



THE CAR HOUSE

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD
ASSOCIATION**

February 2002 Meeting Minutes

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:01 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 35 people in attendance.

Visitors

None

Show and tell

This month's subject was your favorite modeling tools. We had an assortment of track inspection cars, a razor saw, mini plane, tack hammer, rail nippers, a scale, an airbrush, a stand with clamps and a magnifier, butane soldering iron, soldering station, jewelers saw, diamond hone, flexible battery powered worklight, pattern wheel, scalpel, tweezers with special tips, two magnifying visors, needle point pliers and finally, three point track gages.

Minutes Approval

Terry Bossick made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jerry DeBoever and passed almost unanimously, thanks to my nay.

Paymaster's Report

Don Varney, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,349.24

Certificate: \$ 3,661.81

Old Business

- Don Varney announced that the check to the Troy Christian Chapel had not been presented yet, but he expected to have it done soon.
- Marv Linke pointed out an error in the map to his home for the upcoming layout tour. Marv stated that the unmarked street that connects with 24 Mile Road is Deerwood Drive and that street connects to Antler Drive.

Pseudo Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton was at the winter Board of Trustee's meeting in Arizona at the time of the division meeting, so Fred Cosgrove read an e-mail from Dave outlining some of the recent developments at the NMRA HQ and the agenda for the BOT meeting.

- Jenny Hendricks is the new NMRA home office manager. The NMRA officers are now requiring the office manager to issue monthly reports to them about the day to day operations and about any problems being experienced so they can be dealt with swiftly.
- One other existing opening in the home office staff will be filled soon.

BOT agenda

- The BOT will be considering a single dues structure, that will cover national, regional and divisional membership.
- They will be considering the elimination of the executive director's position.
- They will be considering the scaling back in size of the Bulletin and reducing its frequency.
- The BOT will debate the elimination of the life membership classification.
- They will be considering the formation of new classes of membership.

The 2007 NMRA National Convention planning committee meeting

- 12 people were present for the first meeting of the committee.
- Representatives from divisions 5, 6 and 8 were present.
- Divisions 1, 3 and 10 are interested in participating.
- The NCR is co-sponsoring the convention bid.
- The next meeting will be on March 23rd at a location to be determined.

Clinic

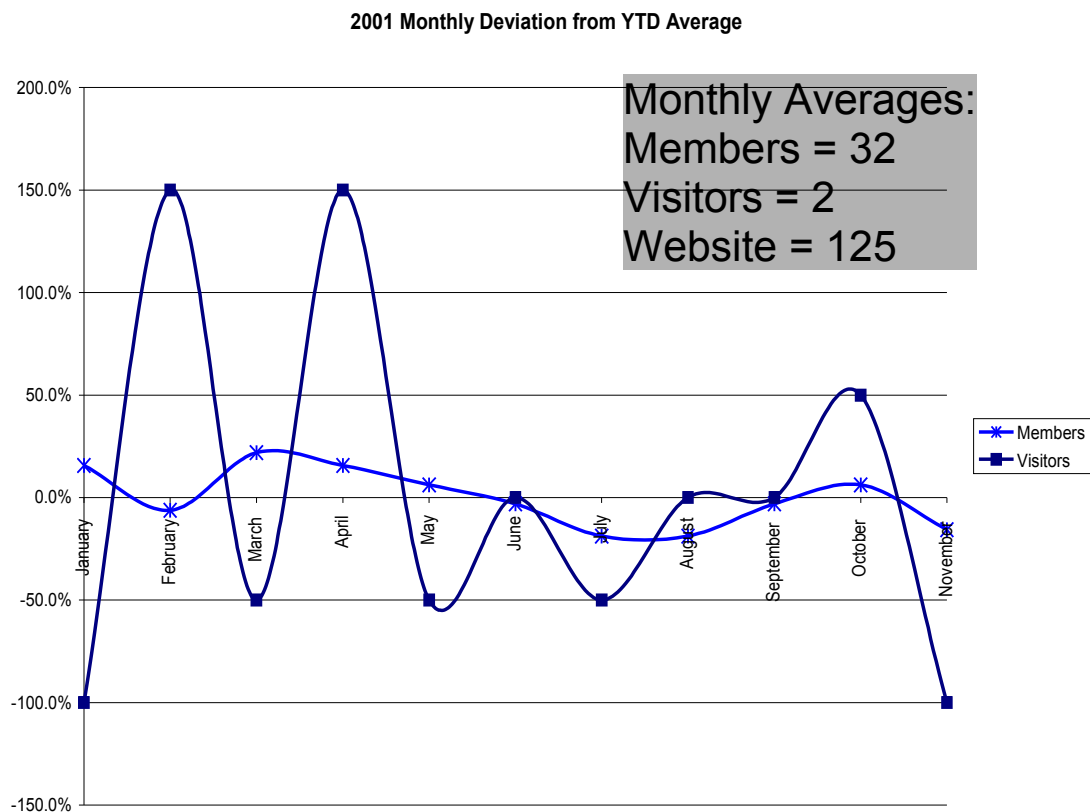
This month we were shown a video on the Union Pacific RR steam and gas turbine engine fleet.

Hints and Tips

- Roger Austin provided a website address for the narrow gauge convention website. This will be posted on the division 8 links page.
- Old nylon stockings or fiberglass mesh drywall tape work very well for reinforcing molds.
- There is a trainshow this coming weekend in Essex, Ontario.
- The Lapeer Trainshow is this coming Sunday.
- The Gratiot Valley Trainshow is coming up on March 3rd.
- Glass stain, that is available from Joann Fabrics, works very well for tinting windows, such as those on passenger cars.
- The TSBY RR will be hosting the Nickel Plate group for at least two steam trips this coming spring and summer.
- The 1225 group will be operating their steam engine less this year due to increased operating expenses.
- There will be a trip from Owosso to Mt Pleasant/Clare in June.
- Layout tour coming up this Sunday (northern Macomb area).

Here are the monthly meeting attendance figures for 2001:

(This was inadvertently left out of January's minutes due to a printing problem)



Photos from the January's layout tour (courtesy of Rick Ware)





Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

March's clinic will be on scratch-building freightcars. The show and tell for March will be anything scratch-built or current modeling project.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, March 21st, 2002 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://members.tripod.com/ncr_division8

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM Respectfully submitted,
Curt Danielewicz, Secretary

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