



# ***THE CAR HOUSE***

**December 21, 2000**

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8**

**NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

**December 2000 MEETING MINUTES**

Substitute superintendent, **Gene Kome**, called the December 21st, 2000 meeting of Division 8, North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association to order at 7:08 PM. The meeting was held at Troy Christian Chapel. Twenty-seven people were in attendance.

## **Visitors**

We had 2 visitors; Marv Linke, an N-scaler and John Lavender, an HO scale modeler. Marv and John belong to a round-robin group that usually meets on the third Thursday of the month, but had this Thursday free because of a holiday scheduling change. Marv also joined the division later in the evening, please welcome him aboard!

## **Show and Tell**

This month's show and tell and clinic were combined as usual for December. The subject of both being everyone's favorite slide, although photos were included for the first time this year. We had a video of the Omaha Zoo 30" gauge live-steam RR, slides of trips to Montana, the Colorado Railway museum and Alaska, the CN car ferry operation in Port Huron, various RR's from 1939 to 1969 and GN towers and depots from Wisconsin and Minnesota. We also had some photos of a Canadian trip, Steamtown and a GTW streamlined 4-8-4 pulling a passenger train.

## **Paymaster's Report**

**Gene Kome**, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 627.56

Savings and C.D.: \$ 3968.03

### Nominating Committee

The committee consisting of **Ken Sanborn**, chairman, and members, **Jim Sieradzinski** and **Curt Danielewicz** recommend the following members:

- Superintendent - **Fred Cosgrove**
- Dispatcher - **Curt Danielewicz**
- Paymaster - **Don Varney**
- Trustee - **Gene Kome**

The election will be held at the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Dan Lewis** will fill the remaining Trustee position, which is normally held by the outgoing Superintendent. Dan was **John Ainslie's** predecessor as Superintendent and is the last outgoing Superintendent.

### Correction to November Carhouse

George Kuhn should have read **George Kuhn** and Norm Zulick should have read **Norm Zuellig**. My apologies for the miscue go out to both visitors. I should know that you cannot always go with the way a name sounds ☺.

### Minutes Approval

The November minutes were approved after **Fred Cosgrove** corrected an error in the spelling of two visitors at last month's meeting.

### Trustee's Report

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

- **Keeli Crewe**, the NMRA HQ office manager, has resigned.
- The NMRA has many SIGs (special interest groups) available to members. Dave left a number of the SIG publications out during the break for people to browse through.

### Hints & Tips

- **Jim Clements** suggested making a glue applicator by clipping the end off of the eye end of a sewing needle and pressing the needle into a short length of wooden dowel. The resultant 'U' picks up and holds a drop of glue quite nicely.
- Someone suggested buying some cheap salt shakers for applying foliage to trees.
- There were numerous suggestions for materials to build up the trunks of model trees, modeling clay and Sculptamold being two of the suggestions.
- **Dan Lewis** informed everyone that there is a new N scale magazine on the market called *N Scale Railroads*.

- Someone mentioned that they had heard that the **South Oakland County Model RR Club** had lost their lease at the Madison Heights Community Hospital. The SOC were part of the division's layout tour earlier this year.

### **Upcoming Clinic and Show & Tell**

The next clinic will be on rock casting by **Roger Austin** and the show and tell for January will be any scenery item.

### **Schedule**

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, January 18, 2001 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://members.tripod.com/ncr\\_division8](http://members.tripod.com/ncr_division8)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Curt Danielewicz**

Curt Danielewicz, Dispatcher