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Cab Signals

Fred Lux

Christmas and New Years are over. Presents have been unwrapped, was there anything for your railroad? New Year's resolutions have been made, and maybe broken already. We are moving into the dead of winter, a time when much modeling can be done, or many reasons for procrastination can be offered. Some of us look out the window and long for the opportunity to chase the sun and warmth. Just think, if one had an RV of one type or another, and a module in their preferred scale, they could spend the winter months traveling from event to event, while staying in the warm part of the country. That reminds me of an article in Motorhome Life a couple of years ago about a model railroader who did just that. He had a couple of N-Trak modules that he carried in a pass-through storage compartment under his motorhome. He could slide them out under his awning and use them stand-alone where ever he was camped, or he could remove them and use them in N-Trak events.

So far this month I have had the opportunity to participate in two different operations sessions. One was in Saline and one was in Toledo. It got me to thinking as to whether or not there were enough Division One members with layouts set up for ops to schedule one every two or three months for Division members. I wonder if there

is enough interest, both on the part of layout owners and potential operators.

We had 30 people at the December meeting and party. I think everyone agrees that it was nice to have a catered meal. I have had several comments about ways to fine-tune the meal at next year's party. I know that Steve Kellogg put a lot of time and effort into getting everything arranged. Likewise, the gift exchange went well. Was it just me, or was there a lot more variety in the gifts this year? All in all, all who were there had a good time.

In another part of this newsletter is a copy of the January NMRA Info-net. In the info-net article, you will find a list of candidates for NMRA national officers and board members. Please take time to look it over. Also, you will find information on how to obtain an information and registration packet for the 2012 NMRA convention in Grand Rapids. Unlike previous years, the convention packet will not be published as an insert to Scale Rails.

Upcoming Division meetings are on January 27, February 24, and March 23. Mark your calendars. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

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Minutes for December 16, 2011

Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH

Attendance: 30

Meeting came to order at 7:30pm.

Get well cards for Bruce Birkenkamp and Don Bigney were circulated.

Superintendent Lux turned the meeting over to Assistant Superintendent Steve Kellogg to get the banquet started.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:20pm.

Minutes for November 2011 were approved.

The gift exchange began at 8:25 and ended at 9:20pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.

---Chuck Williams, chief clerk

Kellogg's Korner
Steve Kellogg

It's time for our first meeting of 2012.

Tina and I hope the holidays were great for everyone and that Santa brought those special items you wanted.

I thank everyone for all the positive comments about the Christmas party.

I sent Carolyn's Catering a thank you letter in every ones name.

This months Show-and-Tell is: Any M.of W. or non-revenue equipment. Remember, as usual, a Show-and-Tell item gets you an extra door prize ticket, although you may only win once per meeting.

That's about it for this month. We hope to see all of you at the meeting.

It's a new year and a new InfoNet News eblast!

- The Kalmbach Library's immensely popular ["The Postwar Freight Car Fleet"](#) book has sold out.
- The [Grand Rails 2012 Convention still has some space left for modular layouts](#) at the National Train Show so if someone in your Division or Region wants to show the world what they've done, **contact Tom Draper, Chairman of the National Train Show, at either tcdraider@aol.com <<mailto:tcdraider@aol.com>> , or call 602-953-1681.**
- More Grand Rails 2012 news: The convention has some [great things planned for non-rails](#). There's a cooking demo that will make attendees think they're watching a stand-up comedian do a cooking show and great entertainment at the luncheon in one of the most beautiful ballrooms in the country. There's also a ride on a dune schooner to see the 1100 acre Saugatuck Dunes! Have non-rails go to www.gr2012.org for all the details.

And some of last month's important news bears repeating:

This year [registration for Grand Rails 2012 will be handled in a new way.](#)

Instead of the large registration package inserted into *NMRA Magazine*, the full package can be downloaded from www.gr2012.org <http://www.gr2012.org/> .

Those who prefer a printed piece can send their request, along with their name and address to: GR 2012 Registrar, 4165

Costa NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. There will also be a registration form and ad appearing in an upcoming issue of *NMRA Magazine*.

NMRA elections. The official ballot was prepared by the National Nominating Committee according to the procedures laid out in the Regulations and the Executive Handbook (available at www.nmra.org). It will appear as an insert in the center of the February issue of *NMRA Magazine*, which will be mailed to all voting members. Ballots must be returned to NMRA headquarters, "Attention Ballot Committee," and must be postmarked by April 10, 2012 and received by April 15, 2012.

Here are the job titles and candidates as they appear on the ballot:

- President:
- Charles W. Getz, IV, HLM
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- Vice President - Administration:
- Howard Goodwin
- Clark Kooning, MMR
- Dave Thornton
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- Vice President - Special Projects:
- Bill Kaufman
- James "Lump" Lupfer
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- At-Large North American Director
- Mike Brestel
- Miles Hale, MMR
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- Eastern District Director
- John Roberts, MMR, HLM
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- Pacific District Director
- Mike Bartlett
- Kelly Loyd
- Rob Peterson

-Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director

2014 NCR Convention

Fred Lux

It is time to get the ball rolling for the 2014 NCR convention in Toledo. One person stepped forward and hesitantly volunteered to be general chair, but then decided that he did not really have the time to devote to that position. After much discussion with the board, I have decided to take on the general chair position once more. I am setting things up a little differently this time, with a pre-planning committee, followed by a planning committee. The duties of the pre-planning committee are as follows:

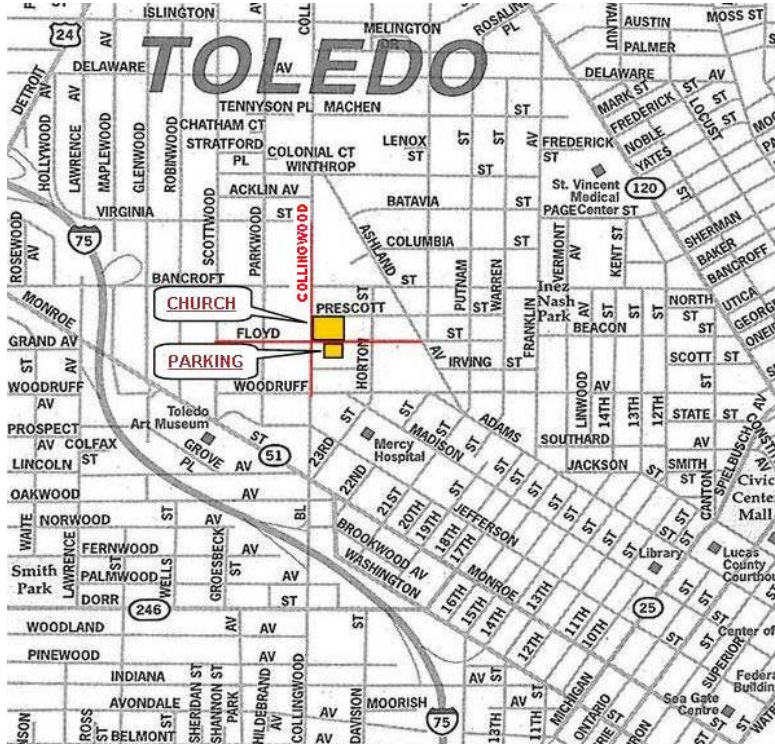
- Identify all possible venues for a convention in 2014
- Identify and discuss the various possible formats for a regional convention
- Match convention formats to possible venues.
- Decide on possible convention dates.
- Lock in a venue and sign a contract.

Once the pre-planning committee has done its work, a convention planning committee with the various necessary sub-committee chairs will be formed. If you have an interest in serving on the pre-planning committee, please email me, or talk to me at the January meeting. I would like to have this committee finalized by the February meeting. The committee's work should be done by the May meeting.

Next Meeting – Friday, January 27

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



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