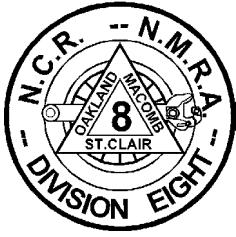
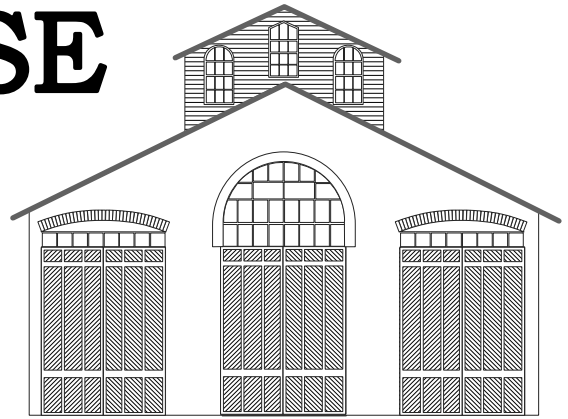


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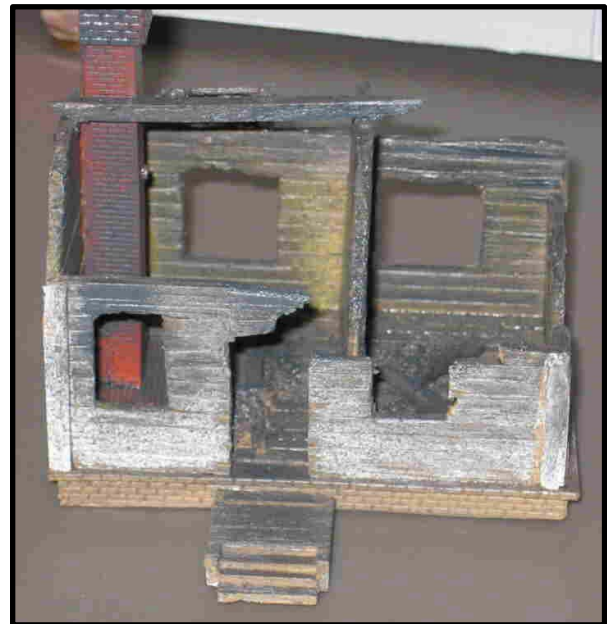
The Monthly Newsletter of
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November 16, 2006



Call to Order The monthly meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:06 PM. The 25 members and several guests present settled down finally.

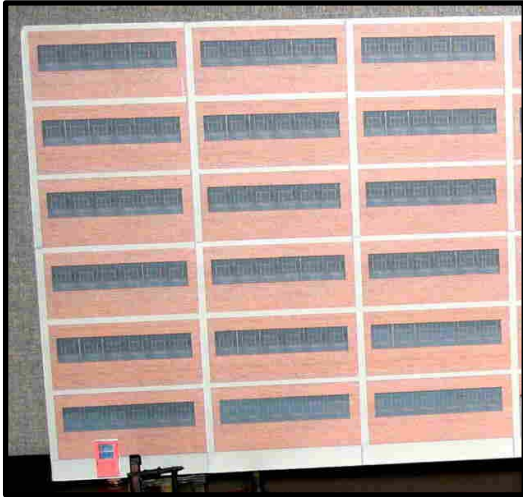
Show and Tell We had a motley collection of offerings for this month's event. Since the long gone Mason Bogie engines was the featured subject, we had a number of examples displayed.

Mike Goldberg brought in the model seen at right. As an insurance adjuster, Mike wrote this model up as having smoke damage only and able to be rehabbed with a good cleanup and coat of paint. **Fred Cosgrove** showed a Mason Bogie engine, possibly pictured somewhere, or not. Seen below, **Terry Bossick's** HO scale model of a Family Lines GE BQ23-7 Diesel. This was an odd product from the loco maker. **Dave Thornton** described model builder's software that he acquired recently and showed the side of an industrial complex flat that he created in O Scale. See Dave for information on the specific program he is using. **Rad Jones** is working on a street scene from a military base set in the World War II era. Various structures include a DPM theater district kit and a Bar Mills kit. He also plans to light the area. **Jim Clements** showed off a Western Scale Models crusher, which is an element of mining equipment. He also brought in a nicely detailed HO_{n3} reefer. **Stu Sonta**, Z Scaler, offered a brass electric transmission tower requiring hours of soldering work.



Not really a Show and Tell topic, but we'll allow it, **Kerry Albrecht** displayed a GLE2007 layout tour map and offered an update of related plans. **John Jackson** is continuing work on his layout plan. He is open to suggestions and criticism. **Dan Lewis**, commenting on this month's primary Show and Tell subject said that there are not a lot of geared locomotive options in N Scale, but still has one engine that runs well. **George Anderson** showed an LGB attempt to model a Forney type locomotive. **Al Moore** brought in a B&M gas electric, an EMC design. He commented that the diagonal safety striping on the car ends was a challenge. **Rick Ware** showed some photos of a current project and also commented on plans for an upcoming railfan trip. **Jim Zinser** showed off his Shay geared locomotive that was the result of a kitbash project, using a Roundhouse engine as a starting point. The unit has a full interior and room for a DCC decoder.

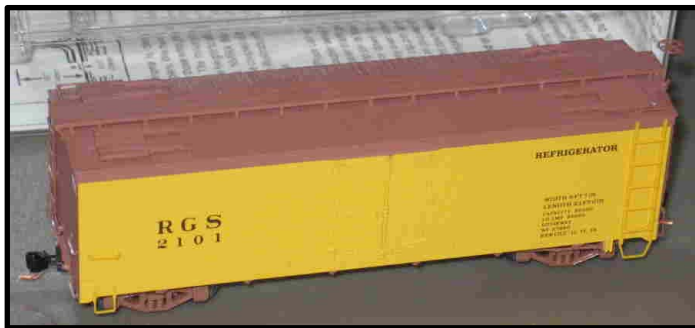
Show and Tell continued **Larry Wolohon**, GN enthusiast, offered some information on the Somers Lumber Company including a historical brochure and a 3 truck Shay from Pacific Coast. And finally, **Marv Linke** is working on a distribution center made from an N Scale Gloor Craft kit. Thanks to all who participated in **Show and Tell** for November.



RAD JONES' STREET SCENE

At left, DAVE THORNTON'S BUILDING FLAT

NMRA Trustee's Report **Dave Thornton** had a number of announcements. Scale Rails is currently conducting a membership drive allowing members who sign up new members a chance to win a locomotive. The GLE2007 convention package is at the printer. One and two registration day packages will be available. Dave noted that progress and planning at this point is similar to Philadelphia's 2006 convention. He expects GLE2007 tour prices to be cheaper. Also, they did a comparison with the 1978 Dearborn convention, adjusting for the change in value of the dollar over the last 28 years. The large convention display is moving around and will be appearing at NMRA events over the coming months. Our convention will be getting a lot of publicity in Scale Rails with articles appearing in the next three issues.



Announcements We note the passing of our oldest Division 8 member, **Ed Gray** on November 1st at the age of 95. Ed was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and served his country with honor. He later pursued an engineering career at General Motors. He is survived by wife, Edie, four children and numerous grandchildren. Ed was a former Division 8 superintendent. This news was reported by **Marc Forest** who has acquired some of Ed's model railroad collection.

Division 8 Elections are scheduled for January, 2007. **Saul Kalbfeld** will remain as secretary for another year. Rumors abound, but **Rick Ware** will run for director, **John Jackson** and **Phil Doolittle** are interested in the treasurer's spot and **Jerry Shanek** will run for president. Sorry for any inaccuracies or omissions at this point.

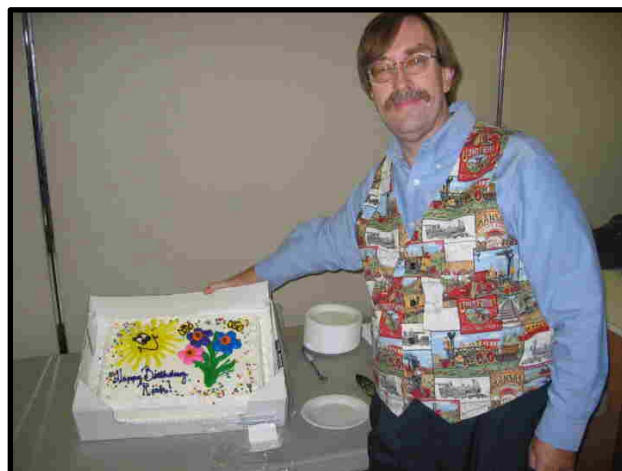
Awards Hot news from the recent Grand Rapids convention that Dan Lewis and Joel Goldberg won merit awards for contest models entered.

Division 8 Business and Finances Chief lame duck bean counter **Marv Linke** reports the bank balance stands at \$2558.45 with an additional \$2000.00 in CD's. A motion was made and passed to make a contribution to the NMRA in Ed Gray's memory.

Burning Question Department Why weren't steam donkeys replaced by diesels...Discuss.

GLE2007 Discussion Topic Jim Zinser with his ties to the broadcast and media biz is working on plans to make local radio personalities aware of the GLE2007 convention with the intent of scoring some free publicity leading up to the convention. Talk to Jim if you have any connection to local on air yakkers.

AND NOW, FOR THE BIG STORY OF THE MONTH...DIVISION 8 STALWART RICK WARE HITS THE BIG 5-0



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Back up power for the Secretary's Computer

Reminder that member Larry Lauer is selling some surplus HO Scale items with the proceeds benefiting the Troy Christian Chapel. Give him a call to make an appointment to stop by.

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 21, 2006 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 our annual members picture and slide show.

The November meeting was adjourned at about 9:30 PM and followed by a trek down to Big Boy. Thanks again to **Joel Goldberg** for this month's digital photography.

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