



# ***THE CAR HOUSE***

March 16, 2000

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8  
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION  
March 2000 MEETING MINUTES**

Superintendent **John Ainslie** called the March 16, 2000 meeting of Division 8, North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held at Troy Christian Chapel.

## **VISITORS**

**Jim Graham**, a Gratiot Valley Model Railroad Club member was our lone guest for this month.

## **SHOW AND TELL**

The theme of this month's Show & Tell was favorite RR books. The books presented covered a variety of subjects from modeling to the prototype. Prototype books went coast to coast with the Pennsy and D, L & W to Milwaukee Road and UP, narrow gauge was covered from Maine to Colorado, and steam to diesel era with the ATSF leading the way. There were 'How to' modeling books and NMRA 'Infopak' CD-ROMs. Finally, there was a prototype operator's handbook from the early 1900's.

## **PAYMASTER'S REPORT**

**Gene Kome**, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$1,074.37

Savings and C.D.: \$3,397.26

## **AVOID MISSING A CARHOUSE**

**Gene Kome** also reminded everyone that this would be the last *Carhouse* mailed to anyone who has **not** renewed their Division membership for 2000.

## **GV GIFT TO DV8**

The Gratiot Valley Model RR Club generously donated \$350.00 to the Division for helping to make the 1999 North Central Region Convention a success.

## **MINUTES APPROVED**

The February minutes were approved unanimously.

## **CLINIC**

**George Anderson** presented this month's clinic on Climax locomotives. George models the Upper Peninsula and many of the subject photos originated in the 'Copper Country'. George also provided a handout to everyone in attendance that listed wheel arrangements for articulated locomotives. Although most people think of Mallets or Big Boys when the word articulated is mentioned, some smaller locomotives like the climax, shay, and heisler, fall under the articulated header also.

- Articulated locos have power trucks that swivel (could apply to diesels).
- Climax locos had a side-mounted steam cylinder that drove a small flywheel, which transferred the power to center-frame driveshaft to the power trucks.
- The angle of the side-mounted cylinder varied, with some actually being horizontal.
- Baldwin produced a small number of Climax knock-offs, which had a shallow-angle cylinder arrangement.
- Heisler locos shared the center-frame driveshaft concept, but used V-mounted cylinders to directly turn the driveshaft.
- Shay locos were more convenient to maintain than their competitors because the drive arrangement to the power trucks was shifted completely to the outside frame of the locomotive; multiple in-line cylinders driving a crankshaft coupled to the driveshafts to the power trucks.
- Dunkirks had a drive arrangement similar to the Shay, but with a center-frame driveline.
- Hendersons were much more similar to the Shay, but their boiler was mounted down the center of the frame, rather than offset like a true Shay.
- The Climax design originated from Pennsylvania logging operations and was used in a variety of tasks.
- The Shay design originated from Michigan logging operations and was used in a variety of tasks also.
- Fairlie was another type of articulated locomotive, small in size, used in the UP and elsewhere.
- Greenfield Village is restoring a Torch Lake RR Fairlie.
- Mason-Fairlies were double-ended steam locomotives with a forney-like look about them.
- Some Climax, Shay, Heislars were rebuilt with internal combustion engines driving the original 'as-built' driveline.

## **AP PROGRAM NEWS**

**Dan Lewis** informed the group that some activities can be steered toward filling the NMRA volunteer requirements and that any time on a 'Division Superintendent appointed' committee counts toward the volunteer requirements.

- **Jim Clements** received a merit award for the structure judged at the February Division meeting during the 'mock' judging presentation.
- MMR number 295 will be presented to **Larry Wolohon** at the National convention this year, congratulations!

## **DV8 WEBSITE**

With the changing of the guard because of Russ' move up north, the Division 8 website will be moving to a more permanent location. Stay tuned for more information.

## **UPCOMING CLINICS AND SUBJECTS FOR SHOW & TELL**

- April 2000 Clinic– Airbrushing by **Ken Sanborn**.
- Show & Tell – Something airbrushed.

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR APRIL'S MEETING**

**Dan Lewis** requests that division members please use the **rear entrance**, south-side of the Chapel, for the April meeting only. Members that need to use the elevator may still use the main entrance, but please keep in mind that there will be a church service going on and that the lighting will be turned off on the lower level in keeping with the manner of the service.

## **SCHEDULE**

- The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, April 20, 2000 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.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup> weekend will have 2 conventions in the area, the Niagara Frontier Region will be having its convention in London, Ontario and there will be an N scale convention in Columbus, Ohio.

## **MEMBER NEWSBITS**

- Amtrak is trying to change the route of the International and move it to the route traveled by the Detroit to Chicago service.
- Mike's Trainhouse had a Korean court seize the majority? of a brass N & W 'A' class shipment built for Lionel.
- Union Pacific will lease 1,000 SD70's from General Motor's Electro-Motive Division.
- An Amtrak train derailed near Topeka, Kansas.

## WEBSITES

- NMRA:  
[www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)
- North Central Region: The *HOTBOX*:  
[www.detnews.com/metro/hobbies/hotbox/](http://www.detnews.com/metro/hobbies/hotbox/)
- Division 8 Online:  
[www.tir.com/~syracuse/](http://www.tir.com/~syracuse/)
- Gratiot Valley Railroad Club:  
[www.michvhf.com/~gvrr/](http://www.michvhf.com/~gvrr/)
- Society of N Scalpers:  
[members.xoom.com/sonsrom](http://members.xoom.com/sonsrom)
- Stoney Creek Model R.R. Club:  
[www.metronet.lib.mi.us/ROCH/scmrrc](http://www.metronet.lib.mi.us/ROCH/scmrrc)
- Curt Danielewicz, Division 8 Scribe:  
[www.tir.com/~curtd](http://www.tir.com/~curtd)

Sorry, I forgot to catch the adjournment time (this time).

Respectfully submitted,  
Curt Danielewicz, Secretary





