



THE CAR HOUSE

October 19, 2000

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
October 2000 MEETING MINUTES**

Substitute superintendent, **Rick Ware**, called the October 19th, 2000 meeting of Division 8, North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association to order at 7:04 PM. The meeting was held at Troy Christian Chapel. Thirty-three people were in attendance.

Visitors

We had 3 visitors, **Marv Linke**, **Ken Chick** and **Saul Kalbfeld** at this month's meeting. Marv and Ken are N-scalers who came out to see MMR **Dan Lewis'** clinic and Saul was a repeat visitor from last month.

Show and Tell

The show and tell featured stock cars covering N scale up to G scale models; all were, thankfully, without any aromatic 'weathering'.

Paymaster's Report

Gene Kome, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 594.77

Savings and C.D.: \$ 3,968.00

1225 Membership Renewal

Gene announced that the Division's 1225 membership was up for renewal and that the 1225 group put forth a request for extra donations to enable them to match a grant from the government. If the 1225 group can match the grant, it will allow them to install a turntable at their facility. Gene suggested that the Division upgrade to sustaining membership in the 1225 group, as this would increase our contribution to the needed amount. A motion to vote on the change to sustaining membership was made and the motion passed unanimously.

Modeling Contest Addition

Dan Lewis suggested that the modeling contest, announced at last month's meeting, be modified to allow for 1' x1' squares for all scales in addition to the sizes already announced. The size is at the modeler's discretion, but the 1' x 1' size will allow the contestant's to take the same square to the regional convention next fall in Fort Wayne.

Clinic

Dan Lewis presented this month's clinic on scratchbuilding. His subject was a 36' wooden stock car from the Milwaukee Road.

Minutes Approval

The September minutes were approved unanimously.

Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton presented his NCR trustee's report this month.

- PCR Trustee, **Charlie Getz**, and Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette editor, **Bob Brown**, were in town last week to inspect the late **Irv Schulz's** layout for a possible salvage effort to preserve a portion of his layout.
- The NCR convention with co-hosts, MWR and MCR, at Fort Wayne looks like it will be a very good convention.
- The next board meeting will be in February 2001 at Chattanooga.
- The 10/28 to 10/29 Chicago layout tour is still on.

New Business

It was suggested that the meeting start time be moved back to 7:15 PM, **Dan Lewis** mentioned that it would be possible since the Division was not constrained on the time the meeting had to end. The suggestion was dismissed with no change in the start time.

NCR Trustee, **Dave Thornton**, presented **Dan Lewis** with a Gold Award Certificate that Dan won at the 2000 NCR convention in Toledo.

Andy Dalian requested that anyone who had an interest in doing a clinic at the Gratiot Valley Swap & Shop at Macomb Community College on November 5th to please contact him.

Hints & Tips

None this month.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & Tell

November's clinic will be on S scale and brass models hosted by **Jim Kindraka** of River Raisin Models. The show and tell subject is brass models or a current modeling project.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, November 16, 2000 at the Troy Christian Chapel. The Troy Christian Chapel is located at 400 East Long Lake Road (south side) between Livernois Road and Rochester Road.

Website

Division 8 Online:

http://www.tripod.com/ncr_division8

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Curt Danielewicz, Secretary