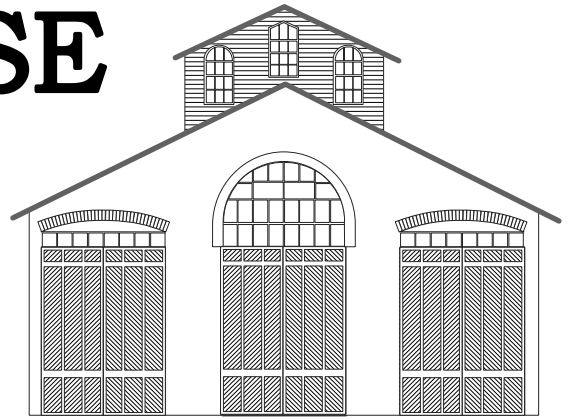
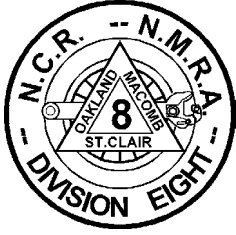


THE CAR HOUSE

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Secretary's Note:

Sorry for the delay in getting out September's issue of the Car House. All the Honey-Do projects that I had been putting off since August came due on October 24. Also, I just found my notes from the last meeting of Division 8.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with 33 members present. We welcomed **Charles Woodbury** as a new member to Division 8. Charles responded to a letter sent en masse by marketing guru and treasurer **Marvin Linke** to NMRA members in the Division 8 area who were not members of the Division. Our lone visitor this month was **Dennis Zampas** who models in O and HO Scales.

Show and Tell

Don Varney brought in a couple of vinegar cars. **Fred Cosgrove's** traction freight trailers he explained had rounded ends to allow movement on tight radius curves that were common traction systems. **Joel Goldberg's** Ambroid Palace Poultry car was not the least bit smelly. He's waiting for Smelltraxx which once available will immediately be on backorder from Walthers.

Tim Fisher offered a 4 truck flat car model, another uncommon but always interesting piece of rolling stock. These are used for movements of large machinery or electrical transformers and the like. **Gene Kome** brought in an Athearn Crisco car which had been custom painted by his granddaughter.

Dan Lewis described and showed how copper ingots are transported by rail between the Anaconda mines and Great Falls, Montana. The specialized flat cars have racks designed to carry the standard sized lading. **Larry Wolohan** brought in another one of the Ambroid 1 of 5000 series cars, the pickle car. No smell either. Also waiting for Smelltraxx.

Marvin Linke is working with casting resin to create a locomotive inspection pit for his layout. Maybe when he masters the knack, he'll share his findings with the group.

As always, thanks to all the others who participated in this month's Show and Tell.

Announcements

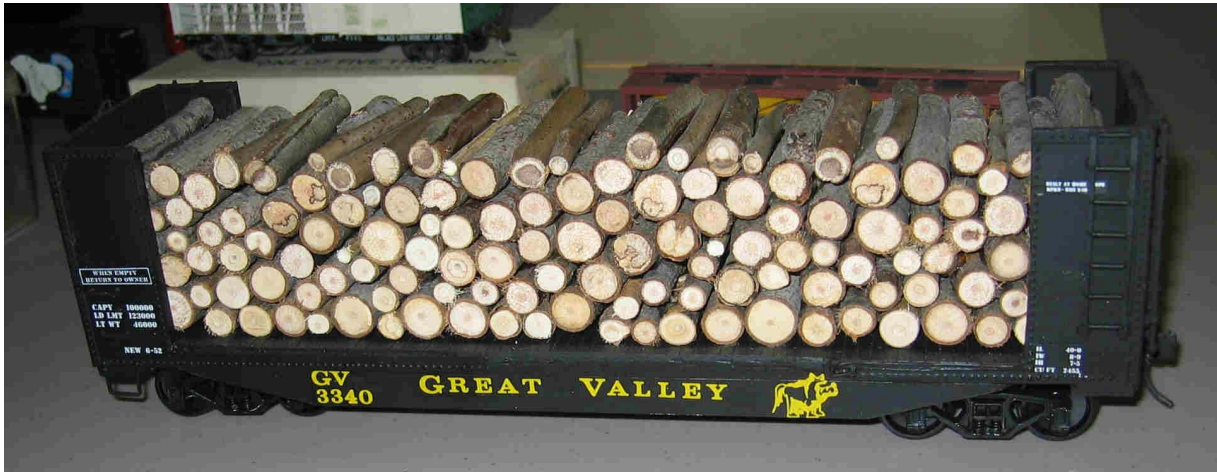
Most of the announcements related to the **Pontiac Junction 2005** convention or events that have already taken place so I won't mention them here.

Division 8 Business and Finances

Treasurer Marvin Linke will give a post **Pontiac Junction 2005** financial report at the upcoming Division 8 meeting.

Some of this month's Show and Tell Models





Great Valley RR Bulkhead Flatcar

NMRA District Director Report including a 2007 Convention Update

Director Dave Thornton reports that the new computer system deployment at NMRA headquarters is delayed but is expected to come online in January, 2006. The fiscal year has ended in the black. This is the 4th year in a row that the NMRA has had a positive balance sheet. There will be no dues increase, but the cost of Scale Rails for members has been separated into a separate item. The new direction for the organization will be a focus on membership and improving the organization. As of this writing, the paid position of Scale Rails is open. Dave reports that the new board, being smaller, can move faster,

As of the September meeting, 162 people have registered for the 2007 Great Lakes Express convention. The committee will again be meeting on a monthly basis with locations to be announced. There is a long lead time for planning layout tours. Visits to prospective open layouts will determine factors such as location and accessibility.

Live Presentation for September

Vince Robinson presented a clinic on "Modeling Cars You've Never Seen", meaning any equipment that is obsolete or historical in nature. To find information to create such a model, the modeler must use an organized plan to find literature and drawings. Vince offered an exhaustive outline of sources. If you did not receive a copy, contact Vince. otherwise, I have a master copy that I can copy for you. *(Editor's Note)*

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on November 17, 2005 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 something of interest bought at the the recent Gratiot Valley Train Show, or any other little treasure picked up in the last year. Apologies to the board for making up the Show and Tell on my own.

The September, 2005 meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary