

THE CAR HOUSE

May 20th, 2004

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
<http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

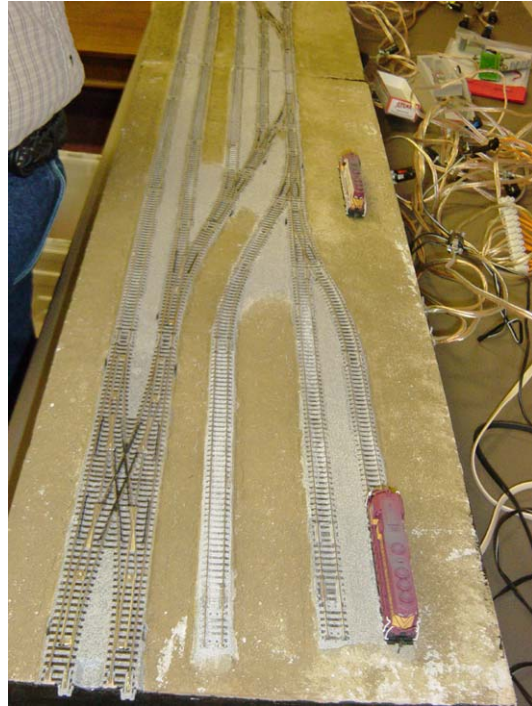
Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:08 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 31 people in attendance.

Visitors

Bob Luzenski, the 2004 NCR convention registrar, was our lone visitor this month.

Show and Tell / Clinic Photos





Show and tell

The theme of this month was DCC accessory decoders and model railroad controls and we had a great turnout of DCC and vintage model train control items. The items included a DCC stationary decoder, Digitrax DT100 and UT2 throttles, a double-headed semaphore, 2 Aristocraft RC throttles, a series of articles on mechanical interlocking towers, plans for a model interlocking on the DMR club layout, a B&O Historical Society book, a 1938 vintage Marx AC transformer, a rheostat, a late 1940's American Flyer power supply, a variety of Richmond Industries "white" LEDs, a non-working walk-around throttle, an Espee police caboose with working lights, a G scale power pack, a "Little Jeff" transformer, 5 and 13 amp Crestline power supplies, a TAT3 power supply built from a 1969 Model Railroader magazine series, a station with a manual block signal semaphore, an MRC power pack, a GTW Historical Society magazine and a Classic Trains magazine.

Minutes Approval

The April meeting minutes were approved as written. John cast the lone nay vote as usual.

Paymaster's Report

Marv Linke reported that the division had total assets, including the loan to the 2007 National convention committee, of \$ 5,359.65

Marv reported that the division had 54 paid members and 3 life members and that the 2007 National convention committee will be repaying the division soon for the money loaned to the committee

Old Business

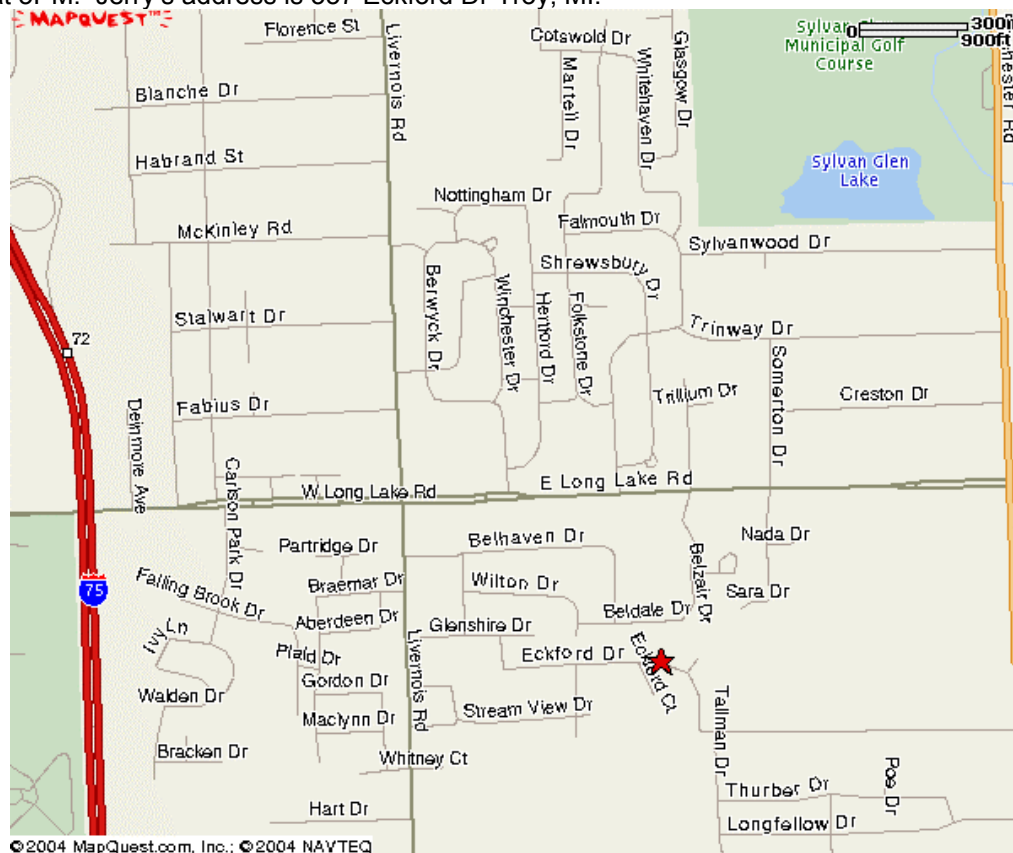
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New Business

None

Announcements

- **Dan Lewis** is still looking for responses to the personal letters he mailed to individuals concerning opening their home layouts for the 2005 NCR and 2007 National conventions. There are 15 layouts signed up so far with the possibility of 15 more layouts.
- **Jerry Shanek** will have his G scale layout open before the June division meeting beginning at 5PM. Jerry's address is 357 Eckford Dr Troy, MI.



- The joint Division 6/8 layout tour is coming up on May 23rd. Maps were provided in last month's *Carhouse*.

- **Joel Goldberg** and **Terry Bossick** are recruiting clinicians for the 2005 NCR convention. The 2005 convention will be featuring an operations theme, so operations themed clinics are desired. Please contact Joel or Terry for further information or to volunteer to present a clinic.
- **Dan Lewis** reminded everyone that there were many older *Model Railroader* magazines on the counter in the back of the meeting room that he was giving away.
- **Fred Cosgrove** informed the division of the upcoming Wixom founder's day celebration scheduled for the weekend of May 22 and 23. The city had offered the division space for a model train display, but it was unknown if the space was still available at this late of a date.
- The Saint Claire, a former Bob-lo boat, will probably not be at the Wyandotte city festival later this summer due to the extreme expense to tow the boat to Wyandotte. Only a few thousand of the \$300k necessary has been raised so far.

Convention Updates

- **Bob Luzenski** updated the division on the upcoming 2004 NCR convention that will be held in Lansing Michigan at the Clarion Hotel over the weekend of October 22 thru 24. It sounds like a very good convention is awaiting us! Visit their website at <http://ncr2004.ncr-nmra.org/> for more information.
- Division 8 members are needed for the 2005 NCR convention committee. The committee is still in need of a co-chairman, a convention guide coordinator and a donations solicitor. Contact 2005 Regional convention chairman **Curt Danielewicz** for more information. Recent committee volunteers are **Bill Kozfkay** (prototype tours co-chair), **Gene Kome** (convention collectables), **Michael Goldberg** (maps/directions for the convention guide), **Dan Mitzel** (hotel liaison), **Mrs. Mitzel** (non-rail coordinator), and **Dave Thornton** (keynote speaker recruiter)
- 2007 National convention chairman **Dave Thornton** reported that **Stu Kestutis** and **Jim Sieradzinski** would be at the 2004 National convention in Seattle to promote the 2007 convention. They will have a professional 10' x 40' modular display loaded with photos of NCR layouts and prototype tour destinations.
- Dave reported that Milt Moore, the artist behind "Thumbz", will produce a book called "All Thumbz" that will be available at the 2007 convention.
- There are approximately 180 layouts signed up for the convention tours with 40 of them near division 8.
- Division 5 will host the 2007 National convention committee at 10AM on Saturday June 24th at the Lansing Public Library. After the meeting, division 5 will be having a layout tour of some of the layouts that will be open at this fall's regional convention.

Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton informed the membership that he had attended the NMRA budget meeting in April. Some tidbits from the meeting include:

- The NMRA is solidly in the black for the fiscal year.
- The overall trend was a membership decline, but there has been a small upsurge recently.
- NMRA membership is up in Canada, which is puzzling since it was thought that the new Canadian Railway Prototype Modelers Association would be an NMRA competitor.
- Volunteers at the NMRA library have cataloged over 16,000 photos. It is hoped that some day soon, people will be able to browse the catalog by thumbnail photos on the web and place orders for the photos on-line.
- The state of Tennessee has declared the NMRA library to be the Tennessee state RR library.
- The upcoming national conventions will be in Seattle, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Detroit, Anaheim, Connecticut and Milwaukee. **Continued on page 7**

CLINICS FOR THE 2005 DIVISION 8 NCR CONVENTION

Thursday, October 20 through Sunday, October 23, 2005

Most clinics should be keyed toward OPERATION

Mike Burget? Signals contact: _____

Terry Bossik Micro Layouts

Frank Forgione Electronic crossing systems?

Dan Lewis Weathering

Fred Cosgrove Overhead trolley lines?

Needed:

Scheduling of operations

Station architecture

DCC basics

DCC programming

Airbrush

Badger?

Others:

Clinician

Clinic Title

Phone or e-mail

Send to Joel Goldberg: aljoent1@yahoo.com or 6762 Red Cedar Lane, West Bloomfield 48324



CAPITAL CROSSING

National Model Railroad Association North Central Region 2004 Annual Convention

October 22-24, 2004

at the

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center Lansing Michigan

Hosted by Division 5 of the North Central Region

Make plans to join us in Lansing for the Model Railroading event of the year!

**We're planning three full days of non-stop model railroad activities,
including some very special events that you won't want to miss!**

Visit the best model railroad layouts the Lansing area has to offer

- More than 25 layouts will be open for self guided tours on three days – from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon
- All scales represented – from Z to 1½" scale and everything in between, including standard and narrow gauge layouts

Learn about the craft of model railroading

- Three full days of clinics covering a wide variety of model railroading topics, presented by experienced model railroaders including several nationally known clinicians – clinics run from Friday morning through Sunday morning
- Marathon scenery clinic conducted by Division 5 and Lansing Model Railroad Club member John Bussard

See excellent models and photos

- NMRA sanctioned Model and Photo Contests, with awards presented at the Saturday Evening Banquet
- Non-contest display room open Friday through Sunday, providing the opportunity for convention guests to show off their very best models and photos without having to enter a contest – former contest winners and those who have never entered a contest are encouraged to participate

Tour the Steam Railroading Institute of the Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation

- Our trip to the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso will include a guided tour of the facility, close-up inspection of 2-8-4 steam locomotive Pere Marquette #1225, and rides on 0-4-0 tank engine Flag Coal Company #75
- Bus tours will travel to the Steam Railroading Institute on Friday morning and Friday afternoon

Additional tours on Friday afternoon:

- Regional Steel Distribution Center – this modern steel distribution facility, built in 1998, is served by NS
- P.I. Engineering – makers of the RailDriver cab controller, tour includes a run on their full sized GP-38 cab simulator
- Tour of a large grain elevator facility in the Lansing area

Other special events:

- Friday Evening Dinner event in the exquisitely finished Dining Car at Clara's Lansing Station in downtown Lansing
- Saturday Evening Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Clarion – featuring 3 entrée buffet dinner and guest speaker
- Round table discussions on a variety of model railroading topics to be held following the Banquet on Saturday evening
- Thursday evening operating sessions for early arriving convention guests – including the Operations Road Show layout

Other convention site activities:

- Three modular layouts in three different scales set up and operating all weekend at the convention site:
LaNTrak N scale NTRAK layout, Capitol Area Railway Society HO scale layout, HOn30 narrow gauge layout
- Hospitality Suite with continuously running railroad videos and snacks
- Model railroad vendor suites open for sales throughout the weekend – interested vendors please contact us for details

Convention Contacts

Website: ncr2004.ncr-nmra.org Email: ncr2004@ncr-nmra.org Phone: 517-353-9672 – Terry Davis, Division 5 Clerk

Hotel Information

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
3600 Dunkel RD, Lansing, MI 48910
In Lansing: 517-351-7600
Toll Free: 877-533-1200
www.lansingclarion.com

Group Room Rates:
Standard Room - \$79, Suites - \$109 & \$129

Group Name: (mention group name when making reservations)
Capital Crossing Model Railroad Convention

Hints and Tips

None

Clinic

Download Stu's presentation on accessory DCC decoders from the division 8 Yahoo group file section.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The June clinic will be on the Detroit area steel mills toured by the RR industry SIG at their 2003 meet. The clinicians will be Tim Fisher and Rick Ware. The June Show and Tell will be anything related to the steel industry.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, June 17th, 2004 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 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Danielewicz, Secretary

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