

THE CAR HOUSE

May 17, 2001

**THE MONTHLY NEWS LETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
May 2001 Meeting Minutes**

Superintendent, Fred Cosgrove, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with about 35 people in attendance.

Visitors

We had one visitor this month. Joining us for the evening was the wife of member Marvin Linke.

Show and Tell

There were a variety of structure items this month including numerous buildings, several water towers, bridges, vehicles and books and photos of structures. Scales ranged from N to G.

Clinic

Member Jim Clements presented a clinic titled "Bridging the Gap with Scenery." Jim presented an overview of why scenery is added to a model railroad and the various methods used to construct scenery. He touched on the various materials and tools available and finished up with a demonstration of the techniques and methods he uses on his own railroad.

Minutes Approval

The minutes of the April meeting were approved unanimously.

Paymaster's Report

Don Varney, the Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking \$841.91

Savings \$4,003.33

Old Business

Don Varney reported that the donation to the Troy Christian Chapel, which was approved at the April meeting, has been mailed.

The date for the Division 8 tour of Bill Hayes' live steam layout has not been established but should be known by the next meeting.

New Business

There was no new business brought up at the meeting.

Hints and Tips

Several members have found 110 sized motor vehicles in toy stores priced at about \$1.50 each.

Upcoming Clinic and Show and Show & Tell

The next clinic will cover low cost DCC applications and the show and tell theme will be your favorite locomotive.

Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 will be held at 7 PM on Thursday June 21, 2001 at the Troy Christian Chapel. The Chapel is located at 400 Last Long Lake Road (south side) between Livernois Road and Rochester Road.

Dave's Story time

Dave Thornton read a Story about the run of a Nickel Plate Road Berkshire (2-8-4) steam locomotive that was published in the October 1962 issue of Trains magazine.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Kome *Substitute Dispatcher*