



# THE CAR HOUSE

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8  
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION  
<http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:03 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 33 people in attendance.

## Visitors

**Glen Joppish**, a division 6 member and HO scaler, and **Stewart Shuster** were our visitors this month.

## Show and Tell and Clinic Photos

Sorry, no photos this month. I did not take any since one of our photographers was busy snapping away, but they did not get forwarded to me in time.

## Show and tell

We had a big variety of historical and technical society materials at tonight's meeting. We had Soo Line Historical Society magazines, the *Burlington Bulletin*, the *Great Northern Goat*, magazines from the Chicago and Northwestern and Milwaukee Road societies, the Santa Fe Modelers Association publications, the *Warbonnet* (AT&SF), the *Central Headlight* (NYC), the *Semaphore* (GTW), and the Shoreline Interurban Historical Society publication *First and Fastest* among many items.

## Minutes Approval

A correction was noted for the October minutes in that **Terry Bossick** served as a photo contest judge at the recent NCR convention in Grand Rapids. **Gene Kome** made a motion to approve the October minutes as corrected. **John** was our lone dissenting voice as usual.

## Paymaster's Report

**Marv Linke** reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,022.08  
Certificate: \$ 3,755.22

Marv also noted that the division has 60 paid members on the roster and that the time was drawing near to renew. Marv passed out reminder notices to everyone that was present.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

- **Curt Danielewicz** is looking for volunteers to participate on the 2005 North Central Region convention committee. So far, **Joel Goldberg** (clinics), **Dan Lewis** (layout tours), **Marv Linke** (registrar) and **Jim Sieradzinski** (operating sessions and convention guide) are working on the convention. We still need volunteers to coordinate clinics, prototype tours, and non-rail activities among a number of other areas. Please contact Curt at 586.286.4394 or [cdanielewicz@aol.com](mailto:cdanielewicz@aol.com) to offer your help in making Division 8's turn at hosting the regional convention a success. Currently the hotel front runners for being the convention HQ include the Marriott Centerpoint (Pontiac) and the Northfield Hilton (Troy).

## Announcements

- **Dave Thornton** reported that the next 2007 National Model RR Convention (NMRA) planning meeting is on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. The meeting will be held at the Gratiot Valley's Club location on North Avenue in Mount Clemens Michigan. Dave also reported that **Tom Draper**, the NMRA treasurer, was present at the November planning meeting to answer questions on behalf of the National office.
- Weaver Models will be releasing an O scale Grand Trunk Western U4b 4-8-4 next summer.
- The Division 6 workshop is November 23<sup>rd</sup> from noon until 4 PM. There is a \$4 admission and it is located in the Livonia Senior Citizens Center at 5 Mile Rd and Farmington Rd.
- The Kughn collection auction is November 21<sup>st</sup> thru November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Novi Expo Center – admission is \$8.
- The Detroit Model RR Club in Holly will be holding open houses on the weekend after Thanksgiving and the first 2 weekends of December.
- The Michigan Transit Museum will be holding a program on Michigan interurbans at Stoney Creek Metropark on Friday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$2 and a reservation is required.

## Trustee's Report

**Dave Thornton** informed everyone that the company that prints "Scale Rails" is on strike. This will probably delay the next few issues of the NMRA magazine. There is also the possibility that the printing company may go out of business, so the NMRA is negotiating with another printer.

## Hints and Tips

- Use circuit breakers to segment a layout using DCC. This is needed so a short circuit on the layout does not take down the whole railroad and so a smaller area needs to be inspected to find the cause of the short circuit.
- Lionel has a standard O scale (1/4") product line.
- Check out [www.ryns.org](http://www.ryns.org) for news on anything railroading.

## Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The December clinic will be slide presentations by the members, as well as photo displays. Bring your favorite slides and/or photos to share!

## Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, December 18th, 2003 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.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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