



THE CAR HOUSE

September 20th, 2001

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
September 2001 Meeting Minutes**

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the September 20th, 2001 meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:04 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 33 people in attendance.

Visitors

We had two people visiting this month, Jim Campbell, our clinician and Geneva Cosgrove, Fred's mom.

Show and tell

This month's topic was MoW items. Members brought in a wide variety of their tools and equipment for this topic, along with a few books thrown in for good measure. We had blocks for aligning track and aids for cutting the track, cranes, crew cars, MoW vehicles, spikers, radius gages and Trackwork Handbooks among the many pieces.

Clinic

Jim Campbell gave a very interesting slideshow on one of his many tracklaying jobs on the prototype. The slides covered his work during the 1960's building a line in Liberia, West Africa that ran between an iron mine and a port on the South Atlantic coast, a distance of 180 miles. Look for photos of the slideshow, courtesy of Phil Kenyon, in next month's *Carhouse* as well as on the division website.

Welcome Aboard

Don't forget to say hello to the division's newest member, **John Jackson**. John, who visited in August, recently joined the NMRA and the NCR. We must have had a very good clinic and "show and tell" that evening in August!

Minutes Approval

Terry Bossick made a motion to accept the August meeting minutes as written and the motion passed with one nay, thanks John.

Paymaster's Report

Don Varney, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,062.84

Certificate: \$ 3,600.00

Old Business

None

New Business

- **Ray Walters** was recently listed in the Bulletin as a new member of the region and NMRA.
- There are photos of the movement of **Irv Schulz's** St. Clair Northern to the Howell Day museum on the NMRA.ORG website. There is a link to short cut the trip to find the page that you can hit from the main Division 8 webpage.
- There is a Festival, with a railroad theme, in Hamburg, MI this weekend (September 22, 2001). Gratiot Valley will have their modular layout at the festival.
- John told the group about his experience this past summer riding in a genuine Stanley Steamer automobile.

Pseudo-Trustee's Report

Tim Fisher gave a slideshow presentation on the National Convention this past summer in St. Louis.

- Six division 8 members were present at the National Convention in St. Louis.
- If you're interested in working on the bid for the National Convention, contact **Dave Thornton**.

Layout Tours

Dan Lewis announced that he is the division 8 layout tour chairman and that he was looking for volunteers to have their layouts open soon. Dan is looking to make this a regular event for the division also. The Gratiot Valley club was volunteered as a prospective candidate.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The next clinic will be a slideshow of something prototype by Dave Regittko. The show and tell will be a prototype photo and a model of that prototype.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, October 18th, 2001 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.

Website

Division 8 Online - http://members.tripod.com/ncr_division8

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Danielewicz

Curt Danielewicz, Dispatcher