

Train Order

Division One NCR

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Cab Signals **Fred Lux**

Another calendar year has come and gone and Christmas is just around the corner. There are no visions of sugar plums dancing through our heads. Instead there are visions of Challengers, Hudsons, F-units, DCC sound chips and such. If Santa has been listening, he knows what you hope to find under your tree.

This month is our annual Christmas party on Friday, December 21. Steve talks in detail about the food and gift exchange in his column.

Ray Huber and Bill Jacob have been beating the bushes preparing a slate of officers to present in the spring. I understand that the slate is almost complete.

Work on the 2014 convention is coming along. The full committee will have met to make some important decisions before the club meeting. Rather than taking time from the party, I will include a full report in the January train order.

The Division One boards and I wish you the best of the Christmas season.

Minutes of Division One meeting on November 16, 2012

Charles Williams

Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH

Attendance: 31

Assistant Superintendent Dave McMullian called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The minutes of the October 2012 meeting were approved with the addition of Bob Reynolds as guest.

Dave McMullian gave an update on clinics in coming months. Mike Anteau will do a clinic on the FastTracks method of constructing turnouts (January). Dean Pyers will do a clinic on the Pere Marquette steam engine #1225 in February.

Dave, in his roll as President of the NCR, reported on the recent NCR board meeting. The head tax was eliminated for all future regional conventions. The board established a new permanent regional convention committee to coordinate activities between convention committees. Finally, there appears interest in establishing a new Division in SW Michigan based on Kalamazoo.

Fred Lux reported on the 2014 convention preparations. Convention committee slots are filling up.

New Business- Dave announced that the nominating committee had been established. All current officer's terms are up in May.

There was discussion about the December Christmas party. Emphasis was on food. It will not be a catered affair. Members are asked to contact Steve Kellogg with what they propose to bring. As usual, there will be a "Chinese" auction. A \$15 cost is recommended.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Following Rip Track and Door Prizes, there was break for refreshments.

About 8:35, Jeff Schumaker began his clinic on improving commercial trees.

Following the clinic, Dave spoke about the new website which Paul Marsden will be constructing. Paul also talked about what he wants to achieve.

Following Show and Tell, the meeting adjourned at 10:08pm.

Kellogg's Korner

Steve Kellogg

This month is our annual Chinese auction. For those members, old or new, not familiar with how this works, this is how we do it. Everyone participating brings a wrapped, railroad hobby related, gift. The item should be something NEW and or UNUSED, with a minimum value of \$15.00. Upon checking in, they will receive a numbered ticket, the same kind as for the door prizes. The person having the first number drawn picks ANY one gift from the table and opens it in front of everyone. They then pick the next number. The person holding that number then gets a choice. They can either open another gift, OR, they may take a gift picked and opened before them. The person who loses a gift then gets to either open another wrapped one, or take someone else's opened gift. The only rule is that once you lose something, you may NOT take it back on a later turn. This continues until the last wrapped gift is opened. At this point, the person who went first, then gets to either, keep what they have, or, trade gifts with anyone else, as long as it isn't something they had, and lost, earlier. The more who participate, the more fun it is for everyone.

Remember, we are having a snack / dessert buffet at the meeting. Everyone is asked to bring something to share. The following is a short list of things I know will be coming.

Cheese Cake
Cherry Cheese Cake
Cup Cakes
Ginger Snaps

Chips
Broccoli & Cauliflower salad
Beef sticks
5-layer taco dip and tortilla chips
Meat and Cheese tray

The above is just a sample of what will be on the buffet table. I know that there will be a lot more variety the night of the party. Tina and I will see you there.

NMRA News

Welcome to the December issue of the NMRA InfoNet News!

NOTE: Please forward this email to your newsletter editor and officers, mention it in your editorial, bring it up at meetings. Your members like to know what's going on at National!

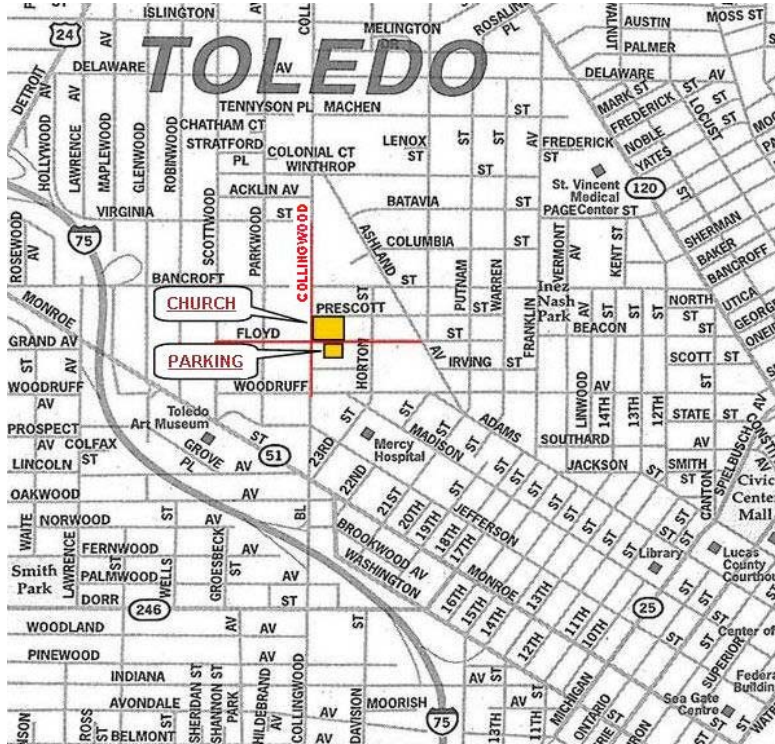
- **Donations for "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading" Exhibit** at the California State Railroad Museum are continuing to pour in. Among the more noteworthy are:
 - The **World's Greatest Hobby campaign** has pledged \$50,000 toward the Exhibit.
 - **Cincinnati Division 7, in the Mid-Central Region**, has pledged \$15,000 toward the Exhibit.

Current pledge and donation totals are now over \$200,000, but the NMRA still needs to raise an additional \$50,000 to meet the \$250,000 "matching challenge pledge" by an anonymous donor. If you, your Division or Region, have any questions about the exhibit, please contact Howell Day Museum Committee Chairman Allen Pollock at 573-619-8532. You can contribute via the web by visiting www.nmra.org <<http://www.nmra.org>> and clicking on the donation link near the top of the homepage.

Next Meeting – Friday, December 21, 2012

Collingwood Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM



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