

# Train Order

Division One NCR

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## Cab Signals

Fred Lux

Hello all, and welcome to fall, and the beginning of the Division One 2012-2013 year. I hope each of you had a great summer, maybe even got some modeling done, or train watching, etc.

The end of the year outing to the Mad River / Nickel Plate Railroad museum was a great success. We had well over 20 people in attendance. Having our picnic lunch, cookout, in the dining car was really great. Now we need to start thinking about next May and what to do for an outing.

Several items need to be addressed in this issue and at the September meeting. First of all, there are two corrections to the new by-laws that need to be addressed. More information is included in a separate section of the newsletter.

Also, the new by-laws created a new position of director, which is vacant. The board will nominate Bill Jacob to fill that position for the remainder year of the current term. Bill has agreed to allow his name to be placed in nomination.

**In convention news**, the committee has adopted the name, Maumee Express 2014 and the board has approved it. Dave McMullian will have examples of the convention logo to show

at the meeting. The committee has also recommended a spring convention to be held in advance of the national convention in Cleveland. The board has authorized the committee to sign a contract with the Ramada Convention Center for the weekend of April 25 – 27, 2014. I will start setting up planning committees for the various aspects of the convention as they are needed. Most committees will be in place by the first of the year. I am currently looking for volunteers for the following committee chairs: Clinics, Layout Tours, Operations, Door Prizes and advertising, modular layout displays, and Registrar (registration). If you have an interest in filling one of these positions, please let me know.

The Division One meeting schedule has been approved by the board and is posted on the Division One web site. Because of conflicts with the church schedule and because of holidays, about half of the meetings are on the third Friday. The meeting dates are: 9/28/12, 10/19/12, 11/16/12, 12/21/12, 1/18/13, 2/22/13, 3/22/13, 4/26/13, and 5/17/13. Note that October, November, December, January, and May meetings are on the third Friday.

The board is taking several steps to address the Division's finances. Last year we had expenses totaling \$1947.30 and income of \$815.00. This meant we had to take a little over \$1100 out of cash reserves. Some of these expense items

were one-time expenditures authorized two years ago for the sound system and AV equipment. Even so the projected budget for this year predicts deficit spending of \$200 to \$400, depending on the amount of donations the club receives. Phil Kauffman will have a full report at the September meeting, including a proposed budget for 2012-2013, and suggestions for ways to save money. In addition, I have asked Phil to start preparing monthly reports detailing income and expenses so the membership is kept informed on the financial status of the Division. With no guaranteed source of income for the Division, we have to be very frugal with what we have.

**Proposed changes to the club bylaws:**

- 1) In Article VII, there is a typographical error in the last sentence. The word **assists** should be changed to **assets**. The sentence should read: ***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.***
- 2) Other than indirect references in Article VII, there is no documented way to modify the By-laws. To address this issue, we need to add Article X.

**Article X: Amendments**

***These Bylaws may be amended or new Bylaws adopted upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members at any regular or special meeting of the members. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be published in the Train Order prior to the meeting.***

Following the procedure set forth above, the proposed change is being published in this issue of the Train Order and will be voted on at the September meeting.

Hope to see you all at the September meeting.

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Proceedings of May 2012 meeting of Division One

May 19, 2012

Attendance: 34

The May 2012 meeting was not a business meeting but rather an outing by the Division to the Mad River and NKP Museum in Bellevue, OH. As a result, there are no official minutes.

The visit to the Museum began at 12 Noon on Saturday, May 19, 2012 and ended officially at 4:00pm. Members and guests signed in with the Secretary beginning at 12 Noon, in a caboose parked near the street at the Museum. Lunch was in a dining car on an adjacent track. The dining car had been converted to a work train dining car during its lifetime. Grilled hot dogs and brats plus cold drinks were provided by the Division with side dishes provided by the members and guests.

After lunch, attendees toured the museum grounds and the assembled cars and engines held by the museum.

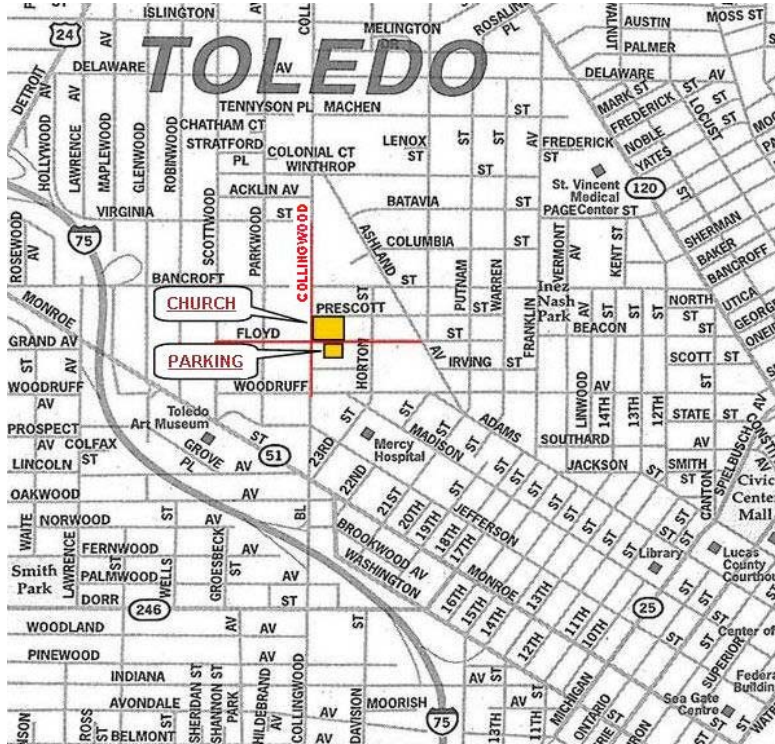
The Division collected \$168 in admission fees which were in reality a donation to the Museum. In addition, the Division presented a check for \$100 as a donation to the Museum.

The visit the Mad River and NKP Museum was considered by all to be a success.

Next Meeting – Friday, September 28, 2012

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



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