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Cab Signals

Fred Lux, Superintendent

It is November, and the start of the season of family get-togethers, holiday parties, shopping, and general insanity. Somewhere in the mix of things we will find time for model railroading in one form or another.

Because of the holidays, both the November and December meetings are on the 3rd Friday of the month.

Those of you who were at the October meeting had the opportunity to see an excellent clinic put on by Bill Vollmar. Bill talked about how he went about building a resistance soldering outfit and demonstrated its use.

This month, our program will be presented by Division One member Jeff Schumaker. He will be demonstrating a new method of foliating trees. It should be an interesting program.

I received an email from a grad student at University of Toledo relating to his thesis. Rather than trying to summarize his request, I am including his email in the newsletter in its entirety, with his permission. If you are interested in being interviewed by him, please respond to him directly.

Hello,

I am a graduate student at the University of Toledo, in the Department of Geography and Planning, and am currently working on my thesis. This thesis is going to focus on the Fearing Street Rail Cellar. You probably know where this is located, but it's an area with 6 rail lines going overhead, right at the Toledo Intermodal Terminal. What I want to do with this thesis is look into the possibilities for redevelopment of this area, and get some response back from the community on this as well.

So what I'm interested in doing is conducting some interviews with some of the model railroaders in your organization, if they are willing/want to. This wouldn't occur right away, because I have to get clearance for the interview questions, but that is just a formality. I was hoping that you might be the right person to contact for this endeavor.

Thanks, I appreciate you taking your time to help me out.

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The 2011 NCR regional convention is over. Several of our members attended all or part of the convention. All reports I heard were positive. Division One member Doug Tagsold presented a clinic on Toledo Rail. Jerry reported that this clinic focused on Doug's new layout, both the research behind it and the layout itself. I had the opportunity to see, and operate on, Andy Keeney's Nashville Road. This is an amazing HO layout with over 1100 feet of mainline, plus several branch lines. There were lots of good clinics and many layouts open for viewing. The next issue of the Hot Box, which will be out shortly, will have a complete report of the convention, as well as a report on the annual NCR board meeting.

Finally, long time member Frank Kaspitzke passed away last month. His obituary was in the Toledo Blade the week of the October meeting. Frank spent many years as editor and publisher of the Train Order before his health required him to step aside. He had many friends in Division One.

I hope to see you at the November meeting on November 18

DIVISION ONE MINUTES

Attendance: 28

OCTOBER 21, 2011

Meeting opened at 7:30pm at Collingwood Presbyterian Church.

Superintendent Fred Lux presided.

Minutes of September 2011 were approved at distributed in the Train Order.

Superintendent Lux noted that member Frank Kaspitzke had passed away during the previous week.

Old Business: Steve Kellogg spoke about the Show and Tell surveys previously distributed and said that so far few had been received. He asked for more surveys from the members.

New Business: Jerry Sahagian stated that Mike Finkler asked that the Division commit to participation in the Boy Scouts event over the Oct. 12 weekend in 2012. It was agreed to do so. Details would come later.

Ray Huber spoke about the article in Trains magazine concerning the North Baltimore intermodal yard in which he is mentioned.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

The program was given by Bill Vollmar on making his own resistance soldering tool.

Assistant Superintendent Dave McMullian announced that next month's program would be on a new method of foliating trees.

The meeting ended at 9:20pm.

Kellogg's Korner

Steve Kellogg

I want to thank everyone who took the time to fill out the surveys. Unfortunately, not too many of you did.

I will be giving a summery at the meeting and copies of the surveys to the other officers.

The vast majority of you do want to continue with Show-And-Tell.

Remember, this months is Passenger or Business car.

There will be no Show-And-Tell next month due to our Christmas Party.

January: M of W or Non-revenue.

February: Gondola and/or Open hopper.

March: Covered hopper and/or flat car.

April: Stock car and/or Boxcar.

May: Caboose

Those of you who bring a Show-And-Tell item, will continue to get an extra door prize ticket, but as before, you can only win One door prize per meeting.

Next month is our annual Christmas party. At this meeting, we need to decide if you want Division to purchase a "Main" dish, I.E. a meat and cheese tray or something similar, with everyone bringing something to share. Or would you prefer just a complete pot-luck?

Either way, there will be a sign up sheet for those wishing to bring something to list what they plan on bringing.

Tina and I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

The Side Track

By Fred Lux

The Side Track is a new column that will appear sporadically as space and source material are available. Here is an excellent opportunity for members to try their hand at writing a short article.

In early October I had to make a trip to Illinois for family business and to visit some elderly relatives that I had not seen for a couple of years. On our way west on the Indiana Turnpike, we stopped at the South Bend rest area. My wife spent a little time browsing through all of the tourist brochures and stumbled across one from Taltree Arboretum and Gardens in Valparaiso, IN.

New to the gardens in 2011 is a Garden Railroad that encompasses over an acre in stage one. The entire project will cover over 2.5 acres. We decided to stop on our way home and check it out. I am sure glad we did. The professionally designed and built project is well worth an hour or two of your time, not to mention the arboretum itself.

A discussion with one of the volunteers led to an invitation to the basement of the depot to see the control center of the layout, plus the plans for the full project, and their workshop.

I also learned that there is another garden railroad at a nearby nursery that is open to the public about the same time. Unfortunately, we did not have time to track it down.

The railroad closed for the season the middle of October and will open again next spring. For those interested in garden railroading, this may well be worthy of a day trip.

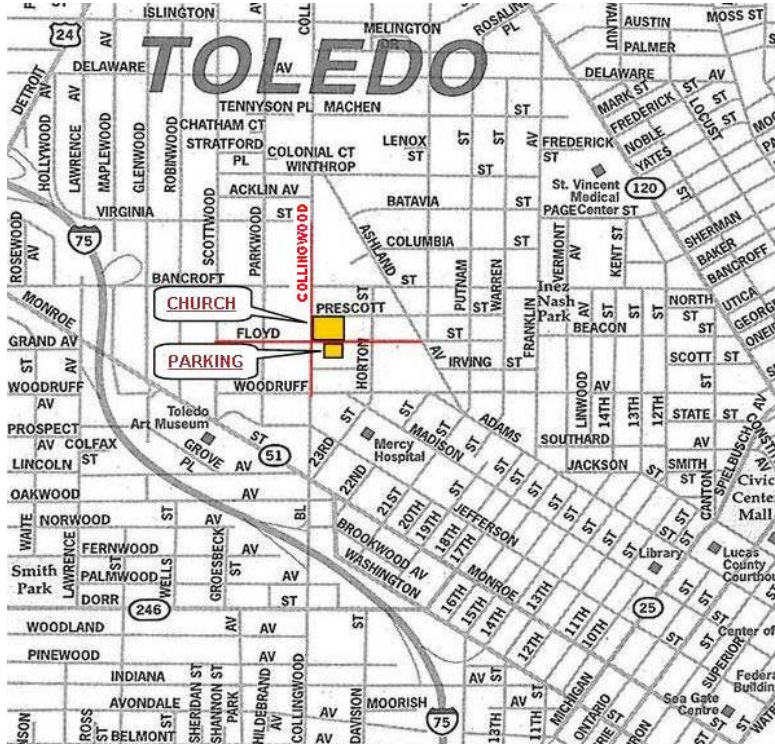
Check it out at

http://www.taltree.org/railway_garden/whatIsTheRailway.html

Next Meeting – Friday, November 18

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



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