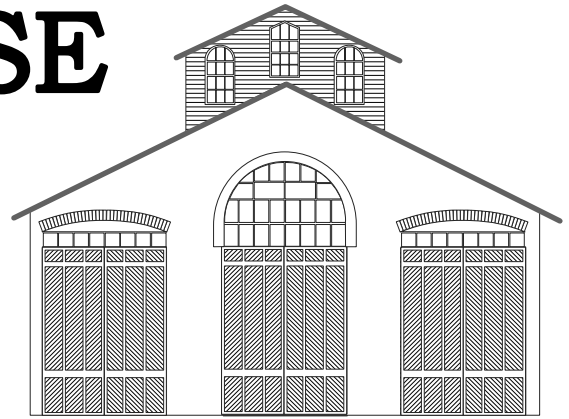
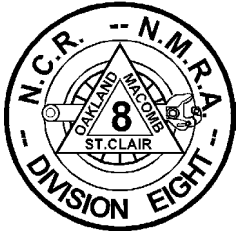


# THE CAR HOUSE

The Monthly Newsletter of  
Division 8 North Central  
Region  
National Model Railroad  
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## Call to Order

The November meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:03 PM according to my **Spiro Agnew** watch which has maintained perfect time all these decades. All officers were present and cognizant of their surroundings except for the fact that the secretary forgot to count the number of attendees.

**Show and Tell** This month members brought an interesting mix of items. **Larry Wolohon** is working on resin kit construction. He brought in a Total West flatcar, a model of a 1944 War Emergency 70 ton car. Larry has been asked to do a clinic on resin car construction at the Anaheim convention, so he has seven months to master the art of resin kits. **Jim Zinser** proudly displayed a limited run Atlas RS-1 road switcher in DSS&A livery. This line is pretty obscure to get the attention of an engine manufacturer. They are offering road numbers 101 and 108. **Rick Ware** showed some photos of the C&O Russell, Kentucky yard and car facility.



**Gene Kome's** cornfield, seen at left is stunning in its realistic depiction of an actual field of corn. Seen from the air, a large O has been cut into the crop. Oh, those O Scalers. What next, baseball players emerging. **Tim Fisher** picked up a couple of **Larry Wolohon's** prized kits at the recent GV show, one being a steel frame SF reefer with ice hatch hinges facing the car ends. Hey, it's the Left Coast.

**Dan Lewis** didn't make it to the GV show. Seems he's always busy on Sunday. He has a better reason than I do for not watching the Lions. He's completed a lumber yard project that was published in the November, 2006 Scale Rails. Correct me if I'm wrong on the date of the issue. **Doug Liefeld** brought in a flat car load of 3 John Deere tractors. They can go with Gene's cornfield. **Roger Austin** has done his first DCC conversion, an Atlas RS-3. He discussed the advantages of using AWG #30 wire as opposed to AWG #22 wire which is too large. FYI--wire gauge numbers increase as the wire becomes smaller. He mentioned that a good source of wire is Ocean State Electronics. A Google search found the company as seen below. This looks like an excellent source for model railroaders, a good alternative to RS which always seems to be out of what you are looking for.

<http://www.oselectronics.com/>

## Ocean State Electronics

Components, Kits, Test Equipment, Tools,  
Hardware, Gadgets, & More

**Dave Thornton** bought an O scale Westside B&O brass engine at the GV show, wheel arrangement 4-6-2. This is a P7 class locomotive built in 1927. 20 of this type were built with one later variant, a class P9. The design is similar to the Pennsy K4. The model dating from 1980 runs well.

**Kerry Albrecht** demonstrated some variations on mounting the popular Tortoise switch machine controller. The device can be mounted on its side with the throw action going through 1/4 inch water line tubing. Talk to Kerry for further details. **Marv Linke** showed off a GHQ tractor and excavator on a trailer. He also offered a tip on how to keep bottled paint fresh by using Glad Wrap Press and Seal film on bottle tops, under the lid. Solvent evaporation, especially for Floquil and the like is a problem.



## Show and Tell continued

**Vince Robinson** brought in a Red Caboose flat car with Southern markings. The load was two tractors secured to the car with correct AAR blocking. **George Anderson** showed off a Kalamazoo Toy Trains Yuma Prison Jail Car. "Does it run on Conrail?" **Dave Thornton** asked. **Joel Goldberg** has finished his Wicked Wanda's kit, a product of Bar Mills. The red light tells the lost and lonely she is open for business. **Ed Black**, a whiz at small details brought in some whistle posts obtained from MicroMart. They have a practical use at being able to mark block separations on his layout. **Phil Doolittle** attended the Narrow gauge convention in Maine. He and his wife had an appointment to tour the Bar Mills company but unfortunately his wife took a spill and broke her arm but they were still able to make it to the the open house. Phil brought home several of their most popular kits.

**John Cline** recently found a new in the box McDonalds restaurant kit. These are very rare according to John. **Bill Gawthrop** is working on a double track through girder bridge. **Peter James** offered a short discussion of kit homes popular in the first third of the 20th century. He brought in a couple of model to illustrate. Kit homes were common from the late 1800's to the early 1960's. The styles changed each year and in the 1920's amounted to 3% of all housing starts.



**Terry Bossick** showed a Proto Heritage 0-8-0 steamer in Pere Marquette livery. **Fred Cosgrove** showed a group of O Scale structures all based on similar construction techniques. A general store had nice interior detail including a detailed floor. He enlarged a flagstop station with extra parts from other kits and added an interior divider wall and ticket window.

**Jim Sieradzinski** offered a construction tip on how to make an end of track bumper from shaped foam. The work can then be patched as needed with wood filler. Use water based paint to finish as solvent paint will attack the foam. Thanks to all the members and guests who participated in Show and Tell. As usual, thanks to **Joel Goldberg** for providing the digital photography.



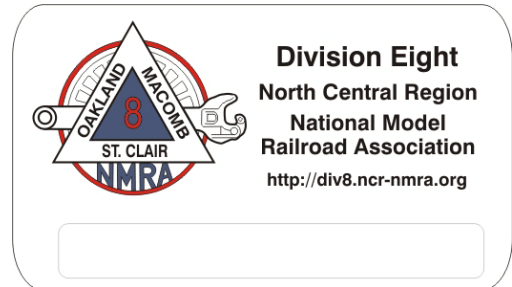
## Division 8 Business and Finances

Division 8 beancounter **John Jackson** reports the checking account shows a balance of \$2592.73. We also have the two \$1,000 CD's. Please remember to renew your User Fee of \$7.00 per year for Division 8 for the 2008 year. You can get a renewal form from the Division 8 Website: <http://div8.ncr-nmra.org/>. Members who fail to renew by the end of February will be taken off the Car House mailing list. Please bring your form and payment to the December meeting. Blank forms will also be available at the meeting or you can mail both the form and your payment to me at the following address:

**John D. Jackson**  
**Treasurer Division 8 NCR/NMRA**  
**1589 E. Melton Rd.**  
**Birmingham, MI 48009-7275**

## Old Business

Seen at the right is a sample of the name tag designed by **Marv Linke**. This badge is held in place by a magnetic strip under your clothing so is not as likely to be dropped as a pin on badge. This is similar to the type worn by South Oakland County club members. This badge looks good and can be worn at shows or layout tours. Marv said that the SOC cost for these is about \$8.00 each for a quantity of 100. Note that the basic badge is blank so a name can be changed if needed. A motion was made at the meeting to buy these for the division. The motion was made by **Bill Gawthrop** and seconded by **Phil Doolittle**. As part of his presentation Marv was wearing an example of the badge.



## Division 8 Board Meeting

No association with the jail car at right intended. The recent meeting of the board was held on November 15, 2007 at a secret location. Major topics included returning to a more regular schedule for the meetings. Division 8 membership recruitment, user fee payment as a requirement for membership, a 2008 budget, a donation of \$500.00 to the Troy Christian Chapel for monthly use of the meeting room. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2008 at 5:00 PM at the Big Boy Restaurant in Troy.

## New Business

As noted above, at the regular meeting a motion was made to donate \$500.00 to the church. The motion was made by **Joel Goldberg** and seconded by **Steve Brazell**. A brief discussion followed focusing on the fact that very few members have read the Division 8 constitution. I admit that I am in the much larger group.

## NCR Report

**Tim Fisher**, go between, between Division 8 and the hazy cloud that envelops the politics of the NCR and the Hot Box, reports that **Jack Watson** is running for president of the organization. Stay tuned... **Stu Sonta** is working on the next issue of the Hot Box.



I received a letter from **Eric Peterson, Bill Peterson's** son both seen at right in front of the Waycross, Georgia depot. Eric writes that they drove up from Jacksonville to look over a lot of railroad construction and see some trains. They both enjoy reading the Car House to keep up to date on Division 8 activities. There is a good group of O Scalpers in the Jacksonville area that meet for lunch on Saturdays and at someone's home on Monday nights, Eric says.



### Announcements

Web meister **Marv Linke** was recognized and thanked by the members for his design and maintenance work on the website.

This is not really new news, but **Earl Lamont** in Warren is selling part of railroad collection. He has a large number of HO scale cars for sale as well as 20 engines of mixed roads, all diesel. Call Earl at 586 573-7935.

**Phil Doolittle** asked the group if there would be any interest in the division becoming involved with the Free-Mo module group. For further information go to this website:

<http://www.free-mo.org/>

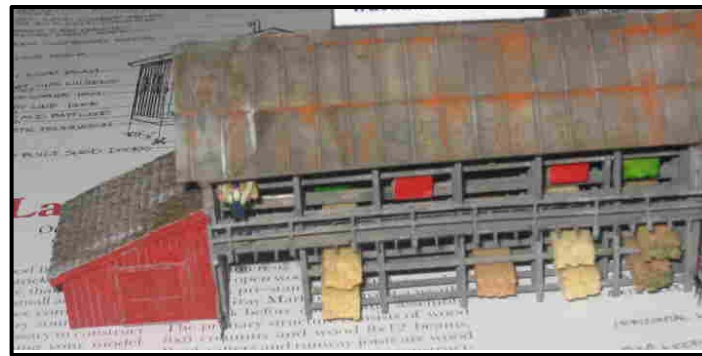


### More New Business

Several members, myself included have indicated an interest in having a periodic equipment swap night, as an alternative to Show and Tell, or a clinic/presentation. Some simple rules, although nothing is hard and fast, would be that each person could bring in up to 5 items with a total value of 50 dollars. The idea is to trade items of like value with the use of cash not encouraged. We all have items that we cannot use, or kits we won't build, or rolling stock that doesn't fit our era or location. For instance, I have 2 Accurail Tri-level auto racks that are too new for my era. One is built, the other is new in the box. I've assigned a value of 10 dollars for both, so I'll trade these for something worth about 10 dollars. Think this idea over and we can kick it around at a future meeting.

### Model Railroader's New Year Resolutions

1. Inventory all your started and new kits, list them and set a priority for completion or consider selling or trading them.
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- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. Set a goal to try and reach it by December 31, 2008.



### **Upcoming Schedule**

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on December 20, 2007 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 five photos or slides or your current project.  
The presentation for the meeting will photos and slides.**

The November, 2007 meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. A number of members headed for the previously mentioned secret location for food and drink, and talk about, what else, trains.

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