

THE CAR HOUSE

March 20th, 2003

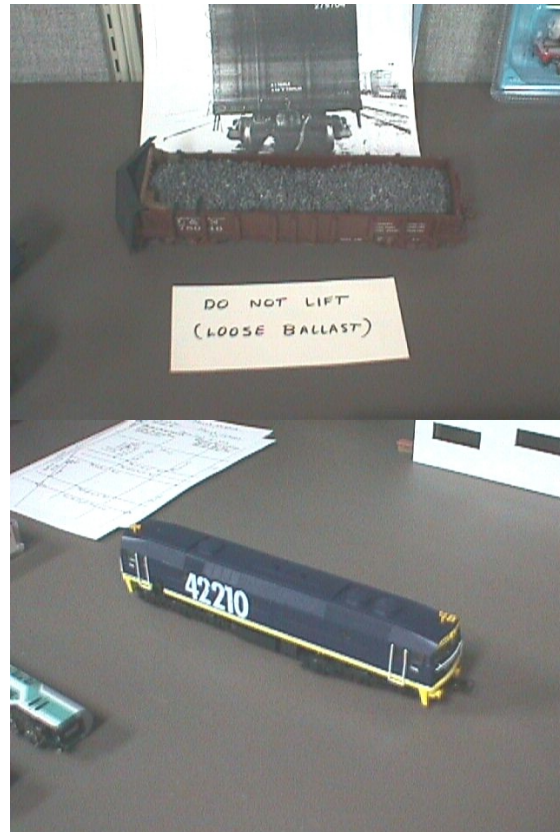
THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
<http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:03 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 35 people in attendance.

Visitors

Ken Livingston, an HO modeler, visited the division this month.

Show and Tell Photos





Photos courtesy of Curt Danielewicz

Show and tell

Our show and tell for this month was anything foreign in honor of the clinic on Cuban railroading. Presented were a host of Canadian freight cars, a video of the Aberfoyle Junction, a Mexican caboose set, various pieces of German and Austrian railway equipment, two British steam locomotives and an Australian diesel locomotive. Also presented were some N scale snow fences and an O scale gondola that was converted into a snowplow from members that could not attend last month's meeting that featured the theme of winter railroading.

Minutes Approval

The February meeting minutes were approved after Terry Bossick made the motion to approve as written. John cast the lone dissenting vote, as usual.

Paymaster's Report

Curt Danielewicz read Marv Linke's paymaster report into the record. The following balances were reported:

Checking: \$ 1,357.03
Certificate: \$ 3,754.99

The division has **21 unpaid** members out of 72 members on our roster. Those who have not paid their dues for the current year will not receive the *Carhouse* until they make their dues current.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Next month's meeting will fall on the observance of Maundy Thursday. Members can expect more church members to be present in building on the first level since the church will be hosting a dinner that evening.
- Division 6 will be hosting a layout tour on March 29th. Maps have been provided on the "show and tell" table, the layouts of the Redford Model RR club and Dennis Grudzinsky will be open from 12 to 4 PM.
- **Curt Danielewicz** proposed to have the willing members of the division build 1 ft square displays that can be used to promote the hobby by making them available to schools. It is desired to have the displays completed by the September 2003 meeting so we can begin our promotion of the hobby during the next school year. Anyone who is interested in having the displays shown at schools in their district should contact the school and find the person in charge of their display cases and programs and get that information to **Curt Danielewicz**.

NCR Officer's Meeting

Fred Cosgrove reported the following news from the regional organization:

- The 2007 national convention contract was signed by **Roger Parry** at the meeting.
- The NCR board has taken the stance that it is not in favor of the National's single-dues structure proposal.
- NCR election this year! All current officers are term limited and cannot continue, any interested NCR members are encouraged to submit a biography to **Jim Clements** so ballots can be assembled in the future. Jim's e-mail address is Jim2827@aol.com
- The Hotbox editor is still having difficulty in producing the regional magazine on time; no remedial action was taken.

Announcements

- The Glancy Collection, located in the Detroit Historical Museum, is seeking individuals to build eight cars for display at the museum. The models will be based on rolling stock that was built in Detroit during the 1800's by Detroit-based builders such as Peninsular Car Works.
- The 1225 group has approached the 2007 National Convention about the 1225 group opening their shops for tours, as well as running an excursion on the TSBY railroad.
- The B&O museum has cancelled the steam fair that was scheduled for this summer because of the collapse of the museum's roundhouse roof. Additional information indicated that the roundhouse was structurally unsound and would need to be rebuilt.
- Athearn will be discontinuing a portion of their "blue box" kits in favor of RTR models currently entering the market. Someone brought up the fact that kits typically sell better during poor economic times and it may not be a wise decision.

Clinic

This month's clinic was a video shot by Fred Cosgrove in Cuba during early April. Terry Bossick and Fred traveled with a group from the CERA (Central Electric Railfans Association).

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The April clinic will be on the Santa Fe railroad by **Tim Fisher**. The show and tell subject will be anything Santa Fe.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, April 17th, 2003 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.

Squares Guidelines

- Overall size is to be no larger than 1 ft by 1 ft, height should be less than 24 inches.
- Square should have a minimum of 1 ft of track.
- Any scale can be utilized.
- Base should contain enough structure to withstand 'normal' handling, *suggestion of a plywood / foam insulation sandwich.*
- A container that would protect the square during transportation is desired.

Website

Division 8 Online – <http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Curt Danielewicz, Secretary