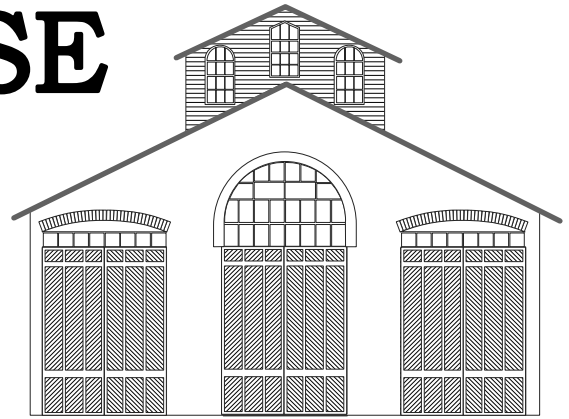
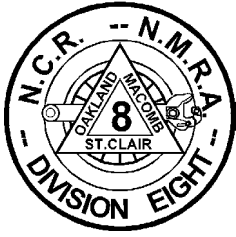


THE CAR HOUSE

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Call to Order

The monthly meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:05 PM. **Secretary Saul Kalbfeld** was not present but wishes to thank officers **Jerry Shanek** and **John Jackson** for the meeting minutes and digital photos.

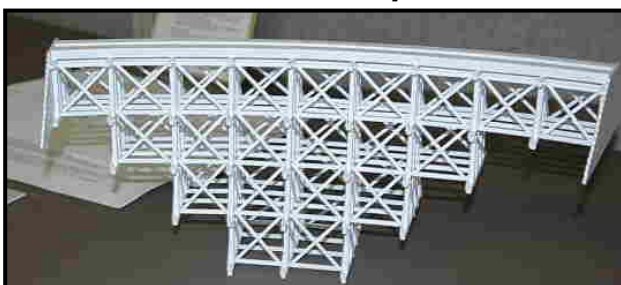
Show and Tell

Marv Linke showed his operations materials for his own road including a layout plan, linear plan, time chart, and operations rules. Marv has these all set up for easy use by his operating crew. **Rad Jones**, using CONRAIL as an example, showed his own operating crew materials. He uses two man, sorry ladies, *person crews*, an engineer and conductor. His operating samples included a conductor's book and special rules. **Ed Black** brought in a current project, his sawmill complex's first building. He also showed his sawmill research notebook. **Vince Robinson** brought in a depressed center flatcar with an entirely scratch built electrical transformer load. Members should take note that depression is a serious problem in our society today, but counseling and proper medication can help.

Allen Crowley is building the Montrose Station and brought in a book on the station that he is using for reference. **Bill Moore's** current project is very 'current', a B&M Pullman Palace Car with a new interior lighting system from Miniaturics LED's that he has converted to using 2 3V batteries in place of track power. Someone asked watt's the difference. **Gene Kome** wanted to let us know that he had a valve job and not flushout during his hospital visit. The doc's reworked/replaced one of his valves. For his Show & Tell he brought along a GT Rail Ops manual (Employee Time Table), a Santa Fe Car Locator Identity Code Book. it was used to keep track of cars and their locations regarding what kind of cars go where and what industry is located there.



Dan Lewis regaled us with his interviews of the actual employees that worked on his prototype and copied the actual timetable for the Rocky Mountain Subdivision thanks to these gentlemen. He also brought in his latest structure-- a very nicely detailed Dairy Queen store. Does it close in the fall when all the teen age employees go back to high school? **Peter Jacobson** is building a curved trestle from plastic and is looking for suggestions as to what to use to adhere the rail and ties to the trestle. **Dan Lewis** suggested a LocTite product called Black Max. **Jim Zinser**, after his latest go round with kidney stones and something called lithtripsy (SP) where they blast the stone with ultrasound to break it up, the docs gave him some filters to catch the pieces. Leave it to Jim to find a modeling usage for the left over filters: screen door screens for his structures. Jim also pointed out the effective use of quick and dirty snapshots of location on our layouts to see the missing details and to find the best locations for good or great pictures. New location on Jim's layout is now called Kidney Stone Pass. Jim would have had the procedure sooner if the filters weren't on back order from Walthers. **Larry Wolohon** showed a timetable from the Pere' Marquette and the Empire Builder



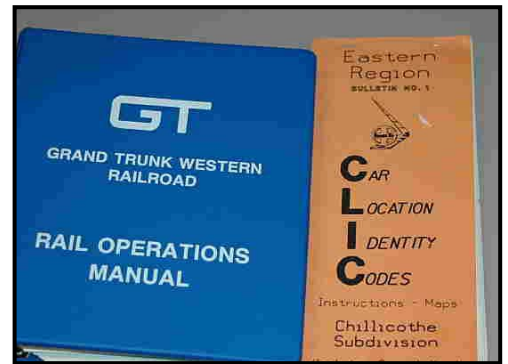
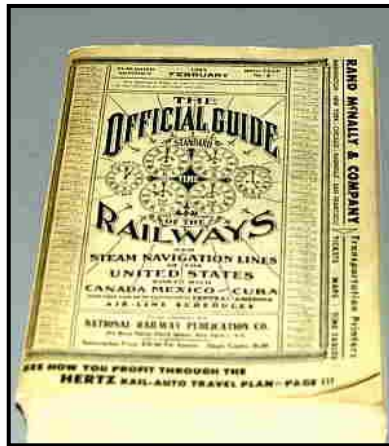
Hopper. **Fred Cosgrove** brought in several timetables, a 1955 South Shore Line employees timetable, passenger time tables from the South Shore Line and several others from a variety of Philadelphia area lines. He also related his experiences while operating several streetcars. **Phil Kenyon's** current project is a new steam locomotive.

John Kline brought in a 1941 edition of 20 Model Railroad Projects book and also a sketch of his new layout. **Dave Thornton** showed a February 1957 Official Guide which surprisingly contains airline schedules as well as railroad schedules for the entire country. What a harbinger of doom. **Roger Austin** brought a Branchline Blue Print Nickel Plate Box Car kit. These are some of the finest kits around and can often be found a good discount since the RTR cars have become more popular. **Jim Sieradzinski** showed a timetable and schematic in EXCEL format. He also provided information on operating sessions on 7.5 inch scale railroad in the Metamora Hadley area. **Jerry Shanek** brought some pictures from Tenefik park in Omaha, Nebraska with UP Gas Turbine and Steam Locomotives on display. Thanks to all who participated in this month's **Show and Tell**.

Announcements Great lakes Hobby has moved approximately 3 mile south on Van Dyke at Utica Rd to a much larger store and is giving NMRA members a 5% discount. (*Secretary's note: I could not find a new web address and the current phone number has been disconnected.*) The Division 8 board will be drafting a new general interest survey that will be distributed to all members to find out what kind of activities are desired by the membership. On July 27 from 10 am to 4 PM, **Rick Ware's** outdoor railroad will be hosting an open house. **Dave Thornton** has been reelected to the NMRA Board of Directors.



The Division thanks Gale Saxton for his presentation on his Boston and Maine Railroad's operations.



Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on June 19, 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 June clinic will be presented by **Larry Wolohon** on building a resin freight car kits using his own techniques. These kits are offered by Sunshine or Westerfield among others. Larry will also describe how they relate to prototype railroad modeling. This is a dress rehearsal for the clinic that he will be doing at the NMRA convention in Anaheim next month.

In keeping with this month's clinic theme, the **Show and Tell** for the meeting will be your assembled resin freight car or other craftsman kit. As always, a current project is welcome.

The May, 2008 meeting was adjourned before a number of members reassembled at the Troy Big Boy Restaurant.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary