



THE CAR HOUSE

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8

NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

<http://div8.ncr-nmra.org>

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 28 people in attendance.

Visitors

Frank Gibson renewed his membership tonight after not being able to attend for a long period of time. Welcome back!

Show and Tell / Clinic Photos





Show and tell

Our show and tell this month was any gifts received over the holidays, anything from Pennsylvania or anything related to the steel industry. The items displayed included: three GN boxcars with goat logo, a flatcar with I beam load, a depressed center flat with I beam load, Hallmark Milwaukee Road Hiawatha Hudson and beavertail observation tree ornaments, a Pennline Pennsy K3 Pacific, an ore car, a gondola with scrap load, two Pennsy X-29 boxcars, a PRR trainman hat badge, the book "A Passion for Trains" by Richard Stienhiemer, photos from the RR museum of Pennsylvania, a flatcar with coils of steel, an N scale shay lettered for the Pennsylvania Power and Light, the book "Pennsy Diesels 1924-1968", an N scale Pennsy Trainmaster and H16-44, the book "The History of North American Rail", a kit-bashed steam donkey, a detailed HO cabooses with working marker lamps, a flat car with diesel generator loads, a kitbashed 65' mill gondola, the book "Centennial History of the Pennsylvania RR 1846-1946", two gondolas lettered for the Ohio Seamless Tube Company, a Bachmann Climax, a steam locomotive etched into a glass cube, a G scale Amtrak Roadrailer, the book "Burlington Zephyrs", a DVD on The California Zephyr, a CB&Q F unit ABA set for the Zephyr with Kato N scale 1949 California Zephyr 11 car set, and finally a P2K E6a Milwaukee Road.

Minutes Approval

The December meeting minutes were approved UNANIMOUSLY as written after a motion to approve by **Jerry DeBoever**. John was asleep at the wheel and attempted to vote no AFTER the motion carried!

Paymaster's Report

\$4,923.84 in total assets.

Election

The division election of officers was held in accordance with the division constitution this evening by a show of hands vote. The results are as follows:

President – **Curt Danielewicz** unanimous yes

Treasurer – **Marv Linke** unanimous yes

Secretary – **Saul Kalbfeld** unanimous yes

Director – **Terry Bossick (10) and Rick Ware (12)**. The new elected director is Rick Ware.

Outgoing president (superintendent) **Fred Cosgrove** will be assuming the remaining director position in accordance with the constitution.

The changing of the guard will be effective as of the March 2005 (first quarter 2005) officer's meeting.

New Business

None

Announcements

- Saturday 1/29 at the Durand Union Station. The kick-off of the centennial year celebration with special exhibits and a 3:30 PM presentation called "Let's track back to 1905". The depot will be open from 1 to 5 PM.
- The Gratiot Valley Spring Show at MCC will be held on March 6th this year.
- The DMRRC (Holly MI O scale club) is celebrating their 70th anniversary from 10 AM till 10 PM on Saturday 1/22, everyone is welcome to attend.
- DURRC (traction club) is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.
- **Fred Cosgrove** wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year by e-mail from Lake Como Florida.
- The next division 8 meeting will be on the same night as church business meeting, so be prepared for more cars in the parking lot and more people in the building that evening.
- **Larry Wolohon** had three awards for the NMRA Achievement Program: **Brooks Stover**, **Richard Hait** and **Curt Danielewicz**.
- The Northlands layout was on a recent "Tracks Ahead" segment. Videos of the segments are available from the Milwaukee Public TV station.
- The Grand Trunk Western Historical Society will be holding an open depot at the Durand Union Station in conjunction with the DUSI centennial celebration on Saturday March 12th. The GTWHS is planning on two slide presentations, one in the AM and one in the PM, as well as having vendors and displays in the depot. A luncheon will also be available.
- R.B Trombley stopped by to visit Larry Lauer recently. Mr. Trombley was a former division officer.
- The division thanked **Larry Lauer** for his years of service to the division. Larry is stepping down from printing and mailing the division newsletter after many years of hard work.

Convention Updates

2005 NCR Convention

- More clinic space was made available to the convention
- The committee had a meeting last week at Rick and Marie Ware's home
- Jim Six has signed on as another clinician for the 2005 convention and will be presenting clinics on two subjects.
- We currently have 28 layouts signed up for the 2005 convention. If you wish to be on the layout tour list, please notify **Dan Lewis** as soon as possible.
- Volunteers will be needed to work on the convention booklet, preparing registration materials and helping at the convention hotel. Please sign-up with **Curt Danielewicz** if you would like to volunteer.

2007 National Convention

- **Dave Thornton** announced that the 2007 committee would be holding their next meeting in Lansing Michigan on Saturday Feb 5th 2005. Please contact **Dave Thornton** for directions to the meeting.
- The 2007 National convention is in need of a prototype tour coordinator. Contact Dave if you are interested.

Trustee's Report

- Dave recently attended the last meeting of the current board.
- The February "Scale Rails" will have ballot for new board election.
- Dave is running for Central District trustee unopposed, since the other person for Central trustee withdrew. The new bylaws have term limits that will keep people limited to serving two full terms.
- The NMRA museum will probably wind up at the Sacramento RR museum, and could be a joint museum with the Narrow gauge museum.
- The NMRA library will publish a book on freight cars from the 1947-1948 time period.
- The 2011 convention will be in Sacramento, hopefully after the NMRA Howell Day Museum is open for business there.
- There will be an NMRA membership drive with prizes for recruiters.
- There was a recent surge in NMRA insurance inquiries after an article in Scale Rails about the benefits of having the insurance coverage.
- The NMRA standards group has been revamped, but still is in need of 10 sub-managers.
- The NMRA will cease selling life memberships after March 1st. If you have a current quote for a life membership, you have up until March 1st to exercise it.
- NMRA membership will be \$33 and a "Scale Rails" subscription will be \$12. There will no longer be an affiliate membership. The National will pay regions \$2 per member within the region. Regions and divisions will need to charge for subscriptions if they have publications that require funding and they will have to charge user fees, if needed, for any meeting expenses inquired.
- Members outside of the USA will pay the fair price for "Scale Rails". Outside USA regions will locally bill for membership.
- NMRA meeting operate under "Robert's Rules of Order". So there is a mechanism to remove unruly members from local meetings if necessary. This was brought up since NMRA members will be members at the region and division level universally.

Hints and Tips

- You can buy quarts quantities of paint from model paint suppliers.
- Strain water-based acrylic paints before spraying with an airbrush for best results. **Tim Fisher** found that there was a significant amount of solids that kept has airbrush from spraying acrylics.

Clinic

Phil Doolittle narrated his videotape of the layout tours featured during the "Three Rivers Transfer" held in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania last spring.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

Dave Regittko will present a slideshow on excursion trains. The Show & Tell will be anything excursion train related or your current project.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, February 17th, 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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
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