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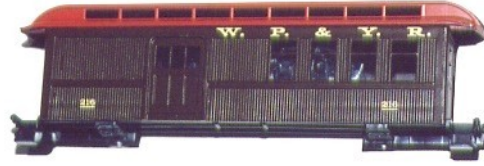
Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 28 people in attendance.

Visitors

Mike Goldberg was our lone visitor this month.

Show and Tell Photos





Show and tell

Our show and tell for this month was anything foreign. We had our clinician bring an Australian diesel locomotive as well as some freight cars. We also had a couple of Canadian Pacific hoppers, a Canadian National wood sheathed boxcar, a bottled water car, a German 4-4-0 steam locomotive, the Stephenson Rocket and a Canadian National SD70M. As far as current modeling projects that were brought in for the show and tell, we had a kitbashed DPM building, an O scale caboose, a shampoo container from an Oslo Norway hotel and a wooden water tower built using a similar shampoo container as a form.

Minutes Approval

The May meeting minutes were approved after **Terry Bossick** made a correction to the minutes. Terry indicated that it would have been difficult for him to make the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes since he was in Alaska. *OOPS, I would have sworn I saw and heard him!* No dissenting vote was cast since John was not present.

Paymaster's Report

Curt read Marv's report filed by e-mail reporting the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,282.03
Certificate: \$ 3,755.22

Old Business

None

New Business

The Toronto NMRA National Convention was brought up and the question of who was canceling their plans due to the SARS problem in Toronto. It was pointed out that the Convention committee had posted a letter on their website with more information on the limited scope of the SARS outbreak and that would've been convention goers should reconsider attending the convention. It was also pointed out that the Toronto group had organized a Trainshow to replace the National Trainshow since the NMRA had failed to support the group when manufacturers started backing out of their commitment to show their products at the National Trainshow.

Clinic

Fred Rockwell showed approximately two hours of video that he shot while on vacation in Australia in 1997. Fred related many interesting stories about his videotaping adventures of cab riding on the trip to and from the location of the "Puffing Billy RR", as well as his adventures videotaping the Puffing Billy. Fred met many congenial railroaders and volunteers on the railroads that helped him access many areas that would normally be off-limits to the public or narrated the scenes he was videotaping. For more info on the "Puffing Billy" go to <http://www.puffingbilly.com.au/> or the rail map for Australia at <http://www.railamerica.com/railmaps/AUSTRALIA.htm>

Announcements

- **Tim Fisher** had Bluewater Chapter NRHS trip flyers available on one of the show and tell tables.
- On Saturday July 19th P.I. Engineering, a software company that produces modules for MS Train Simulator will be having an open house since they reneged on attending the National Trainshow in Toronto.
- Brochures on the Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation August trip with Pere Marquette 1225 were made available, as well as flyers for their "engineer for an hour" program showing their schedule for 2004.

Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton was absent this month due to a business trip.

Hints and Tips

- *Mainline Modeler* magazine is a good source for drawing of prototype equipment.
- A small discussion broke out on the merits of different track cleaning methods and materials, mentioned materials with some pros and cons were "Railzip", TV contact cleaner, vacuuming, kerosene, silver polish, tilters felt. Also mentioned for cleaning the wheels were "Goo Gone", denatured alcohol and a brush attachment for a Dremel-type tool. Finally, tiling the basement ceiling was mentioned as a sure-fire method to minimize the buildup of dirt on the railroad, thus reducing the frequency of track and wheel cleaning.
- HGTV had a show titled "Extreme Basements" that featured the Chicago area basement that holds the HO scale N&W layout that quite a number of division 8 members operated a few years ago thanks to the tour setup by **Dave Thornton**.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The July clinic will be the winning videotape of a popular vote on the favorite videos brought as the show and tell items. The show and tell subject will be favorite railroading of model railroading video.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, July 17th, 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.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Danielewicz, Secretary