



THE CAR HOUSE

December 19th, 2002

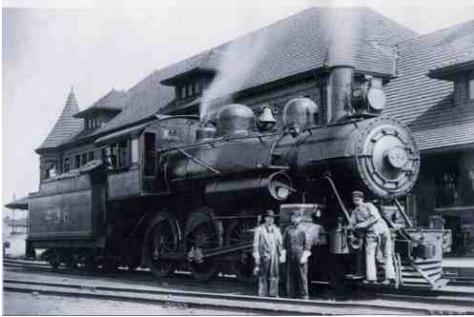
THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
<http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:10 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 32 people in attendance.

Visitors

Paul Runyon, an HO scale modeler of the Pennsylvania RR, was our only visitor this month.

Show and Tell Photos



Show and tell

We had our usual turnout of great slides of prototype and model action for December. **Dan Lewis** had a number of slides featuring his new layout that is under construction. In the photography section we had a B&O roundhouse and the F-M coaling tower located near Marion Ohio, Santa Fe water tower shots, Santa Fe local caboose with "highball signals" on it (pre-radio communications), a photo of **Ken Sanborn** running the 1225, an Ausable and Northwestern photo, a Wisconsin logging RR photo, a photo (**Rick Ware**) and a watercolor painting of the photo subject (**Terry Bossick**), a Milwaukee Road line drawing and photos of GTW and D&TSL steam locomotives.

Minutes Approval

George Anderson noted that his guest's name was misreported in the November; the lone visitor was Stewart Shuster, *my apologies to Stewart*.

Paymaster's Report

Marv Linke, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,454.03

Certificate: \$ 3,708.45

- Marv requested that any member who has not paid their 2003 dues to please do so by the January 2003 meeting.
- Sustaining membership in the Project 1225 group, a cost of \$75.00, was approved by a vote of the membership. Marv pointed out that our sustaining dues were not paid for 2002 and he would be sending a check into 1225 for this year.

Old Business

None

New Business

- It was announced that the division, in the interest of cost saving, would like anyone interested in receiving the "Carhouse" by electronic mail only to give their e-mail address to **Curt Danielewicz**, a link is on the division's website. Those who choose this option will be saving the division approximately \$6.00 yearly per member.

Elections

A note that our officers are up for re-election at the January meeting, two year terms with the elections being held the first month of the odd years. No one is term-limited at this time.

- President – **Fred Cosgrove** (2nd term)
- Secretary – **Curt Danielewicz** (2nd term)
- Treasurer – **Marv Linke**
- Director – **Gene Kome** (2nd term)

NCR Trustee

Dave Thornton reported:

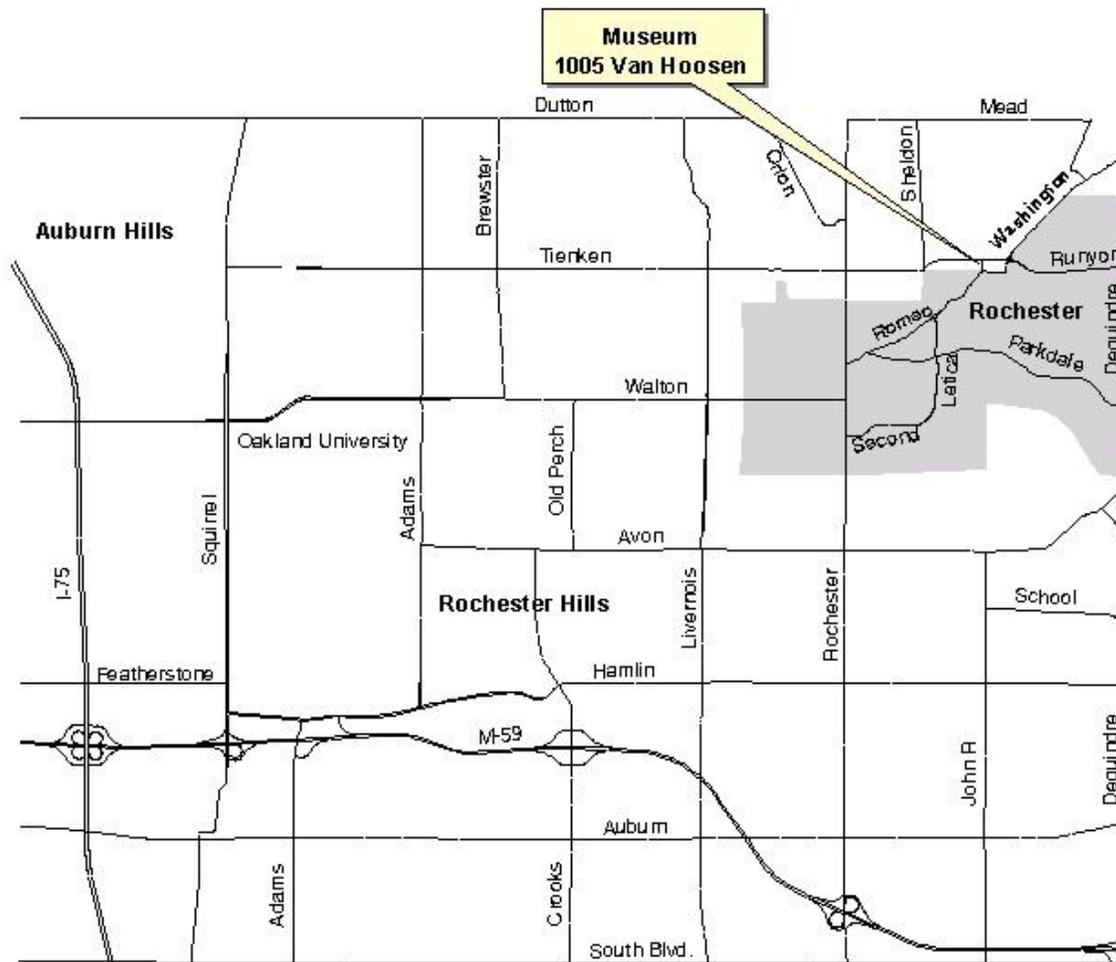
- The next Board of Directors meeting will take place during February in Seattle Washington.
- The BOD is continuing with the implementation of the NMRA long-range plan, the next target is the implementation of a single dues structure that would give a person membership in the national, regional and divisional levels. There are still problems to overcome with the planned one dues structure since there are large disparities between membership fees imposed by the regions and divisions that need to be addressed.
 - Current members will be grand fathered based on their current membership choices, but if a member quits and then rejoins, they will be under the new membership rules. This means that a division 8 member, who does not belong to the region for instance, would still be able to maintain that level of membership and cost if he or she chooses to do so.
 - It is proposed that national membership will remain at \$45/yr and that regions would receive \$8/yr and divisions \$7/yr. This would mean a current division 8 member who belongs to the region would pay the same amount as they currently do, \$60/yr.
- Dave reminded everyone that the national convention is coming up in July and will be very close by in Toronto Ontario. If you are planning on taking models to the contests at the convention you will need to acquire some paperwork from the customs service.

Hints and Tips

Krylon “ruddy brown” primer works very well for simulating rust on rolling stock wheel sets.

Announcements

- The next division 8 layout tour is scheduled for February 9th, 2003. The tour will feature the Santa Fe layouts of Ken Sanborn and Gene Kome. Flyers will be at the next division meeting.
- The Stoney Creek model RR club has their modules, featuring downtown Rochester, on display at the Rochester museum until January 31, 2003.



Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

January's clinic will be “advanced DCC decoder installation” by Kestutis (Stu) Sonta. The show and tell will be the usual “what RR related present that you received for the holiday season” subject.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, January 16th, 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 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Curt Danielewicz, Secretary