



THE CAR HOUSE

February 20th, 2003

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8

NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

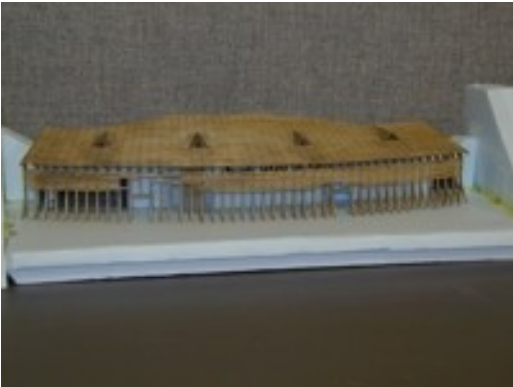
<http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

Superintendent pro-tem, **Curt Danielewicz**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:02 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 28 people in attendance.

Visitors

Art Williams, an O scaler from the Detroit Model RR club, visited the division this month.

Show and Tell Photos





Photos courtesy of Phil Kenyon

Show and tell

Our show and tell for this month was winter railroading and our members didn't disappoint anyone, as we saw a snow shed, numerous rotary plows and Russell snowplows, a Jordan spreader, a G scale snow-clearing train and a streetcar decorated for Christmas. Other items brought in for the show and tell that were "off-topic" included a 1971 national convention book, a book on climax locomotives and a live steam size coupler and section of rail.

Minutes Approval

The January meeting minutes were approved with a dissenting vote by John.

Paymaster's Report

Marv Linke, Paymaster, reported the following balances:

Checking: \$ 1,572.03
Certificate: \$ 3,754.99

Marv noted that we have **19 unpaid** members out of 72 members on our roster. See notice later in the *Carhouse*.

Old Business

None

New Business

Any members that have **not** paid their dues for 2003 will be dropped from the Carhouse mailing list as of April 1st. This will be the final issue of the Carhouse that you will receive if your dues are not current.

NCR Trustee

Dave Thornton reported the following news from the national organization:

- Membership has grown over last 3 months.

- The national organization's financial situation is improving.
- The NMRA long range plan was discussed at the trustee's meeting last month, the highlights are:
 - A reduction in the number of trustees
 - Single membership (National, Region and Division) for all new members
 - The *Bulletin* will change in name to *Scale Rails*.
 - The new *Bulletin* will be a communications newsletter to the members only
- Allan Pollack has elected not run for re-election when his term is up.
- Information on the 2007 National Convention
 - The convention was named the "Great Lakes Express"
 - Larry Wolohon's entry was drawn as the winner of the naming contest since there were multiple entries with "Great Lakes Express"
 - The convention date still needs to be set, but it should be one of the last two weeks of July 2007.
 - The next planning committee meeting is on April 26, 2003.

Clinic



Hints and Tips

When using an NMRA track gauge on a DCC layout, be sure to switch off the track power before putting the gauge across the rails.

Announcements

- **Jim Clements** announced that over 6,000 people visited the Stoney Creek display at the Rochester Historical Museum.
- The Gratiot Valley Swap and Shop is on March 2nd at MCC.

- Division 6 layout tour flyers, for February 23rd, are available. Flyers for the March 29th division 6 tour are also available.
- **Larry Wolohon** has the requirements and applications for the NMRA Golden Spike Award.
- The Op SIG is having an operations weekend the first weekend in April according to **Jim Sieradzinski**.
- The website <http://www.trainwatcher.com> lists hotspots in Michigan.
- **Marv Linke** and **Curt Danielewicz** announced the formation of a new round robin group for the middle portion of Macomb County. Anyone interested can contact either Marv or Curt for more information.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The March clinic will be slides of Cuban railroading by **Fred Cosgrove**. The show and tell subject will be anything foreign.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, March 20th, 2003 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.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Kome, Secretary Pro-tem