

Train Order

Division One NCR

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Cab Signals **Fred Lux**

I am sitting in my travel trailer just outside of Traverse City as I write this. The sun is out, but it is very brisk outside. Leaves are gorgeous. I am thinking about a house I see every trip north that is just outside of Clare. There is an ATSF caboose sitting on a short piece of track next to the driveway. There is a loop of 1 ¼" gauge track that circles the caboose and heads off into the woods behind the house. Every trip I promise myself I am going to stop and investigate, but something always comes up. Maybe tomorrow, when I head back down-state, will be the day.

We had a little over thirty people at our September division meeting. There were a couple of new faces, along with some that we hadn't seen in a while. It was really nice to see Frank Kaspitzke feeling well enough to get out to a meeting. It has been a couple of years since he has attended.

We implemented a new system of voluntary contribution to defray the cost of operating the Division. Contributions were on target last month, which is encouraging. If this keeps up, we will not have to dip into the reserve funds this year to pay operating expenses. Thanks to all of you who supported the division.

Mike Bruss is the featured layout owner for October. Mike has generously agreed to open his layout on Saturday, October 24, from 11 AM – 3 PM. Mike's address is included in the email that was sent out to announce the posting of this newsletter. We decided not to put layout addresses in the newsletter since it is posted online for anyone to read. If you need Mike's address, feel free to call me, or any other board member. Some pictures of Mike's layout are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Rich Mahaney is joining us from the Detroit area to present a program on tank cars and their industries. Some of you will remember Rich from the NCR

convention last year, where he presented a couple of clinics. On another page you will find a short biographical sketch about Rich. It should be an interesting and informative program.

The Ops Box is returning with this issue. This is a listing of members who host, or want to host, operating sessions. If you would like your layout listed, please email me (or call me) with the necessary information. If you are interesting in attending an ops session, contact the owner of the layout your are interested in and ask to be put on his list.

We will be using the normal signup sheets for this meeting. If you were not at the September meeting, check the NMRA Division One roster and make sure that your information is correct. Check off your name on the roster after doing so.

I would like to take a couple of minutes to address the issue of door prizes at the meeting. We have been trying to hold the door prize cost to no more than \$20 per meeting. Several people have suggested going to two door prizes at each meeting – two \$10 gift certificates. The certificates could be to Hobby Lobby or Hobby Town, USA. This would allow the winners to use the certificates for something that would be useful to them. I know others feel that the more door prizes the better, regardless of what they are. We will let the membership make a decision at the meeting.

Dave McMullian has indicated that he will have order forms with him at this meeting for shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Come prepared to place your order for Division One items. As in the past, payment will be on delivery, not when you place the order.

See you all on Friday, October 23.

Division One minutes for September 25, 2009

Place: Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH

Time: 7:30pm

Attendance: 36

Call to order by Superintendent Fred Lux at 7:30pm.

Visitors (3) were recognized.

Minutes of the last meeting in May 2009 as distributed in the Train Order were approved.

There were no reports from the officers.

There was No Old Business.

New Business: A very lean budget for 2009-2010 was presented by the Agent, Phil Kaufman. The budget is based on an income of \$5.00 from 30 attendees at the meetings. All monies collected would be voluntary since there are no dues. No record will be kept of who the individuals contributing money toward the operations of the Division are. The budget was approved unanimously.

A list of dates for "Layout of the Month" was distributed and volunteers were requested. There would be one layout open for visitation on either the Saturday or Sunday following the Division meeting each month. Mike Bruss will host the layout tour in October.

Steve Glass made a report from the AV Equipment Committee. All equipment stolen from his home last spring has been replaced. The quality of the camera has been upgraded. What is still needed is lighting (stand and lamp) and an extension cord. Later in the meeting it was suggested that the Division add a cordless microphone and associated sound equipment. The Committee was authorized to investigate costs and report back. Also, a spare lamp for the video projector is needed.

John Roth gave a "Two Minute Clinic" on making trees from a twig broom currently available as a Halloween costume prop.

The business adjourned at 7:52pm.

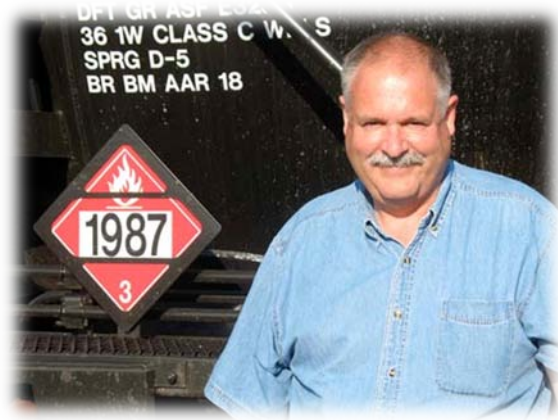
After refreshments, the floor was opened to a Show and Tell of "What You Did Last Summer." Everyone was given an opportunity to report on the summer's activities, predominantly railroad/model railroad

related. The reports proved a good opportunity to demonstrate the new equipment. It passed with flying colors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Chuck Williams, Clerk

Rich Mahaney to Present October Program



Rich Mahaney has been involved with "trains and railroads" for more than 50 years. Rich caught the "railroad disease" from his Grandfather Lloyd who used to take Rich with him to the rail yards in the Grand Rapids, MI to watch trains in the late 1950's. Of course Rich has done the same thing for his grandson Owen. Rich enjoys model railroading, real railroading, rail photography, teaching clinics for model railroaders and emergency responders about railroad equipment, trains, hazardous materials and emergency response. His presentations always use many photos to illustrate his teaching points. Rich has conducted presentations on different topics in 24 States, Canada and Saudi Arabia. Rich is currently beginning to work on his new HO gauge layout for his new Great Northern and Pacific Railroad. This layout will combine the GN through interchanges with the NP, SP&S, DM&IR, MIL, UP and maybe the CB&Q as the track plan travels from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Ocean. For a real job and to pay or everything, Rich has held work positions over the years in corporate loss prevention, emergency response, code compliance, emergency planning and management, training and consulting and college level teaching. Rich currently lives with his wife Carol in the Canton, MI area and is a member of the NMRA NCR Division 6.

Rich will be talking about Tank Cars and the industries they serve.

Kellogg's Korner
Steve Kellogg

Show and tell for October will be your favorite box car. Remember, those who bring items for show and tell will get an extra door prize ticket.

Show and tell for the rest of the year is:

- November - Flat car
- December - None - x-mas party
- January - None - revenue / M. Of W.
- February - Small building or structure
- March - Division Model Show
- April - None
- May - None

We are down to 136 Division cars

- Car # 628 - 31
- Car # 631 - 27
- Car # 635 - 29
- Car # 642 - 26
- Car # 648 - 23

We are now selling them at buy one, get one free.

After reviewing placing ads in the various magazines, or selling them on E-Bay, it was decided it was not cost effective due to the small number of cars left.

I will have cars at each meeting, so if you have been waiting - now is your chance. Do not let the fact that they are HO stop you.

G scalers can use them as car loads, O and S scales can use as narrow gauge, N scalers can use them as large HI cube cars, Z scalers can use them as enormous HI cube cars.

We will be sending cars to the convention in Ft. Wayne.

See you all at the meeting

Featured Layout

As was discussed in last month's newsletter and at the September meeting, this year Division One is featuring one member's layout each month. There will be a short blurb about the layout in the newsletter, including two or three photos. The layout will be open for Division One members to tour either the Saturday or Sunday after the Division One meeting. The address for the layout will included in the e-mail sent out to all Division One members announcing the publication of the monthly newsletter. I have decided not to include the address in the newsletter since it is available to the world online. The address and driving information will also be available at the Division One meeting. Those of you who still have your Division One layout tour books from a couple of years ago will also have a map showing the layout location.

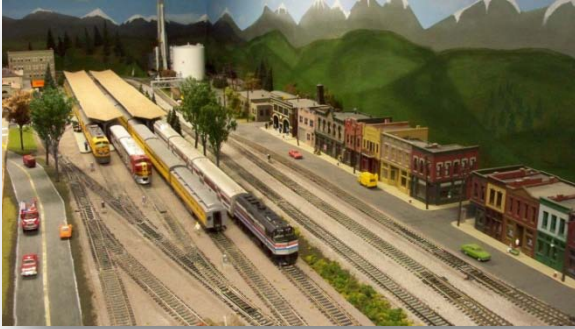
A sign-up sheet for featured layouts was available at the last meeting, and will be available again at this meeting. There are still three months not spoken for. The featured layout schedule follows.

- October – Mike Bruss
- November – Jerry Sahagian
- December –
- January – Jim Treadaway
- February – Steve Kellogg
- March –
- April –
- May – Jim White

Welcome to Mike Bruss's layout



Looking East towards Julesburg



Passenger trains ready to leave Denver

“This railroad runs from Chicago to Portland. I model the Union Pacific to a point. The Union Pacific interchanges with my railroad the Union, Santa Fe & Southern at Omaha. This railroad was designed for operations. There is a lot of switching to do. The railroad is 99 % scened and is DCC.”

Mike’s layout will be open on Saturday, October 24, from 11 AM till 3 PM. Take some time and visit a very nice layout. Directions to Mike’s house were in the email announcing the newsletter and will be available at the meeting.

Upcoming Train Shows

Sunday, Oct. 25, 11 AM – 3 PM. Lincoln Park Train Clubs 2nd annual train show. 3240 Ferris, Lincoln Park, MI,

Sunday, Nov. 1, 10 AM – 4 PM. Gratiot Valley Railroad Club train show. Gibraltar Trade Center, 237 North River Road, Mt. Clemens, MI

Sat. & Sun, Nov. 7 & 8, Division 3, MCR, NMRA train show. Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Dayton, OH.

Sat & Sun, Nov. 14 & 15, 9 AM – 5:30 PM. Milwaukee Trainfest, Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park, Milwaukee (West Allis, WI)

Sunday, Nov. 15, 10 AM – 3 PM. Norwalk & Western RR Train Show, EHOVE Career Center, 316 West Mason Road, Milan, OH

Sunday, Nov. 29, Noon – 4 PM. Railroadiana Toys & Trains. SS Simon & Jude Church Hall, 32500 Palmer Rd., Westland, MI

Sunday, Nov. 29, 10 AM – 4 PM. Rails on Wheels Model Railroad Show. Washtenaw farm Council Grounds, Ann Arbor – Saline Rd, Saline, MI

Sunday, Dec. 6, 10 AM – 4 PM. St. Mary’s Train Show and Sale. St. Mary’s Athletic Complex, corner of Commerce Rd and Orchard lake Rd. in West Bloomfield.

Saturday, Dec. 26, 10 AM – 3 PM. Lima Train Show. Allen County Fair Grounds, St. Rt. 309 East, Lima, OH

Sunday, Dec. 27, 11 AM – 4 PM. FOTMRR Christmas Model Train and Fund Show. Lucas County Rec Center, 2901 Key St., Maumee, OH

If you know of train / model railroad shows that should be listed in future issues of the Train Order, please send me the information.

The Ops Box

Contact the editor to get your ops sessions listed here.

Ops Sessions for October / November

Great Northern - Jerry Sahagian - 419-843-4438

Informal ops on a weekly basis. Up to 8 slots available.

Stinky Creek – Jim Treadaway – 419-382-2097

Formal ops once a month. 7 slots available.

Big Knee Valley – Don Bigney – 419-475-8816

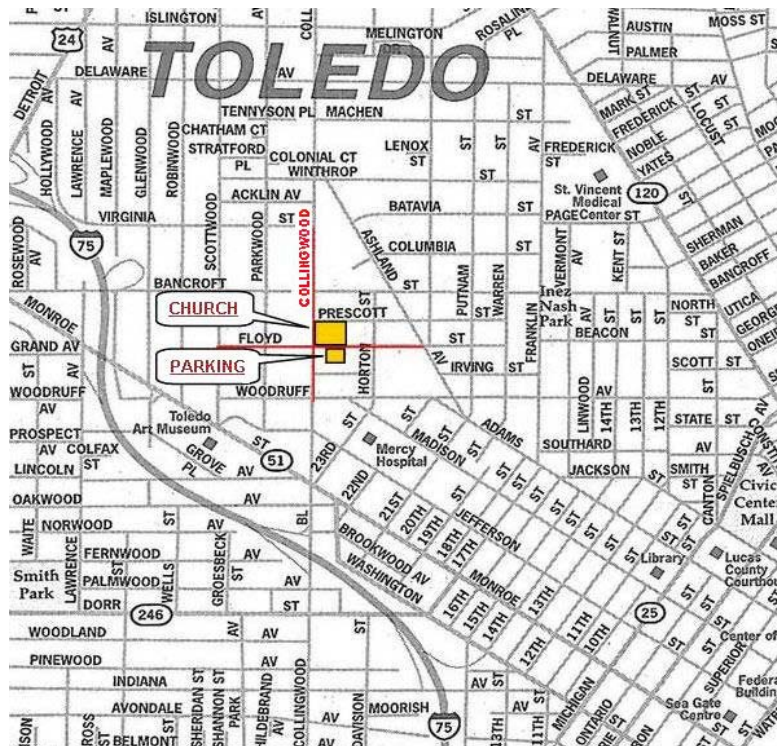
No regular schedule. Call for a session.

River Falls & Eastern – Larry Hickman – 419-833-3851 or email hickman@wcnet.org.

Regular ops the first Saturday of the month. Contact Larry to be added to the Extra Board. If emailing, use OPERATIONS as the subject.

Next Meeting – Friday, October 23

Collingwood Presbyterian Church



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