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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8

NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

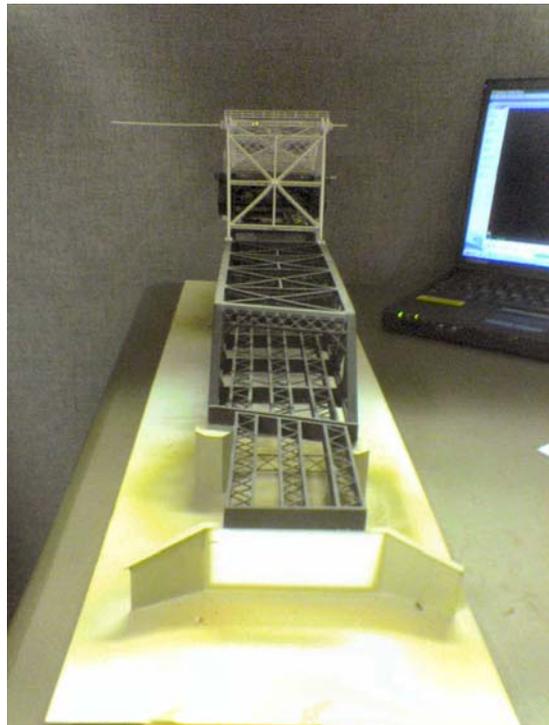
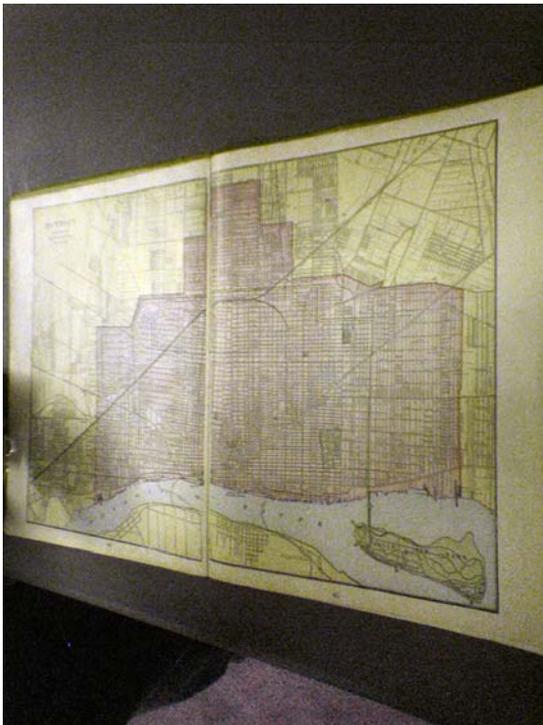
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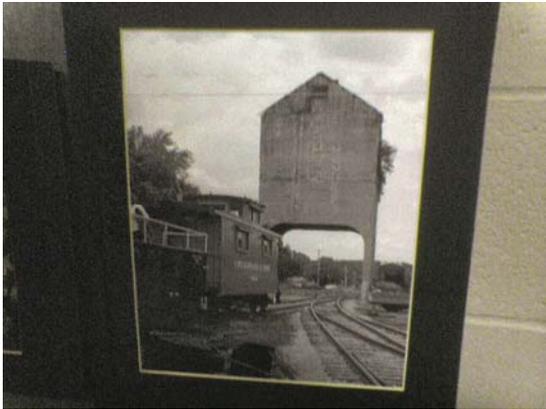
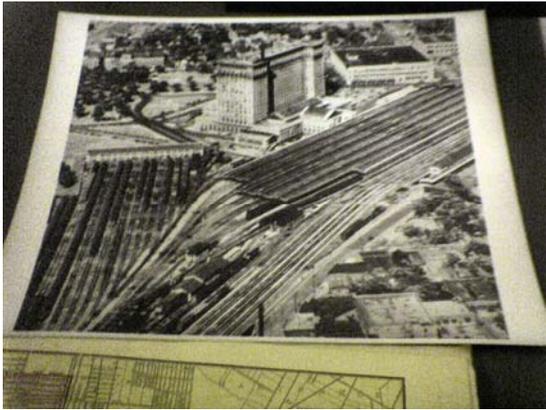
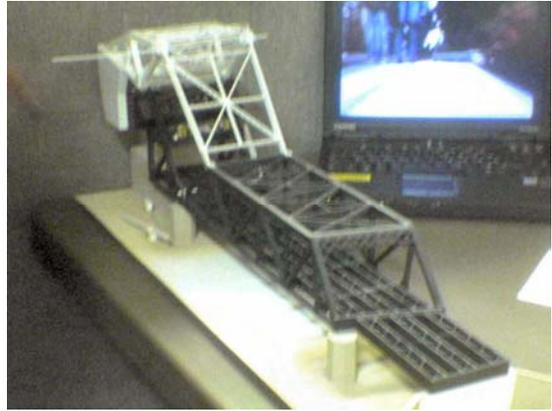
Treasurer, **Marv Linke**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:10 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with twenty-nine people in attendance. **Fred Cosgrove** joined the other snowbirds in Florida earlier this month and was not present.

## **Visitors**

No visitors this month.

## **Show and Tell / Clinic Photos**





## **Show and tell**

The theme of this month was favorite slides and/or photos. The photos on display included: Mount Rainier RR Shay, Climax and Heisler logging locos; Pere Marquette 1225; PM 1223 on the turntable at the PM boatyard – photo taken from the Ambassador Bridge; a 1905 map of Detroit, photos of the Michigan Central and Fort Street depots; previous entries in NCR convention photo contests; a Cumbres & Toltec double-headed steam train; Otto Perry photos of the Great Northern and a series of panoramic photos of Irv Schulz's Saint Clair Northern. An N scale model of the CNW Chicago River bascule bridge was also on display along with a "Toys for Tots" promotional video of a model RR modular display.

## **Minutes Approval**

The November meeting minutes were approved as written after a motion to approve by **Terry Bossick**. No dissenting votes were cast since John was AWOL tonight.

## **Paymaster's Report**

\$4,688.84 in total assets. **Marv Linke** reported that 28 members had already renewed their membership for 2005.

## **Election**

BOD Election Notice

- Election will be held at the January 2005 Division 8 meeting.
- You must be present to vote.

Current candidates (vote for no more than one per position – write-ins are acceptable)

President – **Curt Danielewicz**  
Treasurer – **Marv Linke**  
Secretary – **Saul Kalbfeld**  
Director – **Terry Bossick** and **Rick Ware**

## **New Business**

**Gene Kome** made a motion to donate funds to the Troy Christian Chapel. After some discussion, it was decided that the division would donate its standard \$100 to the chapel. The vote carried unanimously.

## **Announcements**

- **Dave Thornton** informed everyone that the Detroit Model RR Club would be celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005. The club will be open for a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10AM through the evening and all are welcome to attend. The club is also celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of construction of the current layout in the Holly theatre.
- The modules of the Stony Creek Model RR Club will be on display at the Rochester Hills Historical Museum at Van Hoosen Farm until January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005.

## Convention Updates

### **2005 NCR Convention**

- The next meeting for the NCR 2005 convention will be held on Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2005, at Rick and Marie Ware's home. See **Curt Danielewicz** or **Rick/Marie Ware** for directions.
- More volunteers are still needed to help with convention planning committee work, no one volunteered after last month's request for additional help.
- Contact **Dan Lewis** if you have a layout or have a lead on a layout for the **2005 NCR convention layout tour**. The layout does not need to be owned by an NMRA member.
- Curt requested that anyone who knew of any railroad-themed restaurants or restaurants that were within site distance of the tracks near Pontiac to notify him of the name and location of the restaurant. This is tentatively for a dinner to be held during the 2005 NCR convention that Division 8 is hosting. To date, Big Rock Brewery (the old GTW Eaton St station) and the Michigan Star Clipper dinner train have been ruled out as being too expensive. Some suggestions were "Woodys" in Royal Oak and the Holly Hotel. Curt will follow up on these two suggestions; if you have any other suggestions please pass them along to Curt.

### **2007 National Convention**

- **Dave Thornton** announced that the 2007 committee would be holding their next meeting at the Operations Roadshow in Saline Michigan on Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2005. Please contact **Dave Thornton** for directions to the meeting.
- Contact **Jim Sieradzinski** if you have a layout or have a lead on a layout for the **2007 National convention layout tour**. The layout does not need to be owned by an NMRA member.

## Trustee's Report

- The NMRA BOD nominated **Dave Thornton** for the central district director's opening. The NCR, as well as the MCR and MWR will be incorporated into the Central district per the new NMRA bylaws that were approved this past spring, the election will take place in the spring of 2005.
- Please vote, typically there has only been a 5% turnout of NMRA members voting in trustee elections in the past. The NCR is the smallest region within the new Central District, so a large NCR turnout will be needed to give Dave a shot at getting elected to the new position.
- The last meeting of the current BOD will take place in Phoenix Arizona over January 13 through 16 2005. The NMRA will operate under the new bylaws beginning in July 2005 and the regions, as well as the divisions are reviewing and revising their bylaws as appropriate to be compliant with the new national bylaws. Members should not see any changes until January 2006 when universal membership becomes effective.
- The NMRA ended the fiscal year with a budget surplus, which marks the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year that the NMRA was in the black.
- Membership is higher this year than at the same time last year.
- The NMRA has increased work on standards and will have a product test facility set up soon.
- Members would like to be provided recent lists of products given NMRA conformance warrants.

## Hints and Tips

- **Terry Bossick** reported that the *Harry Potter* train set made by Bachmann was on sale for \$29 at Gibraltar Trade Center North.

- **Curt Danielewicz** reported that Wild Bill's Trains has the Lionel HO scale veranda turbines and Challenger locomotives on closeout for \$225.
- **Stu Kestutis** has used "Simple Green" cleaning concentrate, available from most hardware stores to clean old paintbrushes and airbrushes. The cleaner will remove old dried paint after 1.5 to 2 hours of soaking, but be advised that any plastic-type seals in airbrushes will need to be replaced.
- Denatured alcohol can be used to loosen dried paint on paint jar lids that will not open easily. The jars need to be inverted and the denatured alcohol dripped inside the lip of the jar lid. After a soak of 1 to 2 hours, the lid will be able to be removed in most instances.
- Store paint jars inverted so the pigment settles "down" to the lid and forms a better seal. This will keep the solvent from evaporating and allow the paint to have a much longer shelf life.
- "Easy-Off" oven cleaner works very well as a paint stripper, but test it on small areas of plastic models before using on an entire model.

### Clinic

Many division members showed their favorite slides during the annual December clinic.

### Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

**Phil Doolittle** will present a slideshow of Pittsburgh Pennsylvania model RR layouts that were on the layout tour of the 2004 MCR regional convention. The Show & Tell will be anything from Pennsylvania, related to the steel industry or any train-related gifts received this past holiday season.

### Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004 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

Please note that the division URL is changing to the one below and update your browser bookmarks/favorites as the old URL will not be functional after mid-December.

Division 8 Online – <http://div8.ncr-nmra.org>  
 2005 NCR Convention – <http://ncr2005.ncr-nmra.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM – Happy Holidays!

Respectfully submitted,  
 Curt Danielewicz, Secretary

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