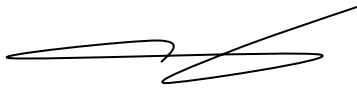


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Division One of the
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Railroad Item of the Month

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

Since no one shared a photo with me, I choose to insert one of my favorite pictures from a long time ago. A bunch of us were on our way to Chicago with the idea we would get on one of the electric cars that made the trip from South Bend to Chicago. While waiting at the station, I saw this old lantern sitting in the snow—it was a natural!



By: Ray Huber

**Division 1, NCR, NMRA
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, February 28, 2014**

- 1) Call to Order, welcome and introduction of guests and visitors
- 2) Approval of minutes from the January 24 meeting
- 3) OLD BUSINESS
 - a) 2014 convention update – Fred Lux
 - b) Update on Division 1 website - Paul Marsden
 - c) Train Order updates – Ray Huber
 - d) Layout Open House - Steve Kellogg
- 4) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Proposed By-Laws change
 - b) Business from the floor
- 5) Adjourn Business Meeting

RIP Track
Door Prizes
(Refreshment Break)

Programs

TNT / Tools & Techniques
SNT / Show & Tell – open topic, any model
PNF / Pics & Flics
MODELER'S FORUM: 1) uncouplers 2) wheelsets

FEATURE PROGRAM: by Ray Huber – Bill Jacob's last clinic on his layout construction

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, March 28,
2014



By: Ray Huber

View from the Cab



Well, it may be frosty and frozen outside, but things are heating up at Division 1. I've got a new activity to tell you about that we are going to debut at the February 28 meeting called Modeler's Forum. Each one of us is at a different place in terms of modeling experience and know-how. As we pursue our modeling, we encounter many of the same questions and problems, just at different times. Modeler's Forum will provide an opportunity to share what we know about some of these questions. We will simply throw the floor open to members to ask questions, offer advice, and share experience. This month we will start with two topics: 1) uncouplers and 2) wheelsets. What's your method for uncoupling? Magnetic? Picks? What works and doesn't work well for you? When it comes to equipping your rolling stock, what do you look for in wheelsets? Plastic? Metal? Brands? Why? Like our other meeting activities, this exercise will only be as useful as you make it. Please think about these two topics and come prepared to show and tell what you know, or ask what you don't. Also think about topics you would like to throw out to the forum at the March meeting.

In addition, we'll have our usual model sharing activities including Show'n'Tell, Tools'n'Techniques, and Pics'n'Flics. For our feature program, Ray Huber will present the 3rd clinic in the series our late friend Bill Jacob was presenting on his new layout construction. After Bill passed away in November, his family notified Ray that they had found this final clinic Bill was planning to present himself.

There are a couple of other things I want to call your attention. Elsewhere in this issue of the Train Order, you will find the meeting agenda for February 28. You'll also find information regarding a proposed amendment to the Division By-laws that we will discuss and vote on at the meeting. Please look it over in preparation.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on February 28,

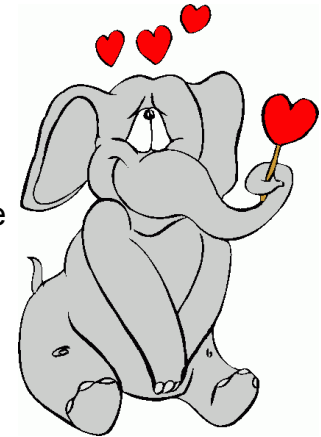
Dave McMullian

Superintendent

From the Editor's Desk

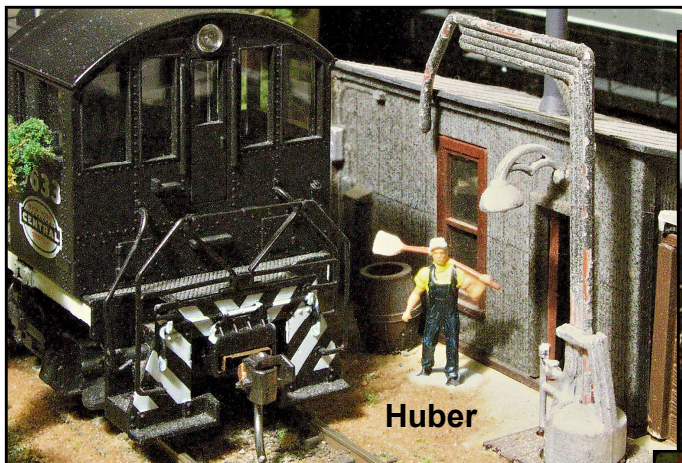
Ray Huber

By the time you read this, another Valentines Day will have come and gone. I sure hope that you did not forget that significant other in your life that made a lot of what we do possible. For some of us, we have a CEO that in many cases, needs to approve the Purchase Order of a new capital investment item or the accusation of new real-estate. No matter how you say it, they are a big part of this hobby.



A simple box of candy or flowers goes a long way in pleading your case or trying to come up with a rational for—"another locomotive!"

I've got just about enough material left to finish the February issue of the Train Order, but it won't last for ever. Therefore, get your computer heated up and send me some pictures or an article about your new project. After all, it's still winter and no excuses for working in the yard. Here's something that Fred started that I thought was "KOOL." It had to do with details on your layout and more importantly, pictures of same. Mind you now, you had to get up close and personal, the results were great. Following then is a colleague of some that were published in the past. Hope they spark some interest in all of you—get that camera out and start clicking—up close!



Huber



McMullian



Sahagian



Treadaway

Maumee Express Convention 2014 Update

Convention report
February Train Order

Planning for the convention is coming along nicely. We have 4 layouts confirmed for ops sessions and two more tentative commitments. In addition, we have the Wabash Road Show layout in Saline lined up for Sunday and the FreeMo modular group will be offering operating sessions at the hotel. We should have a good number of operating slots available throughout the weekend.

We also have about 14 layouts line up for the layout tours. The layout tour committee is working hard to schedule when layouts are open so that the owners have an opportunity to participate in other convention activities.

Error! Reference source not found. has commitments from enough modular layouts to fill all three ballrooms at the hotel. He even has at least one modular layout on a waiting list in case an opening becomes available.

Dave and his committee have filled most of the slots for clinics. It looks like we have a broad spectrum of clinic topics lined up. By the February meeting, I think all the clinic slots will be filled.

Scott Davidson will have a volunteer sheet for workers at the convention at both the February and March meeting. We need people to staff the company store where people will pick up pre-ordered items and door prizes. We also need people to act as hosts in the clinic rooms on Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday. Also the NCR contest chair has asked for volunteers from Division One to help with the contest. This includes everything from judging to acting as a room host when the room is open.

We need layout photographs, especially from Op session hosts and layout hosts. Some of these photographs will be used on the convention web site, some may be used in the program booklet, and some will be used in a convention article in the next issue of the Hot Box.

Also, don't forget to register for the convention. Take time this week to download the registration form from the convention web site and send the completed form, and you fees, to Jerry Sahagian. If you didn't order convention apparel last fall, you can still do so on the registration form. Convention mugs are not being presold this year. If you would like a mug, you need to order it on the convention registration form. Jerry Sahagian will have an update on registration numbers at future division meetings.

Finally, be sure to check out the Division and convention web site from time to time. Paul Marsden is putting a lot of hard work into this. (Thanks, Paul)

The next update will be given verbally at the February Division meeting.

Remember—APRIL 25—27



Setting Steel

By: Ray Huber

Some times railroad things are not all trains and track. Once in a while you get to witness something that is railroad oriented , but it's not meant to carry trains, has no track to carry trains and by itself, is not very exciting.

However, these items are extremely important where a highway and a railroad cross each other. To that end, CSX realized that when the new intermodal yard in North Baltimore was completed, they would close three at grade crossing and could block at least three more with standing trains. As part of an agreement with the community and the County, they agreed to build a new grade separation on one of Wood Counties highways. I've made mention to this project before, but here are a few pictures that deal with the actual building of the project. There is no Blue or Pink foam, no Sculptamold, nor Evergreen Styrene in this project, it's all the real thing — dirt, concrete, and steel.



By: Ray Huber

Liberty Hi road grade separation project.
Cost \$7.0M by CSX Transportation Corp.
Owner: Wood County, Ohio

FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION

Division One Bylaws

Proposed amendment to the bylaws

Rationale – Article 8, Section 4 describes the duties of the Division One superintendent as follows:

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.

Under NMRA, NCR bylaws, a voting member of the NCR board of directors can not hold two or more positions on the board. For example, if a division superintendant holds an elected position to the NCR board, he is unable to serve as the division representative on the board unless he resigns from the elected position. The NCR board addressed this issue when the bylaws were updated a couple of years ago by giving the divisions the authority to appoint a representative to the NCR board to serve on the region board in place of the division superintendent. To bring the Division One bylaws in compliance with the NCR bylaws, the following text must be added to the Division bylaws. This text needs to be added to Article 8, Section 4, or as a new point under Article 8.

In the event that the Division One Superintendent is unwilling, or unable, for any reason to serve as the Division One representative on the NCR board of directors, the Division One board of directors shall appoint an alternate representative to the NCR board. This representative must be either the current Assistant Superintendent, or a past Superintendent of Division One. The appointee's term of service will run concurrent with the Superintendent's elected term. The appointee shall have full authority to speak for Division One, NCR, at all NCR functions and board meetings.



HEADS UP EVERYBODY, ANOTHER TRAIN EVENT TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR DURING THE REGIONAL CONVENTION THIS COMING APRIL. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT THE BLISSFIELD CLUB HAS DONE WITH THEIR NEW LAYOUT AND LOCATION.

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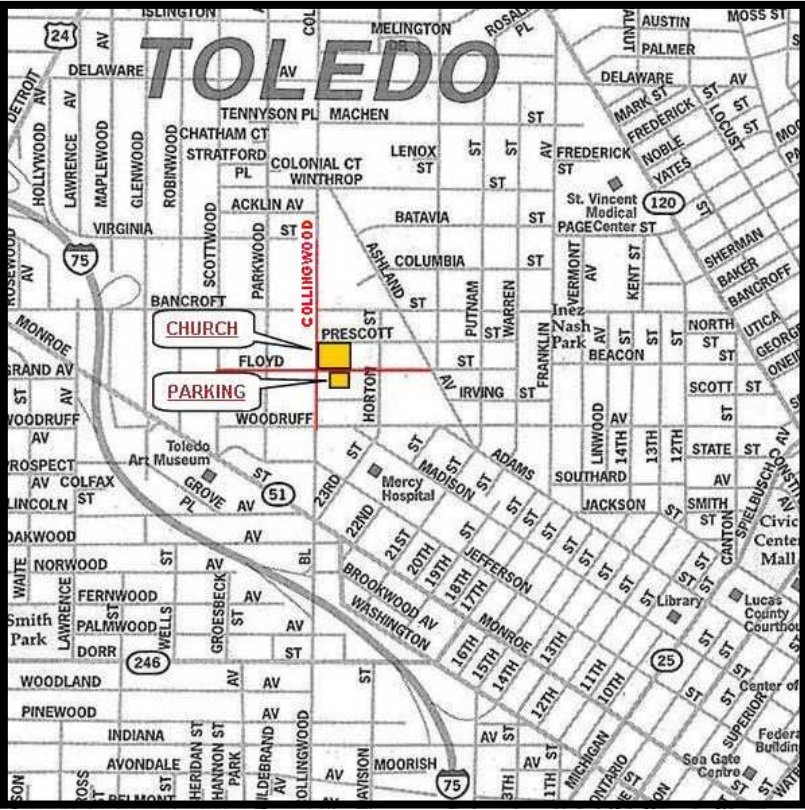
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LANE ST. MINI-PARK GARDEN RAILWAY



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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