



THE CAR HOUSE

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**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD
ASSOCIATION**

June 2002 Meeting Minutes

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:12 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 25 people in attendance.

Visitors

Tom Pierson, a member of the Lone Star Region, paid us a visit since he was in town on business. Tom must have brought the hot weather along with him too!

Show and tell

This month's subject was a modeling or railroading videotape or any railroadiana. We had a Great Northern engineer workrules book and 1950 annual stockholders report, a few switchman's lanterns, a steam locomotive marker lamp, an O scale boxcar, a Potomac yard employee's rulebook, various conductor books, a timecard book, a Soo Line property line marker, a B & O timetable and switch lock, a C & O industrial directory, a Super Chief china place setting, a chunk of rail, a motorman's bell, and rounding the railroadiana out, a RR lantern candy jar. Videos that were brought in included videos on: train wrecks, George Sellios' model RR, the California Zephyr, Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR, Stevens Pass, the New York Central, steam powered tourist RRs, Big Boys, the Detroit Street Railways, building the new Saint Clair tunnel and finally, a set of tapes on building scenery. Some photo reprints of the Troy United Railway, Michigan Central at Paint Creek, an interurban car in downtown Rochester and the DUR trestle in Rochester were also shown.

Convention Bid Rehearsal

Dave Thornton previewed the bid presentation to the division by showing the majority of the slides to be used along with the speech written for the presentation. Afterward, Dave asked for suggestions on how to improve the bid presentation. At this time, no other groups are bidding on the 2007 convention.

Clinic

The clinic this month was the most popular, by member vote, of the show and tell videos. We managed to see a video on the British region of the NMRA and another video on train wrecks before we ran out of time.

Minutes Approval

A motion was made to accept the May meeting minutes as written. The motion passed almost unanimously, thanks to John.

Paymaster's Report

Don Varney, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,034.63

Certificate: \$ 3,661.81

Old Business

None

Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton spoke about the following items:

- NMRA membership is down 9%. The BOT had projected a membership decrease of 10% on account of the past year's dues increase. Dave also said that the membership decline would probably exceed the original estimate by a small amount.
- The NMRA will be finishing the fiscal year with a small positive cashflow.
- The NMRA HQ office staff has turned over completely and Jenny Hendricks is the office manager. Member services are functioning much better than in the past, but if there are any unresolved issues bring them to his attention.
- The upcoming national convention in Fort Lauderdale, next year's national convention in Toronto and this fall's NCR convention in Plymouth.

Announcements

- Tim Fisher informed us that division 4 (Grand Rapids area) had reorganized and they held their first meeting in quite a long time at the Grand Rapids library last Saturday. Fifty-seven people attended the meeting with most of those being contingents from the clubs around Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo. Division 4 is planning on having quarterly meetings that will be hosted by the various clubs in the division's territory with the next meeting planned for mid-September.

- Jim Zinser informed us that the NMRA will be producing a “Heritage car” based on Irv Schulz’s Saint Clair Northern. Jim requested that if anyone had a piece of rolling stock that was lettered for Irv’s railroad to please contact him so the NMRA could produce an accurate scheme on the car.
- Jim also let us know that the History channel’s series “Modern Marvels” would be featuring model making on tonight’s show.
- Tracks Ahead is back on channel 56 on Saturday afternoon’s at 1PM.
- There is a live steam meet at Bill Hayes’ and Ken Stemens’ this coming weekend.
- Division 8 now has a discussion group on Yahoo Groups. The group can be used for posting messages, real-time chatting, posting your photos and other files and for posting events on the group calendar. The group is configured so anyone applying must be approved by the division’s webmaster before they can post messages on the group. This should eliminate any spam coming from the list. “ <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/division8> ”

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

July’s clinic will be on roof detailing for structures with Dan Lewis, MMR. The show and tell for July will be any structure with a detailed roof or a structure that has plans for a detailed roof.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, July 18th, 2002 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://members.tripod.com/ncr_division8

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,
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