

# Train Order

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## **Cab Signals**

### **Fred Lux, Superintendent**

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, Division meeting is a week early this month. It will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, this coming Friday. Also, remember that the December meeting is also a week early.

I think that everyone who attended the October meeting of Division thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Pete Magoun made the trek down to Toledo from Traverse City, MI to present our program for the evening and to talk about his candidacy for a regional director slot on the NMRA board. Everyone that I talked to after the meeting indicated that they really enjoyed his program and got new ideas,

Show and tell focused on the regional convention. With snip-its of information from the attendees, I think we all go a good feel for what went on. It sounds like there were some outstanding layouts open for tour.

This month, our program will be presented by a Division One member. Tony sent me the following description for his program:

*the clinic will be how to build a light weight portable lift build bridge, I will discuss construction techniques and the hardware used. How the wiring was done for D.C. cab control and the use of electrical "safety blocks" to prevent trains from hitting the floor when the bridge is up. If time permits, I'm open to have a discussion on adapting the concept to a home layout and the use with DCC.*

Our sound system is now up and running with the new wireless microphones. We got an opportunity to

try out the wireless handheld mic at the last meeting. We may get a chance to try out the new wireless lapel mic at this meeting.

Don't forget to be thinking about a gift for Christmas party. If I remember correctly, we set a cap of \$30 last year. This doesn't mean you have to spend that much, just not more than that. Remember the items should be new, not something unwanted from your junk drawer. More details for the party will be in the December Train Order.

At the October meeting, members had the opportunity to pre-order Division One apparel. Dave should have the items with him for distribution at this month's meeting. If you pre-ordered items, please come prepared to pay for them

I will see you all at the the November meeting this Friday. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

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## **Kellogg's Korner**

### **Steve Kellogg**

Thanks to Pete Magoon for his entertaining and informative scenery clinic.

This month will be a clinic on building a working drawbridge. Also, I want to have a little forum about the Chinese Auction in December. I have had several comments and discussions about the appropriateness of some of the gifts. What I would like to do is have everyone who has participated in the past, and gotten something they feel wasn't, shall we say, up to par, tell what they got and why they think, or feel, that way. The Chinese Auction seems to be something almost everyone likes and looks forward to. I just want to head off anything that may turn any more off

from participating. The more participants, the better and more enjoyable (and at times hilarious) it is. I also want to go over how we do it for the new members who may not be familiar with how we do it.

Show and tell this month will be off line structures. This is any structure that is not rail oriented or served directly by rail.

A final word about the Division One cars. I heard a couple of negative comments about selling the cars at the last meeting for \$5.00 each. Basically, about how those of us who bought when the cars first came out, paying \$70.00+ for a set verses the \$25.00 at the last meeting. I too was one of those who bought a 5 car set when they first came out. I also paid the \$70.00+ for the set. The cars are completely paid for, the market for them is pretty much done. This was not just my decision. How much longer do we want to just sit on the cars trying to get top dollar for them? The cars have been removed from the web site and eBay. There are not enough of them left to justify keeping them on either or both places. I have three more train shows I am doing between now and the first of the year. I will be selling them at the same price they sold for at this past NCR Convention. There are only two 5 car sets and 3 individual cars left.

Tina will not be at this meeting. Her mom is not doing well, so she will be spending some time in Florida with her. Any help with snack set up and clean up would be appreciated.

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## DIVISION ONE MINUTES

Oct. 29, 2010

Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Superintendent Fred Lux recognized guests Pete Magoun and Mrs. Alexander.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

RIP track-

Dave McMullian discussed the mechanics of the shirt order and distributed order forms.

Steve Kellogg reported that the Division had only 29 Division cars left. He announced that the remaining cars were available at \$5 per car, 5 for \$20.

Pete Magoun discussed his candidacy for NMRA Regional Representative.

Superintendent Lux reported on the NCR Board meeting at the Regional Convention the previous weekend. The head tax has been revised down to \$5 from \$7. The Regional Convention schedule was set. There will not be a Regional convention in 2012 because the National will be in Grand Rapids, MI. Toledo is scheduled to be host in 2014. We will need to begin planning next year.

There was no new business.

Fred announced that Bruce Birkenkamp's layout would be open in November. There is none scheduled for December.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:45.

After refreshments, the door prize drawing was held. Show and Tell was individual reports by members who attended the Regional Convention in Livonia.

Pete Magoun presented a very interesting program on his techniques of making scenery, which emphasized quickness and ease.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05.

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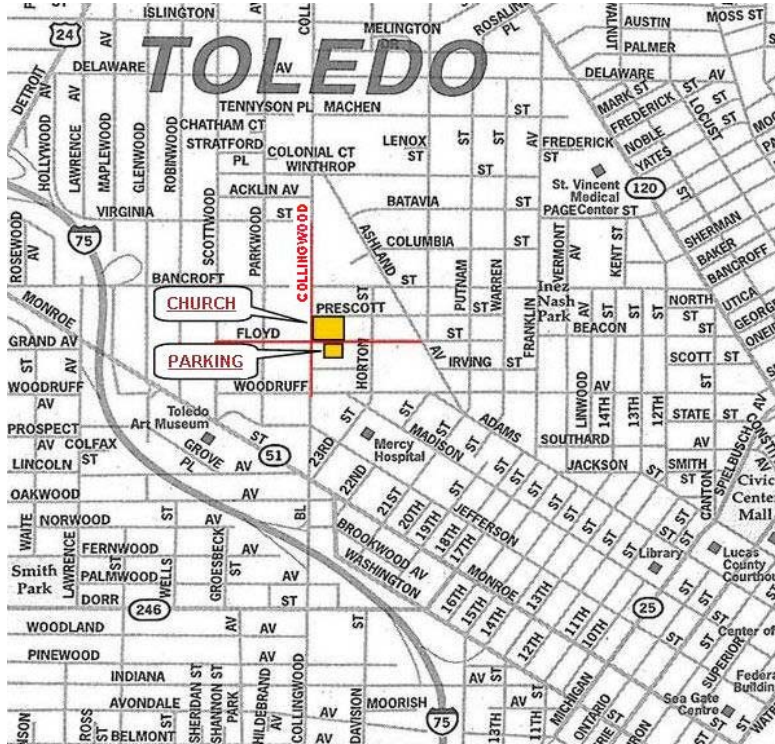
### November Layout Openhouse

Bruce Birkenkamp will be holding his n-scale layout open this month. If you have not seen Bruce's layout, it is well worth the time. Lots of hidden trackage make trains disappear and then reappear someplace totally different from what you expect. Details on time and location will be available in a separate email to members and at the meeting Friday evening.

Next Meeting – Friday, November 19

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



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