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Cab Signals

Fred Lux, Superintendent

It is December and the holiday season is upon us. We are already in the midst of Christmas shopping and parties and the like. We are also dropping final hints to family members and friends as to what treasure for our railroad empire we would like to find under the tree on Christmas morning.

One part of the Christmas madness is the Division One Christmas party, which is scheduled for Friday, December 16. In another part of this newsletter, Steve Kellogg talks about our annual gift exchange and how it works. I need to talk a little about the meal. As I have noted in two past e-mails, we are having a catered meal this year, so come hungry. Steve has done an excellent job of lining up a caterer and working out a menu that everyone should be happy with. The meal will be buffet style. What is not included in the meal is snack/appetizers and dessert. We are asking division members to supply those. So here is and opportunity for you to whip up your favorite appetizer or dessert and share it with your friends. Remember, you do not need to bring enough to feed 30 people, or even 12.

The food is being delivered about 7 PM. Steve and his helpers will get the buffet set up. We will open the buffet for our Christmas dinner

promptly at 7:30 PM. The snacks and appetizers will be available for munching as soon as they are set out. After the meal, there will be a short business meeting, then Steve will direct us through the Christmas gift exchange. There will be no show-and-tell table, nor will there be any two-minute clinics.

In other Division news, we will get started on preliminary planning for the 2014 regional convention after the first of the year. As mentioned before, one person stepped forward and was considering taking the general chair position, but after further consideration has decided that he does not have enough time in his schedule to do the job justice. The board has convinced me that we can work around my hearing problem and that I should take the position. I have agreed to do so. I am going to begin putting together a small pre-planning committee to look at available venues and discuss various formats for the convention. Once this is done, and a venue locked in place, along with a convention format, I will start adding committee chairs as they are needed. If you have an interest in serving on the central preplanning committee, please contact me.

The Hot Box is now available online. You will find a link to it from the Division One web site.

Remember, it is not too late to contact Steve and sign up for the holiday party. Hope to see you there.

**Division One minutes for November 11, 2011
Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH
Chuck Williams, Chief Clerk**

Business meeting started at 7:30pm.

Attendance: 31

Superintendent Fred Lux opened the meeting by greeting visitors.

Jerry Sahagian made a report on the recent Lansing NCR Convention, which apparently was very successful.

Dave McMullian reported on the NCR board meeting held at the Lansing Convention. The main thing was the call for nominees for the various officer positions becoming vacant at the end of the year. Most of the officers and several directors are term limited out.

Lou Glatzer, the new Librarian succeeding John Roth, spoke about what he hoped to accomplish. He asked for additional donations to the Library.

Steve Kellogg spoke about the Show and Tell survey.

John Roth reported on the meeting of the By-Laws committee. The committee has submitted a draft report to the officers for comment. It will be ready for submission to the membership at the next meeting.

Jim Treadaway reported on his use of the iPad2 to take ground level photographs.

Steve Kellogg spoke about the forthcoming December Christmas party. Jerry Sahagian made a motion that the division have the food catered. It was passed. The dollar amount limit for gifts was put at \$10-15.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

After refreshments, Jeff Schumaker gave a clinic on a Foliating Tree device which he had made as a substitute for a commercially made device.

The evening's activities ended at 9:45pm.

Kellogg's Korner
Steve Kellogg

Well, here it is December already. Time for our annual Christmas party. Everyone should have received something about the catered meal by now. Remember everyone is encouraged to bring a desert item for all to enjoy.

It is also time for our Chinese auction. Every one should be familiar as to how that works by now.

Here is a brief reminder in case anyone doesn't remember or isn't sure. Everyone who wishes to participate brings a wrapped gift.

The item needs to be NEW and should have a value of \$10.00 to \$15.00 as a minimum. This year, Proto 2000 Mather car kits are prohibited. Sorry Jerry :)

Each participant then gets a numbered ticket. First number drawn gets to pick any one gift and opens it in front of everyone. They then draw the next number. That person has a choice. They can either

open a new gift, or take an opened gift from anyone with one.

If they take an opened gift, the person they took it from then gets the choice of opening a new one or taking someone else's gift. When that process is finished, another number is drawn giving that person the same choices. This continues until all the gifts have been opened.

At this point, the person who went first can do one of two things. He may keep what He has or trade it with ANYONE else. The only rule that applies to everyone is that you CAN'T take back a gift you lost earlier.

If you are going to participate, PLEASE think about the gift you are going to bring. Is it something YOU would want? If not, then maybe something else would be more appropriate.

I'd really like to see everyone participate this year. The more who do, the more fun it can be.

Tina and I hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all of Division One members, especially those that are unable to be with us this holiday season.



Another photo from Jim Treadaway's layout taken with his iPad 2

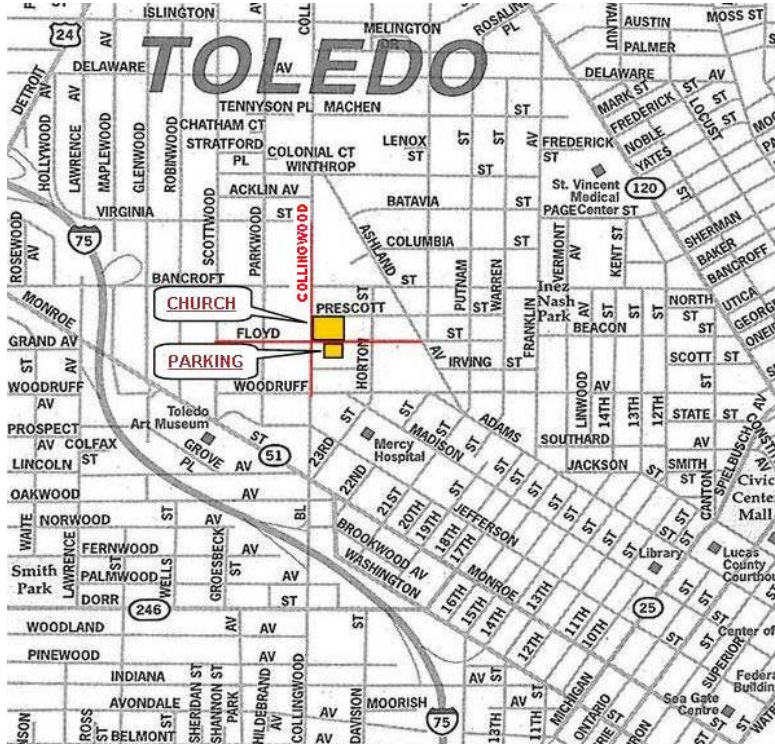


Trains for Christmas!!!

Next Meeting – Friday, December 16

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



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