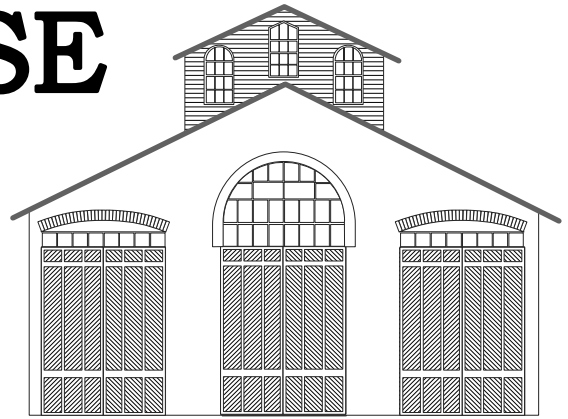
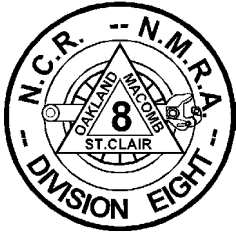


# THE CAR HOUSE

The Monthly Newsletter of  
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**Joel Goldberg, at left, is awarded his Electrical Engineer award from MMR Larry Wolohon.**

*Joel received extra credit for demonstrating how to insert a polarized plug into a wall outlet.*

## Call to Order

The monthly meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:05 PM. There were more people present than I could count, which is good. A few more wandered in after the gavel fell, or hand clapped, or foot stamped, whatever.

## Show and Tell

**John Gavasso** brought in a model of a stationary steam engine manufactured in the 1930's. He noted that it was a product of the Empire Metalware Corp and made in the USA. **Gene Kome**, we are all pleased is recovering from bypass surgery, offered a group of steam related pictures. I am sorry that I have no further details. **Bill Moore** showed a musty volume from 1913 on steam locomotive operation, authored by a real engineer. A check of Amazon.com shows the book is 1,294,118 in popularity and that the last copy was sold in 1913. Just kidding. **Doug Kass** offered an interesting presentation about geared locos mostly built between 1890 and 1909. His models were from Westside. **Rad Jones**, drawing on his years of experience, showed a presidential campaign car. Three people are on the platform, their political identity uncertain. Rad has offered clinics on this subject, and commented on FDR's travels while in office. **Paul Runyon** brought in PRR K4 type steamers with 80 inch drivers. These are very nice models with sound from Broadway Limited.

**Dan Lewis** showed a background factory building for his N scale layout. **Uwe Thormaehlen** recently returned from the Nuemburg toy fair with a catalog for "T" scale, a 3 mm scale. Standby for details or do a Google search and let me know what you find out. **Ed Black** showed off a steam engine training device that demonstrates how a steam engine really works. **Gerard Glezman**, no stranger to Michael's stores commented on the common materials that florists use in their trade. He demonstrated a bunch of caspia useful for creating O scale trees. **Dick Dittus**, a dyed in the wool narrow-gauger showed 3 engines, one an On3 RGS K-27 and 2 more for the D&RGW. He reports they all ran very well right out of the box. He also wore a pair of upside down bifocals, something we don't want to talk too much about as we modelers don't want to seem even more eccentric than we already are perceived to be by normal people. **Phil Doolittle** showed a pair of 0-6-0 switchers, 30 years different in age. The antique is a United Omaha that he compared with a new Proto Series. Phil's current project is a switching layout based on Brampton, Ontario.

**Marv Linke** offered several scenery tips. He showed a grass applicator made from a flashlight body, a streetlight demo and finally, streetlight shades made from a dye and punch that he made. **Dave Thornton**, read a book excerpt noting the speed runs of



the famous Milwaukee Road Hiawatha. The train famously kept a tight schedule between Chicago and Milwaukee in competition with the CNW which covered the same route.

**Bill Gawthrop** brought in a B&O T-3 type steamer built between 1942 and 1948 using parts salvaged from older Mikados and Pacifics to build the light mountain types that served to the end of steam operations. **Mike Goldberg** created a unique model of a turpentine still located in Tifton, Georgia. The actual still still operates in a museum in Tifton. Mike explained the process including the type of sap used and how the raw sap is boiled and then condensed into the final product. **Joel Goldberg** showed two current projects, the first, an MR mill project with individual siding boards, and the second, a bucket type coaling station. **John Cline** showed a photo history of his layout construction. This led into a brief discussion on the availability and benefits of homasote board for layout construction.



**Phil Kenyon** showed a nice photo of Ohio Central #6325. **Jim Sieradzinski** offered an Athearn Genesis GTW 2-8-2 USRA light mikado steamer. He led a brief discussion of the role of the USRA during World War One. **Larry Wolohon** showed a GN 2-6-2. The type he brought in had been all rebuilt or scrapped by 1928 because of their limited tractive effort. **Saul Kalbfeld's** current project is an odd shaped warehouse based on a prototype located in Gloversville, New York. **And Finally, John Jackson** offered an update on his layout track plan. Thanks to all who participated in this month's Show and Tell.



**Guests** In addition to **Father Dale** who offered this month's presentation on model railroad photography, the division welcomed **Jack Watson** who is a former president of Division 6, **Jim Hiller** who is working on a new small layout, and **Dave Halter** who is also working on a new layout.

**Minutes** of the March meeting were approved as written in the Car House.

**Financial Report**-The division checking account balance is \$1914.84. Also the two 1k CD's have earned rollover interest. The exact amount was not reported.

## Free Mo E-mail from Phil Doolittle

FREE MO WORKSHOP ANNOUNCED FOR MAY 20 AT SENIOR CENTER IN LIVONIA!

You are receiving this note because you indicated interest in the FreeMo model railroad module workshop that **Bill Gawthrop** and I have been working to arrange. We have developed an interest in this very flexible and realistic style of modular layout, and decided to find out if others in SE Michigan would be interested enough to pursue development of a FreeMo group centered in this area.

We have been fortunate to have **John Young**, of the Operations Road Show, volunteer to bring a real module (or 2), along with many photos, and give a talk on the concept. He will probably discuss the standards, construction of a module, what's involved in setting up an operation opportunity (or "meet"), and the social aspects of FreeMo, including taking your module on the road – and perhaps other interesting aspects as well.

**The meeting will be at the Livonia Senior Center, the same place that Div. 6 of the NMRA-NCR holds its regular meetings. The meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, at 7:30 pm. This link will give you a map to the Senior Center: <http://div6-ncr-nmra.com/div6meetingmap.aspx>**

If you'd like to check out the FreeMo standard and some FreeMo activity, give these links a try:

<http://www.free-mo.org/>

<http://www.geocities.com/NorCalFreemo/>

<http://www.utahfree-mo.org/>

<http://www.calgaryfreemo.ca/index.html>

Many more can be found by "googling" Free-Mo.

I hope we will see you at the meeting May 20. Let's all turn out to give John a great welcome and hear what he has to say. There is no cost, and no commitment is expected.

**Phil Doolittle, NMRA-NCR Div. 8**

### Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on May 15, 2008 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 Show and Tell for the meeting will be timetables or a current project.**

**The scheduled clinic/presentation will be an operation overview given by Gale Saxton.**

The April meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary**



**The Division 8 board meeting is tentatively scheduled for 5:00 PM prior to the regular meeting at the Troy Big Boy Restaurant.**