

Train Order

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Cab Signals

Fred E. Lux, Jr.

November, a time of crisp days, fallen leaves, fat turkeys (the edible kind), and a constant string of hints dropped here and there about model railroad items for your Christmas list. If you are lucky, the hints are met with more than a tolerant smile, and are not totally ignored.

We have a nice turnout for the meeting last month, even took in some new members. I thought the program was excellent. In fact, I wish we had had more time to see the part of the program that focused on industries.

This month we have another out-of-town speaker coming in to talk about his version of ops. We will use the same meeting agenda we did last month, putting the program first, so that he can head back to the Detroit area early if he so desires.

Our video equipment worked well. I heard lots of positive comments about it. We also saw again the need for some sort of sound system. We should have some proposals from the committee to share with the group at the meeting.

A preliminary phone and email list of Division One members will be available for proofing at the meeting. Only the names of people active in the Division will be included on the list. Division One members who do not come to meetings will be left off the list unless they contact me and ask to be included. Likewise, any active member of Division One can opt out of having either their email or phone listed. I would hope that no one does this, however, as it defeats the purpose of the list.

We took a straw vote at the October meeting to see how people felt about the way the door prizes were handled, or if they wanted to do something different. The consensus was to leave things the way they are now. With that in mind, I decided to purchase the door prizes needed for the rest of the year at one time. This way I could make sure that the average amount spent per prize stayed within the price parameters the board had set. None of the prizes are scale-specific. Like last month, we will set out some extra prizes so that winners have an opportunity to pick and choose.

Hope to see all of you at the November meeting.

Minutes of Oct. 23, 2009 meeting of Division One Collingwood Presbyterian Church

Attendance: 33

Superintendent Fred Lux called meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Dave McMullian announced that he was accepting orders for Division One shirts and caps, to be delivered and paid for at the November meeting.

After announcements, Rich Mahaney presented a program on "Tank Cars and Industries served by tank cars."

Rich Mahaney concluded at 8:45 and Superintendent Lux announced that we would take a refreshment break and reconvene at 9:00.

The Business meeting started at 9:00p.

Minutes of the September 25, 2009 meeting were approved.

Officers Reports: Dave McMullian reported briefly on the Ft. Wayne NCR convention.

Steve Kellogg reported on discussions he has had about a prospective train show. Issues of insurance need to be pursued in the next step. Steve also reported that he had sold 4 division cars.

Old Business: Ray Huber reported that the information he had put forth at the last meeting about the availability of maps from his office were in error but that the situation was being corrected and they should be available shortly on his office website.

John Roth reported on the status of the Division Library, which at the moment has no holdings.

Steve Glass gave a report from the AV Committee. The budgeted amount has been spent and the stolen equipment has been replaced. Still need is a spare lamp for the projector, lighting stands and reflectors, speakers, and a wireless microphone. After discussion, the committee was authorized to bring costs for this added equipment to the next meeting at which time a decision will be made as to what to buy.

New Business: A discussion on door prizes was initiated by Superintendent Lux. The subject was tabled until the next meeting.

Superintendent Lux announced that he had placed on the table a list of all active Division One members (active in the Division, not just NMRA members living in our service area). He asked that everyone present check it for accuracy.

Superintendent Lux reminded everyone that Mike Bruss's layout would be open on Saturday 11-3. He had maps for those who did not know how to get there.

Ray Huber presented a Two Minutes clinic on some weathering techniques that he saw demonstrated at the Ft. Wayne convention.

Show and Tell: the topic was "favorite box cars." Several were presented and described.

After drawing for door prizes, the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Chuck Williams
Clerk

Kellogg's Korner By Steve Kellogg

A big thank you to Rich Mahaney for his very informative clinic on tank cars. Now we all know what type of tank car goes where on our layouts.

Also thank you to Mike Bruss for hosting the layout of the month for October. Unfortunately, due to work, I did not get a chance to see it.

The November layout of the month is Jerry Sahagian's Great Northern Railroad.

Show and tell will be your favorite flat car. I know everyone must have at least one flat car. so let us fill the table. (To the wise guys, smashing a different kind of car flat, is NOT a flat car!)

The November clinic, presented by Gale Saxton, will be on operations.

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.

Layout of the Month
Great Northern Railway – Kalispell Division
Owner – Jerry Sahagian

The HO scale Kalispell Division is set in 1950. This basement layout measures 54' by 41'. It is walk-around- construction using Easy DCC. At this point Jerry's bench work is about 95% complete, and his scenery is about 20% complete. This is a linear layout depicting the 270 miles from Have to Whitefish, Montana. This represents the crossing of the Rockies through Marias Pass. There are 7 major river crossings and 10 bridges. Track work on the mainline is complete, with the majority of work on the branch lines and communities nearing completion. In 2007, Jerry estimated that his scenery was 15% complete. In the past 2 years, he has completed perhaps another 5% of the scenery. A fair amount of work has been done in the past year.

Jerry's layout will be open on Saturday, November 21, from 2 PM – 6 PM. Park in the driveway or 150' further down in front of the HPH office. Jerry's address can be found in the Division One tour booklet from 2007, and in the tour booklet for the 2008 Regional convention. Also, his address will be on the meeting agenda sheet, and was included in the email announcing this issue of the newsletter.



The Empire Builder noses onto the mainline to begin its daily run.



The Empire Builder thunders into town, as a local switches the grain elevator and stock yards in the back ground.

Future Featured Layouts

December – Donald Bigney
January – Jim Treadaway
February – Steve Kellogg
March – David Miller
April –
May – Jim White

We still need a volunteer for April.

Gale Saxton to present program on Operations

This month marks the second of two out of town speakers to present a program for Division One. Gale, who is from the Detroit area, is a veteran of years of operations, both on his home layout and as part of a round robin group. Following is a brief bio that gale has provided for us.

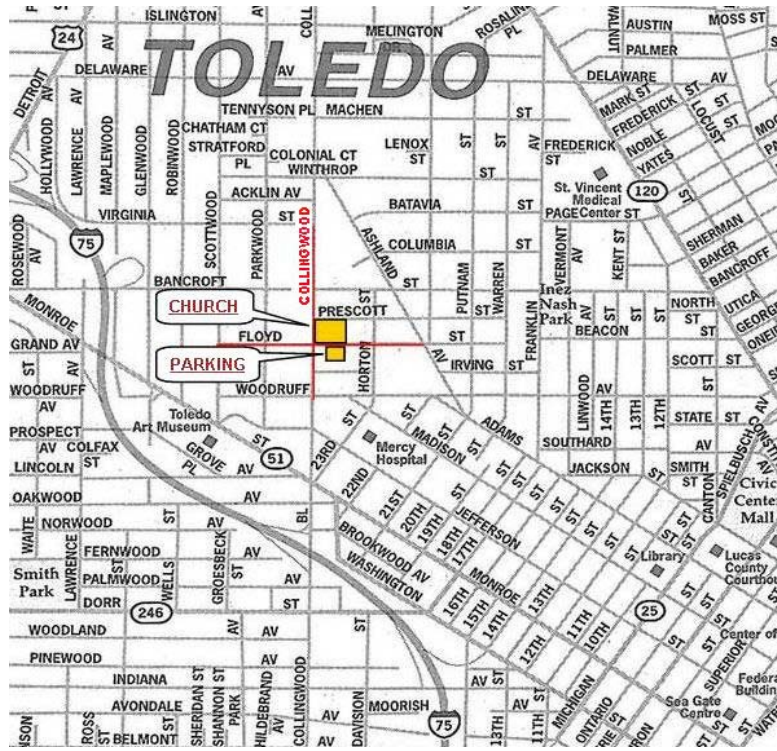
I freelance model the B&M in HO in the 1950's. I have been a member of an operations round robin group since 1985. I've been hosting operations on my railroad for the past 8-years.

My clinic can best be described as Operations 101. I stress the point that Ops can be started very simply and show the decisions I made in starting my sessions. Various types of operations schemes are discussed along with some steps required to begin.

I am looking forward to visiting Division One.

Next Meeting – Friday, Nov. 20

Collingwood Presbyterian Church



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