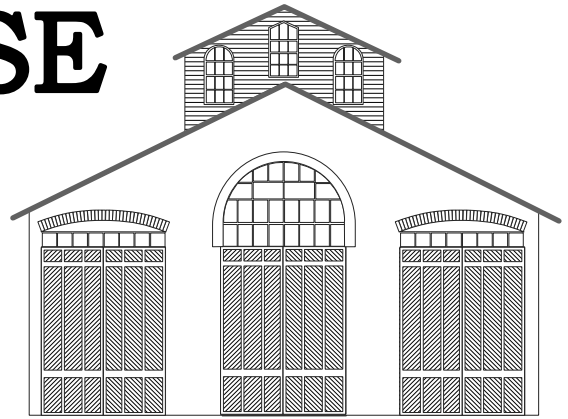
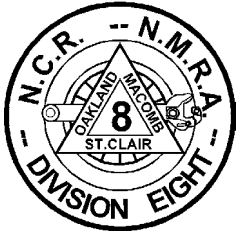


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Call to Order

The monthly meeting of NCR Division 8 was called to order at 7:05 PM on August 18, 2005. I counted 24 members, although a couple of late arrivals may have escaped my notice. Sorry.

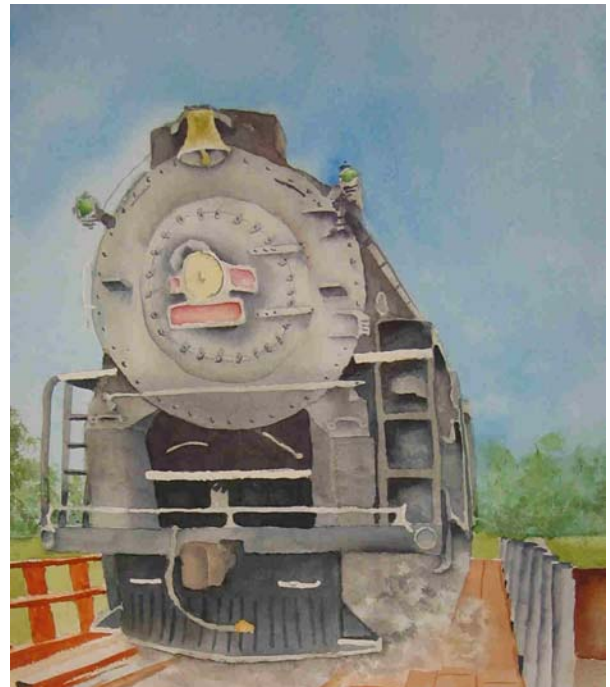
Visitors

We had two visitors attending; **Rick Merryman** is an HO Scaler interested in the PRR and **Jim Blough** models the 1950's.

SHOW AND TELL HIGHLIGHTS

We had an interesting and varied group of offerings for this month's meeting.

Terry Bossick's unusual BL-2 and C&O Painting

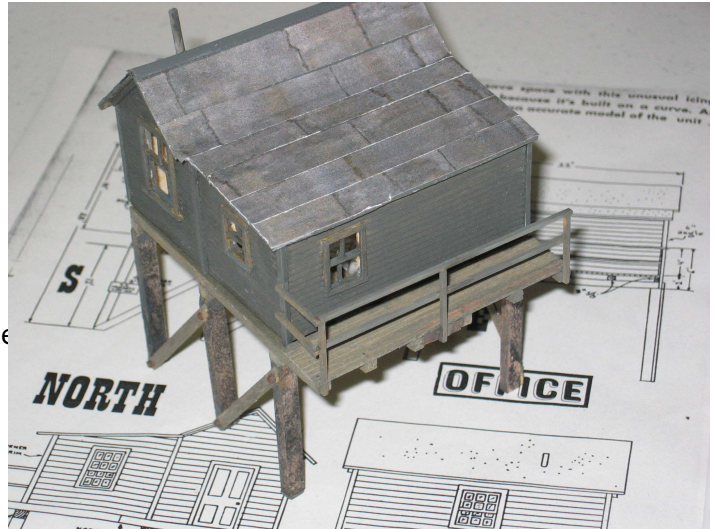


Ken Sanborn's
Pere Marquette #1225

Division 8 Business and Finances

Treasurer **Marv Linke** is recovering nicely from his "thrown out back" poolside at **Caesar's Palace and Casino**. Our treasury balance of \$6326.23 is safe in his hands, be assured. We hope he has recovered by the September meeting. He did say that convention registrations are behind for Pontiac Junction but a late surge in interest should raise our numbers.

Joel Goldberg's LV Icehouse Project is progressing. Shown here is the office portion of the complex



New Business

We had no new business brought up this month or announcements other than a report on preparations for the Pontiac Junction Convention in October.

July Minutes

A motion was made and accepted to approve the minutes as read.

2005 NCR Convention Update

The committee is working out the final details for the convention. As of this writing, we are still shuffling clinics and layout tour times in order to accommodate clinicians and layout tour hosts who also wish to attend as many events as possible. A printer in Detroit has been secured for the convention booklet. The open layouts are being grouped by approximate geographic locations allowing attendees to see more than one layout in any one area. President **Curt Danielewicz** is leading the charge forward to October 20th. **Bernard Kempinski** will conduct several clinic sessions showing how to assemble a brass signal kit. **Andy Sperandeo** associated with Model Railroader for many years will host a clinic on freight yard design. **Allan McClelland** is scheduled to conduct a symposium on operations. There will be a contest room for members entering models for judging as well a hospitality room. A key Non-rail event will be discount coupons for the Walter P. Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills. Other events include a ride and tour of the COE Railroad in Walled Lake, ever in our gratitude for salvaging a fragment of a GTW branch line around for over 100 years.

2007 NMRA Convention Update

No new developments as the committee has been on summer hiatus. Monthly meetings led by Dave Thornton will resume in September. Members will be notified of time and place.

Rick Ware's G Scale Wood Sheathed Box Car with Steel Ends



Hints and Tips

Gene Kome described a method for creating building "roof ballast". The procedure is for finishing flat building roofs. On a roof that is already planted black, sprinkle on ballast stones over white glue that has been 50% diluted.

Clinic Presentation

Gene Huddleston, a retired MSU professor, offered a photo presentation on Pere Marquette structures.



Marv Linke's 1941 Marx 4 Piece Train Set
(on backorder from Walthers)

Digital Photography

Thanks again to **Joel Goldberg** for providing this month's digital photography and to all **Show and Tell** participants.

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division of the NCR of the NMRA will be held on September 15, 2005 at the Troy Christian Chapel at 7:00 PM. The church is located at 400 E. Long Long Lake Road in Troy on the south side of the street between Livernois Road and Rochester Road.

The **Show and Tell** for the meeting will be unusual freightcars. **Vince Robinson** will offer a presentation on this subject

The meeting was adjourned, exact moment unnoted.

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

Apologies for this month's brevity as much of my available time is being spent preparing the **Pontiac Junction** convention guidebook.