



THE CAR HOUSE

December 20th, 2001

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD
ASSOCIATION**

December 2001 Meeting Minutes

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:16 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 31 people in attendance.

Visitors

We hosted 3 visitors this month: Gerald Glezman (HO scaler); Phil Webb (HO scaler); and Dave Kotona (Detroit & Mackinac in HO modeler). Dave worked in the past at Joe's Hobby Center.

Show and tell

We had a wide variety of photos and slides as usual for this event. Photos presented included the following subjects: the Alaska RR and Detroit & Mackinac RR, garden railroads, the F, G & J RR in New York, Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range RR, Grand Trunk Western 6325, the Santa Fe station at Sun City, Kansas and finally, some Great Northern RR steam and gas-electric photos. The prototype slides ranged from the 1960's to present and the show went for about an hour. **Dan Lewis** also had some model slides of his N scale subway station and one of the N scale layouts that was on the NCR fall convention tour at Fort Wayne this past October.

Minutes Approval

The November minutes had a minor error, in that **Rick Ware** was giving away the items mentioned and he was not selling them. With that correction noted, a motion was made by **Terry Bossick** to approve the amended November minutes. The motion was seconded by **Fred Cosgrove** and passed with one nay vote, thanks to me since John wasn't here this month.

Paymaster's Report

Don Varney, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,044.04

Certificate: \$ 3,600.00

Don't forget it's dues time again! Only \$7 per year - Pay early and pay frequently ☺

NCR Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton needs the volunteers for the 2007 NMRA National Convention bid to sign the list and write down your NMRA membership number also. This formality is necessary for the bid to be considered by the Board of Trustees. Volunteers are needed to help Dave host the NMRA convention chairperson next week. He will be in town on other business, but Dave is trying to line up a week's worth of model railroading activities for him in the evenings. **Debbie Bennett**, one of the NMRA HQ staff, has left the NMRA. If anyone has problems with the NMRA HQ during this time of transition, please let Dave know about them. Dave's home number is (248) 879-6806 or you can e-mail him through the division website or the NMRA site.

Announcements

- **Ken Sanborn** inquired if the division had received a check from the Stoney Creek Model RR club. Ken informed everyone that the club was donating \$100 to the division for its help in securing insurance for the club's annual "Trainfest" which was held in November.
- **Don Varney** informed everyone that the Project 1225 membership payment had been sent it.
- **Dan Lewis** is stepping down from his regional post of AP chairman. If anyone is interested in the regional achievement program chairman's vacancy please contact **Dave Thornton** or **Roger Parry**.
- Denny's has closed the restaurant at Long Lake and Rochester Roads. The interim solution for our "after meeting" social, is to try out the Big Boy restaurant at M-59 and Rochester Road for this evening and the Big Boy at Big Beaver and Rochester Road in January. A decision may be made in February based on service and/or location. Our group is pretty evenly split as to which direction they head home after the meeting.

Hints and Tips

- Does anyone know what company sells plastic N scale diesel horns? Answer – try Kato's website, they are heavily advertising replacement parts.
- Are there N scale tenders available with metal trucks for better electrical pick-up? Answer – try Con Cor, they still may have some of their older Rivarossi tenders in stock.
- Where's **Mal Harvey** and how is he doing?

January Layout Tour

Dan Lewis has flyers available for the layout tour scheduled for Sunday, January 27th 2002. The flyers have a map and the participant's addresses and phone numbers, in case you get lost, as well as descriptions of their layouts.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

January's clinic will be on the subject of kit-bashing and will be presented by **George Anderson**. The accompanying show and tell subject will be any kit-bashed items or, as usual in January, any RR-related gifts you received during the holiday season.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, January 18th, 2002 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

The meeting was adjourned, moved by **Terry Bossick** and seconded by many, at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Curt Danielewicz
Curt Danielewicz, Secretary