

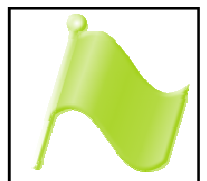
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*William E. Jacob
Nov. 1944—Nov. 2013
Sleep well my friend*



From the Editor's Desk

Ray Huber



My regular commentary will appear in the 2nd Section of the Nov. Train Order.

As you all know by now, we have lost a great Model Railroader and I have lost a very special friend.

I've know Bill and Kay since the late 1970's when they lived here in Toledo. Bill was transferred to the Akron area shortly after that to return to this area in 1993. During his absence, they would visit family for the Holidays and I would take Bill with me to Division meetings and other railroad club events.

Bill's health was on the decline when he returned to this area which hindered his ability to do the things he wanted to. Both of us managed to get the beginnings of a railroad built over the last couple of years which gave him the inspiration to try more.

His last heart surgery early this spring along with other health issues took it's toll. I was with Bill this last week at the hospital and did not like what I saw. It was just one of those feelings! His son and daughter in law along with the grand kids came in Friday evening as I was leaving.

His was moved to Hospice late Saturday afternoon after the family met with the medical staff at St. Luke's and Hospice.

Bill passed away early Sunday morning, 12 days short of his 69th birthday. He will be missed by those that knew him.

As for me, I feel a huge void! At the same time, a since of joy that I had the chance to share, laugh, cry and enjoy our common interest in Model Railroading as well as life itself..

Ray Huber

View from the Cab



My view from the cab changed unexpectedly this morning. Rather than gazing up the track to see where Division 1 is headed next, my full attention was captured by the past as I considered the journey we shared with Bill Jacob. Bill passed away today, Sunday, November 10, 2013. I can't remember if Bill was already a member of Division 1 when I came in the Fall of 1997, but in my mind he was always here. Bill was quiet and thoughtful, but when he had something to say, it was worth listening to. He had sound advice for the business at hand and was always part of the process for making things better. He was an outstanding craftsman. Even when we needed him about "overplanning" things, we had to admire the results. Everything in his basement was filled with innovation, including the layout room itself, the benchwork, lighting, scenic base, and trackwork. He built beautiful structures and was skilled at weathering. His workbench and storage area looked like a surgical suite. Everything about Bill was orderly and organized. I think that's what has made today hard for me. I didn't see it coming, wasn't planning on it. It snuck up on me, and I will have to process it for a while. While I'm doing that, I'm going to reflect some more on the way life passes by so quickly and try to do a better job of listening, caring, and thanking. I encourage you to do the same.

Dave McMullian