

Train Order

Division One NCR

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Cab Signals

Fred Lux, superintendent

Welcome back

September is here and Division One is ready for another year. I hope that all of you had an enjoyable summer, with ample time for modeling, as well as other pursuits. You will note in Steve Kellogg's article that all of us are going to have the opportunity to share what railroad related activities we indulged in over the summer break. The board is hard at work setting up what we hope will be interesting and informative programs for this year. Last year we focused on bringing in speakers from outside the Division. This year we are going to try and focus more on talent within the Division.

Meeting schedule for 2011-2012

Our first meeting of the year is on Friday, September 23. The meeting schedule for the 2011-2012 Division One year is posted on the Division One web site. Programs for September and October have been filled in. Other months will be filled in as programs are confirmed. If you have not checked out the Division website recently, please do so. Ray Huber is putting a lot of effort into it and it shows.

Meeting format

The meeting format and monthly schedule are going to be basically the same as last year. We will be having both Show-and-Tell, as well as the two minute clinics in addition to the regular business meeting and the program. The board

has decided to retire the Featured Layout of the Month. This has run its course and interest in visiting featured layouts has dwindled. Likewise, I am not going to continue to recycle layout photos on the bottom of the meeting agenda. If you would like to promote your layout, send me a couple of snapshots. I will edit them and resize them as necessary. Because I have a slow satellite connection to the Internet, please keep file sizes below 1.5 MB. For digital cameras, set your file size on smallest size, lowest resolution. I can accommodate two photos at the bottom of a meeting agenda.

Constitution / by-laws committee

For the past couple of years there has been a committee actively revising the NCR constitution and bylaws to bring them into compliance with the NMRA constitution and bylaws. Also, areas that need to be updated to reflect current practices are being addressed. Recently, I had the opportunity to review the Division One constitution and bylaws. Like those of the Region, they are woefully out of date. At the September meeting I will be appointing a committee chair and three-person committee to revise the constitution and by-laws for Division One. I would like the revised by-laws and constitution brought to the membership for approval in the spring.

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convention. Over the summer this discussion has continued at the region level. The upshot is that there is really no way to change our obligation for 2014, unless we want to host a year earlier. Based on this, we will continue with plans for hosting in 2014. I have had one volunteer to serve as convention chair, and others have indicated they will help. We need now to move forward with our planning. The first thing we need to do is to come up with a convention format that will attract attendees, as well as keep our finances in the black. I will be appointing a convention committee, along with the general chair, in the next few months. As with 2008, it will take a concerted effort on everyone's part to pull this off and make Division One look good.

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NMRA Membership information

At the September and October meetings, we will be asking for you updated NMRA membership information, including member number and expiration date. According to the

bylaws at the national, region, and division level of NMRA, all members of regions and divisions must be a member of NMRA. We put ourselves in legal jeopardy, especially in terms of insurance matters, if we do not comply. Having the information on our initial monthly sign-in sheet shows that we are complying with this by-law. If your membership has lapsed, or will lapse during the current Division year, please renew and give us the updated information. In a nutshell, the national constitution states that non-members may attend Division meetings as guests on an occasional basis, but regular attendees must be NMRA members. Remember that Division One is not an independent club, but part of the NMRA structure.

Hope to see all of you at the first meeting of the year on Friday, September 23, at Collingwood Presbyterian Church.

Division One minutes of May 20, 2011 Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH Chuck Williams, Clerk

Called to order at 7:35pm by Superintendent Fred Lux.

Minutes of April meeting were approved as distributed in the Train Order.

The election of officers for the 2011-13 term was held. Nominations chair Bruce Birkenkamp nominated the slate as presented at the April meeting:

Superintendent - Fred Lux

Assistant Superintendent - Dave McMullian

Ass't Super., Program - Steve Kellogg

Agent - Phil Kaufman

Clerk - Chuck Williams

There were no nominations from the floor.

Ray Huber moved and Jim Treadaway seconded motion that the slate be elected unanimously. Approved.

Dave McMullian and Fred Lux reported on discussions with the NCR board about the 2014 regional convention scheduled for Toledo. Various alternate formats are being discussed (which includes dates, physical locations and convention length).

There was no new business. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:27.

After door prizes and Show and Tell, Bill Jacob presented a program on Layout Construction, Part Two, based on the construction of his home layout.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm.

Kellogg's Korner

Steve Kellogg

September is finally here, (were did the year go already?) so welcome back to all you Division One members.

As per our annual tradition for the years first meeting, Show-and-Tell will consist of EVERYONE telling what railroad related thing they did over the summer. It could be anything from your getting, or building, that sought after model you've been wanting. It could be the railfan trip you took. It could even just be something rail oriented you saw. Any thing goes.

We are going to be changing the way Show-and-Tell is done this year. There will be a dedicated table on which to display your items. Dave McMullian has obtained a large lazy susan to set your items on. This way they can be

rotated in front of the camera so you can see all the details on the screen. After Show-and-Tell is over, please leave your items on the table so anyone who wants to, can view them during our break.

I have written up two surveys that I'd like everyone to fill out. One has to do with Show-and-Tell. The other is about Division programs / clinics. Please take the time to fill them out and deposit them in the survey box. I'll present the results at the next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

SWOOPS

We are writing to ask you to help with the promotion of the SouthWest Ohio OperationS (SWOOPS) weekend. We are asking that you let your members know about this opportunity through newsletters, web sites and local email lists.

The SWOOPS weekend (September 30-October 2) will be an opportunity to operate some of the finest model railroads in the Cincinnati, Dayton, and Springfield Ohio area. The event is in conjunction with the Cincinnati Division 7 of the NMRA's Mid-Central Region and OpSIG. Organizers are Division 7 members, while layout owners are both Division 7 members and Division 3 members.

SWOOPS 2011 has a wonderful collection of layouts. There are large and small layouts in a variety of scales, gauges and operating schemes. The scales include O, HO and N, and there are standard and narrow gauge, main line and short line and industrial pikes. Many of these layouts have achieved a high level of

completion, and excellent craftsmanship is on display. Operating schemes include CTC, Timetable and Train Order, Track Warrants, with car movement schemes including car cards, JMRI switch lists and others. If you haven't previously been to an operations weekend, this is an excellent way to start -- anyone should be able to find a layout worth operating!

Please encourage your members to check out our web site at

<http://swoops2011.wordpress.com/>

We are looking forward to seeing you at SWOOPS 2011.

Sincerely,
Rick Stern, Dan Hadley
SWOOPS 2011

Clinch Valley RR Open House

I received the following e-mail through one of the online groups I subscribe to.

I'm having an open house on my Clinch Valley RR on Saturday, Sept 24 from 2pm until 4pm. I'm located south of Flint, just east of I-75 exit 101. If anyone would like to come, contact me off list for the address. See ya. Larry

<http://www.trainboard.com/railimages/showgallery.php/cat/500/page/1/ppuser/8745/sl/c>

<http://www.youtube.com/user/ClinchValleySD40>

Coming Events

In each issue of the Train Order, I will try to list all known rail related events as space permits. If you are aware of a train show or event that you think others in the group would like to hear about, please drop me an e-mail. The following list is what I know of so far.

Fostoria Rail Festival -- Sept 24

Monroe Model Train Show -- Sept 25

NCR Regional Convention -- Nov 3 - 6

Saline --- Rails on Wheels Show -- Nov 27

Monroe Model Train Show -- Dec 18

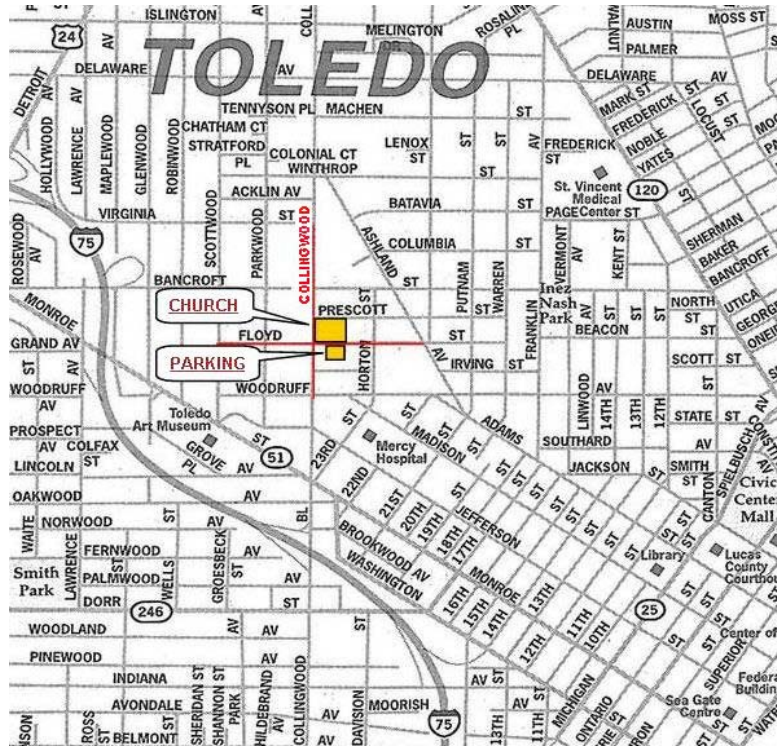
Saline --- Ann Arbor Model RR Flea Market -- Feb 18-19

Grand Rails 2012 -- July 29 -- Aug 4, 2012

Next Meeting – Friday, September 23

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



CURRENT OFFICERS (2009 - 2011)

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