



THE CAR HOUSE

February 19th, 2004

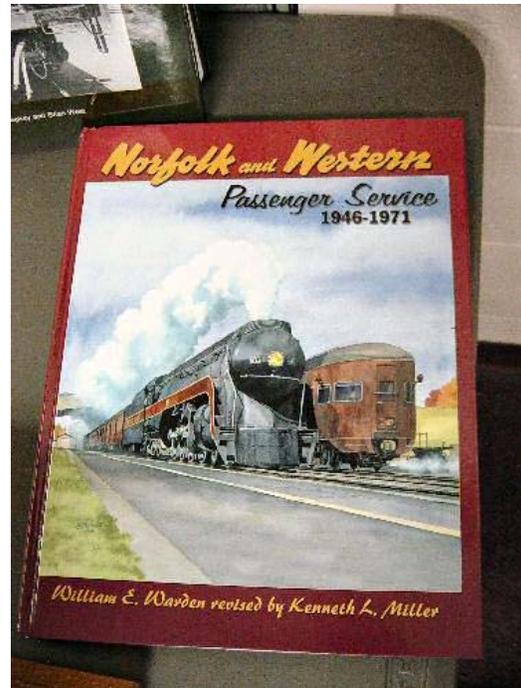
THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
<http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:02 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 24 people in attendance.

Visitors

One person visited the division this month, Lynn Trent.

Show and Tell Photos





Show and tell

This month's subject was passenger train related items. We had a G scale Mack railbus, a Union Pacific dome lounge, boarding passes from the Alaska RR and BC Rail, an Alton Limited 8-car set, two G scale passenger stations, a C & O diner with interior, two Colorado and Southern coaches and combine, a set of first and second class Swiss Railway coaches, a Milwaukee Road Erie-built with a rib-side coach and standard streamline coach, a Walthers heavyweight observation car, the book "The One Spot Twins" about the Santa Fe dieselization, a set of Spectrum heavyweight ATSF cars, tickets from an Alaska RR trip, an observation car Christmas tree ornament, a Great Northern gas-electric and trailer, a Copper Country diesel railbus, a Colorado and Southern On30 coach, an open-air HOn30 coach, an interurban and three books on the Passenger equipment and color schemes of the Canadian National family of railroads.

Minutes Approval

Marv Linke had a correction that Division 8's new bank was at Flagstar Bank and not 5/3 Bank. The correction was noted and **Terry Bossick** made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes as corrected and the motion passed with one nay, thanks to our John fill-in.

Paymaster's Report

Marv Linke reported the following balance:

Checking: \$ 5,312.40

Marv informed everyone that 15 to 20 people still have not paid their Division 8 dues for the current year and he also noted that the division currently has 38 paid members and 3 honorary life members.

Old Business

None

New Business

- **Dan Lewis** has a questionnaire for interested members to fill out if they would like their home layout included on the layout tours for the upcoming 2005 NCR convention and the 2007 National convention.
- **Gerry DeBoever** announced that the Gratiot Valley Model RR club's show and sale is coming up on March 7th. Gerry also informed us that GV's recent Fall 2003 show was their best-attended show to date.
- **Curt Danielewicz** announced that he was stepping down as the recruitment chairperson for the division effective immediately. Curt will continue as the division secretary and webmaster though. **Marv Linke** will assume some of the duties for recruitment, but the division would like one other person to volunteer their time. The recruitment job consists of producing recruitment flyers (current copies are available in MS Word format) to stock at the local hobby shops and to pass out at the Gratiot Valley show, mail out invitational postcards to local NCR members that do not belong to the division and staff the Division 8 recruitment table at the Gratiot Valley show. The recruiting people can also order promotional materials from the National free of charge. Please see Marv or Curt if you are interested.

Announcements

- Du Mouchelle's is auctioning pieces from the Kuhne collection through this Saturday.
- The Henry Ford museum has purchased one of the large display layouts from the collection.
- **Larry Lauer** is selling over 100 HO scale cars equipped with metal wheelsets and Kadee couplers.
- **Fred Cosgrove** spoke of the "Flying Scotsman" steam locomotive being currently for sale. Visit http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/north_yorkshire/3486268.stm for more information.
- **Larry Lauer** noted that Len Firth of the NMRA British region passed away last year.

2005 NCR Convention Status

Curt Danielewicz read the list of possible clinic topics for the 2005 NCR convention that was submitted by clinic co-chairs **Joel Goldberg** and **Terry Bossick**. Possible clinic subjects include: Locomotives, Planning of operation and layouts, Cars, Micro Layouts, Scenery, Traction, Electrical, DCC, Backdrops, Tracklaying, Detailing, Rock casting, Weathering, Narrow Gauge, and Operation.

The current convention committee consists of **Curt Danielewicz** (Chairperson), **Marv Linke** (registrar), **Dan Lewis** MMR (layout tour chair), **Joel Goldberg** (clinic co-chair), **Terry Bossick** (clinic co-chair) and **Jim Sieradzinski** (Opsig and assistant guide coordinator). We are in need of people to fill the following positions on the committee: Convention co-chair, coordinators for prototype tours, contests, non-rail activities, convention guide and convention collectables. We

are also in need of a person to solicit donations from manufacturers, hobby shops, etc. for the convention.

Please contact **Curt Danielewicz** if you are interested in helping out, we only have 20 months to go and need to get a good foundation laid for an entertaining convention that will be the prelude to the National convention that will take place in 40 months.

Visit the 2005 convention website at http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org/2005_ncr_convention.htm

Upcoming Clinic and Show & Tell

The March clinic will be "Building the Golden Spike Replica Steam Locomotives" with **Joel Goldberg**. The show and tell will be anything related to golden spike ceremonies.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, March 18th, 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://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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