



THE CAR HOUSE

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NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

January 2001 Meeting Minutes

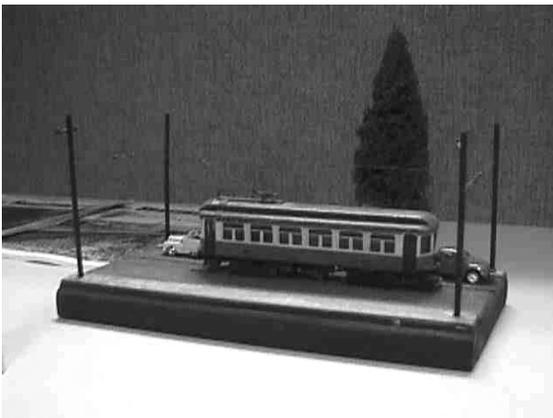
Substitute superintendent, **Dan Lewis**, called the January 18th, 2001 meeting of Division 8, North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association to order at 7:03 PM. The meeting was held at Troy Christian Chapel. Thirty-seven people were in attendance.

Visitors

We did not entertain any visitors this month

Show and tell

This month's show and tell was any scenic item. We had a trolley display, lighthouse, flats of trees, farming detail items, a station, farmhouse display and a module from a home layout.



Clinic

Roger Austin presented his clinic on casting and coloring rock formations this month. Roger provided a comprehensive handout on the subject and went over areas such as master mold availability, making your own master molds, making castings and finally, coloring those castings. At the end of the clinic, Roger even invited anyone who was interested in trying his or her hand at coloring a casting up to the table. We had quite a few takers from the looks of it!



Our clinician, Roger Austin



The audience participation segment of the clinic

A few hints and tips came up during the Q & A session toward the end of Roger's clinic also:

- **Dan Lewis** stated that good rocks can be used to make molds for any scale and rocks are not really scale dependent.
- **Jim Clements** suggested applying the casting while it was setting up in the mold. Jim also reminded us to wet the base plaster before applying the casting. This would minimize the water drawn from the curing casting.
- **Ken Sanborn** stated that PAM cooking spray could be used as a release agent for the plaster molds.
- **Dan Lewis** recommended using a combination of burnt umber with cobalt blue instead of pure black as a wash because the mixture does not reduce the color intensity to as great of a degree as a wash of black.

Minutes Approval

A motion was made to approve the December minutes as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Paymaster's Report

Gene Kome, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 635.71

Savings and C.D.: \$ 3968.03

Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton and **Jim Zinser** gave a tag team report this month on the subject of the NMRA *Bulletin*.

- The November 2000 issue is out and everyone should be receiving it within the next few days.
- The December 2000 issue is at the printers currently.
- The *Bulletin* should be back on schedule by March of 2001.
- The NMRA had to move the printing of the *Bulletin* to a new, smaller printer because of the poor service at the prior provider. That provider was taken over by a larger company, which did not value the NMRA's business because of the relatively small volume.

Election of Officers

The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee at the December meeting was approved by acclamation with one nay cast.

- Superintendent - **Fred Cosgrove**
- Dispatcher - **Curt Danielewicz**
- Paymaster - **Don Varney**
- Trustee - **Gene Kome**

Dave Thornton Storytime

Dave once graced the meeting with a humorous story from the railroading library. This story happened to be "The Mohawk that refused to abdicate" and was written by David P. Morgan of *Trains* magazine fame. This event took place during the mid-50's in Ohio with a NYC 4-8-2 that had seen better days taking apart the Ohio countryside. The old war-horse of an engine, pulling a train of bad order cars, even had passenger trains ducking for cover on the NYC mainline!

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The next clinic will be on 'O' scale brass models by George Kohs and the show and tell for February will be any brass model or current modeling project.

February Meeting

Dan Lewis informed everyone that he would not be able to attend the next division meeting because of an annual church business meeting. The Troy Christian Center business meeting will fall on the same evening as the division 8 meeting. Expect many more cars in the parking lot that evening and division 8 members may want to park in the parking lot to the southeast of the building and use the rear entrance. Those that need to use the front entrance and the elevators are still welcome to utilize those facilities.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, February 15th, 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 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Danielewicz

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