



# ***THE CAR HOUSE***

April 19, 2001

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

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the April 19th, 2001 meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:08 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 42 people in attendance.

## Visitors

We had five people visiting this month; **Joe Klein**<sp>, (HO modeler and long-time division 6 member); **Tom Decker**<sp>, (a new modeler in HO scale); **Rick Laird**, (moved to the area from California); **Larry Parker**, (an N scaler and member of SONS); and **John Harrington**, (an HO modeler and frequent visitor).

## New Member

**Rick Laird**, one of our visitors this month, joined the division during the break. Welcome aboard, Rick!

## Show and tell

We had a variety of Maintenance of Way items this month including a Plasser railcar, a Western Union workcar, HO Russell and Leslie snowplows, an HOn3 snowplow, work cranes, an Ambroid coach, a dump car, flatcars with I-beam and outhouse loads, a South Shore line car and a G scale track cleaning car. I'm sorry that I could not take any pictures for this issue of the *Carhouse*, the charger for my camera was packed in anticipation of our upcoming move. Hopefully, I'll be back on track by July at the latest.

## Clinic

**Marv Linke** presented his clinic on hand-laying turnouts at this month's meeting. The clinic consisted of a 'slide show' video presentation of still

images showing the tools Marv uses to build his turnouts, and of each step in the turnout building process. Marv also passed around some of his turnouts mounted on the board he uses during the construction process.

### **Minutes Approval**

A motion was made to approve the March meeting minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Paymaster's Report**

**Don Varney**, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 790.71

Savings: \$ 3998.43

### **Trustee's Report**

**Dave Thornton** presented a brief summary of what is going on with the NMRA.

- Contrary to some rumors going around, the NMRA is not bankrupt.
- Revenue is not coming in as quickly as it was thought it would.
- Funds that had been earmarked for various activities may be tapped since operating funds are running low.
- Various means of raising income are being looked at, but expect a small due increase soon.
- An outside consultant, hired by the NMRA to look at ways to make the association more efficient and effective, has suggested a Board of Trustees headcount reduction and changes in the region structure.
- The next Board of Trustees meeting is at the National Convention in St. Louis.
- Finally, start planning for the NCR convention in the fall. The convention will be a joint convention with the Midwest and Midcentral Regions.

### **New Business**

1. **Dave Thornton** is planning a layout tour for the fall.
2. **Larry Wolohan** informed everyone that the convention committee for the 2002 National convention, to be held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is looking for clinicians.
3. **Fred Cosgrove** suggested that someone should make a motion to make a donation to the Troy Christian Chapel. He reminded everyone that the division made annual donations of \$100.00 to the Troy Public Library when the division used the library for meetings.

4. **Terry Bossick** made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Troy Christian Chapel. The motion passed almost unanimously.
5. **Curt Danielewicz** suggested having an outing at Bill Hayes'. It was decided that the June meet would probably be the most convenient. Curt will follow up to insure that our group could be accommodated.
6. **Terry Bossick** inquired about the status of the region's magazine, *The Hotbox*. *The Hotbox* is not getting out on time because Larry Wright's workload has increased and he doesn't have the time to devote to *The Hotbox*. He is planning on retiring within a year and then he can devote enough time to putting out the quality magazine we have become accustomed to. Please bear with him for the time being.

### **Old Business**

The constitution changes in the division officer's job titles and descriptions were passed almost unanimously. If you're interested in getting a copy, you can download it from the division website.

### **Hints and Tips**

- Ebay has a significant amount of model railroading equipment available on auction.
- Ebay also has a separate section for brass models.
- Caboose Hobbies in Colorado has a large selection of brass and a very helpful staff.

### **Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell**

The next clinic will be on scenery by **Jim Clements** and the accompanying show and tell will be structures.

### **Schedule**

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

### **Dave's Storytime**

**Dave Thornton** read a story about the run of the 1943 Broadway Limited that was published in a 1975 issue of *Trains* magazine.

## **Bill Hayes' MCRR 2001 Schedule**

- Work sessions - May 5,6,12,13 - June 9,10 - July 7,8 - August 11,12, 25,26
- Meets - May 25, 26, 27, 28 - June 21, 22, 23, 24, 29,30 - July 1 - August 17, 18, 19, 31 - September 1, 2, 3.
- Donations are encouraged if you attend a meet.

## **Website**

Division 8 Online - [http://members.tripod.com/ncr\\_division8](http://members.tripod.com/ncr_division8)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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