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Division One of the
North Central Region of the
National Model Railroad Assoc.

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



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

Model of the Month

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



**3 TRUCK SHAY #5
MIKE ANTEAU**

View from the Cab



As I look over the track ahead, we've got our next meeting approaching on November 22. Our activities will be basically the same as the last meeting, except I promise you less business meeting! We'll have Show-n-Tell and Tools-n-Techniques as usual, but then we'll roll out our newest program again, Pics-n-Flics. I'm going to keep beating this drum because I know this format holds tremendous potential for getting everyone involved with sharing their work while providing entertainment and know-how we can all use. Please, please grab a flash drive, load some pictures or short videos of something you are building, or saw, or did, relating to model railroading. Don't worry about image quality or do any fancy prep, just be part of the process.

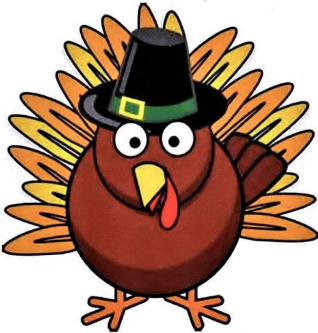
Think of the meeting as a workshop. My goal is for every one of us to come to Division 1 meetings with something to share and expecting to see new and interesting things. That can only happen if every one of us contributes. Division 1 is nobody. YOU are Division 1, it's the sum of the parts. Be there on November 22, and bring someone with you!

See ya on down the line,

Dave McMullian
Superintendent

From the Editor's Desk

Ray Huber



Coming up next; turkey and pumpkin pie! Can you believe it, Thanksgiving is almost here and that means Christmas is just around the corner.

However, let's get back to today and what lies ahead. First off, Thanksgiving and I mean that in the since that we all have something to be thankful for. If you can enjoy this hobby or any hobby, then you really have something to be thankful for. So many do not have the means to even think about the simple joys that we do.

Having said that, one of the greatest things to be thankful for is the right to speak our piece and some of you did at the last meeting. You were invited to fill out a questionnaire voicing your approval or displeasure concerning a number of issues that have been issues within the organization for a number of years. At last count, we had 8 members out of the 29 in attendance respond. That equates to 27.5% of the members present. Keep in mind, there are 79 people on the NMRA membership rolls and they are considered members of Division One. That means only 10% of the total membership responded to the Train Order questionnaire. Given the history of surveys I've been involved with over the years, that does not surprise me.

The results of the questionnaire are listed below. Clearly, some of the items are OK with the membership; others are a little vague. This is what I say to those that responded with a definite NO, give us something to work with! As was stated at the last meeting, if you're not happy, give us an idea of what you want. Saying NA with no suggestions will result in nothing!

RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE OCTOBER 2013 TRAIN ORDER

- Question
- 1 Are you OK with Friday evening meetings?
 - 2 Are you OK with the location?
 - 3 Are you OK with show & Tell?
 - 4 Do you like the new Train Order
 - 5 Do you feel some business discussion should be part of our meetings?
 - 6 Would you like to see the Holiday Party/Chinese Action continue?
 - 7 Are you willing to contribute to the TRAIN ORDER?
 - 8 Do you have any kind of layout?
 - 9 Would you like to see the Pics & Flicks idea continued?
 - 10 Do you feel our Audio/Visual equipment is adequate?

Results Number of responses, 8 out of 29 present = 27.5%

Question	YES	NO	???	Yes	No	???
1	7	0	1	87.50%	0.00%	12.50%
2	6	2	0	75.00%	25.00%	0.00%
3	8	0	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
4	7	0	1	87.50%	0.00%	12.50%
5	7	0	1	87.50%	0.00%	12.50%
6	8	0	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
7	7	0	1	87.50%	0.00%	12.50%
8	7	1	0	87.50%	12.50%	0.00%
9	8	0	0	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
10	6	0	2	75.00%	0.00%	25.00%

On the other hand, those that asked questions or commented about the questions at least open the door for dialogue. I will replicate those comments as best I can as follows. Trying to be fair and hear all, we should take time to discuss these concerns from the floor. Keep in mind, doing that will require business time - it's your call.

Question	Response
1	a. I could live with another day or night. Friday night is a busy time.
2	a. This is one of the reasons I don't attend the meetings regularly.
5	a. It's OK—Not always b. Not always
7	a. What do you want? What are you looking for?
10	a. Don't know b. We can make it better c. Backup bulb d. MACRO camera mode needs to be found

You've seen the results and read the written comments, now what do we do?. Not a lot to go by, but enough to begin to see a trend.

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND THANKFUL THANKSGIVING.



East end of the CSX intermodal yard—North Baltimore, Ohio

By: Ray Huber

Maumee Express Convention 2014 Update

2014 NCR Convention update
Fred Lux, convention chair

Progress is continuing in our planning for the 2014 NCR convention. At this point, the convention web site is up and running, offering basic convention information and a down-loadable convention registration form. Paul is still working on development of our electronic online registration site.

We had a table at the 2013 NCR convention in Troy the first weekend in November. We talked up the convention to all who stopped by. Perhaps the most important thing we did was to reinforce the fact that 2014 is a *SPRING* convention and that there will be no convention in the fall. A big thanks needs to go out to John Roth, who gave up his Saturday to sit at the convention table. Also, thanks needs to go to Randy Bosscher and Paul Marsden who spent several hours Friday and Saturday relieving John at the table on Saturday and me on Friday.

As was noted in a previous convention update, information and registration forms for our convention was stuffed into each of the attendee packets at the Troy convention.

Following is an overview of where we are in the planning for 2014.

Clinics – Dave McMullian is working on lining up presenters for our convention. Confirmed topics include Building an HO scale oil refinery, Scratch-building structures, Designing small shelf layouts, Simplified model signaling, Do-it-yourself timetables, Introduction to Free-Mo 101 and 102, Modeling Toledo railroads, and Scenery design strategies. Dave is still looking for other topics and presenters.

Layout Tours and Ops Sessions – Jim Treadaway has commitments so far from 15 layout owners to have their layouts open at some time or another during the convention. He also has commitments from 5 layout owners to host operating sessions on Friday evening. At this point we have approximately 30 operating slots available for pre-reservation on Friday. In addition to these 30 slots, the Wabash Road Show layout in Saline is hosting an ops session on Sunday afternoon for convention attendees. These 8 slots are available for preregistration also. Finally, the South East Michigan Free-Mo modular group, who will be setting up a massive modular display in one of the ballrooms, will be hosting continual operating sessions all day Friday and Saturday. They will handle their own sign-up on site at the convention.

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Remember—APRIL 25—27

Modular Layouts – Jeff Schumaker has been working hard lining up modular groups to come to Toledo and set up for our convention. As a result of his efforts, we have several groups that will be making their first appearance at an NCR regional convention. At this point, confirmed modular layouts include Northwestern Ohio HO Module Group, Great Lakes HOn30 Module Group, Boo Coo HO Module Group, Swanton HO & N Module Group, Roger Jensen On30, Dalmation HO Switching District, HO FreeMo Group, and two or three HO Timesaver layouts. At the Troy convention, we had queries from an S-scale modular group, and an O-scale Timesaver layout owner about coming to Toledo. Jeff is following up on these leads.

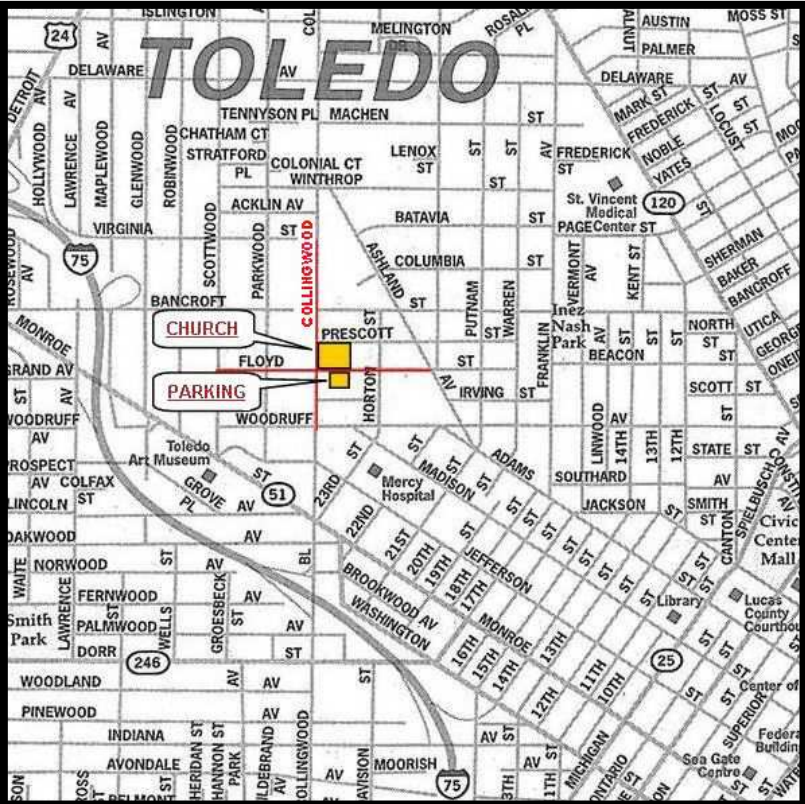
Convention web site – Paul Marsden has taken the informational web site for our 2014 convention live, even though he still has some things to do to it. He is adding more information as he receives it. One thing he is in dire need of is layout photos. If you are a layout owner that is either holding your layout open for convention, and / or are hosting an ops session, could you please take a picture or two of your layout and send them to Paul? The pictures can be of single scenes on your layout, they don't have to show the entire layout. Paul is also still at work developing an online registration page that can be used to electronically register for our convention and future NCR conventions. This page should be ready to launch shortly.

Registration – Jerry Sahagian is acting as registrar for our convention. He will be working closely with Paul as the electronic registration page goes live. He also will be receiving mailed in registrations and all registration payments. Jerry already has in hand the first mailed in registration from an attendee at Troy. It is not too early for Division One members to start sending in their registrations. As in the past, there are no freebies, not even for the convention chair.

Finally, many of you ordered convention shirts from Dave McMullian and picked them up at the October Division meeting. Please wear your shirts whenever you attend a model railroad function.. This is just another way to advertise our convention. Also, pencil the dates April 25 – 27, 2014 on your calendars if you haven't already. We are going to need everyone's help to make this convention a success.



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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