



THE CAR HOUSE

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
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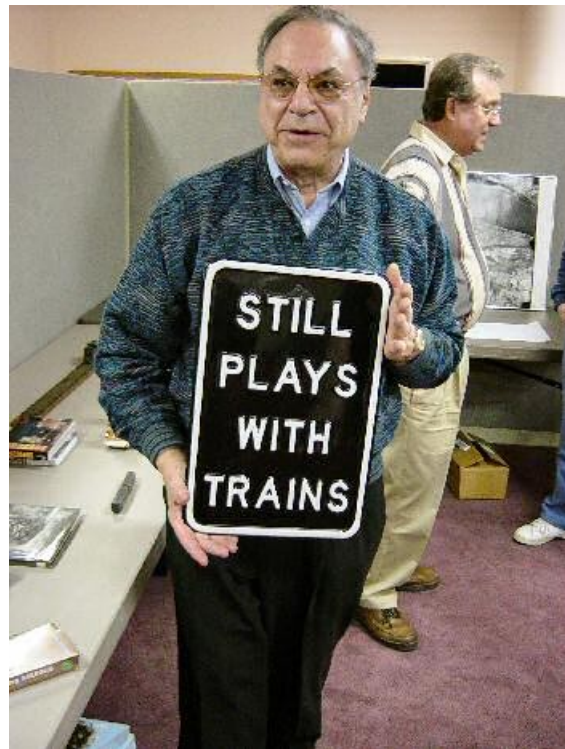
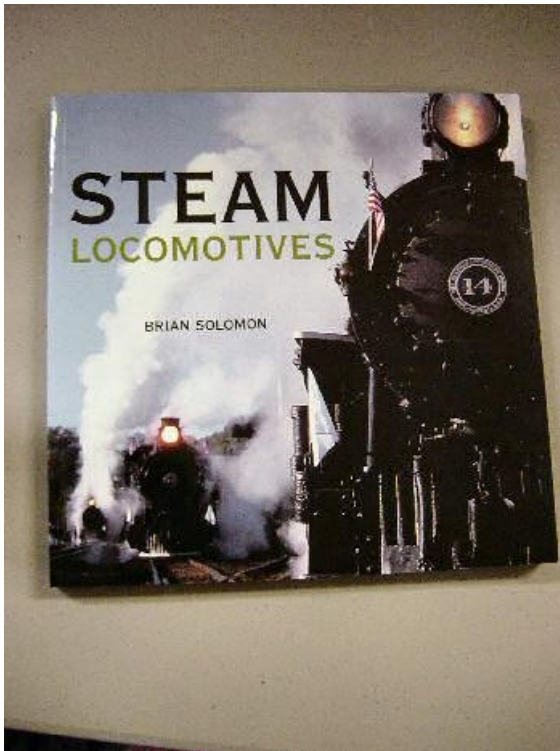
Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:16 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 27 people in attendance.

Visitors

None this month

Show and Tell and Clinic Photos





Show and tell

We had a large variety of narrow gauge and short line items this month including: a Conoco tank car, a "Wicked Wanda's" kit, a video on modeling logging railroads, a gift certificate from Joe's Hobbyshop, the book "Appalachian Conquest", an A-B set of Microtrains FT units, the "Westside Lumber Company" book, a Middletown & New Jersey boxcar, a locomotive Christmas tree ornament that played numerous tunes, the # 3 and # 5 Galloping geese, the owner's manual for a NCE DCC system, a Micromark car order card system, a February 1951 aerial photo of Harrisburg PA showing the rail yards, a shay, ore car and track that operated with a 9v battery, a CD featuring steam locomotives, a New Orleans trolley in G scale, a train music box, a "Still plays with trains", a book on steam locomotives and an N scale freight house.

Minutes Approval

Terry Bossick made a motion to accept the December meeting minutes as written and the motion passed unanimously since John was not present again!

Paymaster's Report

Marv Linke reported the following balance:
Checking: \$ 5,209.52

Marv also reported that both the checking and certificate were combined into one interest bearing account at 5/3 Bank and that half of the membership had paid their 2004 dues. Marv also asked everyone to check when their NCR membership expires since he is also the NCR treasurer and that the fees for the pike ads that run in the NCR *Hotbox* are due.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

- **Dan Lewis** stated that **Nancy Schulz** informed him of Irv's St. Clair Northern and the other items donated to the Howell Day Museum being relocated to Sacramento California. **Dave Thornton** informed everyone that the NMRA had decided to move the museum from Chattanooga to Sacramento because the museum would see a much higher volume of visitors out west.
- **Dave Thornton** informed everyone that the next meeting of the 2007 National Model RR Convention would be held at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center on February 7th 2004. The committee is close to finalizing a logo design for the convention and has gotten permission to use the "Great Lakes Express" name from the virtual airline that is using the name. The March meeting may be held at the Ren Cen Marriott, the convention HQ.
- **Curt Danielewicz** gave an overview on the 2005 NCR convention that Division 8 will be hosting. The tentative dates are October 20th 2005 thru October 23rd 2005 with the convention hotel most likely being in the M59 / I75 area. Curt presented a breakdown of the times currently allotted for tours, clinics and a breakfast. The 2005 committee also added another member with **Terry Bossick** volunteering to co-chair the clinic's area. The committee is still in need of more volunteers, especially someone to contact hobby shops and manufacturers for donations and sponsorships. Please see Curt to find out where you can help the division.
- **Dan Lewis** reminded everyone that there was a layout tour scheduled for Sunday January 25th. The featured layouts are Dave Regittko's and Dan Lewis'.
- It was mentioned that Great Lakes Hobbies would have a 30% off sale on N scale merchandise January 17th.

Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton will be at the NMRA Board of Trustees meeting next month in Cincinnati Ohio. Dave went on to talk about the NMRA LRP (long range plan) for the reorganization of the NMRA and how the ballot will be arriving soon. Dave stressed that everyone should vote on this proposal, especially since most NMRA elections have a very low turnout, because of the importance of the proposal. Dave also answered some questions about the dues structure associated with the proposal. **Curt Danielewicz** and **Marv Linke** had some concerns about the level of reimbursement to the regional and division levels since the proposal has a one dues-all levels structure. Currently the national collects the region dues (\$7/yr) with the national dues (\$45/yr) for a total of \$52 per year of which the national keeps \$46, charging the region a \$1 processing fee, according to division and region treasurer **Marv Linke**. Curt added that the new universal fee of \$60 per year will short change the region and especially the division because the national LRP will only return \$3 to the regional level for each member. This means that the "one dues-all levels" membership the LRP claims to provide will be a farce because the region will have to still charge NCR members that wish to receive the *Hotbox* and Division 8 would still have to charge it's membership fee of \$7 to pay for the postage and printing of the *Carhouse*. Curt stated that this seemed to be another dues increase on the national level since the national would be keeping \$57 of the \$60 membership dues in the LRP. **Gene Kome** rebutted that the national is taking over a large amount of work from the regional treasurers and making their jobs easier.

Hints and Tips

Terry Bossick showed off a label maker that he purchased at Kmart. Terry said that the labeler was very versatile; doing vertical and horizontal printing with multiple typesets and papers.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The February clinic will be "Changes on Passenger Trains During the 1930s" by Larry Wolohon MMR. The show and tell will be anything passenger train related.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, February 19th, 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.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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