

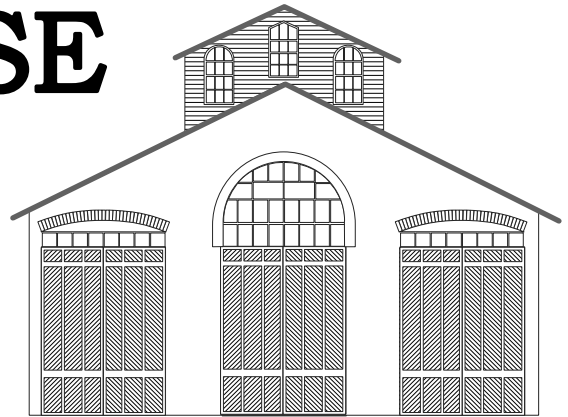
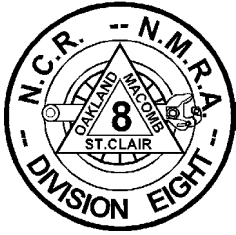
# THE CAR HOUSE

The Monthly Newsletter of  
Division 8 North Central  
Region

National Model Railroad  
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## Call to Order

The October, 2006 meeting of Division 8 was called to order 3 minutes early by my watch, synchronized to the station clock in the main waiting room of the historic GTW depot in Walled Lake, Michigan. Twenty four members were present in addition to one visitor, **John Cline**. John lives in Milford and models the C&O in HO scale.

**Show and Tell** The members brought in a mixed bag of Show and Tell subjects this month. **Dan Lewis** brought in a section of N Scale cribbing. He used a crib sheet to build the model but said that he did not have it on the sleeve of his shirt. **Gene Kome's** major bottling plant project marches on. He showed a segment of the complex modeled after a photo of the prototype.



**PRR M1A MOUNTAIN TYPE 4-8-2**

BY

**BROADWAY LIMITED**

**Dave Thornton** offered up a pair of O scale Pennsy cars, an H21 class hopper and an X29 all steel boxcar. The Pennsy operated up to 39,000 of the hoppers, and 30,000 of the boxcars at peak times. Dave also brought in an NMRA freightcar fleet book. In an unrelated development, Dave was forced to withdraw from the recent **Dancing with the O Scalers** event due to foot surgery. **Jerry Shanek** showed a Conrail video from 1990 plus some information and history of PRR towers. He also brought in a Lego Christmas train, already assembled. **Stu Sonta** brought in a curious part from a Z scale blast furnace kit. Seems that the same part is also used in the corresponding N scale kit. Go figure. **Paul Runyon** brought in a neat Broadway Limited Mountain 4-8-2 with sound. **John Jackson** brought in a B&O Timesaver boxcar.

**PRR X29 ALL STEEL BOXCAR**



**PRR H21 HOPPER**

### Division 8 Business and Finances

Division 8 bean counter **Marv Linke** reminds us that membership renewals are due by January so that he or his successor does not have to chase after people for the membership. The division sent a flower arrangement to the family of **Ken Sanborn**. We will also send fifty dollars to the NMRA library in Ken's memory.

### Financial Report

We have \$2648.26 in the checking account and an additional two thousand dollars in CD's.

## LEGO CHRISTMAS TRAIN



### Upcoming Elections

The division will vote for new officers in January, 2007. Nominations will be made in November. As of now, the president's and treasurer's posts are open, although our current officers know of several interested parties. The secretary's position will be filled unopposed for another year by **Saul Kalbfeld** unless another member feels compelled to make a run for the post.

### 2007 Great Lakes Express Report

**Dave Thornton** reminded us that as of today it is only 276 days until the convention opens. The convention banquet will be at the Henry Ford Museum. Expected pricing will be about \$75.00 per person. President **Curt Danielewicz** has been working on a tour of the National Steel Company. This is projected to be an all day tour in protective clothing. Layout and prototype tours have been pretty well finalized and plans for the Non-rail activities are almost completed. The early registration package is available now although the hotel reservation package is not ready yet. Clinic coordinator **John Young** has identified 135 clinics. Many will be totally new and different. Modeling with the Masters should be on the schedule again although details are not yet available. Our convention will be entirely self contained in the convention hotel.

During the convention 10 hotel rooms will be available for member's use, although these would generally go to out of town volunteers. Subsidized parking at the hotel will also be available.

We will need adequate tour hosts and bus captains. Bus captains have a chance to go on the tours for free. They assist drivers along the tour route. Since our members will probably be too busy to go on the tours, Dave suggested that we organize a Fall tour of the layouts that were open during the convention for Division members.

### NCR Report

**Tim Fisher** reports the Hot Box will be on an improved publishing schedule, but that contributions are always needed. A page of text and a picture is requested. The November issue is complete. Tim reports that that NCR Division 7 counties may become Division 4. Finally, the Fall 2008 NCR convention in Toledo is in the planning stages.



## VINTAGE PRR ROLLING STOCK

## BOTTLE PLANT SECTION



### Announcements

The President's award has been presented to division treasurer **Marv Linke** for his work in last years Pontiac Junction convention and also for his management of the division website. **Gene Kome**, keeper of the division mailbox commented on a letter received from a prison inmate in the Pennsylvania corrections system. He likes trains and is interested in receiving reading material.

### Announcements-Continued

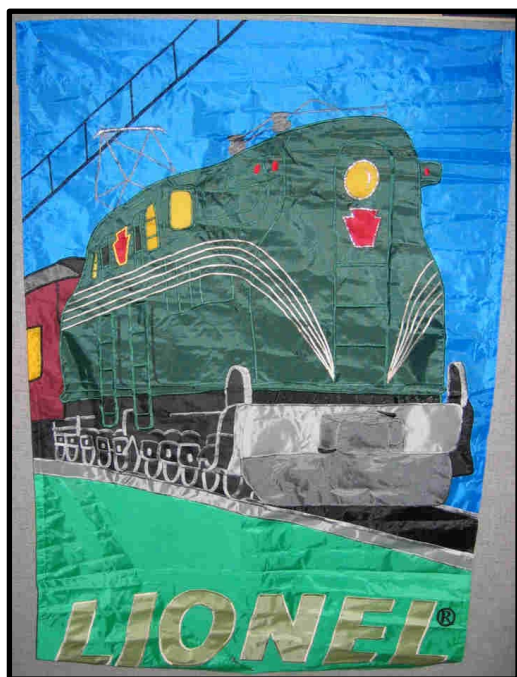
On Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Detroit Model RR Club in Holly will host an open house. Also, **Joel Goldberg** received several awards at the recent Grand Rapids convention. Finally, as discussed at the last meeting, an alternative source for modeling tools and supplies is **Model Expo**. The website is [www.modelexpo-online.com](http://www.modelexpo-online.com).



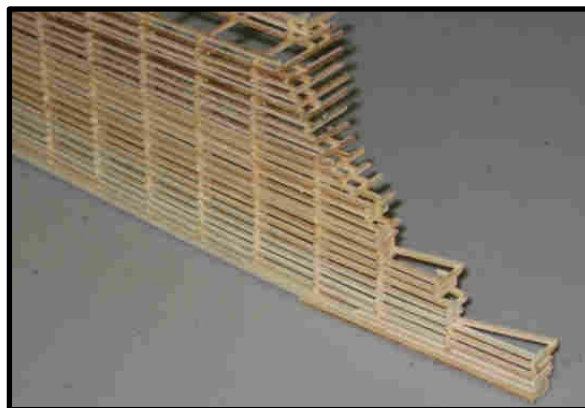
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**SCRATCHBUILT CHURCH**



**PENNSY SOUVENIR POSTER**



**N SCALE CRIBBING**

**Grand Rapids Convention Comments** The Grand Rapids event attracted over 200 people. The highlight of the weekend was Bruce Chubb's well known layout that featured many hours of operations.

### Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on November 16, 2006 at the Troy Christian Chapel located at 400 E. Long Long Lake Road in Troy on the south side of the street between Livernois Road and Rochester Road.

**The Show and Tell for the meeting will be given by George Anderson who will speak on Mason Bogies. Not to be confused with his golf game. That would be Many Bogies.**

The October meeting was continued down the street at Big Boy where conversation revolved around trains and other marvels of the Iron Age. Thanks again to **Joel Goldberg** for this month's digital photography.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary and Division Punster**