

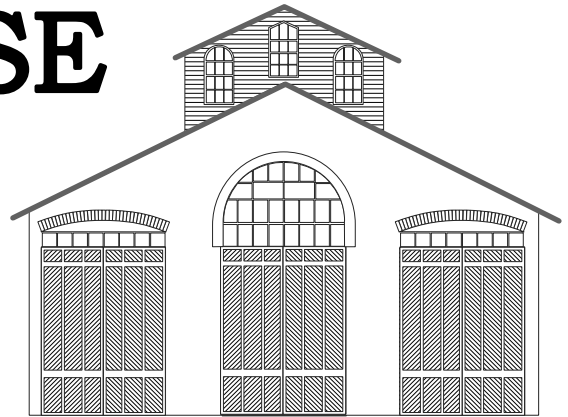
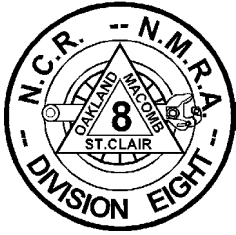
THE CAR HOUSE

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Call to Order

The February meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with 28 members present. Visiting was **Rick Hueston**, a major Brass Hat with the Detroit Model RR Club in Holly. Also, we welcome **Rick Standish** as a new member to Division 8. This month the division held elections after a brief discussion of the candidates. **Jerry Shanek** will be our new president beginning with the March, 2007 meeting. He waged a spirited campaign for the office, weathering the hint of a scandal involving his supposed enthusiasm for the recently opened Hooters in Troy. Jerry was quoted as saying, "It's a party atmosphere, and that's what makes it fun." We're sure he was referring to a recent model railroad operating session he attended. Also, our new treasurer will be **John Jackson**, who insisted that he's never been to any of Detroit's casinos or been fleeced by a Nigerian scam or bought bogus Irish Sweepstakes tickets.



Show and Tell

This month's subject was equipment not of your favorite or chosen road. This theme brought out a wide selection of oddballs and rarities. (No reference to the membership intended). **Terry Bossick** brought in a model of a steam motor car, a combine decorated for the mythical Detroit and Roseville Railroad, or is it the Roseville and Detroit. I guess it depends which way you're going. **Joel Goldberg** brought in the model pictured at left, an Ambroid Mathieson Dry Ice car and also an LCL container car pictured somewhere else. **Mike Goldberg** has been working on structures and details for Dad's layout, a structure from the Bar Mills Raglin Road series, also pictured elsewhere. Seen below is an outstanding scratchbuilt O scale model of a reading gondola, including trucks designed by legendary 1930's modeler **Bill Lenoir**. The model is proudly owned by **Vince Robinson**.





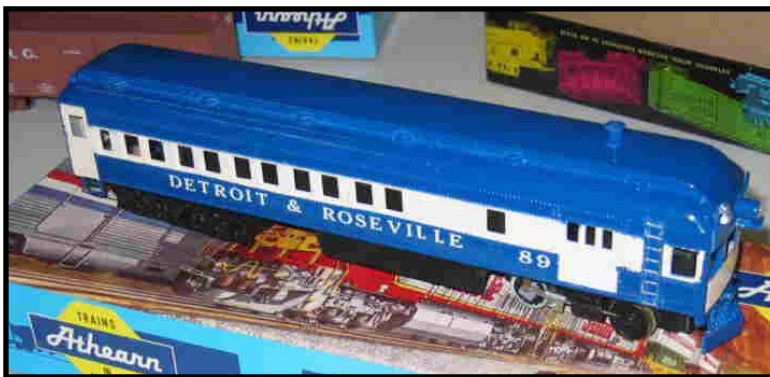
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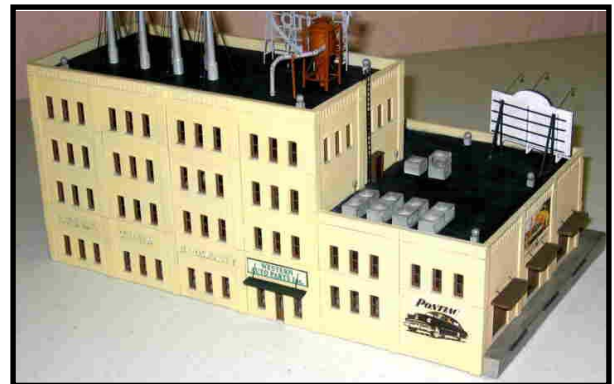
POTATO COACH

Show and Tell Continued

Jim Zinser brought in a curious prop flatcar that had been used in filming an automobile commercial. The camera side was sort of detailed, but still a nitpicker's delight. The rear had no detail at all, just some hardware to attach the rods used to manipulate the model during the shoot. I think it would make a great gag entry for a contest, the argument being, "Hey, it's perfectly accurate to what the client wanted". **Jerry Shanek** brought in several novelty cars, one being an Olympia Beer car, which will be on permanent display at the new Hooters. **Bill Moore** showed off the B&M reefer shown above, an ice service car. The largest structure on Marv Linke's rail empire is the Western Auto facility pictured below at right. He also showed some rooftop details including a set of air conditioning units.



ROSEVILLE ROCKET



WESTERN AUTO

Show and Tell continued

Larry Wolohon brought in a Northwestern Pacific USRA double sheathed boxcar and also a PRR X29 class depressed flatcar. **Bill Gawthorpe** brought in a coke car, a subject of special interest to him. **Phil Doolittle** showed off an HO_{n3} Flat car. and **Rad Jones** brought in an N scale scale car. It's really small and heavy and I believe they were filled with lead shot, or was it something else? I could have said stale matzoh balls, but that's kind of an inside ethnic joke that everyone might not get. Ask me, and I'll explain. **Jim Clements** logging scene is pictured at the top of the next page. **Tony Britsky** continues with his Digitrax stationary decoder project and **John Jackson**, our newly minted treasurer is still in the throes of layout planning, hoping to iron out all the mistakes and blunders before he makes them for real just like we all do over and over again. **Dave Thornton** brought in a nice ice reefer pictured on the first page, featuring uncharacteristic five foot doors. **Rick Ware** is developing a city street scene using photos of actual structures in the form of a preconstruction mockup. Could be the makings of a clinic topic in the future. **Gene Kome** is working across the street from his glass plant, building a credit union store front.

Visitors

Mike Gilhey stopped by our February meeting. He is beginning a new HO scale layout and is seeking some basic information. He should discover before long that opinions and information from the members is not always the same thing. **Kirk Bucher** also was a visitor. He offered some hints on how to harvest and use ragweed for tree modeling. Got to pick and spray in the winter to preserve. Do this before you start sneezing.



Division 8 Business and Finances

The Division has \$2612.57 in the checking account, 2 one thousand dollar CD's, and 6 losing lottery scratch off tickets. Incoming treasurer **John Jackson** will investigate.

The results of the election are official and have been certified by the electrical college. Jerry Shanek assumes the presidency and John Jackson, the post of treasurer, effective with the March 2007 meeting.

Appeal for Volunteers

Division 6 Big Wig **Barry Hensel** stopped by to remind us that a horde of volunteers will be needed for GLE2007. Positions include security, registration desk, train show and the company store. Clubs and divisions can sign up as a group and lay claim to a particular area. As a volunteer, you do not actually have to register for the convention. All the positions will be at the hotel and free parking will be available.



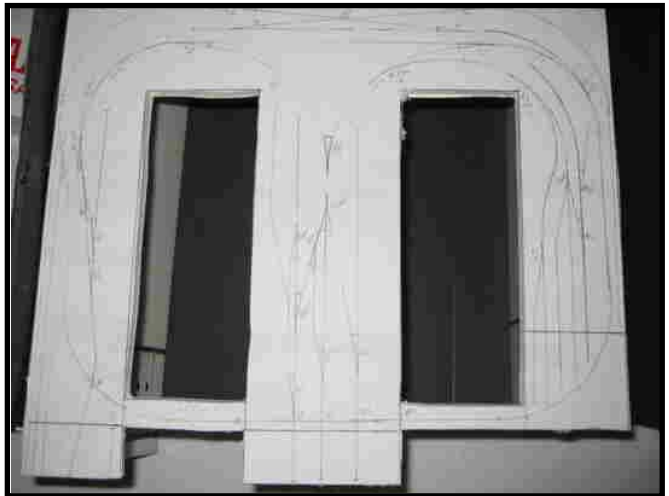
2007GLE Convention Update

Dave Thornton reports that the convention has been getting a lot of publicity in the various railroad publications. At the end of 2006, 509 members had already preregistered. and that some tours are already sold out. The clinic list is a work in progress and should be finalized in April or May. Dave commented that the new and improved Scale Rails is being well received and that 8 pages have been added.

Tips and Techniques

Secretary **Saul Kalbfeld** offered a progress worksheet to help modelers stay organized and on track, getting as many started projects as possible completed before convention open house time. See Saul for additional copies.





Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on March 15, 2007 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.

The Show and Tell for the meeting will be anything Michigan, or a current project. Our scheduled presentation will be given by Chuck Woodbury who will show classic films of the GTW Railroad.

The February meeting was adjourned at about 9:10 followed by the usual trek down to the Big Boy Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary