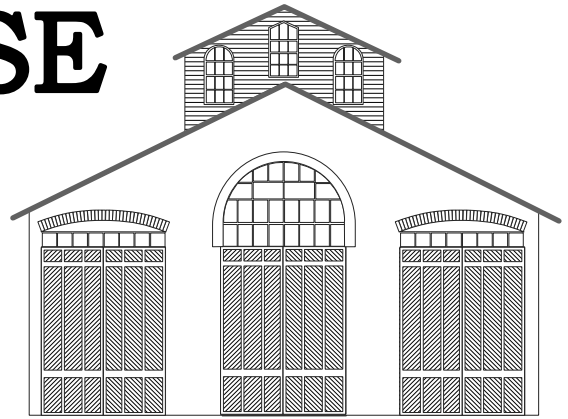
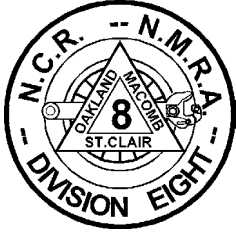


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Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:05 PM. Officers present included Treasurer **John Jackson** and Secretary **Saul Kalbfeld**. Thirty-three members were present. Also present was **Jack Watson**, a Division 6 member who boldly announced that he is running for NCR region president against **Roger Parry**. Once order was restored, our Show and Tell event was allowed to proceed.

SHOW AND TELL

Gene Kome brought in an Atlas 60 foot auto box car. He indicated that the reporting mark on the car was correct as of 1985. On a recent trip to California Gene stopped at Caboose Hobbies in Denver to leave some brass locomotives on consignment that were owned by our late member **Dan Schmitz**. He also visited the large Union Pacific yard in North Platte, Nebraska. The UP has a visitor center at the facility. Also along the way, Gene also spotted some unusual car loads, Boeing 737 fuselages in transit from Wichita, Kansas to Renton Washington.



Rick Ware displayed a group of pictures from his collection including a view of Holly, Michigan, also Flint and a Pere Marquette engine. Also shown was a 1933 era box car with steel ends, and finally a scene of car switching at the ferry in Ludington. **Dave Thornton** brought in an O scale Atlas Pere Marquette coal hopper. Dave discussed how the manufacturer markets these cars to both 2 rail and 3 rail markets. This unfortunately results in outsize truck frames to accommodate both scale wheels and non-scale deep flange wheels.



Bill Moore, expatriate New Englander, understandably has no C&O or the like equipment. Instead, he brought in a nice looking Rutland USRA Mikado. It runs well and he added some nice details, including the railing, stack, bell, and coal pocket. Division 8 President Emeritus **Curt Danielewicz** keeps us updated on GTW Historical Society events and activities. He displayed a book that covered PM passenger operations. **Doug Liefeld** harkened back to his days at dear old Wheaton College, (Illinois or Massachusetts?) recalling football Saturdays, frat house pranks, and long freights rumbling past the dorm. A favorite memento of his glory days is a CNW caboose that he has owned for sixty years. And he one day saw the actual prototype pass by. **Paul Runyon** showed off three PM cars from his collection, including a wood 36 foot wood truss rod car, a 40 foot Athearn car, and a 53 foot gondola. **Bill Gawthrop** brought in three 1937 design cars, were they C&O or PM or other, sorry, not in my notes. Anyway, the group has accurate paint and road numbers. As seen above, **Marv Linke** brought in a 4 track crossing patterned after a track arrangement at Milwaukee Junction in Detroit. He discussed how that project was conceived and built. I think Marv mentioned that the assembly would be installed on the South Oakland County RR Club layout.

Tim Fisher also does not own much C&O equipment, but he did explain that there are some similarities between C&O and Santa Fe locomotive designs. **Gerard Glezman** brought in a vintage Premier brand vacuum cleaner, the subject of his August show and tell discussion. It looks strangely like the one I saw a vintage appliance display at the Henry Ford Museum a few months ago. He claims it has been in the family for decades. I hope so.

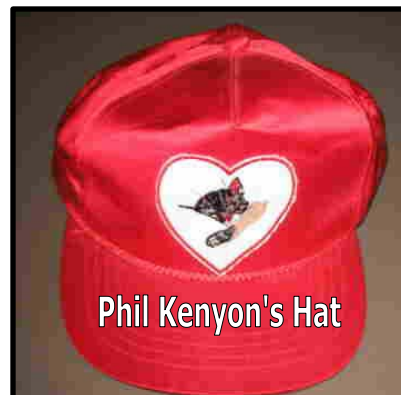


Dan Mitzel is designing a small layout for operation. He discussed how he using ore jennies in the operation. This topic led to a brief discussion of micro-layouts for model railroaders who want to create believable scenes in a small space.



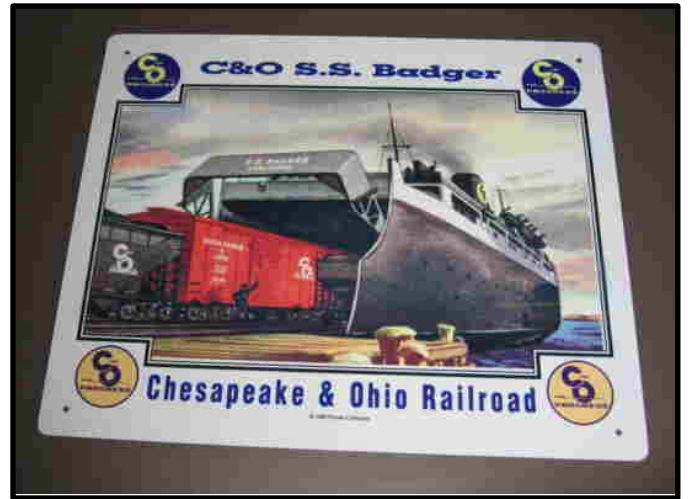
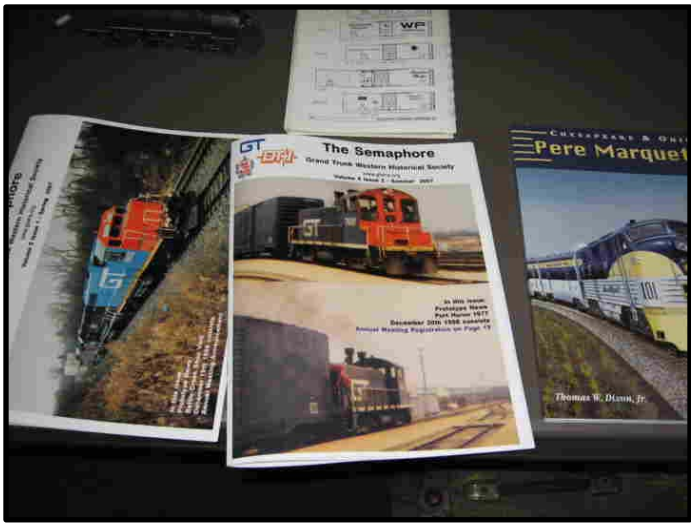
Fred Rockwell is mostly Pennsy. Enough said. **Ed Black** says that he rarely can come up with the current month's subject. He did show some small boat models. Ed also commented to me in the break that he is a fan of lighthouses and appreciated the Pacific Coast lighthouse stamps on the snail mail version of the CH. **John Kline** brought in a pair of diesels and **Don Varney** showed a couple of C&O boxcars. **Fred Cosgrove** rummaging around in his Florida stuff turned up a missing C&O engine, an RS-1 switcher. He also showed a picture of the car Ferry Badger.

Treasurer **John Jackson** won a cushion coil car at the GLE2007 silent auction. And finally, Secretary **Saul Kalbfeld**, not having anything of great C&O interest, brought in three custom decorated and decaled cars. This is somewhat of a lost art and is in reaction to the high cost of current ready to run cars that can cost over 30 dollars. Gimme a 3 dollar Athearn carbody and a 50 cent Walthers decal set and I'm happy. Thanks to all who participated in the September Show and Tell, and thanks to myself as stand-in photographer in **Joel Goldberg's** absence.



Phil Kenyon's Hat





Division 8 Business and Finances

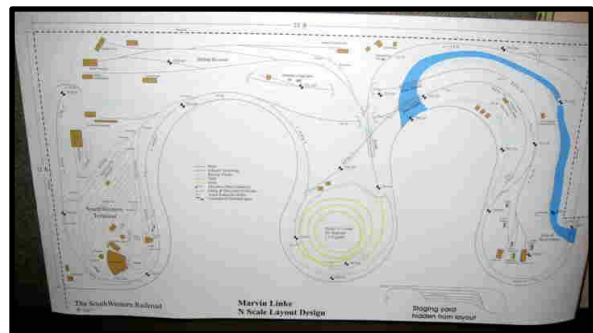
Treasurer John Jackson reports that the division checking account has a balance of \$2541.64. We still have 2 \$1000 CD's.

Show and Tell for October

Show & tell is anything brass in model railroading &/or current project.

Scheduled Presentation for October

The clinic for October 18 is Brass Models by George Koh of Koh's & Co. - an O Scale Brass importer. George imports some really nice O Scale models, really well detailed.



Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on October 18, 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 September meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,
Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary