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Cab Signals

Fred Lux, Superintendent

As you all know by now, the April 27 meeting will be a little different. Take a super show-and-tell, and combine it with a super rip track with things for sale and trade, and finish it off with what may be our first annual *Junque Auction* and we should have a fun evening. But this will work only if everyone participates. Bring something to show. Remember, it is not being judged. Bring a box or two of things to set out for sale or trade on the super rip-track, and bring some of your prime junque to auction off. This is a little different from past meetings, but I think we can have a good time with it.

The convention pre-planning committee is hard at work. A convention format has been decided upon. Three possible venues have been targeted and contacted. As I write this, we already have one proposal in hand and are waiting on the other two. Our goal is to have the venue locked in by the end of May. A full convention committee will be appointed next fall and the actual planning for the convention will begin.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are the proposed changes to the bylaws for Division One. The board has looked this document over and fine-tuned it. We will be taking a simple YES / NO vote at the April meeting, either adopting the

bylaws as printed, or sending them back to committee with suggestions for further revision.

Dave McMullian will have all of the final details regarding our May outing to the Mad River and NKP Railroad Museum in Bellevue, OH to present at the meeting. This should be a great ending for another Division One year.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Minutes of Division One meeting on March 23, 2012

Call to order at 7:30pm at Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH.

Attendance: 22

Superintendent Fred Lux welcomed member Dave Miller back. Fred reported that Don Bigney has moved to room 222 at Kingston Residence.

Rip Track-Ray Huber has items from a friend getting out of model railroading.

Minutes of the February, 2012, meeting were approved without corrections.

Agent Phil Kaufman reported that the Division is behind on the budgeted income line.

Fred Lux reported that there had been a Board meeting the previous Wednesday and that the Board approved a new ByLaws document which will be published in the next Train Order and brought to the membership for a vote at the April meeting.

Dave McMullian spoke about the pril meeting. It will feature a "Members Night" model show and tell, as well as a Swap Meet and Auction. Members are encouraged to bring their surplus equipment for the swap meet and auction as well as their most recent work for the Show and Tell. Dave also reported that the May meeting will be a field trip to the Nickel Plate Museum in Bellevue. Details will be announced at the April meeting.

Business meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

The clinic was presented by Ray Huber on a "Simple Track Occupancy Detector."

The meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Kellogg's Korner
By Steve Kellogg

Believe it or not, it's April already. Where has our meeting year gone? As you all should know, this month will be our Super Show - Show-and-Tell. Everyone is encouraged to bring a project they are working on, no mater the stage of completion.

Even those of you who have been reluctant to bring anything before, this is the meeting to bring something. You won't be judged on how good your modeling skills are or aren't. We are all interested in seeing WHAT you

are doing, NOT your workmanship. You may not feel like it, but you DO have something we would ALL like to see. I've found that no mater a persons skill level, there is something in their work that WILL catch someones eye or interest that causes them to think "now that's a clever and different way to do that." So bite the bullet and bring something to show.

Beginning this month, due to several requests at the last meeting, milk will be part of the snacks menu. I'm not sure which type to get. Skim, 1%, 2% or whole? I'm asking those who requested or want milk to email me which type they prefer before the meeting night. I'll get the 2 most requested types. If I don't hear from anyone, I'm planning on just getting the 2%.



MTH is bringing out an AA RS 1 in the future. I am not sure what scale. Somehow, I got involved in the project because of an on-line discussion. This is one of about 50 photos I took of AA #20 documenting detail and painting. Most of the photos were close up shots of locomotive details. AA #20 is located in Shepherd, Michigan, and is on display year round.

...fred

Bylaws

Division One

North Central Region, NMRA, Inc.

Article I: Name

The name of this Sub-Division of the North Central Region is Division One.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of Division One is to promote the hobby of model railroading through the exchange of information. Division One, as a Sub-Division of the North Central Region's corporation, is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and literary purposes. Division One is an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article III. Fiscal Year, Finances and Meetings

Section 1. The fiscal year of Division One shall be from August 1st through July 31st of the following year.

Section 2. An operating budget prepared by the Board of Officers and presented, by the Treasurer, to those Regular Members present at the first regular business meeting of the fiscal year shall be the first order of new business. This budget must outline all proposed spending as well as income; and be approved by a majority of those Regular Members present.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall provide the Trainmaster for Services all application forms for inclusion on the roster.

Section 4. Appropriate accounts shall be established at local banks with both the Treasurer and Superintendent being signatory.

Section 5. Distribution of money exceeding \$250.00 for a single item or service shall be approved by a majority vote by the Regular Members at any business meeting. . At any business meeting Regular Members may approve by a majority vote any additional items and any proposed changes to the annual budget.

Section 6. All membership and business meetings shall be held at least four times a year. At least two of these meetings shall be known as business meetings and shall be held in the fall and spring of each fiscal year. A quorum shall be at least two officers and those members present.

Article IV: Membership and Dues

Every member in good standing of the NMRA who resides in the territory comprising Division One is a member of Division One and is entitled to participate in all activities sponsored by Division One. No one who is not a member of NMRA may be a member of Division One. There will be no annual dues.

Article V: Territory

Division One, as a Sub-Division of the North Central Region, supports the following counties in Ohio: Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Williams, and Wood. And in Michigan: Lenawee and Monroe.

Article VI: Committees

Section 1. Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Division One Superintendent no later than January. The committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for offices submitting such slate to the Secretary prior to March for inclusion into the monthly newsletter.

Section 2. Special Committees

As the need arises, the Division One Superintendent may appoint Special Committees.

Section 3. Term of Office

The term of office of all committee Chair along with committee members shall follow the term of office of the Division One Superintendent.

Article VII: Division One Bylaws and Dissolution

The bylaws shall establish and define the methods and rules to manage the affairs and the governance of Division One. New or revisions to the existing bylaws shall be ratified by and take immediate effect upon the affirmative vote of the majority of those members present at any regular business meeting. Should any part of the division's bylaws be in conflict with the North Central

Region and/or the NMRA, these bylaws shall be considered amended in principle and shall be formally amended to agree at the earliest opportunity.

In the event of the dissolution of Division One the assets and records of Division One shall be transferred to the Board of Officers of the North Central Region.

Article VIII: Operation, Term, Officers, Board of Officers and Election of Officers

Section 1. Operation

The operation of Division One as a Sub-Division of the North Central Region shall be managed by the Division One Board of Officers.

Section 2. Election of Officers

All of the officers of Division One will be elected by the membership as required by the North Central Region and Division One. The election of officers shall take place at the last regular business meeting of the fiscal year.

Section 3. Term of Office

The term of office is for two years. A candidate may be nominated and run for any number of terms in any of those offices as listed in these Division One Bylaws.

Section 4. Superintendent

The Superintendent shall be in charge of Division One and preside at all meetings of Division One and the Division One Board of Officers. The Superintendent shall represent the division and serve as a director on the North Central Region's Board of Officers. The Superintendent shall appoint the Chair of all committees.

Section 5. Assistant Superintendent.

The Assistant Superintendent shall preside at meetings when the superintendent is absent. Should the office of superintendent become vacant during a term, the assistant superintendent will assume the duties of the superintendent. The Assistant Superintendent will also act as Program Chair and shall arrange for programs at regularly scheduled meetings and at other times as agreed upon, to include but not limited to clinics, layout tours, and prototype tours.

Section 6. Treasurer

The treasurer shall present the budget to the membership at the first regular meeting of the fiscal year, shall have custody of the financial reports and all moneys, funds and property of Division One, shall provide reports of the financial condition of Division One at each business meeting, receive all moneys, shall disperse funds as directed by the Board of Officers. However, distribution of money exceeding \$250.00 for a single item or service shall be approved by a majority vote by the members at any business meeting.

Section 7. Secretary

The secretary shall keep the minutes of all of the Division One meetings and the Board of Officers meetings. In addition the Secretary shall arrange for the preparation and distribution of ballots as required by these Bylaws.

Section 8. Trainmaster for services

The Trainmaster for services is responsible for the “house set up” and arranging for refreshments for meetings and outings. The Trainmaster shall be responsible for other meeting – related duties as delegated by the superintendent and / or the board.

Section 9: Board of Officers

The Board of Officers shall consist of all elected officers, the most recent past superintendent who is not serving in another Division office, and one director elected at large from the membership, and shall act for the membership on matters which are not specifically provided in the Division One Bylaws and in which in their considered opinions do not require action by the membership at large.

Article IX: Rules and Regulations

The Board of Officers by a vote of the majority may adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the general operation of the division. A written document shall be available to all Division One members outlining such rules and regulations.

Bylaws approved by Division One Board of Officers:

Bylaws approved by Division One membership:

