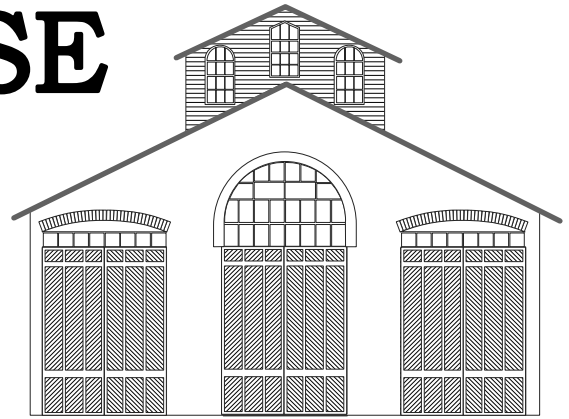
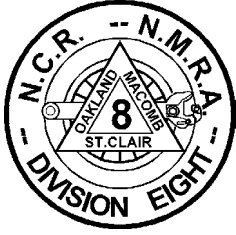


THE CAR HOUSE

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Summary of the July, 2006 Meeting

The motion vote to amend the constitution as announced in the June, 2006 issue of the Car House was passed. Our treasurer, **Marv Linke** reported that as of July, assets included \$4,479.09 in the checking account and two \$1000 CD's. We were able to cash in all our Motor City Casino slot coins before the final deadline. All planned tour plans for GLE2007 are progressing well. These include the non-rail, prototype, and layout tours. The new publisher of Scale Rails takes over with the September, 2006 issue. By the time members read this, they should have their copy in hand. Sunday, September 10, **Jim Clements** and **Jim Gideon** will host open houses of their layouts. What a great alternative to watching the "You Know Who's" on the television. Which reminds me of a comment once made to me by our friend in Division 6, **Joe Kocsis, MMR**, that "*Television is the enemy of the model railroader*". All the more important to remember with the upcoming Lions season. Thanks to all who participated in the July Show and Tell and also thanks to **Curt Danielewicz** for his meeting notes and to **Joel Goldberg** for July photos.

Call to Order

The regular August meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:05 P.M. We welcome new member **Bill Moore** to the group. Without further comment or reference to the standard clock in the historic Michigan Central Station in Detroit we go right to **Show and Tell**.

Tim Fisher's highway truss bridge is progressing. This is a 150' structure with a concrete highway deck. **Larry Wolohon** brought in a 12 panel GN boxcar. This was a design that the railroad developed in its own shops. **Jim Zinser** showed off an Accurail DSS&A Airslide hopper that was a special release by the supplier. Jim added some extra details. **John Gavasso** brought in a billboard reefer that had been part of the late **Irv Schultz** collection. **Gene Kome** offered 2 SF boxcars, the first a BX15 class circa 1952 and an example of the same car rebuilt 20 years later and designated class BX 116. (Sec. Note: Please correct me at the next meeting if these designations are incorrect). New member **Bill Moore** models the Central Vermont and the B&M in HO scale. I'm sure Bill will be glad to bend your ear on the origins of the CV, how it rose from the remains of the Rutland, whose employees may still be on strike as of this writing. Bill led a brief discussion of decal printing and sign printing issues in general. The membership agrees that one way to create effective signage is to sand the paper down after printing. **Dave Thornton** brought in two O scale gondolas that he built in college a third of a century ago. He later added additional details. I'm skipping any remarks here about how Dave passed up one or more keg parties to build those gons. **Jerry Shanek** brought in a G Scale reefer and commented on how G Scale car height on the trucks has become more prototypical. **Dan Lewis** showed off an interesting N Scale kitbashed structure that featured some nice signs that had been worked into the brick pattern of the structure. We all know that **Jim Clements MMR** has been reconfiguring his layout for improved operations. he offered a progress update. **Uwe Thormaehlen** showed off an 8 axle German flatcar. he commented on the lack of a coupler standard for European equipment. **Ed Black MMR** brought in an Al Westerfield DVD, also a Kadee zamac log car with nice detailing. **Gil LaLonde** talked about a stop at Caboose Hobbies in Denver and stops at rail based tourist attractions out west. **Joel Goldberg** demonstrated his level car with two bubble levels on a flatcar. The table in our meeting room is not level. **Terry Bossick** brought in a PH&D boxcar and also a limited run Marklin European style gondola. **Marv Linke** showed a blower assembly kit that is based on a fairly common prototype. Finally, **Saul Kalbfeld** brought in a group of boxcars from the paper and metal side golden age of boxcar kits. Thanks again to all who participated in this month's show and tell. And again, thanks to **Joel Goldberg** for the digital photography. Without Joel's pictures I'd have to write more.

Division 8 Business and Finances

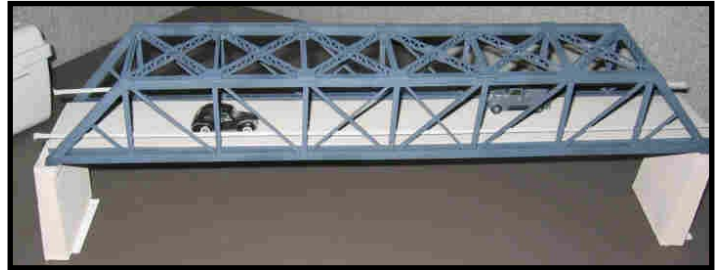
Treasurer **Marv Linke** reports that the checking account contains \$2594.46 in addition to 2 \$1000.00 CD's. We currently have 64 members in Division 8.



JIM ZINSER'S DSS&A AIRSLIDE HOPPER

NCR Hot Box Update Tim Fisher, interim editor of the Hot Box reports that the NCR quarterly should be getting on a more consistent schedule in the coming months. Good contributions are coming in. A good length article would consist of a page or so of text with some accompanying photos.

2007 NMRA Convention Update Dave Thornton reminds us that there are 338 days until GLE2007 from today. We are progressing well compared to this year's convention in Philly. Now that summer is over the committee will be having monthly meetings right up until the convention. New assignments for volunteers will be opening up. A number of articles are scheduled for Scale Rails featuring the layouts of NCR members. Tours, both rail and non-rail are filling out the schedule. At the August meeting art work for the convention car was shown.



TIM FISHER'S HIGHWAY TRUSS BRIDGE



**ED BLACK'S WESTERFIELD DVD AND
KADEE LOG CAR**

Scuttlebutt It's rumored that a new division, or a revived old division is in the works for the Ann Arbor Area. A number assignment is pending. A former division number for A2 may not be used because of ancient politics not to be dredged up here. For those of us who might be inclined to guest at a Division 6 meeting, that they may move their meeting night to the third Friday of the Month. No good TV on Fridays anyhow. Every one should know that the Grand Rapids convention will soon be here. Many will want to see **Bruce Chubb's** layout, and that GR may be bidding for the 2012 NMRA convention.

News from England Jim Zinser has heard from his pals across the pond about a mystery car they observed on a US video. The membership discussed the possibilities, could be for weed control, some sort of cryogenic car, a fire fighter, or maybe a track cleaning car, hee hee .

Ken Sanborn has been ill, of late. Friend **Gil LaLonde** says that Ken would like to hear from his many old friends in the division.

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A HANDY IDEA
FOR LOCATING ALL THE FAULTS
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SAUL KALBFELD'S PAPERSIDE CARS

Hints and Tips

Terry Bossick announced that Carl Arndt, master designer of microlayouts has released a third book.

GRAND RAILS 2006	Visit the Sunset Valley Oregon System of Dr. Bruce R. Chubb -- Ride the White Creek Railroad!	OCTOBER 13 - 15, 2006
	Plus Tour 33 Other Layouts and Attend Over 35 Clinics!	Click HERE!

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on September 21, 2006 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 Show and Tell for the meeting will be anything relating to the Zephyr passenger trains or a current project. Tentative scheduled clinic will be on the Pioneer Zephyr presented by Stu Sonta.

The August meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. A foray by the night owls was made down to Big Boy's.

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