

Train Order

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Cab Signals By Fred Lux

Here it is December and time for the annual club Christmas party. As in the past, we will be having a potluck meal. The club is furnishing the meat and such. Members are asked to bring side dishes, appetizers, deserts, etc. Also, we will be having our annual gift exchange. If you wish to participate, you are asked to bring a new gift valued at not more than \$20. (I know that I used the \$30 figure in the last newsletter, but I was in error. There will be no show and tell table, nor will there be any door prizes. We will keep the business meeting as short as possible.

Don't forget the Celebration of Trains this weekend in Blissfield, Mi. There will be several home layouts, including Doug Tagsold's new layout, open, along with the Blissfield Model Railroad club.

I hope to see you at the meeting next week. If you are unable to make it, have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Minutes of Division One meeting
November 19, 2010
Collingwood Presbyterian Church
Toledo, OH
Attendance: 30

Called to order at 7:36pm by Superintendent Fred Lux.

There were no visitors.

Fred announced that Blissfield was having a model railroad weekend December 11 and 12. The Blissfield Club, Doug Tagsold's new layout and two other layouts would be open in the afternoons.

Steve Kellogg announced that there were only 3 five car sets of club box cars left plus some single cars.

Steve also asked that members give some thought to the gifts they will bring to the annual Christmas party gift exchange. He also emphasized the suggested price range to \$10-\$20.

New Business: Fred re-iterated the need to find a Convention Chair for the 2014 NCR convention which we will host.

After the door prize drawing, the business meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Following refreshments, Tony Kukwa gave a very interesting clinic on how he constructed a lift bridge for his modular model railroad group. The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Kellogg's Korner
By Steve Kellogg

Tina and I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. She is now back from Florida and we thank everyone who helped me last meeting.

This month is our annual Christmas party and Chinese Auction.

As I brought up at the November meeting, I have received several complaints about the gifts.

Mostly about their "value", and "appropriateness". Several members have told me that that is why they no longer participate or even attend that meeting. As I said at the meeting, THINK about what you are going to bring. Is it something you would like to get? If you are not sure about what you are thinking about bringing, get a gift certificate or card. The receiver can then get what they can use. (That doesn't mean everyone bring one!)

Also remember, not all of our members model HO or N scales. I know that it is very difficult to find a gift in the other scales that fall into the price guide lines, but that is another reason to think about a gift certificate. Again the receiver can apply it towards something they can use. I encourage everyone coming to participate this year, no matter what scale you are in.

For those not familiar with the way our Chinese Auction works, a quick explanation.

Everyone bringing a wrapped gift (VALUE of \$10.00 to \$20.00) gets a number.

The person who draws the number 1 goes first. They pick any one gift off the table, and open it in front of everyone. They then draw the next number. That person has a choice. They can either open another gift, or take an already

opened gift. The Person losing their gift, then gets to either open another gift, or take someone else's gift. The only rule, you can't take back a gift you already had, but lost. After the last gift is opened, the person who went first can either keep what he has, or exchange what he has with anyone else, except if it was something he already had, but lost. Because of the Chinese Auction, there will be NO Show and Tell or Door Prizes this month. Also, everyone coming is encouraged to bring some kind of Christmas snack to share. At the last meeting, I started a list of what was being brought. It looks like the list never made it all the way around the room. This is what I have so far.

Baked beans

Chocolate cake

Relish tray

Swedish meat balls

Division is providing drinks and chips.

I would like everyone who wants to bring something, call or e-mail me with what you are thinking to bring. That way, I can let you know if anyone else is going to bring the same thing.

My number is 419-382-6270, e-mail is

ATSFMKTROCK@yahoo.com.

One last item. Please tell me in advance at the meeting if you want any of your leftover snacks back.

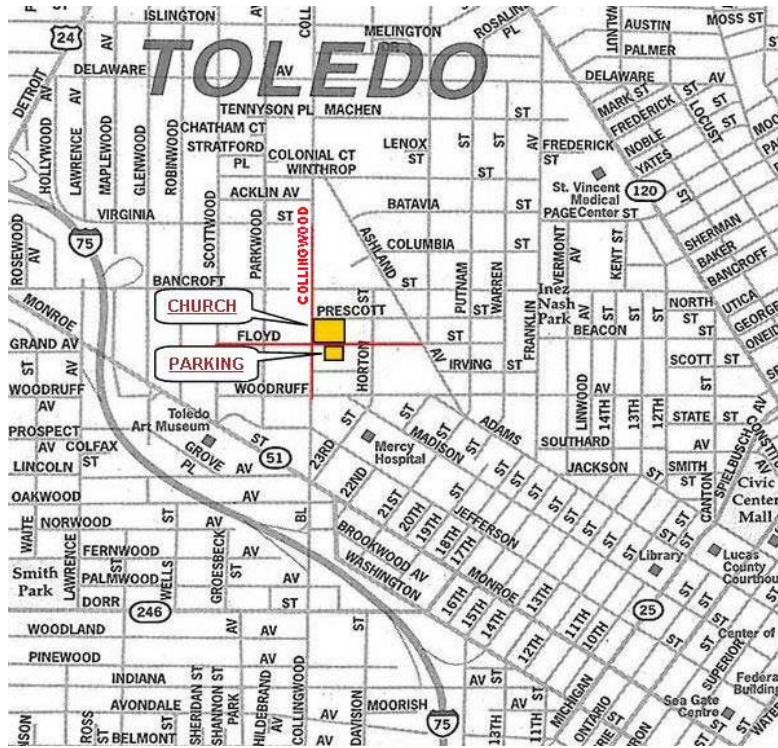
We can't keep opened packages until the next meeting and last year I unknowingly gave opened leftovers away, before the person who brought them asked for them.

See you all Friday, December 17th.

Next Meeting – Friday, December 17

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



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