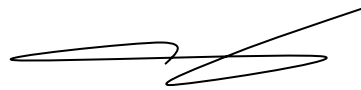


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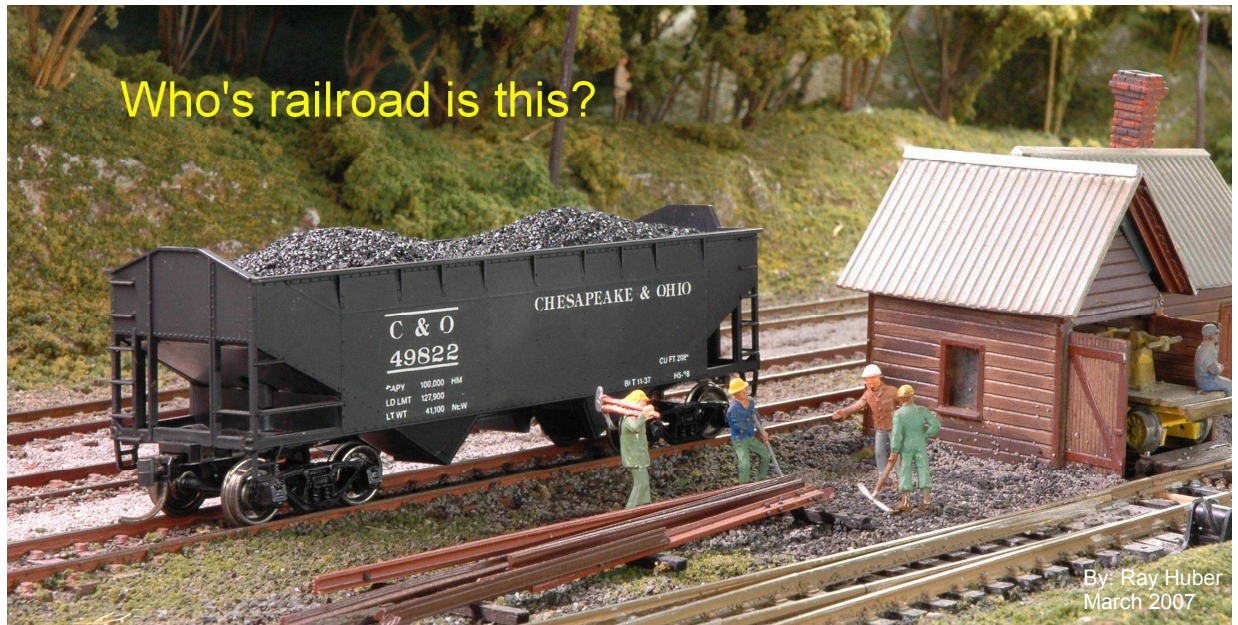


Our mission is to promote education and fellowship through the sharing of information and the promotion of the world's greatest hobby. — **Model Railroading.**



Model of the Month

Your photo can be here if you just send us one.





As I gaze out from the cab this month, I'm going to put on my Head Cheerleader hat and salute some of the folks who contribute to Division 1 behind the scenes. As your superintendent, I'm the guy "up front" facilitating and leading our activities, but so many others do so much before and between meetings to make those activities successful. Let me tell you about a few of these people. Chuck Williams has held most of the elected offices in the division. Now that he's a "civilian", he is one of the first people to show up for a meeting and last to leave. In between, he's a furniture mover, stuff finder, setter-upper, light adjuster, A/V helper, and unofficial janitor. Steve Glass and Michael Anteau have contributed

tirelessly to our A/V program, selecting and buying equipment, being there to set up and tear down, and operating the gear during meetings. Nick Anteau, Paul Marsden, and Chuck Williams are also part of that terrific team. You see John Roth diligently taking minutes as our division clerk, but did you know he also volunteered to work on promoting membership? John will encourage new NMRA members to get involved with Division 1 and he will contact inactive members to encourage them to reconnect. Steve Kellogg has spent countless hours over the last few years making sure we've got snacks and beverages for each meeting, as well as overseeing the food arrangements at special events like the Christmas party and some of our field trips. Fred Lux edited and distributed the Train Order for years, and now Ray Huber carries on that vital communication assignment. And let's not forget you. Who are you? You're the guy who brings a model to Show'n'Tell, or volunteers to help on a convention committee, or picks up someone for meetings who cannot drive, or stays 10 minutes extra after meetings to clean up and put things back the way we found them. Like the proverbial 12th man on a football team, each of you holds the key to our success every time you show up, contribute, participate, and encourage others. I'm sure your elected officers would agree with me when I say we would not, we could not, do our jobs without your support and participation.

As you know, we are trying to develop an atmosphere of increasing member participation at our meetings. We've expanded from Show'n'Tell to add new activities like Tools'n'Techniques and Pic's'n'Flics. We're working on an idea for discussing modeling questions at our meetings. These formats can only be effective if we all pitch in. The sum of our members' modeling expertise and experience is a huge resource and we need to tap into it by creating a forum where people can share what they know, show what they've done, and ask for help they need. As we begin a new year, I encourage each and every one of you to step up and participate in all of our activities. I want every one of us to look forward to every meeting with great anticipation, wondering what we are going to discover. That can only happen if we look forward to every meeting by preparing to contribute what we can.

See ya on down the line,

Dave McMullian

Superintendent

**VIEW FROM
THE CAB**

From the Editor's Desk

Ray Huber

If it's been said once, it's been said a gazillion times—can you believe another year has gone by. Here we are, looking at a new year with great expectations and wondering, can we get it all done?



First of all, what needs to be done that needs doing? The big one that comes to my mind is the Spring Convention coming this April 25-27 and I don't mean in 2015, I mean 2014. By the time you read this, it's about 3 months away and winter will be behind us. There are a lot of people working to make this event a great success. Yes, we have had a few set backs over the last year, but we will get on with it! They will be missed!

Before we get to far into the new year, I would like to take this time to thank all of you that submitted material to the Train Order during the 2013 season. The news letter itself has under gone some changes and a very interesting learning curve for yours truly. I look back at the old days, when the Train Oder was done on a typewriter and mailed via an envelope and postage stamp. Then came Word Processing—WOW! And on top of that, the ability to insert a black & white photo as well – can it get any better I asked? Well here we are today and what you see is just the tip of the ice berg. We certainly hope you like what you see. To that end, we still need a few more items for the last four issues of the Train Orders for this season. That's right, we are already talking about the end of the season—as they say, time flies when you are **having fun!** Now where have I heard that before?

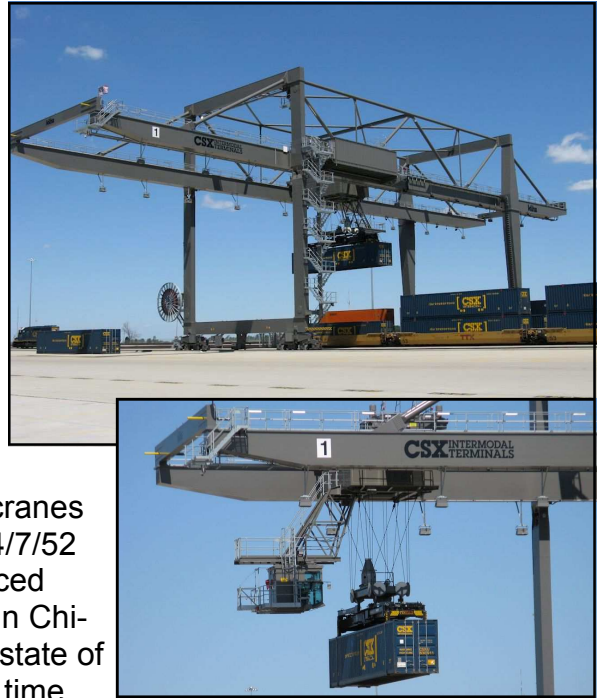
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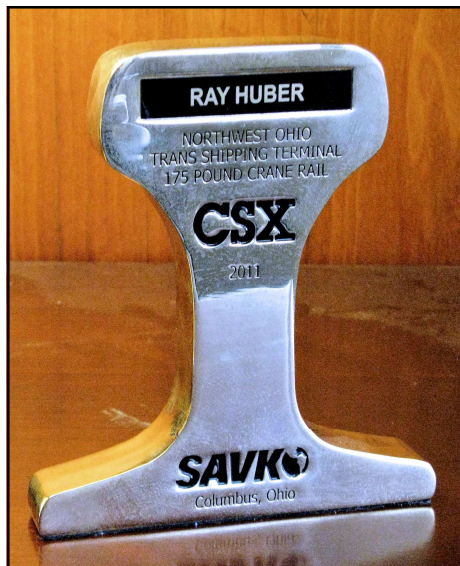


WHAT SATISFACTION IN BEING PART OF SOMETHING THIS BIG!

If you've never been down to North Baltimore in southern Wood County, then you've never seen one of these monsters. There are 5 of them and their soul purpose in life is to load and unload container cars. At first, they estimated moving some 2000 containers every day—it's higher today! The facility was open officially on June 28, 2011 with a lot of fan fair and people. I was lucky enough to be invited to the grand opening because of my position with the County and a close working relationship with CSX and the Contractor.



To that end, I have a piece of the rail that the cranes ride on sitting in my office. This facility runs 24/7/52 and has replaced CSX's facility in Chicago. It's the state of the art and as time goes on, will be the catalyst for new development in this area. Given the fact that you are about 2 miles from the SR18 interchange of I-75, you know what's coming.



It was a pleasure working with all the people involved

with the project along with the fact I got to see up close the "nuts & bolts" (literally) that put it together.



Unless you know where to going, I strongly suggest that you do not go down there with the idea you can walk anywhere you like. CSX has surveillance cameras mounted around their property and they will send the RR Police out if you are spotted on their property.

The project itself was in excess of \$80M dollars and the County got a new grade separation bridge (overpass), courtesy of CSX (\$7M) , as part of the deal.

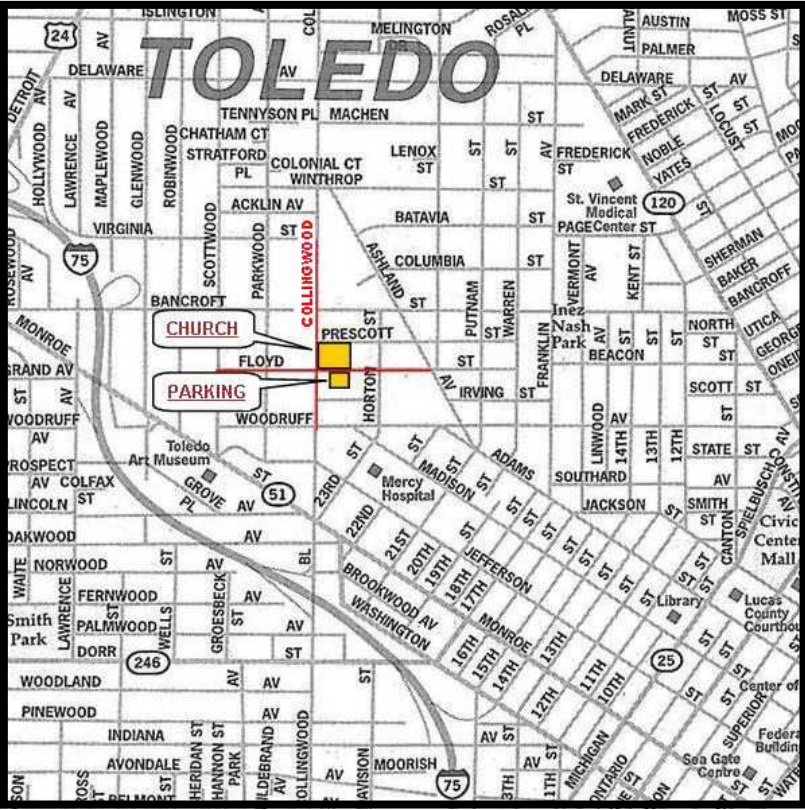
Maumee Express Convention 2014 Update

NO REPORT AT THIS TIME!



Remember—APRIL 25—27

We meet at the Collingwood Presbyterian Church located at 2108 Collingwood Blvd. at Floyd St. near downtown Toledo, Ohio. See the location map shown below. The doors open at **7:00 PM** and the meeting starts at **7:30 PM**.



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