



THE CAR HOUSE

March 15, 2001

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
March 2001 Meeting Minutes

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the March 15th, 2001 meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 40 people in attendance.

Visitors

Our frequent visitor, **Russ Hjelmberg**, was the lone visitor for March's meeting. Russ models the steam era in HO scale.

Show and tell

We had a few of this and a few of that for the show and tell this month, as private cars aren't one the most modeled subjects. For true private cars, we had business cars from the Great northern, NMRA and North Central Region and finally, the East Broad Top. We also had some private roadname refrigerator cars, some current modeling project locomotives such as an ATSF diesel switcher, a Cary Alco S-2 and a Gratiot Valley Mikado. We also had a Walthers Oscar and Piker presented for the show and tell.



Clinic

Rad Jones gave his presentation on presidential travel based on his experiences as a Secret Service agent. Rad served with the Secret Service from the Kennedy presidency into the Reagan presidency.

Minutes Approval

Terry Bossick made a motion to have the minutes approved as read; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Paymaster's Report

Don Varney, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 790.71

Savings: \$ 3987.71

New Business

Fred Cosgrove announced a change to be made to the Division's Constitution. The change clarifies the duties of the division officers (written in Article V, section 2 of the Constitution) since the duties have undergone changes through the years, which have not been recorded.

New Business Continued

Section 2 old:

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Ratification of the proposed change will be by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the regular members present at the April 2001 meeting.

Old Business

The Bloomfield Township public library would like model railroaders to do a presentation on model railroading. The presentation(s) would be during the month of July in conjunction with a theme, on travel, being done statewide. The library also has several locked display cases available, free of charge, for the month of July. Anyone interested in being a speaker or providing material for the display cases should contact **Fred Cosgrove** or **Curt Danielewicz**. *Since this is a statewide program, please check with your own local libraries and see if they are participating in this program, this is an opportunity to do a large PR blitz for free.* If you find that your library is participating, please inform Fred or Curt by May so we can try to arrange coverage for those libraries.

Hints and Tips

- PBL lube for locomotive maintenance.
- Division 3's website will be moving soon - new info on the upcoming NCR joint convention will go on the new website when it's up.
- On2.5 is 50% off at the Riders in Madison Heights.

Diorama Contest

We had a good turnout of squares for the contest announced last fall, hopefully some of them will make it to the NCR convention this coming fall. We had grain elevator, loco service facility, frat house, subway and "Somewhere West Virginia" squares. Check the website for the photos.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The next clinic will be on scratchbuilding N scale turnouts presented by Marv Linke. The show and tell subject is maintenance of way equipment.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, April 19th, 2001 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
Surfing the web?
<http://www.starttrack.inc.com>
<http://www.pollensoftware.com>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Danielewicz

Curt Danielewicz, Dispatcher