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Cab Signals

Fred Lux, Superintendent

I would like to start out this month's column by thanking you for the cards and thoughts while I was hospitalized and continue to recover. I plan to be at the meeting on the 16th of this month, but Assistant Superintendent Dave will be running most, if not all, of the meeting.

From comments I have heard, it sounds like the changes in the meeting format implemented last month were well received. We will continue with that format for the rest of the year. One of our goals is to streamline the business portion of the meeting as much as possible to make more time for the fun stuff. If you have suggestions for tweaking, or fine tuning, the meetings even more, don't hesitate to share them with a board member.

I would like to welcome the new members that were at last month's meeting. Be sure that you give me your email addresses and phone numbers so that you can be added to the distribution list for the Train Order.

Last month, Dave asked Paul Marsden to work with our web master, Ray Huber, on revamping our web site and finding a less expensive host for the site. Ray and Paul have met and Paul is going to show us the beta version of our

revamped site. Thanks to both Ray and Paul for their efforts.

Jeff Schumaker will be presenting the program this month. In his own words, "My clinic will be about improving the appearance of cheap trees you can get on eBay." It should be an interesting presentation.

The column, Kellogg's Korner is missing again this month. Steve is still having computer and internet problems. He did send me the list of Show and Tell topics for the rest of the year. They are:

November: Lineside Structure

December: Nothing due to Christmas party.

January: Any Freight or Passenger car.

February: Any Locomotive, Steam or Diesel.

March: Any NON-lineside structure.

April: Anything railroading

We will again have our new activity, "Tools and Tricks" Have you stumbled across a tool you just can't live without, or have a technique you wish to share? This is your opportunity to share. Bring your ideas to the meeting.

One of the topics of discussion at the meeting will be the Christmas party. Last year the club underwrote the expense of a catered meal. Because this year's budget is already drawing on cash reserves, we can't do that again. Dave will discuss several options at the meeting and

ask for your input. If we go with a catered meal, we will have to have a commitment as to how many people will be there and divide the expense among those who attend. Be thinking about how elaborate you wish the party to be. Steve will talk about the gift exchange.

All of the terms for officers expire this year. I need someone to step forward and volunteer to chair a nominating committee. We need to have a proposed slate of officers to present at the March meeting. Any volunteers?

Finally, here is an update on the 2014 convention. As you know the convention is scheduled for April 25 – 27, 2014. We have signed a contract with the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, the former Clarion, on Secor at I-475. Some of the committee chairs are in place and some committees are still looking for chairs. Look over the list below. Let me know which committee(s) you are interested in serving on.

- General chair - Fred Lux
- Treasurer - Phil Kauffman
- Registrar - Jerry Sahagian
- Clinics -
- Door prizes - Steve Kellogg
- Program - John Gardner
- Publicity -
- Ops sessions and prototype tour -
- Layouts open for tour - Jim Treadaway
- Modular layouts -
- House committee –

See you at the meeting.

Minutes of Division One meeting on October 19, 2012

Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH

Attendance: 25

Call to order: 7:35pm

Assistant Superintendent Dave McMullian presiding.

Visitors: Keith Rottman, Dennis Baker, Randy Bosscher, Dex Decker, Doug Tagsold, Dean Pyers. Dave reported that Superintendent Fred Lux is doing well recovering from surgery. Dave spoke of the passing on Don Bigney as did several of the members.

Minutes of the September 2012 meeting were approved as distributed in the Train Order. Dave spoke about the upcoming clinic schedule for Division meetings.

Speaking as President of the North Central Region, Dave reported on the NCR Board meeting at Grand Rapids. He also mentioned that the Region was considering the idea concept of the Region sponsoring a regional convention because of the shortage of Divisions in the region.

New Business: Ray Huber introduced the idea of a new part of the division meeting format, "Tools and Techniques." This will be the first instance of this new format and Ray will moderate. The new seating arrangement was also discussed. The Tools and Techniques session will follow the clinic.

Lew Glatzer, Division Librarian, spoke about two items which he was presenting to the Division. It was suggested that they be digitized to make them more readily available to the membership.

Business meeting was adjourned at 8:07.

The clinic by Doug Tagsold on his new model railroad began at 8:33.

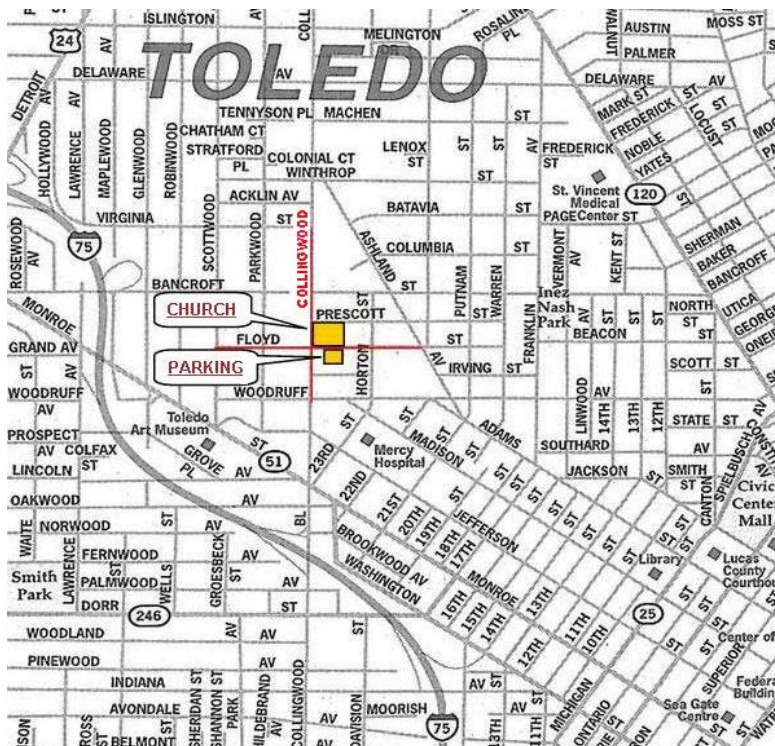
The Tools and Techniques session followed the clinic.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

Next Meeting – Friday, November 16, 2012

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



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