

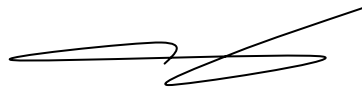
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Division One of the
North Central Region of the
National Model Railroad Assoc.



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



Model of the Month

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



Jim Treadaway
The High Road



View from the Cab

As another Christmas fast approaches, I find myself once again reminiscing about the man who introduced me to model railroading: Santa Claus. Sixty one years ago I awoke on a Christmas morning in south Texas to find an American Flyer freight set miraculously installed around my family's Christmas tree. Five years later the Comet passenger train joined the roster. Soon after, my family moved to Germany and upon arrival my father presented me with a Marklin HO scale freight set. Wow, eleven years old and already a multi-scale model railroader! Even though my high school years were too distracted by girls and cars, I never lost my modeling roots. Eventually I got back into the hobby and it's become a lifelong pleasure. All three of the trains I mentioned are still on display in my layout room and fill me with wonder and contentment whenever I gaze on them. I hope I never lose that young boy's sense of awe and curiosity about things that roll on rails. Tomorrow I'm heading back to Texas to spend a few pre-holidays with my dad. We'll play with his trains, make some repairs, compare modeling notes, and all those things little boys do. You see, he was a model railroader before I was, so imagine HIS delight when he saw what Santa brought me in 1952! Yeah, he refuses to grow up too. Thanks dad.

I want to thank every member of Division 1 for the good times we've shared this past year. Let's fill 2014 with great fun and unforgettable memories!

See ya on down the line,
Dave McMullian
Superintendent

From the Editor's Desk

Ray Huber

Have you started your Christmas wish list yet? Times a wasting and Santa waits for no man! The snow will soon be here and all the lights will be up and the people; oh yes and all the people.



As a kid I loved to walk around downtown Toledo with my Mom and Dad looking at all the toy land displays in Lamsons, LaSalle's, Sears and Tiedtke's. Along with that, were the Christmas carols and the smell of roasting nuts coming from the Morrow

Nut House on Adams St. That's all gone now, but I remember all of this with a tear in my eye and a smile on my face.

As before, I now look forward to getting down on the floor (it's getting up that bothers me) and playing with my American Flyer trains from the early 1950's. Most of my collection came from the Hobby Center when it was located in downtown Toledo at the corner of Madison and Erie. It's nothing more than around and around the tree, but what memories it conjures up in my mind.

On Christmas day evening after everyone else (my Dad and two brothers) were in bed, my Mom would say, rather sternly, Raymond will you please stop playing with those trains, the CHOO CHOO and that smell (the steamers were smokers) are keeping us awake. So, with reluctance I'd turn off the power, but just sit and look at what I thought were the finest model trains I've ever seen. Little did I know then what was yet to come.

What was yet to come happened at Christmas time in 1958 when I saw my first Atheran "blue box" HO scale car kit in a hobby shop located in downtown Trenton, New Jersey. WOW, and that was about all I could say as I just stood there and stared at this wonderful model of a caboose—how real can it be?

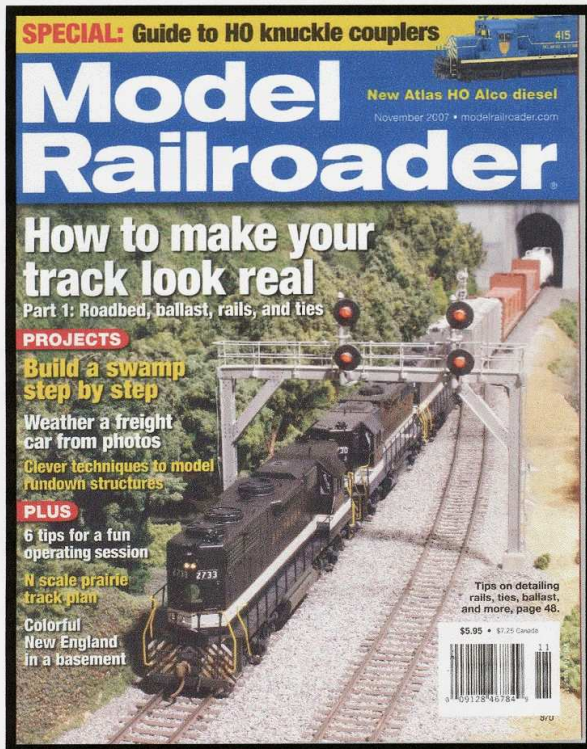
That was the beginning of what a lot of us are today and that's "hooked" on a hobby that has fostered more lasting friendships, provided more learning experiences and drained our wallets dry.

So, with fond memories of friendships past and hopefully more to come, we look forward to another Holiday season and all of the meaning that goes with it.

Happy Holidays, Ray Huber

Some asked at the last meeting for the address of the software I use to create Depth of Field. Below is a slide from my Depth of Field presentation given last year. It shows the “free ware” address, but no guarantees that it is still valid - hope it is and Enjoy!

By the way, that’s **Model Railroader, November 2007.**



Here’s the issue with the article about Depth of Field. There are other programs out there that do the same thing and could be better.

However, the free-ware listed in this issue of MR works and has given me a new way to think about picture taking. More importantly, the ability to take a picture knowing I can control DOF and not the other way around.

Product name: Combine Z5

The Web Site address for the “free-ware” is:

<http://www.hadleyweb.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/CZ5/combinez5.htm>

Product name: Helicon Focus

The Web Site address for the “buy-ware” is:

www.heliconfocus.com

The things you meet along the highway!

Take for example what Bob Alexander found as he was driving down the highway minding his own business when low and behold, this strange looking creature appeared.

I know there's a story here, maybe we can get Bob to share it with us—how about it Bob?



By: Bob Alexander

Maumee Express Convention 2014 Update by: Fred Lux

Express 2014
Progress update and meeting minutes
December 8, 2013

The convention planning committee met Sunday, December 8. In addition to the committee members, Chuck White from Division 3 was there to talk about the possibility of holding a silent auction similar to what was done in Troy last month. Also in attendance were Bill Gawthrop and Tim Moran representing the Free-Mo group.

Bill and Tim had layout diagrams for the modular setup at our convention. The setup will utilize all of ballroom #4. Logistics for setup and teardown, as well as viewing and ops sessions were discussed at length.

Chuck White gave a detailed report on the silent auction process and the background behind the concept. The board discussed Chuck's proposal and looked for ways to implement the silent auction. The upshot of the discussion was that while it was a good idea and a possible money maker, no one on the committee was sure that the necessary additional space was available at the Ramada Convention Center. Fred is going to meet with Jennifer to see if anything can be worked out.

Bill Gawthrop brought three boxes of supplies for us to use that were left over from the 2013 NCR convention in Troy. Thanks, Bill.

Dave McMullian brought in a detailed grid showing a possible way to organize all of the convention activities so that participants could get the most out of it. The grid layout allows both attendees and participants to maximize their convention weekend. Dave also talked about logistics for the NCR membership meeting Sunday morning and the NCR board meeting on Friday morning.

Steve Kellogg reported on his process of procuring door prizes and provided a verbal list of what companies have already responded with donations.

Jeff Schumaker reported that response from modular groups had been very good and that he now had filled all four ballrooms with layouts. He had one large S-scale modular layout that he did not have room for, and had to turn away.

Jerry Sahagian reported that he had received two convention registrations so far. Jerry is going to handle data entry into a spreadsheet and pass the checks on to Phil.

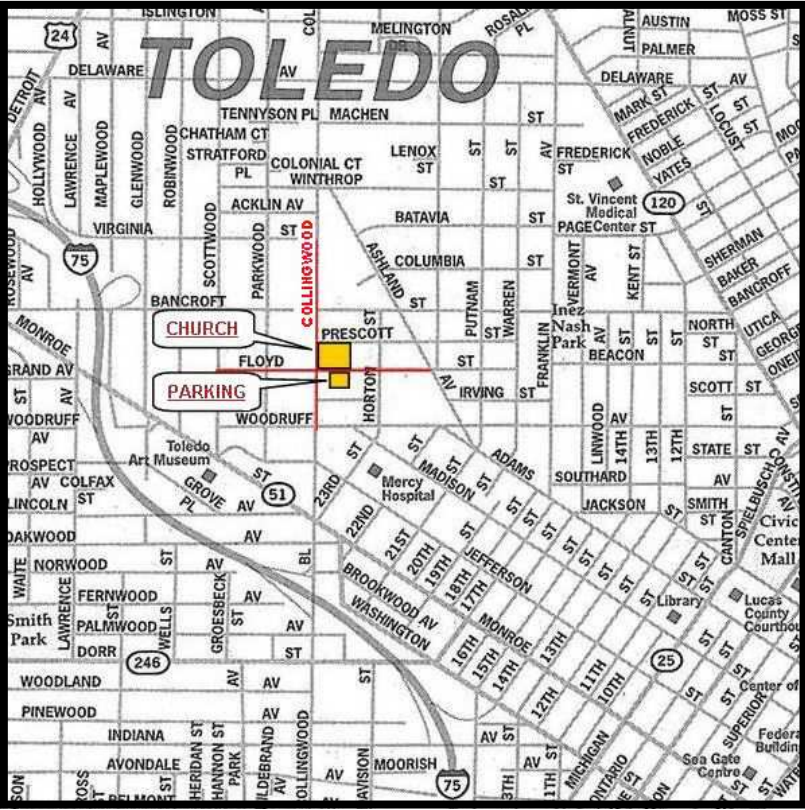
We discussed the fact that the electronic registration feature of the convention web site was not going to be ready in time to roll out to the public. Paul was going to continue work on it and he and Jerry would test it out with hopes of having it ready for the 2015 NCR convention. One major component that was still lacking was a way to handle e-commerce so that the entire process could be done on line. The informational side of the convention web site is up and running, although Paul is still looking for more data to flesh it out.

The next committee meeting will be held in mid-January, with a specific date set after the first of the year.



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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