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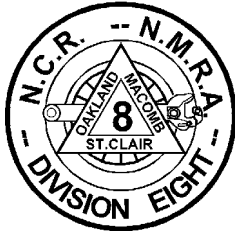
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JIM ZINSER BECOMES MMR #397



JOEL GOLDBERG RECEIVES CIVIL ENGINEER AWARD



Call to Order

The regular meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:10 PM. Presiding officer was secretary **Saul Kalbfeld**. 26 members were present with no visitors other than **Mike McCreek** to present convention related awards.

Show and Tell

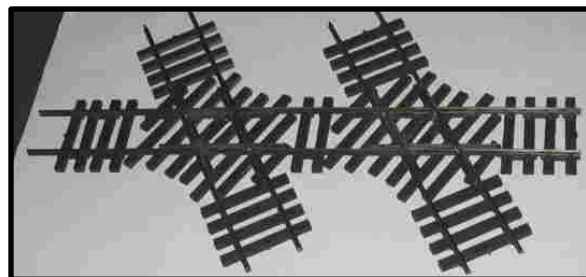
This month's main subject, steam power brought out a wide variety of locomotives from all eras and roads. **S&T** also included an interesting group of current projects and interests. **Larry Wolohon** discussed how mail moved and was forwarded along the various railroads. He showed the book, "Moving Mail and Express by Rail". **Jim Zinser's** current project is a Bachman 2-8-0 with a Tsunami sound system. The loco is lettered for his home road, the Copper Valley Railroad. Extreme steam lover **John Gavasso** brought in a reworked consolidation based on an MDC kit or years ago. The engine has been superdetailed with various parts and regeared. The model was originally owned by friend **Joe Bliss**. **Dave Thornton** showed off an O scale Sunset Models class T4 4-8-2 mountain type lettered for the B&O.

Bill Moore discussed his USRA Mikado decorated for the Rutland RR. He did not have it at the meeting, but he and **John Gavasso** had a brief discussion on the how the engine's performance could be improved. **Tim Fisher** showed a Santa Fe 0-8-0 switcher. The engine has an operating problem in that the low hanging brake hangers are shorting the rail. He is looking for repair suggestions. A member of the group offered the



possibility that styrene copies could be made of these parts. **Charles Cutting** had a Marklin Z scale 0-6-0. We kept it away from the G scale models, lest it look like a model of a model. **Marv Linke** brought in photo of a caboose located in Big Bay (UP) that is for sale. The lucky purchaser would have to move his life long dream acquisition by truck.

Marv also won a Hallmark N scale GP-9 at the GLE2007 silent auction. The engine runs well and has good detail. Finally, seen at right is an HO double crossing unit that he built for the South Oakland County RR Club. He doing a write-up of the process. **Stu Sonta** offered a Z scale GP-9. **Rad Jones** is working on fulfilling the requirements of the MB Scenery award, focusing on details such as whistle posts and lighting. Rad also mentioned that he is planning a family trip out west and is planning on riding the Amtrak Empire Builder.



SHOW AND TELL SPECIAL FEATURE

Gerard Glezman offered details on how cigar ash can be used as an effective weathering technique. Simple enough, but this raises the question, how do you accumulate the materials, short of hanging around one of those upscale cigar bars and surreptitiously emptying the ash trays. Gerard explained how the ash can be quickly, and without risking one's respiratory health by letting your vacuum cleaner smoke the stogies for you. (Laugh break here). Now for those who sneak prized Havanas across the border from Windsor, this is no laughing matter. My 40 year old Wards tank vacuum already suffers from emphysema, so this operation could be fatal for the old guy. The results however, are some nice fine ashes of varying color and texture that can be applied to rolling stock and structures.

CIGAR ASH PRODUCTION

CIGAR TYPE	VACUUM TO USE
Large Stogie	Shop Vac
Tampa	Eureka
Havana(Domestic)	Kirby
Havana(Contraband)	Electrolux
Cigarillo	B&D Portable
Doobie	MicroMart Miniature



Electrolux Model E

No Need to Inhale!

Back to Regularly Scheduled Show and Tell

Gil LaLonde brought in a nice Blackstone #453 Rio Grande steam engine. New member **Phil Maaske** introduced himself to the group and mentioned that he recently bought a UP Big Boy from Broadway Limited. **George Schachermeyer** showed off a nice Bachman Pennsy K4 #5404 from MicroMart. The engine has pinstriping detail and is equipped with a Soundtraxx system. **Bill Gawthrop** showed B&O Pacifics, P1D class. These were built in house from salvaged Mikado parts. He also had a photo of #5043 in Parkersburg, West Virginia. **Dick Dittus** offered a an On3 K-27 engine #455. **Larry Lauer** showed a 4-6-4 steam off his Lower Level Line. **John Kline's** current project is a Walthers steel water tank. The model looks good with a layer of weathering. **Joel Goldberg** brought in a Winton Allegheny, a 2-6-6-6 decorated for the C&O. **Fred Cosgrove** brought in an N scale 2-6-0 mogul decorated for the Long Island RR. **Terry Bossick** dug up an old 0-4-0 narrow gauge steam now out of production. **Dan Lewis** brought in a pair of N scale consolidations. Dan hinted that he is a DC holdout. Is he hinting that he would like to tap some of the membership's expertise? Finally, **Saul Kalbfeld** showed his FJ&G USRA type 0-8-0 #11. This is an ancient Tenshodo import.



Thanks to everyone who participated in this month's Show and Tell. And as always, thanks to Joel Goldberg for his digital photography.

Division 8 Business and Finances

Bean Counter **John Jackson** not present at the meeting.
No financial report is available for the month.

Dave Thornton's convention comments.

Dave summarized the results of the GLE2007 convention. He has received about 100 congratulatory e-mails, saying our convention was one of the best with a good team effort. As of the August meeting, the final net attendance to the convention was 1132. Approximately 20,000 people attended the National Train Show at Cobo Hall. Dave also made several announcements of changes among NMRA national officers. The organization is in a good cash position. There will be a three dollar dues increase to cover the higher USPS mailing expense for Scale Rails. Finally there will be a regional party and layout tour on October 20th for members who volunteered at the convention. Details to follow.



Awards Ceremony

Mike McCreek presided over a brief awards ceremony. The following honors were awarded:

Larry Wolohon	NCR Most Improved Layout
Joel Goldberg	NMRA Civil Engineering Award
Pete Magoon	MMR #396
Jim Zinser	MMR #397

Announcements

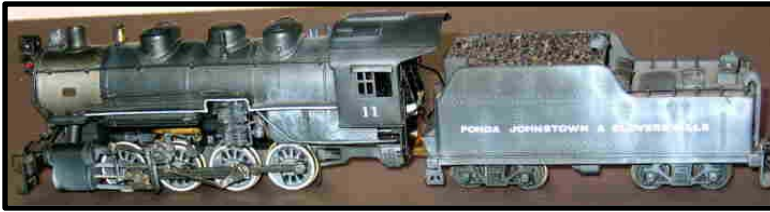
Dan Lewis, Pastor of the Troy Christian Chapel offered a selection of railroad related publications donated to the church by the family of a member. Donations for items taken can be made to Division 8.

Bill Gawthrop has tentatively scheduled an open house for September 28. More details will be available at the September meeting.

The officers of the division have not had a board meeting recently. The officers and directors will schedule a meeting for later in the year. One issue to be considered is a new round of recruitment letters. **Marv Linke**, former treasurer has offered to sit in at the next board meeting.

The GLE2007 convention display that includes the large photo of #1225 has been sold.





Gratiot Valley TRAIN SHOW & SALE SUNDAY

November 4, 2007
10 AM - 4 PM
MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPORTS & EXPO CENTER
Southwest corner of
12 Mile & Hayes
1 Mile North of I-696 X-way

Redford Model Railroad Club - Trainorama Train Show
Where: Livonia Community Recreation Center,
15100 Hubbard Street, Livonia, Michigan
Date: October 28, 2007
Time: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Admission: \$4.00 per person, kids under 12 free

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on September 20, 2007 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 related to the Pere Marquette or the C&O or a current project. Gene Huddleston will offer a program on Pere Marquette and C&O structures in Michigan.

The August meeting was adjourned at 9:30 or thereabouts followed by a trek to Big Boy for some.

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