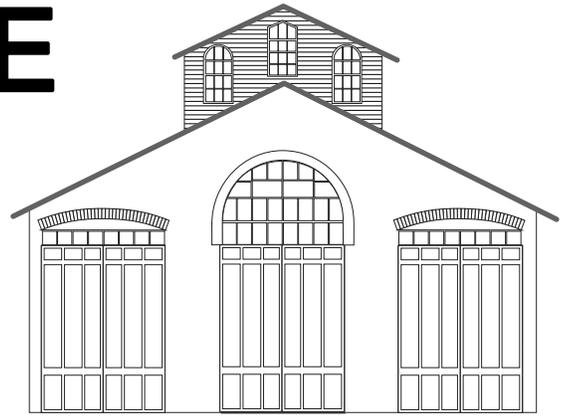


THE CAR HOUSE

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Call to Order

The monthly meeting of Division 8 of the NCR-NMRA was called to order at precisely 7:05 PM according to my still running **Spiro Agnew** watch. Who remembers those? There were 23 members present who at the outset were wide awake.

Proposed Constitution changes to be voted on at the July, 20 2006 meeting

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. Any person who is a member in good standing of both the NMRA and the NCR and resides in the territory of the Division may be a regular member of this organization and be entitled to participate in all activities of the organization. The Board of Directors will determine regular member's dues.

SECTION 2. Any other interested model railroader, whether or not that person is a member of the NMRA or the NCR, may become an associate member. Associate members shall enjoy all privileges of regular membership except that of voting and holding office in the Division. The Board of Directors will determine associate members dues.

SECTION 3. Membership shall not be denied to any person on the basis of race, religion, sex or political belief.

Revisions

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP AND EXPENSES

SECTION 1. Any person who is a member in good standing of the NMRA and resides in the territory of the Division may be a regular member of this organization and be entitled to participate in all activities of the organization. The Board of Directors will determine expenses if needed and present to the membership for consideration and to vote upon.

SECTION 2. Any interested model railroader, whether or not that person is a member of the NMRA is encouraged to participate in Division activities. Upon attendance of the third meeting further participation shall require the new member to accept and contribute to expenses as does the regular membership.

Show and Tell

Fred Rockwell brought in a good looking logging Heisler. See the picture on the next page. **Ed Black** offered some tips on modifying Micro Engineering switches to be more electrically reliable. **Bill Gawthrop** showed off two examples of rolling stock. These are a scratch built gas electric car built of miscellaneous parts, also a fifty ton Climax locomotive from the Greenbriar RR. He also showed a photograph of a Middleforks three truck Heisler locomotive. Milwaukee Road Super Fan **Dan Lewis** talked about the line's operations in the 1950-1960's in the UP and the named train, the Copper Country Limited. He modeled a simple consist of this train that



Show and Tell (Continued)

included a GP-9, baggage car, smooth side passenger, and a rib side passenger car. **Fred Cosgrove** brought in a complete On30 mining train and a selection of track sections spiked to wood ties. **Terry Bossick** showed off a pair of Lionel HO Alco U-18 diesels. This product, like the Lionel FA-1 were produced by the company 20 to 25 years ago. These were not bad engines from a period when the company was going through an uncertain period. Terry also collects spikes, the 1:1 models and showed us a Quincy and Torch Lake, and also a Copper Range spike.



Jim Zinser is in charge of moving and preserving the layout of the late **Irv Schultz MMR**. Portions of the famed railroad reside at NMRA HQ in Chattanooga but is slated to move to the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento. The car pictured on the front page is from Irv's layout. Jim also brought in a Bosch Beer boxcar finished with custom dry transfers from Cloverhouse. **Larry Wolohon** brought in a early Westerfield boxcar kit. No further details are available. **Rick Ware** brought in a stack of flyers to promote the upcoming Lakeshore Garden Railway Club open house tour. For details see the Announcements section. Rick also displayed a group of photos of the Sutton's Bay Tourist Line. In keeping with this month's theme, **Dave Thornton** showed a Wabash boxcar. The Wabash did operate in the UP. **Jerry Shanek** brought in a model of a log saw, similar to one he saw in a Traverse City sawmill 20 years ago. Thanks to all this month's participants in our Show and Tell event.



Division 8 Business and Finances Division 8 beancounter **Marv Linke** reports that our effort to participate in the Detroit Book-Cadillac Hotel restoration financing failed. In other news, he reports that the division checking account balance is \$2479.00. This amount is in addition to 2 1000 dollar Cd's which have a duration of 13 months. The division roster now shows 61 active members. This is down from 69 a year ago.



2007 NMRA Convention Update Dave Thornton reminded us that as of this meeting there are 402 days until the Great Lakes Express convention opens in Detroit. The organization still needs volunteers. Layout tour planning is about done with the good fortune that there are actually too many good layouts in our region. Prototype tour planning is finalizing. By early May, 170 people had already registered for the convention. There will be some NMRA announcements at the Philadelphia convention that Dave will relay to us at the July meeting. The discussion turned to national, also region and division convention cars.

May Clinic Update Information Here is some additional information from **Jim Zinser** regarding the Chinese travelogue video . The website is **telerail.co.uk**. The mailing address is:

Telerail Videos
9A New St.
Canforth
Lancashire, England LA59BX

Announcements

The Lakeshore Garden Railway Club will have an open house of eleven layouts Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23. As of this writing, the names and addresses are listed below. For further information call **Sharon Dunn** at 248 338-6311. For maps and driving directions go to www.mapquest.com to set up a driving itinerary.

Saturday, July 22

Cooper 12570 DiDonato, Brighton 48114
Dunn 3320 Devonbrook Dr. Bloomfield Hills 48302
Govig 3702 Crestwood Dr. Auburn Hills 48326
Heilmann 1385 Valley Crest Ct. Milford 48381
Lakin 36923 Brittany Hill Dr. Farmington 48335
Perreault 356 Ivylawn Dr. Whitmore Lake

Sunday, July 23

Acker 7984 Stout, Grosse Ile 48138
Caldwell 25102 South River Rd. Harrison Twp 48045
Greening 693 Pear Tree Lane, Grosse Pte. Woods 48236
Remsing 16623 Cedarana Clinton Twp, 48038
Ware 1418 Donald Ave. Royal Oak 48073

Larry Wright has left his post as editor of the NCR Hot Box. **Tim Fisher** will be the interim manager. The June 5, 2006 issue of Tech Center News in its U.S. Auto Scene Section, ran a feature article Streetcar Left mark by **Irena Grannas**, staff reporter, reports **Fred Cosgrove**. None present could recognize the photos. Space does not allow me to reproduce the article here, but if any member is interested in following up the story, send an e-mail to info@detroitautoscene.com. For updates and the status of the former Boblo boats go to www.boblosteamers.com.

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on July 20, 2006 at the Troy Christian Chapel located at 400 E. Long Lake Road in Troy on the south side of the street between Livernois Road and Rochester Road.

The Show and Tell for the July, 2006 meeting will any foreign railroad or a current project.

The June meeting was adjourned after I left the meeting so I could get home before my Sable turned into a pumpkin. Wine tasting followed at Chez Big Boy.

Respectfully Submitted, I hope,

Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary