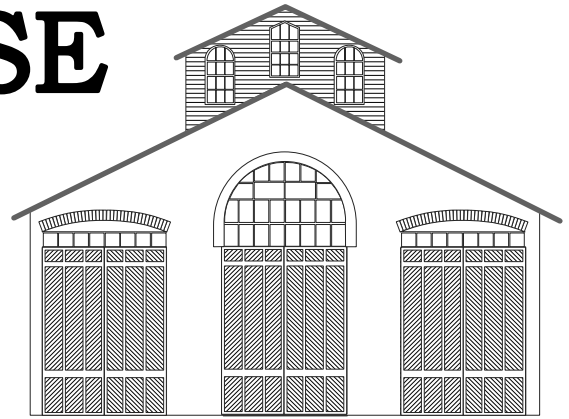
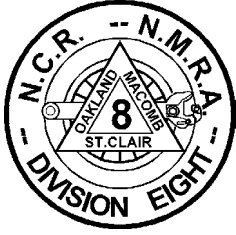


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NEW DIVISION 8 OFFICERS TAKE CONTROL

The fact that our new officers, **Jerry Shanek**, at right president and **John Jackson**, treasurer appear to be in the shadows does in no way imply they are shadowy characters. Not seen is continuing secretary **Saul Kalbfeld**, who took this photo in place of regular photographer **Joel Goldberg** who was off taking a disaster management course so he can tell the difference between lightning and an arcing locomotive on dirty track.

Call to Order The regular meeting of Division 8 was gaveled to order at 7:02 PM by our new officers. Initially we had 20 members present, later, the usual stragglers wandered in and lurked in the rear of the room. The division welcomes a new member, **Larry Parker**, who models Conrail in N Scale. Welcome Larry!

After a brief greeting from our new officers, an announcement was made that **Doug Liefeld** in Florida is recovering from congestive heart failure. Those of us lucky enough to be on Doug's e-mailing list are still receiving a daily dose of jokes, cartoons, and political skewering, no parties or candidates excluded. He is in our prayers.

Visitors

Dick Harden dropped in from Division 6. Dick is busy preparing his layout for GLE2007 open house. He models the CNW in the Northern Michigan and Wisconsin regions. His is a steam era railroad and a DCC layout. **Walt Plentis** also attended the meeting. He is an HO scale modeler of the PRR in the steam and diesel era.

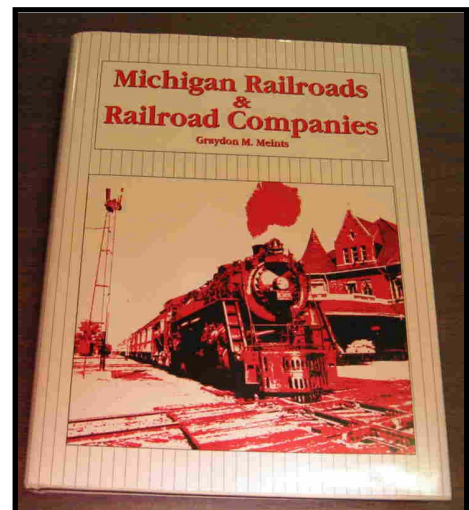


Division 8 Finances as of 3/15/2007

Checking Account Balance: \$2612.57
CD Accounts Balance: \$2000.00
Total Assets Balance: \$4612.57

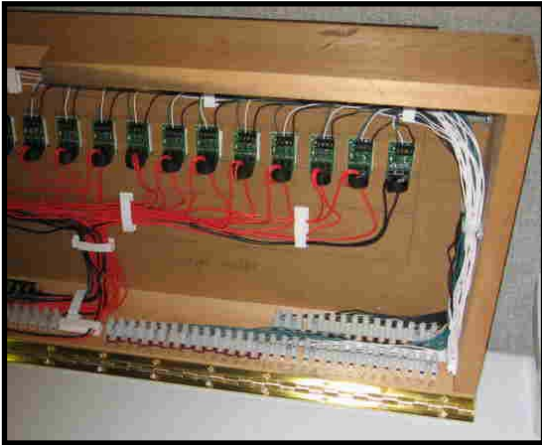
Show and Tell

Steam enthusiast **John Gervasso** rough in GTW #5629, a 4-6-2 pacific, one of the last steamers the line operated in excursion service until being scrapped for lack of funds. At right is a book on Michigan railroads shown by **Gene Kome**. **Bill Moore** brought in a Pere marquette box car with unusual gray and black lettering. The car is pictured in the 1943 edition of the Car Builders Cyclopedia. **Dave Thronton's** work on a control panel continues as seen in the photo on the next page. **Paul Runyon** brought in a group of cars from Michigan railroads.



Show and Tell continued

Charles Woodbury brought in an interesting display of old tickets from the era before you could print a boarding pass on your own printer. **Marv Linke** showed off an oil depot tank. **Jim Clements** is the proud owner of a Michigan Central box car the once ran on the layout of the late **Irv Shultz**. **Dan Lewis**, kit basher extraordinaire brought in a current German oil tank project. **Fred Cosgrove** brought in an interurban freightcar. He explained varying designs, specifically why the cars had rounded ends and radial arm couplers. **Don Varney** brought in a Z Scale GTW boxcar. New treasurer **John Jackson** showed off an Escanaba and Lake Superior boxcar. Finally, last but not least, new president **Jerry Shanek** brought in the undisputed winner of the night's dance contest, a G Scale GE Dash 9 diesel in NS prancing horse colors. The unit is an Aristocraft 4 motor unit and will pull 50 cars. Probably would pull a 100 O scale cars, 500 HO scale cars, 10,000 N scale cars and every Z scale car ever made. Thanks to all who participated in the Show and Tell event, and those who contributed to the quarter till as we have a new treasurer trying to complete his state quarter collection.



GLE2007 Convention Update

Dave Thornton reminded us that of this date there are 129 days until the convention opens. Members are reminded that the standard convention registration package is included in the January issue of Scale Rails. Also, we have 607 registered attendees which is 120 ahead of Philadelphia for this date. 3 to 4 tours are already sold out. For the ex-PM #1225 excursion, the ride operator will add coaches to the train as needed. Exhibitor space for the National Train show is selling well. The NMRA is working on negotiating favorable parking rates for the convention. Moving on to NMRA news, Dave reports that plans to move the Howell Day museum to the former SP shops in Sacramento are progressing. Again, volunteers are needed for the convention, and actually, registration for the convention is not necessary to be a volunteer. Ten hotel rooms will be available at the Marriott, but these will generally be for volunteers from out of our area. Finally, the convention clinic schedule is not ready yet. It could take another month. Also, Grand Rapids Division ? is applying to host the 2012 NMRA convention. Stay tuned.



Announcements

Dan Lewis has no new tour information at this time, but there are tentative plans for the weekend of October 13 to have a number of layouts open that were on the GLE2007 tours so that people who were unable to go on the organized tours can still visit the layouts that were featured at the convention. This from **Dave Thornton**. Details to follow.

New Business

The Division 8 board is looking into name tags or badges for the membership to wear during meetings. This would help the newer members get acquainted and help the memory challenged like myself.

Old Business

A comment was made from the floor thanking Rad Jones for recently hosting an open house.

SHOW and TELL for April will be passenger cars or a current project.

Lou Hoyer will offer a presentation on Amtrak at the meeting.

Also, we have an additional new member not previously mentioned. That is **Arthur Joye** who models in HO scale



Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on April 19, 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 March 2007 meeting was adjourned earlier than usual due to the orderly fashion that our new officers conducted the proceedings. Amen.

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

