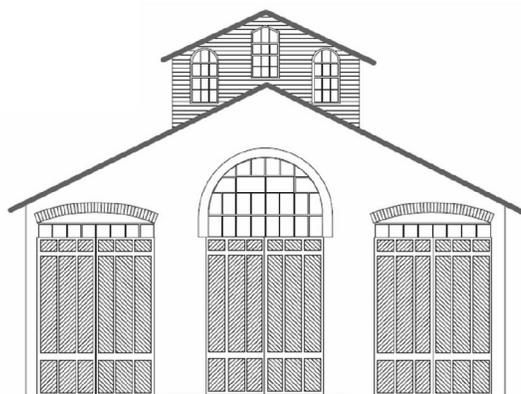


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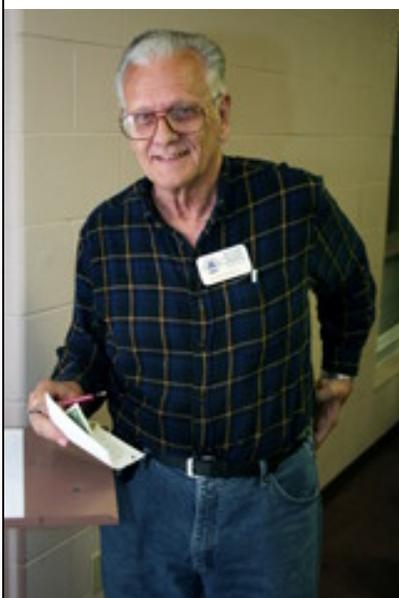


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The News



Member Moves South

Troy, MI: Al Crowley, long-time resident of Michigan and member of Division 8 is moving to Florida for more sunshine and a good ole relaxing time without snow and cold.

All of us have been impressed by his wealth of knowledge, and his great model railroading / railroading spirit.

We'll miss you Al, but please come back a see us when you can.

Time to Re-Up

Troy, MI: It's time to renew your membership in Division 8. Kindly remit to the Treasurer (John Jackson) and you will be guaranteed uninterrupted enjoyment of the model railroading hobby and a free subscription to the *Car House*!

Members Appear

Troy, MI: You can tell the weather is turning towards a Michigan winter. How? Notice the participation at tonight's meeting (over 50 members) and lots of interaction. Great show and tell, good presentation, and even Murphy showed up to add a wrinkle to the start of the presentation.

Contest on!

Troy, MI: *Reminder from last newsletter:* Al Crowley announced the model of the quarter for the 4th quarter of 2009. Al made available a layout print of the St. Paul, Minnesota Flag Stop for contestants to use in constructing this building.

The contest rules are:

1. The flag stop may be built in any scale
2. The base may not exceed 40 x 50 scale feet
3. Any material may be used for the walls and roof.
4. Walls are lap siding boards and scalloped shingles.
5. Standard parts can be used.
6. Platform size may be reduced

Contestants are to bring their completed models for judging at the **January 21st 2010** Division 8 meeting.

[Plans for the flag stop were given with last month's newsletter.](#)

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Magazine Distribution

Troy, MI: The binders have arrived for the magazines and distribution to area schools. [Distribution] Volunteers should pick up their binders from Peter Jacobson, magazines from Marv Linke and begin the distribution.

New Hobby Shop

Troy, MI: According to Jack Watson, there's a new hobby shop opening in the metro Detroit area. This one is a 22961 Woodward Ave., Ferndale.

News from National

Troy, MI: Dave Thorton reports that NMRA (National Org.) is in the black this year. The budget for 2010 is being developed without need for a dues increase.

Dave also reported that the NMRA is kicking off a fund raiser known as the "Diamond Club" whose revenue would be used to improve the library, especially focusing on digitizing the archives.

SHOW & TELL

Meeting participants presented a wide array of items during show and tell. The topic was anything from the NMRA National Convention in Hartford or the NCR Convention in Ft. Wayne. Of course, current projects were also fair game.



Gene Kome brought in rows of corn that he is "growing" for his layout.

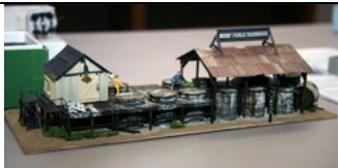
These rows represent new corn in addition to that already planted on Gene's layout. The corn is a kit-product of Busch.

Mark Mincek offered a New Haven intermodal flat car. The prototype was delivered in October, 1956,



The prototype represented forward thinking at the

time given that most cars used in intermodal service were converted flat cars and the "standard" trailer of the period was 36 feet,



This cucumber processing facility won **Joel Goldberg** a second place and

gold award at the NCR Convention. You can almost catch the aroma from those vats.

Bill Moore is installing stationary decoders to control his Tortoise switch machines. He is using the Digitrax D552 to control two different Tortises per decoder.



This cinder conveyer was offered by **Tom Weiss**. Great job painting this beautiful brass model.



Ken Scherer brought a Rock Island box car that he weathered at the weathering clinic at the NCR Convention.

Kerry Albrecht offered a hat from the Norfolk Southern prototype tour.



Jerry Shanek is casting foundation blocks from tile



Bill Gawthrop brought in grain bins and elevator that he is constructing for one of his Free-Mo [HO scale] modules. He also brought in photo composites from his railfanning at, to and from the NCR convention.



Dave Thorton has adapted this O scale gondola from a Lionel car. The major issue of the conversion is the modification of the truck bolsters.

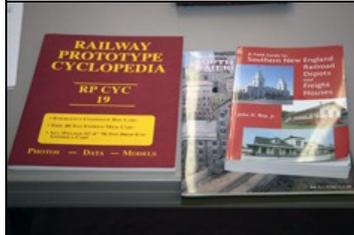


Roger Austin kitbashed this HO scale gas ["filling"]station starting with "Ma's Place" an old Con Cor kit. Roger added "Insta Fence" by Bar mills and various items from his junk box combined with some superb weathering. Great looking wouldn't you say?

grout.



Dan Lewis is building the N scale Fenton Mill from photos of the prototype. At this point Dan has primed the structure in gray.



Larry Wolohon brought in the Railway Prototype Cyclopeda, Vol. 19 and other books that he used during the presentation.

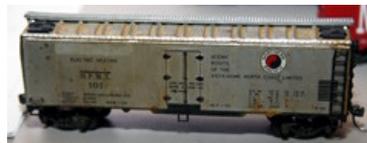
Larry also brought an HO scale Pennsy Class G31 gondola by Tangent Models.



Rick Ware's current project is the building of this craftsman G scale outside-braced wood ore car by Hartford Products. Rick lettered the car for the Quincy & Torch Lake.



He received the kit from his wife Marie at the 2005 Narrow Gauge Convention.



Saul Kalbfeld has restore 3 HO scale cars from the "Rescue Mission for Rolling Stock" including a repaint (M-StL) of a Varney box car, a refer restoration (NP), and a T&P flat car.



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Charles Woodbury brought DVD's from the NCR convention prototype tour including:

1. Steel Dynamics Continuous Welded Rail plant
2. NS Triple Crown Roadrailer Technology.

He also wore the Norfolk Southern hat that he received during the prototype tour.

John Jackson also participated in the weathering clinic at the NCR Convention. His result is a weathered Southern box car in HO scale. John participated in the "Concrete Roads, Ground Goop Demo and clinic by Lou Sassi.



the load.

Peter Jacobson built this HO scale pulpwood car from a Wright Trax kit. He scratchbuilt

Phil Doolittle brought in three items that he purchased at the Hartford Convention including:

1. Purr Line box car from the silent auction.
2. Bar Mills "Raquette Lake Navigation Co." kit from the National Train Show.
3. White River Structures kit "B. J. Scott Lumber Co." purchased on the layout tour.

[sorry, no pictures]



Convention.

Terry Bossick brought a Indiana Northeastern [HO scale] convention car from the NCR

Dan Mitzel reported on an article in Railway Age, "Warren Buffet: Railroads a "100 – 200-year" opportunity. In the article Warren describes why he bought the BNSF because it would be around another 100 or 200 years.

The entire article can be found at:

<http://www.railwayage.com/breaking-news/warren-buffett-railroads-a-100-or-200-year-opportunity>

By the way, Warren is an avid model railroader.



Terry also brought in two gorgeous watercolor paintings. One painting is of a Chicago commuter train; the other painting is of trolleys in Greece.

Marv Linke showed 5 N scale cars that he received at the NCR convention. These pieces of rolling stock came his way as a result of people not wanting the N scale door prizes that each had individually won at the convention.

To paraphrase Marv, "Sometimes it helps to be a minority scale modeler."

Jim Sieradinski described his latest adventures via Amtrak to Lakeland, Florida.

Thanks to all who participated in Show and Tell w.e.g

Please forward any and all erratta to Bill Gawthrop, Car House editor at wegawthrop@aol.com. Virtual tomatoes are also welcome..... it's part of our quality improvement.....

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HINTS & TIPS



We welcome any hints and tips that members would like to share with others. Please submit your hints to the *Car House* editor via email or in person.

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1. *[Hint given by dick Dittus]:* Use methanol (wood alcohol) instead of isopropyl alcohol for mixing with colors for staining wood. The isopropyl alcohol contains water causing the wood to warp when the liquid dries.
2. *[Hint given by Joel Goldberg]:* Use the point of a toothpick to apply small quantities of CA or glue when constructing items.

This Month's Clinic

This month's clinic was presented by **Larry Wolohon** and **Jim Zinser** entitled remeberences from the NMRA National Convention in Hartford, CT and the NCR Convention in Ft. Wayne, IN. Jim and Larry described their trip to the convention in Hartford, the convention itself, and the trip home. Larry also described his experiences at the Regional Convention in Ft. Wayne. Larry and Jim told their story with ample photos.

Upcoming Events

1. **December 5 & 6 / and 12 & 13, Noon to 5:** Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House, Holly, MI <http://www.dmrrc.org>
2. **December 6, 11 - 4:** Model Railroad Show & Workshop, sponsored by NMRA-NCR Division 6, Livonia Seniors Building, Five Mile & Farming Roads, Livonia, MI
3. **January 17, 2010:** Paris Junction Model Train Show, sponsored by WOD /NFR / NMRA, <http://www.londongrs.com>

December's Clinic

Ask the Railroader presented by Vince Robinson.

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Next Meeting's Show and Tell

The topic for next (December) meeting's Show and Tell is:

Anything fitting the topic of "railroadana."

Of course, you may bring in your prized current project in lieu of railroadana.