

# ***THE CAR HOUSE***

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8

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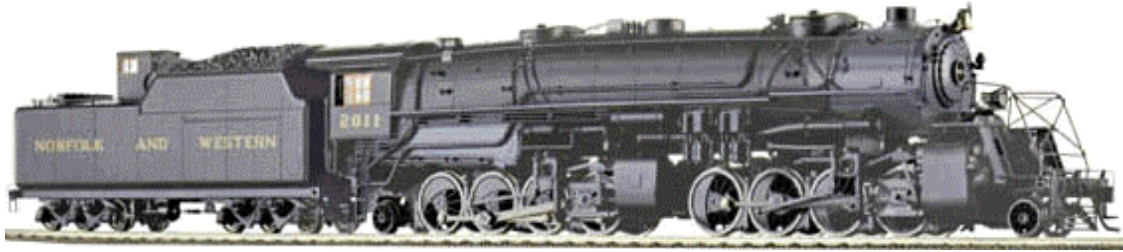
Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:06 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 26 people in attendance.

## Visitors

Clinician, **Eugene Huddleston**, was our only visitor this month.

## Show and Tell Photos





### **Show and tell**

Our show and tell for this month was anything related to the United States Railroad Administration. We had a number of USRA design locomotives including an Erie heavy 4-6-2, a Pennsylvania 0-6-0, Norfolk and Western and Santa Fe 2-8-8-2 class Y3a's, a 2-8-2 Mikado, a 4-8-2 mountain, a 0-8-0 and a class L3 Milwaukee Road Mikado. We also had some wood sheathed USRA design boxcars, and books such as a steam locomotive cyclopedia and our clinician's book "Uncle Sam's Locomotives".

### **Minutes Approval**

The April meeting minutes were approved after **Terry Bossick** made the motion to approve as written. John cast the lone dissenting vote, as usual.

### **Paymaster's Report**

**Marv Linke** reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,282.03

Certificate: \$ 3,754.99

Marv noted that the division has **58** paid members; the remainder have been dropped from our mailing list.

### **Old Business**

None

## New Business

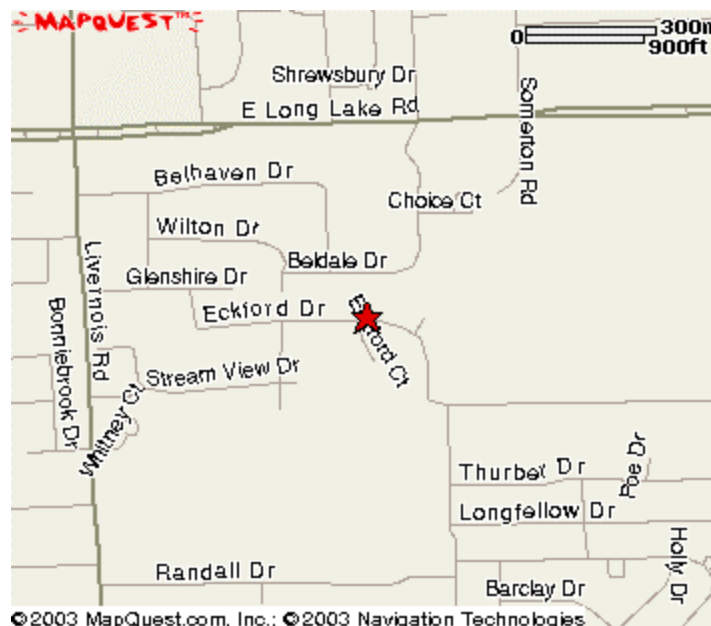
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## Clinic

**Eugene Huddleston**, author of "Uncle Sam's Locomotives", the "World's Greatest Steam Locomotive's" and more, presented this month's clinic. Eugene stated that *Mainline Modeler* magazine was a good source of drawings for USRA design locomotives. A Democratic president promoted the USRA during World War 1, although the railroad administration barely began functioning before the war was declared over, the first director general of the USRA was William McAdoo. Approximately two thousand locomotives and one hundred ninety-five thousand pieces of rolling stock were built to USRA specifications over the years. Two design committees, one working in Washington and the other working in Philadelphia drew up the specifications. The USRA settled on eight types of locomotives: a light switcher, a heavy switcher, a light Mallet, a heavy Mallet, a 2-8-2, a 2-10-2, a 4-6-2 and a 4-8-2. There were light and heavy versions of the last four types of locomotives, while the light switcher was a 0-6-0, the heavy switcher was a 0-8-0, the light Mallet was a 2-6-6-2 and the heavy Mallet was a 2-8-8-2. If one looks at a Whyte classification system for steam locomotives, there are 38 types that were not used by the USRA.

## Announcements

- **Larry Wolohon** presented a Golden Spike award to **Joel Goldberg**.
- **Dan Lewis** reported that he wouldn't have a layout tour scheduled until the fall.
- **Jerry Shanek** informed us that the Turkeyville 7 ½" gauge RR is open this coming weekend.
- **Jerry Shanek** would like division 8 members to stop by on their way to the next meeting to view his garden railroad's progress. Jerry is at 357 Eckford in Troy.



- *Car and Driver* magazine did a road test of a 2-10-0 on the Strasburg RR.
- **Jim Clements** is in need of candidates for regional offices.
- **Tim Fisher** spoke about the Bluewater Chapter of the NRHS meeting that he attended, as well as informing us about the Industry special interest group's convention that was held in

Detroit this year. Tim and **Rick Ware** will be doing a photo clinic on the convention later this year.

- This month's *Trains* magazine has a pullout section for railfanning the Detroit area.
- **Fred Cosgrove** reports that the *Toledo Blade* has an article about the restoration of the Lyons Ohio interurban depot.
- Durand RR days is this coming weekend.

### Trustee's Report

- Two people made large donations to the Howell Day Museum
  - The widow of **Tom Burns** (Toledo) donated sections of his logging railroad.
  - The son of **Wilford Anderson** (Jackson) donated his father's O scale layout. The layout dates to the 1930's and 40's and was originally at his father's in Chicago.
- **Howell Day** donated \$1 million to the NMRA to establish the museum; the museum is self-funding and stands financially separate from the NMRA.
- On the 2007 National convention committee front:
  - The convention needs a logo designed; the name of the convention is "Great Lakes Express".
  - The National has given the committee four display screens to allow us to advertise the convention at upcoming train shows and conventions. Someone with an artistic touch is needed to decorate the screens.
- Dave will be going to a National budget committee meeting at the end of May.

### Hints and Tips

- You can use <http://www.teraserver.com> for maps and aerial photos; they're a great modeling aid.
- The Union Pacific RR website at <http://www.up.com> is a good reference and is primarily geared toward the general public.

### Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The June clinic will be on Australian railroads with **Fred Rockwell**. The show and tell subject will be any foreign roads or a current modeling project. **Larry Wolohon** is looking for clinicians!

### Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, June 19th, 2003 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.

### Website

Division 8 Online – <http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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