

Train Order

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Cab Signals **Fred E Lux, Superintendent**

Just when I thought we were going to make through another winter unscathed, Mother Nature raised her ugly head and dumped a bunch of snow on us. Chuck and I had to make a decision about the meeting by noon on Friday to let the security company know whether or not they would be needed Friday night. Based on the snow emergency the city had declared and the condition of outlying roads, we decided to take the prudent course and cancel. Not only did we not know what side streets would be like, we also didn't know what condition the parking lot would be in. I think everyone got word about the cancellation in plenty of time. I called those people who do not have email addresses.

Bill Jacob has graciously agreed to post-pone his program until the May meeting. That will give him time to get more work done and update his program.

Our program this month will be presented by Bill Giacci. Bill, who lives in Sylvania, is the owner of Classic Metal Works. Those of you who model in HO and N scales are probably very familiar with his line of vehicles for the model railroader. I know that Bill asked Chuck to download a special program onto the club laptop so that he could show the process he went through to design and new vehicle. It should be a very interesting program.

We have a featured layout this month. Steve Kellogg has offered to have his layout open on the Saturday

after the Division meeting. More about his open house is contained in his column, Kellogg's Korner.

As some of you know, the 2014 NMRA National convention is being held in Cleveland, OH. They are interested in having a layout tour that comes to the Toledo area. Now the pressure is really on to get your layout ready, not only for the Regional Convention in the fall of 2014, but the national convention in the summer of 2014. Gee, if a tour bus could get into my driveway, I might even be inspired to get my layout project going. I have included the text of the email I received from them below.

Hello Division 1 of the North Central Region. This is Chuck Klein former Superintendent of Division 4 of the Mid Central Region. I am now Co-Chair for the National Convention of the N.M.R.A slated for Cleveland in 2014. Our Divisions border one another. I know some of our guys have operated on some of your wonderful layouts.

The local 2014 Convention Committee is looking for layouts to be open for the National. We would like you to consider some of your layouts to be on tour for the 2014 Convention to be held July 13 thru the 19. Who, When and where logistics are still in the planning stages. The National does have some rating system for layouts on the tour. I am sure the guys in up in Grand Rapids know what I mean.

I look forward to continued correspondence.

*Sincerely
Chuck Klein
Cleveland National Convention 2014*

In April, our guest speaker will be John Young of the Wabash Road Show Operations group based in Saline, Michigan. John is going to be talking about the car card and train order style of ops used by their group. Their style of ops is based on the Wabash railroad in the early sixties. In addition to the program presented by John, our group will be invited to journey to Saline and participate in a formal ops session. Since this group specializes in teaching modelers how to use car cards and train orders, all levels of expertise are welcome, from the complete newbie to the experienced operator. Dave McMullian will keep us posted on the logistics of this adventure.

I am looking forward to a great turnout for the March meeting to welcome Bill Giacci. See you at the meeting.

Kellogg's Korner
Steve Kellogg

Now that Mother Nature's erratic behavior (she really needs to be tested for drug usage, or is it just menopause?) caused last month's meeting to be canceled, we will try it again this month. Show-and-tell this month will be "Covered Wagons". I'm referring to any car body type locomotive (but not cowls or the kind pulled by four legged horses or mules.) I know most of you have at least one, so how about we fill the table this month.

I am hosting this month's layout-of-the-month visitation. My layout, The Coldwater Belt Railway, is a proto/freelanced railroad in the fictitious city of Coldwater Kansas. Coldwater is served by the Santa Fe, Rock Island and MKT railroads.

Currently, the layout is L shaped. One leg is 4' by 12' and the other leg is 4' by 10'. Scenery is 99% complete.

Highlights of the layout are the Gantlet thru truss bridge over the Coldwater river, the large ADM mill complex, and working signals. Most of the buildings

have interiors with lights. Control is DCC, and the modeling era is the 1970's.

I will be open on Saturday from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. I'll have maps to my house at the meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting and at my place.

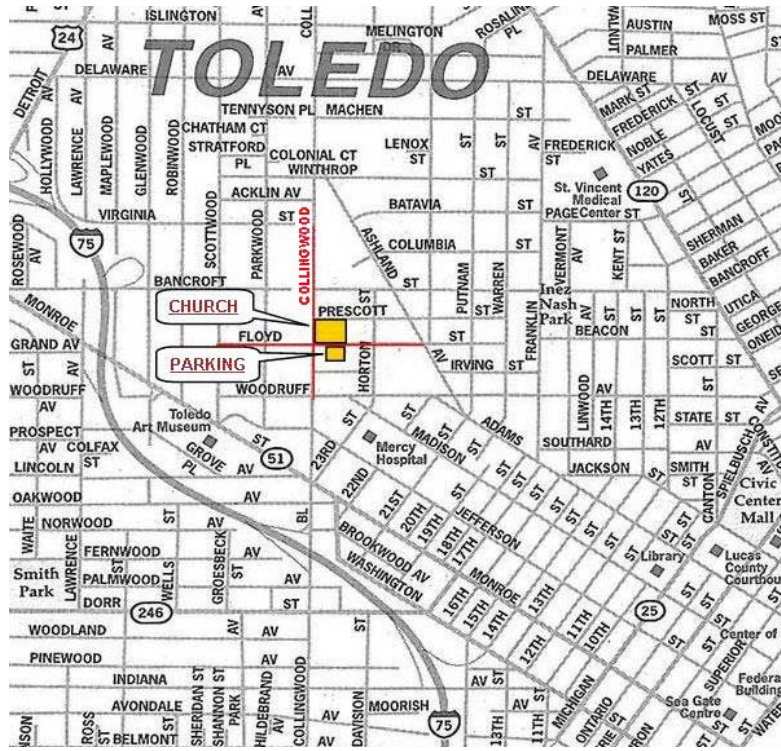
....Steve

The following information is from NMRA .

- **Notice to Central District and Canadian members:** Due to the ballot address problems reported earlier, the deadline for returning Central District and Canada District Director ballots has been extended by two weeks.
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- The new postmark deadline for these ballots is April 15. Remember that the pre-printed address on the provided envelope is incomplete. Here is the correct address:
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- **NMRA Ballot Committee**
- **c/o Skingco Services, LLC**
- **33530 1st Way S. Suite 102**
- **Federal Way, WA 98003-7332**
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- We regret any inconvenience caused by this error.
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- We're still looking for stories of what your Division or Region does for **National Model Railroad Month.** Write a 200-word summary and send it to me at this email address. Thanks.
- - For some ideas of what others do for National Model Railroad Month, take a look at the Division Business Car column in back-issues of *Scale Rails*.

Next Meeting – Friday, May 16

Collingwood Presbyterian Church



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