



Train Order

Division One NCR

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Cab Signals

Fred Lux, superintendent

Our May meeting wraps up another meeting year for Division One. After the May meeting, we take a three month break and look forward to the fall when Division activities resume. For some of us, this signals a 3-month hiatus from modeling while we concentrate on summer activities. For others, like our May host Jim White, May signals the beginning of the garden railroad modeling season.

At some point during the next couple of months, your Division One officers will take time to meet and plan for our 2010 – 2011 year. The two speakers from outside the Division were well received last year, and we will be looking for more outside talent for the coming year. If you have a suggestion of someone who might put on a good program for a Division meeting, please let one of the Division board members know. Rich Mahaney, who presented a clinic on tank cars and industries served by them, has already offered to return and present another clinic for us.

The board will be taking a close look at the super show & tell non-contest that was held at the April meeting. Several people have commented that this program is not living up to its potential. Various options will be discussed, including everything from bringing back the old model and photo contest, to scheduling another formal program and just having a normal show-and-tell. If you have any thoughts on this subject, please share them with one or more of the board members, either in person or via e-mail.

At the March meeting, member response was in over whelming support of continuing the featured layout of the month. With this in mind, we need layout hosts for next year. So far, five members have stepped up to the plate. Only one of the five was a featured layout hosts for 2009-2010. We need three more volunteers.

This month's Train Order introduces what may become a new monthly column featuring profiles of Division One members. Twice in the past year, the Train Order has included a brief blurb about a Division One member who has received a 50-year membership certificate. At the Toledo Rec Center train show in April, another long-time Division One member handed me a typed sheet of paper documenting his activity in Division and model railroading. I am using his information as the first installment of a Division One member profile column. Here is your opportunity to write a short blurb about your model railroading interests and have it featured in the Train Order. You do not have to be a long-time member of Division to participate. This column provides a way for us to learn more about other Division members. This call for blurbs is to all Division One members, not just the ones that actively participate in the monthly meetings and activities. As long as you are a member in good standing of NMRA, you are automatically a member of Division One, regardless of whether or not you come to the monthly meetings.

Finally, remember that the May meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, at Jim White's house. There will be no meeting this month at Collingwood Presbyterian Church. More information

on the May meeting is included elsewhere in this issue.

Enjoy your summer. I hope to see all of you next September. Check the Division One web site from time to time this summer. Meeting dates for next year will soon be posted. Information of meeting programs and show-and-tell topics will be added as soon as they are available. Also, information on featured layouts and hosts will be added as soon as possible.

Have a great summer. I hope to see all of you next fall.

MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2010**DIVISION ONE NCR**

Attendance: 27

7:35 Superintendent Fred Lux opened the Business meeting. There was one guest. Nothing on the RIP track.

March 2010 minutes were approved as distributed in the Train Order.

Steve Kellogg reported on E-Bay sales of the Division car. Two had been sold.

May 2010 meeting will be at Jim White's home in Lambertville, 7139 Cranbrook, tel. 734-856-4465. Fred will send out an e-mail just before the meeting. He will call those who do not have e-mail. May 15 is the date for the meeting and May 22 is the rain date. At this meeting, the business meeting will begin at 4pm. This is a pot-luck dinner with the Division providing the hot dogs and drinks.

Under Old Business, Mike Anteau reported on his investigations about wireless microphones for the Division. He is still looking. Due to the projected expense to get a quality microphone, the Division is looking for only one at this time.

Jim White gave a Two Minute clinic on his session about Digitrax DCC systems and decoders.

After the Door prize drawing, the business meeting adjourned.

After refreshments, the time was spent looking at the various models and photographs which members had brought for the Super Show and Tell.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Member Profile**Meet Harry Kremper**

Harry is another Division One member who has been a NMRA member since 1957 and a life member since 1959. During this time, Harry attended every NCR regional convention from 1957 – 1978. Harry also attended NMRA national conventions in Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Chicago.

Harry has had his layout open for several NCR conventions, as well as for several other occasions. Some of the features of his layout include air-controlled switch machines, auto-indexing turntable working trackside signals, and stacked storage loops.

Harry was active in Division when it was first formed and he was living in Bloomdale, OH. Some of the older Division members may remember his 9 X 24 foot C & O layout named Cabin Creek Layout. Harry currently lives in Fostoria, OH.

May Potluck & Meeting

Our May meeting will be at Jim White's home in Lambertville, MI. on Saturday, May 15. The garden layout will open for viewing at 2 PM. A short business meeting will be held at 4 PM and the grill(s) will be fired up around 4:30. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages are being supplied by Division. Please bring your own table service along with a dish to pass. Also, bring some folding chairs if you wish to sit. The layout is almost completely handicap-accessible. Parking in the driveway is reserved for handicap vehicles. If the weather is ugly, the rain date is Saturday, May 22. If there is any question about whether or not the meeting has been postponed, call either Jim or me.

Next Meeting – Saturday, May 15

Bedford Falls Garden Railroad

2:00 PM

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