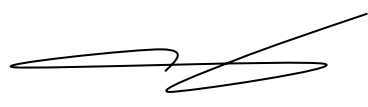


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Railroad Item of the Month

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



CSX Intermodal Terminal
North Baltimore, OH

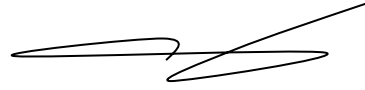
By: Ray Huber

Now that's BIG!

**Two more are being
built as we speak.**



VIEW FROM THE CAB



Division 1 Field Trip

On Saturday, May 31, Division 1 will visit Crossroads Village near Flint, Michigan. The park features a collection of historic buildings with active demonstrations, a passenger steamboat on a scenic lake, and an old-time carousel. But of course the big attraction for us will be the narrow gauge railroad featuring one of the last two remaining K-27 steam locomotives from the Denver and Rio Grande. We have reservations for a 40-minute ride on the train and will have plenty of opportunities for photo run-bys during the day. And we are in for a bonus treat: the railroad has scheduled us for a private tour of the service and restoration facilities, where one of their steam locos is undergoing a substantial rebuilding.

We will meet at 8:00 AM in the Wal-Mart parking lot at Central and Holland-Sylvania Road, next to Rally's Hamburgers. We will organize carpools and leave at 8:30 sharp for the two hour drive to the village. We have arranged for discounted tickets that include admission to all attractions, a steamboat ride, and the train trip. The total cost is \$13.60 for adults, \$12.75 for seniors, and \$10.65 for children. (Is that a bargain, or what!)

The park will be open until 5:00 PM so you will have plenty of time to explore in addition to the scheduled activities. There is food service available in the park, primarily burgers, hot dogs, beverages, etc. There are also picnic facilities and food is permitted to be brought in. This park is fun to visit for folks of all ages, so bring your families and friends.

Many of you signed up on a preliminary list at the last Division 1 meeting. We now need an updated count of those planning to attend. Please email davemcmullian@earthlink.net as soon as possible and let him know if you are coming, how many are in your party, and any questions you may have.

For more information on the village and railroads, visit these links:

<http://www.geneseecountyparks.org/pages/crossroads>

<http://www.geneseecountyparks.org/pages/huckleberry>

IMPORTANT NOTE: To tour the rail facilities, closed shoes are required. No sandals, flip-flops, etc.



Huckleberry Country



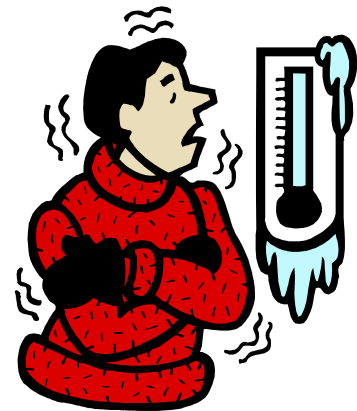
From the Editor's Desk

Ray Huber

I'll say it again and again—my how time flies when your having fun! The season is over and the Convention is history. Hope you had a chance to go to the Convention. There was lots to see even if you got no further than the Hotel.

Personally, I was impressed by the Free-Mo group. Their free form concept is unique and makes for some interesting coordination. What I thought was more impressive is the fact that these guys come in from all over the country just to set up for a few days and then go home to wherever. Now that's dedication to the hobby.

Despite the winter we had, we all seemed to get through it. With that comment, I wonder how many of you took advantage of the inside time to work on your favorite project. I got quite a bit done including the start of a new building to fill a blank spot on my new layout. My plan is to turn it into a presentation for this Fall. Check out other divisions to see what they do.



Here's a snick preview of things to come!

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Stopping here for a moment, let's think about what I just said. I'm planning to build a presentation around the building of a building. How easy! Just take a few pics of the project your working on and you can have your own presentation. Not sure how to put it all together, we can help. Just give us the idea, the pics and some hand notes, and we will put it together. That's just how John Roth got to be a clinician at the 2014 Convention. His clinic about , How to Weather a Hopper Car, went well and was well received—nice job John!

MAUMEE EXPRESS CONVENTION 2014 UPDATE

ME2014 Wrap-up

The 2014 NCR convention is now history after countless hours of planning over a 3-year time span. At one time or another almost every active member of Division One either took part in the planning process, or the actual production of the convention. I want to say thanks to all of you who pitched in at one time or another.

We entered uncharted territory with this convention. We knew that having the National Convention in Cleveland this summer was going to have a major impact on our convention in Toledo. From the very beginning, the committee discussed and debated various options to minimize the impact as much as possible. When the dust cleared, the best decision seemed to be to hold a spring convention before the National.. Income tax refunds would already be received, and potential attendees would have money in their pocket to spend. Also, potential attendees wouldn't have just broken the modeling budget from attending the National convention.

So how did we do? By the numbers, things went about as well as expected. Registrations were down about 30% from a five-year average. When the dust settled, we had 93 primary registrations, some of which were family registrations. When you figure in the 11 family members that attended, we had a paid gate of 104 attendees. We also had about 40 modelers who came with the various modular groups that set up at the hotel. Since these modelers came to work on their modular set ups, they were not required to register, but also did not take part in any of the layout tours or off-site ops sessions. So we had a total attendance of around 140 people.

The people who came to convention had a good time. We had an interesting selection of clinics, many of which were new to an NCR regional convention. Also, there were comments about how nice it was to go out on evening layout torus while it was still daylight. The venue was liked and many of us 'local' people discovered a great place to have lunch. The food in the restaurant was very good and the prices were very reasonable. (I have already been back once with my wife for a burger and onion rings, and will go back again from time to time.)

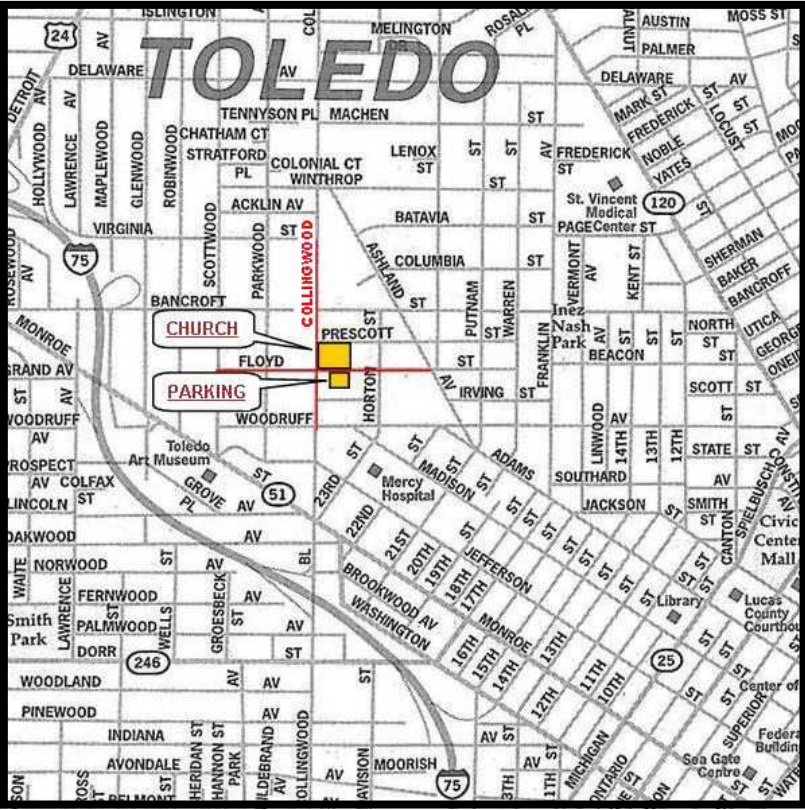
Most importantly, we wrapped up the convention in the black. Again this was because of judicious planning and keeping a close eye on the budget. We did not make as large a profit as we hoped, but still it was respectable. Phil will have a full financial report to present to the Division One board of directors this summer, and to the membership at the September meeting.

Again, my heartfelt thanks go to all of you who pitched in at one time or another to help with the convention. Your time given at Sunday evening meetings and / or during the convention itself is what made this convention a success.

....Fred



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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