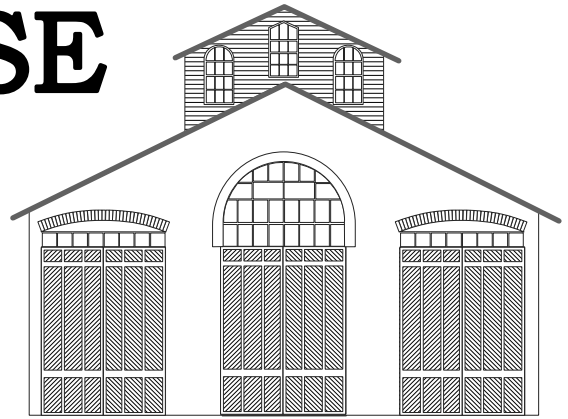
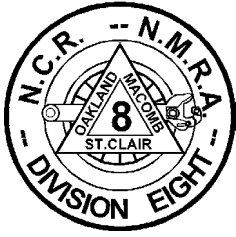


# THE CAR HOUSE

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## Call to Order

The regular meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:05 PM. Thirty five members were present along with two visitors, those being **Tom Weiss** who is interested in both HO and O scales, and **Bruce Fielder** who is a member of the Stoney Creek Club. Officers were all present with **President Jerry Shanek** presiding.

**Thanks again to Gil LaLonde and Kirk Bucher for hosting open layouts on January 25.**

## Show and Tell

Our general theme for this month was holiday gifts received, or as usual, a current project. **Peter Jacobson** has several current projects going at once. He showed his Murphy house model in addition to a pair of evergreens, one a bottle brush tree, and the other, a furnace filter tree. His ongoing project is a Bowser mountain locomotive kit. We had a brief discussion on the best way to paint and finish the model. **Dick Dittus** suggested a 4 step process once the paint has dried. Applying gloss coat, decaling, another coat of gloss coat, and finally flat finish, are the four steps that Dick suggests. **Jim Zinser** showed a NYC passenger train, in the form of a Christmas tree ornament. It looks like N scale, but I'm not sure if that is true or if the model is operable. He also received a copy of **Copper Country Rail** in the Images of Rail series by **George Anderson** and **Richard Taylor** who I knew from his Ann Arbor days but now resides "Up North". I'll take this opportunity to promote another book in this series, **Trolleys of the Capital District** by my friend **Gino DiCarlo** who lives in Saratoga Springs, New York. Both books in the series are available from railroad interest booksellers, as well as the big box stores and online sites.

**Dan Lewis** showed off a nice kitbash project, an N scale DPM structure that captures well an early 20th century urban down by the tracks look. **Bill Moore** is busily planning a new layout for retirement years. Bill offered an ambitious lighting plan for his railroad that involves careful placement of individual fixtures to optimize the lighting environment. From his discussion, I feel that Bill is a good person to ask for advice on the subject, especially if you enjoy photographing your layout. **Allen Crowley** bought in a scratchbuilt model of the Montrose, Michigan depot. He also showed some of his research materials. **Paul Runyan** also brought in one of those Hallmark NYC ornaments. He needs to get together with Jim to make up almost a complete train. **Marv Linke** has been working on several interesting projects, in particular an NP W4 Mikido which is his second of three required locomotives for his Motive Power AP award. Marv also showed off a stock pen model with swinging gates and built to Santa Fe standards. This model was awarded 101 points by judges **Jim Zinser** and **Larry Wolohon**. **Ed Black** brought in a foam scenic sub assembly which is the base for houses and trees and various other details. All these are scratchbuilt except for two outhouses. Ed models 1918 lumbering business and is a stickler for fine detail. **Dick Dittus** showed a nice D&RGW On3 caboose.

**Jim Dennis** brought in a NYC Color Guide, Vol. 2. This series is invaluable for modelers who want to accurately model color schemes. He is also working on modifying a Branchline boxcar kit for grain service. Railroads did have a shortage of hoppers and this was a way to solve that problem.





### Show and Tell continued

**Roger Teney** brought in a group of Amtrak models, seven passenger and two material handling cars. **Phil Doolittle**, continuing on his Brampton, Ont. modeling work showed off a coal dealer kit. **Stu Sonta** showed a Fairbanks Morse coaling station, the actual being located in Eagle Grove, IA. Master of conversion **Dave Thornton** brought in his latest, a Lionel reefer converted from three to two rail. Turns out the car bodies are actually quite good in O scale once the atrocious Lionel trucks are replaced. C&O fan **John Cline** brought in an RS-2 from the line, one of the Walthers Proto series. He also showed a book on C&O facilities. **Bill Gawthrop** showed a Coal and Coke RR class B station located in Alexander, WV. **Joel Goldberg** brought in the Repairman's Row Scene kit. And finally, **John Jackson** brought in two books, Volumes 1 and 2, of the history of the GTW.

### THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS MONTHS SHOW AND TELL

#### Division 8 Business and Finances

As of this month our division checking account has a balance of \$1049.09. Also 3 CD's with a face value of \$3000.00 total not including accrued interest.

#### New Business

**Marv Linke** led a discussion on how to use the cash grant received from the NCR on how to promote our organization and model railroading in general. Proposed is a plan to design and purchase a banner that can be used at various functions. We would also receive a \$500.00 grant used to improve the experience of current members or to increase membership. One way to reach out to potential members would be to purchase a number of subscriptions to model railroad magazines for local high school libraries.



#### New Business

An informal discussion among several members touched on traveling to the Hartford convention in July. There is no direct air or rail service from Detroit to Hartford. Amtrak from Toledo would require a change at Penn Station in NY and air connections would be required in Albany or elsewhere. So this brings up the possibility of carpooling. The distance is about 650 miles either on I-90 or I-80/I-84 and not going through Ontario. With 2 or more drivers this is an easy one day trip. There is side trip potential if riders can agree on where to stop. Most likely would be Steamtown in Scranton, PA. At this point, talk among yourselves.

Another proposal described a welcome kit for new modelers. This kit might include a tote bag, magazine samples, subscription cards, a model ruler, a promotional brochure, and various other freebies. Total expenditure for such a project might be in the vicinity of \$855.00.

#### Dave Thornton NMRA Report

Dave will be attending the upcoming board meeting in Orlando. Also he said the registration package for the Hartford national convention will be available in Scale Rails.

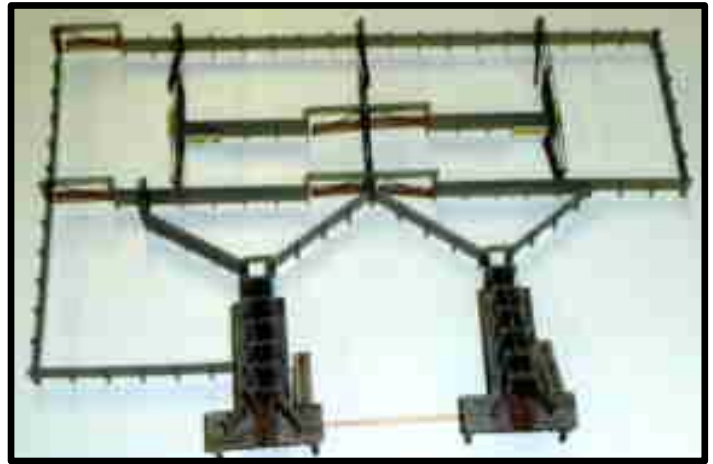
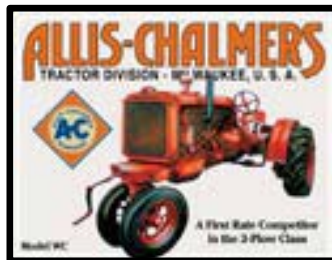
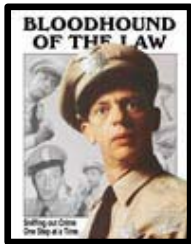



**I have an idea for a new SIG. It would be called "The well constructed and detailed poor trackplan Special Interest Group".**

## January Clinic Recap

**Dan Lewis** gave an informative clinic on working with DPM structure kits and their various wall sections. Dan models in N scale but the products used are available in HO and N. The main idea to me was that it is easy to customize the shape of a structure to fit in available space. Dan emphasized the importance of weathering the plastic structure and offered a tip on how to disguise the edges and seams in the sections.

**Don't forget to check out [desperate.com](http://desperate.com) for illustrations of period tin sign reproductions that can be used on your structures.**



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|  | <p><a href="http://hn2009.org/">http://hn2009.org/</a><br/><b>The National Model Railroad Convention</b><br/><br/><b>The Hartford National</b><br/><br/><b>July 5-11, 2009</b></p> |
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## Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at **7:00 PM on February 19, 2009** at the Troy Christian Chapel located at 400 E. Long Long Lake Road in Troy on the south side of the street between Livernois Road and Rochester Road. Bob Luzinsky is scheduled to show us how to do DCC installations in new locomotives.

**The Show and Tell for the meeting will be anything related to DCC or as always, a current project.**

The January meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. Thanks to **Joel Goldberg** for this month's digital photography.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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