



# ***THE CAR HOUSE***

November 16, 2000

**THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8  
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION  
November 2000 MEETING MINUTES**

Substitute superintendent, **Dan Lewis**, called the November 16th, 2000 meeting of Division 8, North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held at Troy Christian Chapel. Thirty-eight people were in attendance.

## **Visitors**

We had 7 visitors, Bob Black, Kirk Bucher, Ray Walters, George Kuhm, Rich Humphrey, Norm Zulick, and Danie Strydom. The majority of our visitors were from the Roundhouse Club, but Danie won "the visitor whose home was furthest from the Division. Danie hails from Nuneaton, England.

## **Show and Tell**

The show and tell featured brass models or current modeling projects:



### Paymaster's Report

**Gene Kome**, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 591.61

Savings and C.D.: \$ 3,968.03

### Clinic

Unfortunately our clinician could not attend the meeting at the last moment, so we watched a video on Chuck Hitchcock's AT&SF layout that highlights passenger train operation.

### Minutes Approval

The October minutes were approved unanimously.

### Trustee's Report

**Dave Thornton** presented his NCR trustee's report this month.

- Many new locomotives being produced are coming equipped with DCC sockets - receiver installation is very simple.
- The NMRA is now offering special insurance to cover member's collection, either as a blanket policy or detailed. Contact the NMRA HQ for more information.
- The next board meeting will be in February 2001 at Chattanooga.
- The Chicago layout tour went very well, with operating sessions on Mike Richdorf's and the Fox Valley RR Club's. The group also went to 2 more layouts, the Reid Brothers and Bill Denton's.

### New Business

- **Dave Thornton** displayed a photo of a modern, frameless tankcar that had been steam-cleaned internally and the hatch was closed. When the tankcar cooled, it crushed under the vacuum produced.
- Dave proposed another layout tour, this one for the spring. The tour would be a daylong bus trip to view layouts and railfanning locations in Ohio. More info to come in the future.
- **Dan Lewis** reminded everyone about the modeling project contest and even showed his project, a New York City subway station.

### Hints & Tips

Someone saw a European drover's caboose at the Gratiot Valley show.

### Upcoming Clinic and Show & Tell

December's clinic will be the presentation of member's photographs and slides, bring as many as you want (within reason ☺), as we don't have a definite time to vacate our meeting location.

**Schedule**

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, December 21, 2000 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://www.tripod.com/ncr\\_division8](http://www.tripod.com/ncr_division8)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Curt Danielewicz, Secretary