. Photographic prints, slides, or digital images are acceptable. Prints must be 8" x 10." Digital images must be taken with a camera of 7.1 megapixels or greater to satisfy the printing requirements. All submitted photographs shall become the property of the NMRA, and the NMRA and Union Pacific may use the photograph in any manner they choose. All members participating in the contest agree to provide to the NMRA the original medium of the photograph (negative, transparency, or digital file) if requested.

Please send all photographs to Robert J. Amsler, Jr., 514 Dover Place, St. Louis MO 63111. Be sure to protect photographs from bending or mishandling in the mail.

The Andersons Tour

15 people showed up on Thursday, April 15 to tour the Andersons Rail Car facility. We had a very knowledgeable guide. Those of us on the tour had an enjoyable morning.

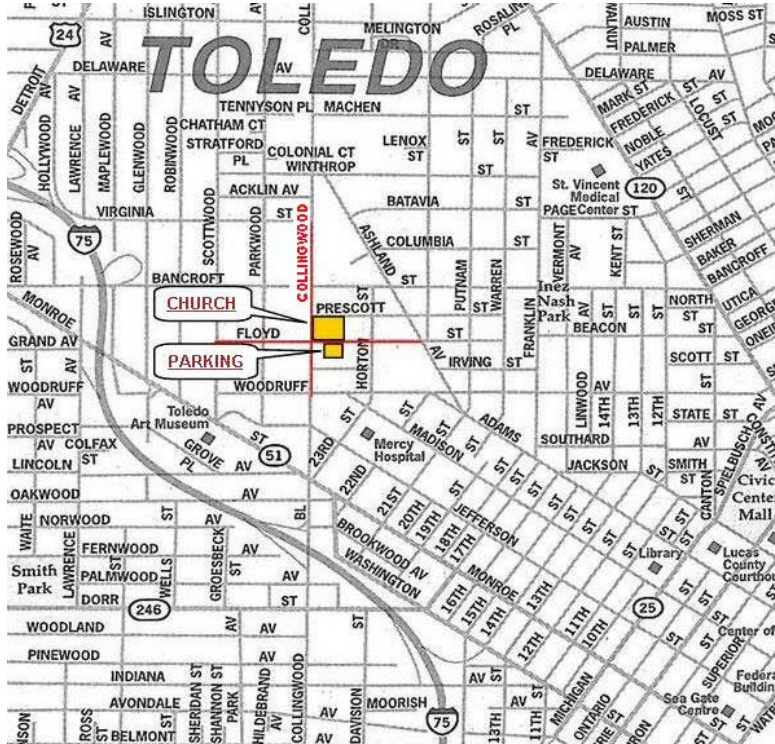


Division One Member Publishes Book

Marcel Poupard, a member of Division One, recently published a book on the history of railroads in Monroe County, Michigan. The book, mentioned in Scale Rails, is available at The Book Nook in Monroe.

Next Meeting – Friday, April 23
Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



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