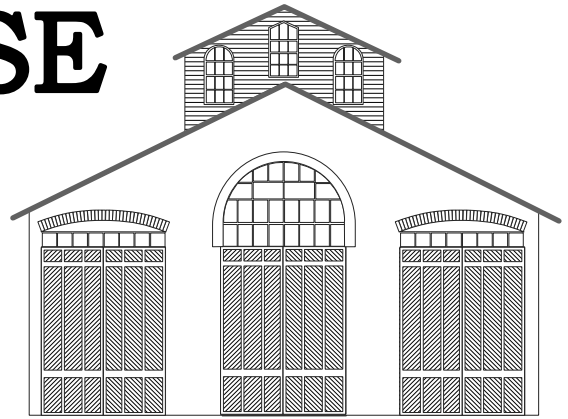
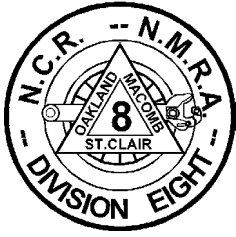


THE CAR HOUSE

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**Congratulations to Jim Clements
Master Model Railroader
Number 351**



Snowbird Fred Cosgrove Returns from Florida

Call to Order

Division 8 President **Curt Danielewicz** called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were 32 members present.

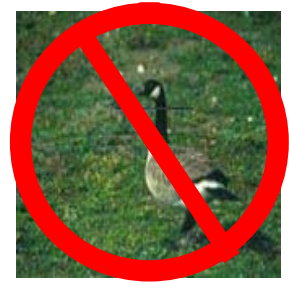
Visitor

We had one visitor this month. **Mike Langford** from Cincinnati is a life member of the NMRA and will be in the Detroit area for a while. I'm not sure if he is in the area for work or just came up from Cincy to volunteer for our upcoming convention.

Show and Tell

This month's subjects included narrow gauge and shortlines or a combination. By definition a narrow gauge line will also be a shortline, but not necessarily.

Our honored member **Jim Clements** brought two galloping geeses, geeses, geese, **take your pick**. One is a Lambert product, the other, a newer ConCor offering that Jim picked up last year. These are a lot cuter than the geese that hang around the front lawn.



Waddling Geese

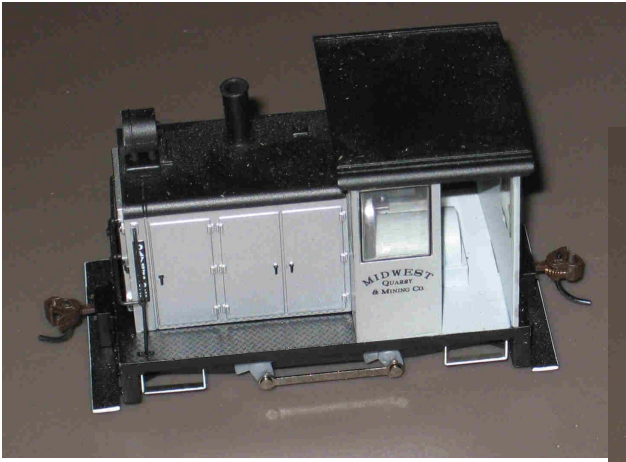
Jim Zinser freelances the Copper Valley Railway, and in prototype fashion, the motive power wears more than one paint scheme depending on age. As shown below, the older RS-1 from the 1940's differs from the newer power in the foreground which is a 1954 appearance.



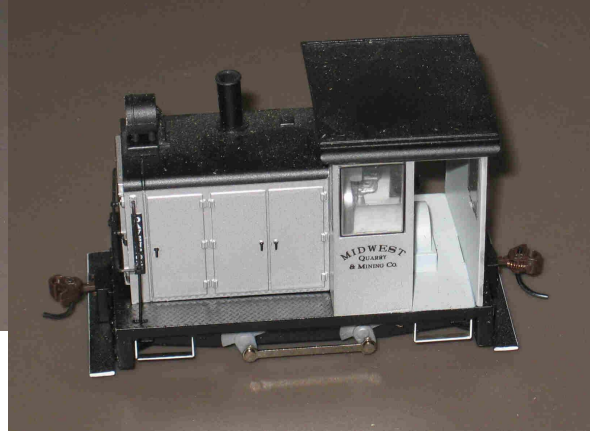
Tim Fisher displayed a SF 2-6-2 Prairie locomotive and offered a short history of this design. It wasn't the prettiest of steamers, but over the years beginning in the 1890's, over a 1000 were built, originally for mainline service, but gradually were relegated to branchline and mixed use. The Santa Fe operated 238 of this design and other roads, including the Milwaukee, NP, and the Burlington, operated Prairie locomotives right up until the end of steam.

Gene Kome offered a photo of a current structure project that has already been installed on his layout and is not moveable. The location is Streeter, Illinois, where the Owens Illinois Glass bottle plant provides online business. Another important rail customer is US Food Services, which Gene has modeled copying the precast construction of the prototype. Gene was able to capture on camera by chance, the company logo from the side of a delivery truck, which fortunately stayed put, while he went to get his camera. Then he was able to print the digital picture in a useable size for his structure.

Fred Cosgrove's On30 Quarry Locomotives



Midwest Quarry & Mining Co.



Larry Wolohan brought several items including an old narrow gauge Conoco tank car, built from a cast resin and strip wood kit. This model was an award winner a number of years ago. He also showed a GN F7 which he detailed with a Details West detail kit. To apply the details, disassembly of the loco was required, but the result is greatly improved appearance.



As shown on the front page, this C&S boxcar was brought by **George Schachermeyer**. It was custom built and signed by the builder and dates from 1950.

Dave Thornton brought several albums of photos covering narrow gauge subjects. Many of these were taken near the end of narrow gauge operations in 1971

Thanks to all our other contributors not mentioned here.

Meeting Minutes from the March meeting. No corrections and acceptance was by nearly unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Marv Linke** reports a current balance in the Division 8 account of \$4692.28

Old Business

None offered for discussion.

New Business

Brought up for discussion why Division 8 charges dues. Treasurer **Marv Linke** summarized the expenses that the organization has on a monthly and annual basis. We spend approximately \$35.00 a month to mail **The Car House** to members who do not receive an electronic version. Other expenses include \$100.00 annually to the **Troy Christian Chapel**. Also \$75.00 paid to the **Steam Railroad Institute**. Other expenses include donations to various organizations, an example being the memorial donation made to the **Kalmbach Library** in memory of **Dan Schmitz** who passed away several months ago. We are operating at a slight deficit and at some point in the future we might revisit this subject again. Marv said that annual dues of \$7.00 strengthens a member's commitment to the organization.

New Business (continued)

A suggestion was made that Division 8 should produce a member directory containing information about layouts, scales, era and other useful pertinent information. This idea will require discussion regarding form, cost, and whether members have any reservations about this information being made public.

2007 Convention report by Dave Thornton

As of this month, the convention is only 820 days away, and counting. Members who are planning to have an open house will be receiving commitment letters. As of now, 120 to 130 layouts will be available for viewing. Under consideration will be accessibility and location. Layout owners must be NMRA members to be covered by convention insurance. Tours will be by bus, except in the case of OP-SIG groups that will rely on personal transportation.

Regarding Non-Rail Tours, Dave and his wife are having a fabulous time visiting our many outstanding attractions in the Metro Detroit area such as the DIA and Detroit Opera House. Unfortunately, they got to the Belle Isle Aquarium a day late. Finally, Dave said that **bus captains** will be needed to keep order among the highly opinionated riders.



***Diesel Fans ride
in the back of the
bus.***

It's a sure thing that Dave will win a seat on the NMRA Board of Directors. No hanging chad issues are expected.. Also the NMRA is in the black. The NMRA museum will probably move to the California State Railroad museum.

In the next year expect to see a number of magazine articles relating to the 2007 convention. Also announced are the locations of further NMRA conventions. These include Anaheim, CA in 2008, Hartford, CT, in 2009, Milwaukee, WI in 2010, and Sacramento, CA in 2011. The Sacramento convention will be run by the same core group who put on the San Jose convention in 2000. Contact Dave if you are interested in hosting the Great Lakes Express 2007 display at the Cincinnati convention in July. The NMRA will cover 1/2 the cost of your convention registration.

Pontiac Junction 2005 Announcements by President Curt Danielewicz

Plans are being formalized for a tour of the COE Rail facilities in Walled Lake. He is also working on plant tours. These include a bus trip to Flint to tour a GM engine plant and the GM Wixom facility. A tour of the GT/CN Dispatching Center could also be on the agenda. We will have a smaller Modeling with the Masters session and brass clinics. Finally Curt said that Railroad Days in Durand this year will be May 20 to 22.

Presentation/Clinic

Larry Wolohan offered several slide shows. The first was Burton Maxwell's West Side Lumber Company in HO_{n3}. This layout is in a 16 by 37 foot room, featuring point to point operation and all scratchbuilt engines. The second show featured Don Fowler's Southern Pacific in N Scale. The locale is the West Colton and Colfax, California area. Highlights are a large detailed fueling facility and impressively lit night scenes. The final show was on the Santa Fe in the Delmar area.

Hints and Tips

A member stated that he was having a problem with an Athearn 2-8-2 Mikado Genesis and was looking for gears and parts. The fact that the locos are now imported from China raises parts availability issues. President Curt Danielewicz suggested that he might try getting on the Yahoo Groups Athearn list for assistance.

Meeting Photographer

Thanks again to Joel Goldberg for photographing this month's Show and Tell items.

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division of the NCR of the NMRA will be held on May 19, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Troy Christian Chapel located at 400 E. Long Lake Road in Troy on the south side of the street between Livernois Road and Rochester Road.

The **Show and Tell** for the May meeting will anything relating to the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads.

The Scheduled **Clinic Presentation** will be the layouts of Balboa Park.

The April 21, 2005 meeting was **adjourned at 9:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary

Division 8 Spring Layout Open Houses

May 15, 2005 1:00—5:00 pm

Marv Linke, 15559 Mountainside, Macomb, MI 48042
(586) 786-6275

The Southwestern Railroad (N Scale)

- Free-lanced, featuring long passenger trains
- 12'x 23', 1950s and 1960s era
- Hand-laid code 55 track & turnouts, large radius curves
- Air powered turnout controls
- Scratch-built and kit-bashed buildings with lighting
- Benchwork and track 100%
- Backdrop 98%
- Basic scenery, trees & rock formation—progressing nicely

Gratiot Valley Railroad, 281 North Ave., Mt. Clemens, MI

The GVRR club celebrated its 30th birthday in October '04.

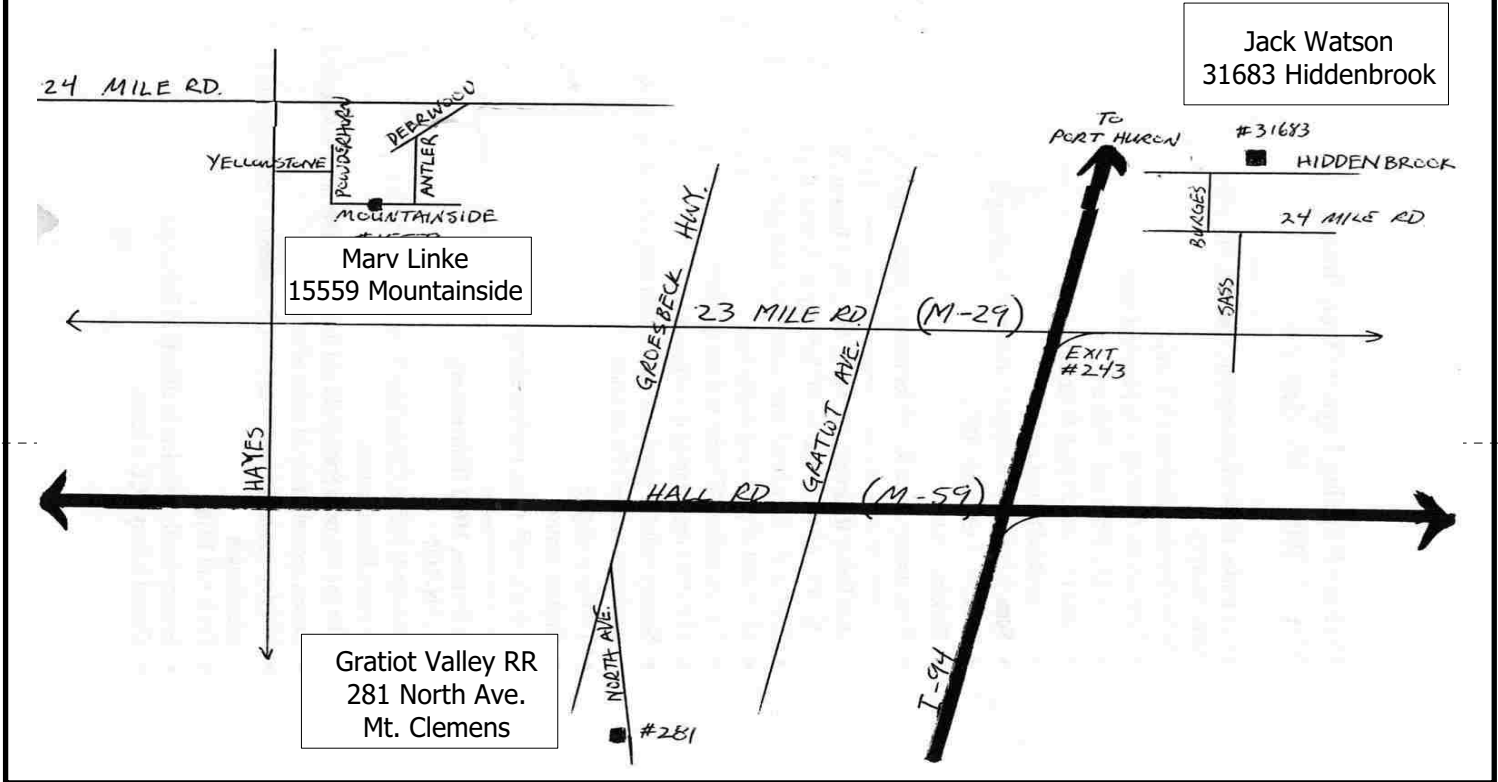
- 2500 sq. ft. HO railroad (with some HOn3 trackage)
- 50/50 split of single and double track
- No duckunders, 48 inches to 6 feet in height
- 1945-1955 era (steam to diesel transition)
- Scenery includes wharf, coal mines, farm land, cities, industrial & mountains—about 25% complete
- Two-level staging
- Digitrax control
- Library, work room, modular storage

Jack Watson, 31683 Hiddenbrook (586)
598-7407

The Boston & Maine, Connecticut River Line (HO scale)

- Western Massachusetts
- The line begins in Springfield and follows the river north to Deerfield
- Covers approximately 34 miles of mainline
- Mainline run is 175 feet, 77 turnouts, 3 diamonds, 4 crossings and 3 interchanges
- Era is Fall 1956
- Scenery mostly complete in cities (125 buildings)
- Control is Easy DCC wireless

Layout Tour Directions



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