

THE CAR HOUSE

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

March 2002 Meeting Minutes

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 41 people in attendance.

Visitors

Vince Robinson, our clinician, was our lone visitor for the month.

Show and tell

For show and tell we had a Great Northern double sheathed boxcar, a GN wood hopper, a steam locomotive that was converted into a diesel, a church, a truss-rod flatcar, some bolsters, a grain elevator, photos of a grain elevator in Amarillo Texas, an RDC with NCE decoder and lighting, a flatcar with diesel generator loads, narrow gauge flatcars, gondolas, stockcars, boxcars and a caboose, a thrall all-door boxcar kit, a Wisconsin station plan, a composite gondola, plans for a Milwaukee Road station, a G scale snow plow, a Metra bi-level push-pull commuter car, a people mover elevated track and a DSR Peter Witt car. **Jim Clements** also announced that his last project was installing two new fast-time clocks on his model railroad.

Minutes Approval

Terry Bossick made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Paymaster's Report

Don Varney, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,312.24

Certificate: \$ 3,661.81

Old Business

- **Don Varney** presented the Troy Christian Chapel with a check for \$100. The check was a gift to the chapel for allowing the use of their facility for our meetings.

New Business

- **Dave Thornton** informed the division that the Fox Valley RR Club has invited Detroit area modelers to operate the O scale layout on May 19th. Contact Dave Thornton for more information or to reserve a spot on the list. This is one of the layouts that were open to members during the October 2001 trip to the Chicago area.
- **Curt Danielewicz** presented a proposal to loan up to \$1000.00 to the 2007 National convention planning committee. The money would be used for any expenses (meeting space, mailings, printing, etc.) that the committee would incur between the convention bid's acceptance and the year 2005. In 2005, the convention could begin to accept early registrations and thus start generating revenue. **Rick Ware** inquired about repayment of the loan, if the bid was not accepted and **Dave Thornton** stated that only a very small amount might be needed before the bid's status was confirmed. **Dan Lewis** presented a motion to loan \$250.00 to the convention planning committee with repayment of the loan to occur upon settlement of the convention expenses. The motion to loan \$250.00 to the 2007 National convention planning committee passed unanimously.

Trustee's Report

Dave reported the following items:

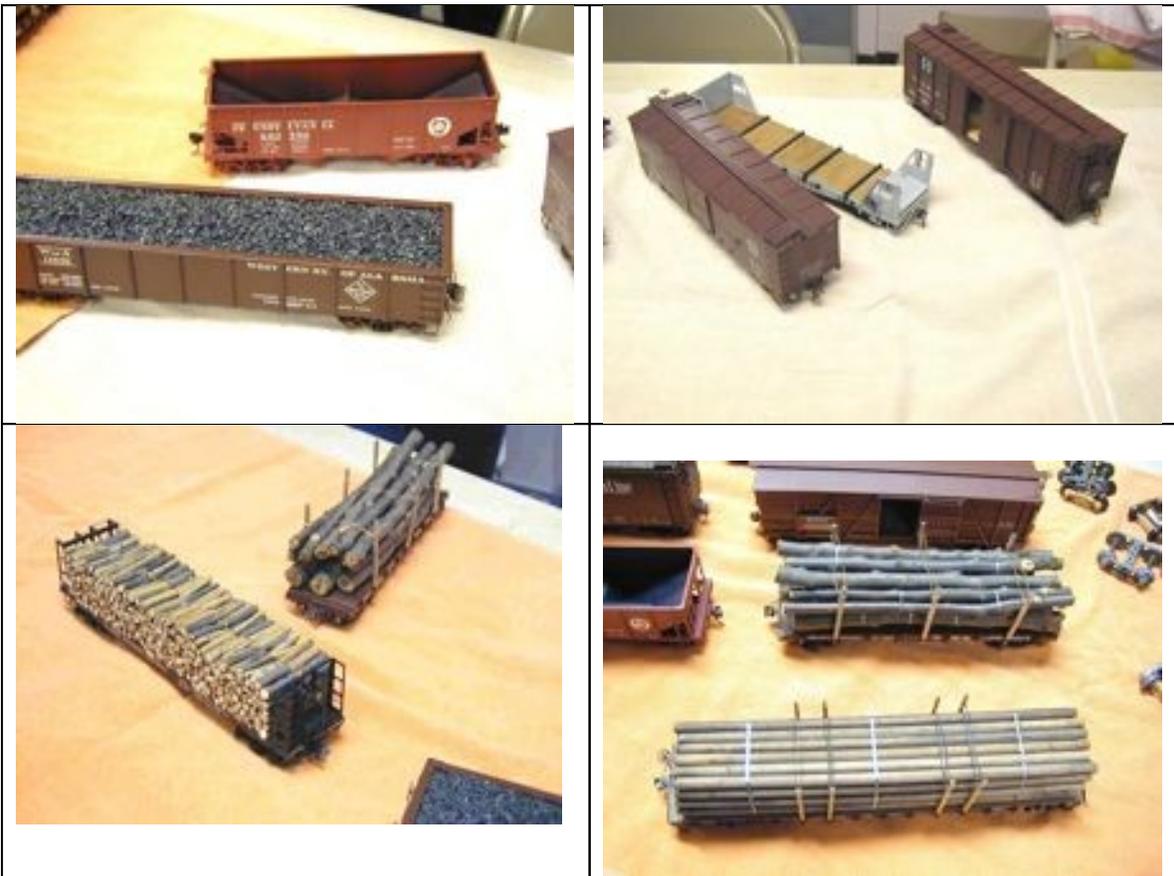
- There will be written reports about the BOT (board of trustees) winter meeting in the NCR (North Central Region) *Hotbox*, as well as in the *Bulletin*.
- The NMRA headquarters office situation has stabilized and service is improving.
- The finances of the NMRA have been stabilized and the deficit spending has stopped.
- The BOT is looking into changing the structure of the NMRA and making the organization more streamlined.
- The national convention is coming up in July. The convention will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- The 2007 National convention planning committee met for the first time a month ago. The next meeting is this coming Saturday at the Big Beaver United Methodist Church on John R in Troy.

- Dave was invited to the 2005 narrow gauge convention committee's meeting to compare notes. The 2005 narrow gauge convention will be in the Detroit area.

Clinic

This month **Vince Robinson** presented a clinic on kitbashing and superdetailing accurate models of various types of freightcars. Vince was a very informative clinician, sharing his wealth of knowledge that he gained while working in the rail industry.

Clinic Photo Section



Show and Tell Photo Section



Hints and Tips

- San Nicholas, Aruba has a model RR historical museum.
- Birmingham construction supply has 100 # bags of hydrocal for \$10.00.
- The Great Lakes Live Steamers are building a line in a new Southgate park. The Southgate mayor was interested in having the group build a line in a new park that the city was developing and the city is providing the materials to build the line.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Cliff Grandt, who passed away last month. Cliff was the owner of Grandt Line, a producer of detail parts and kits for multiple scales.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

April's clinic will be on modeling Detroit and is presented by Lynn Wells. The show and tell for April will be anything that is Detroit related.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, April 18th, 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

Don't forget to check the website for more photos from clinics, show and tells and layout tours!

Division 8 Online - http://members.tripod.com/ncr_division8

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Curt Danielewicz
Curt Danielewicz, Secretary