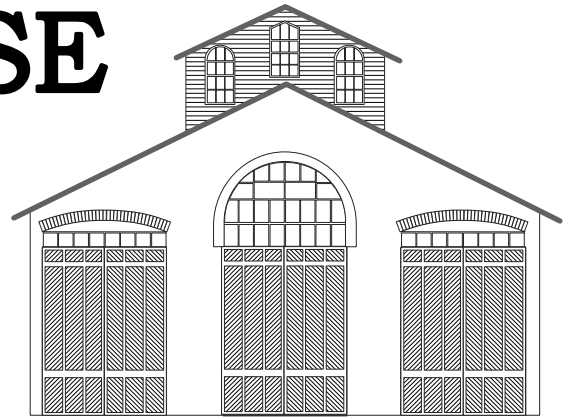
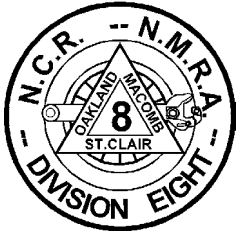


THE CAR HOUSE

The Monthly Newsletter of
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Opening Note

Treasurer Marv Linke was unable to attend this month's meeting but reminds us that this will be the last issue for those whose membership has lapsed. Also keep in mind that if you are able to receive the Car House by e-mail please inform an officer of Division 8. We can save money by sending our newsletter this way. The Car House is sent as an e-mail attachment in Adobe PDF format. This program known as **Adobe Reader** can be downloaded for free from www.adobe.com if not already installed on your computer. Please contact me if you need assistance.



NO OPTIVISOR NEEDED IN THIS SCALE--EVEN THE GRAPEFRUITS AREN'T THAT SMALL

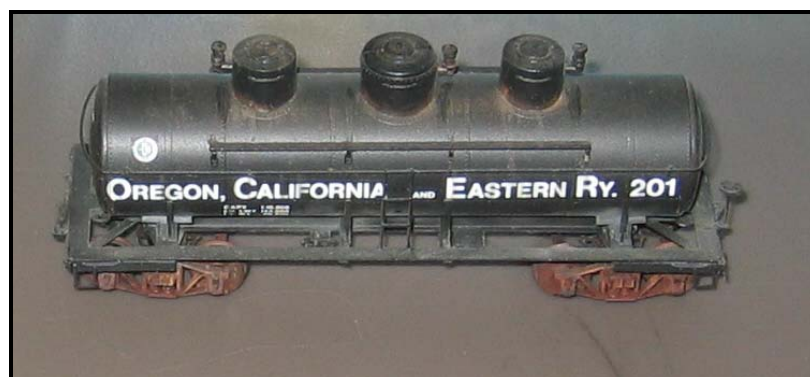
Call to Order

President **Curt Danielewicz** called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 29 members present.

Visitors

We had 4 visitors this month. **Tony Britsky** models HO scale and is interested learning more about DCC systems. **Mike Goldberg**, son of member **Joel Goldberg** is interested in G Scale layouts. **Dan Nelson** models the Great Northern in HO scale. Thanks to Dan for bringing a 3 dome tank car for this month's Show and Tell. Also, **Dennis Bonucchi** was present. He models in HO scale and is interested in rejoining Division 8.

**VISITOR DAN NELSON'S
VINTAGE
3 DOME TANK CAR**



Show and Tell

This month's topics were either Southern California or a current project. We had a wide variety of offerings from the **Left Coast**. These included a book about the San Diego Trolleys brought by **Terry Bossick**. **Dave Thornton** brought a rare book about modeling the Cajon Pass.



WAR EMERGENCY GONDOLA from TIM FISHER Floor of the car is wood to save steel.

Rolling stock shown included a Southern Pacific drop bottom gondola. **Larry Wolohan** said that this had been a convention car at San Jose in 2000. **Jim Clements** brought a nice Colorado & Southern scratchbuilt passenger car and **Saul Kalbfeld** described how the Unicel Reefer had been an experimental car from 1950 that had never been placed in service. Ambroid made a model of this car in it's first series of craftsman models. **Jim Mitzel** brought a very interesting blue print of the **CMStP&P** That's Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR. Way too long to be spelled out on a Z scale boxcar. The map showed 4800 feet of the railroad's property as it passed through Mobridge, South Dakota at a scale of 1 inch to 100 feet. Dan purchased the print from an antique paper dealer. This type of artifact can be very valuable to a modeler who is working toward a civil engineering or prototype modeler award. Obviously a lot of selective compression is necessary, except in N scale where a mere 30 feet would be required to model the area as shown. In Z Scale, no problem.

We had several interesting structures this month. **Jim Zinser** described how he built the JL Innovative Icehouse. He described several changes made to improve the model.



JL INNOVATIVE ICEHOUSE by JIM ZINSER

The highly accurate roofing material is from Paper Creek Model Works. Check out their web site.

Paper Creek Model Works
<http://www.papercreek.com/>

Gene Kome brought a number of Southern California related photos. He has a particular interest in local Amtrak motive power and the Surf Line that runs right along the Pacific shore to San Diego. Thanks to everyone else not mentioned here for their contributions this month. It might be noted that non-participants in Show and Tell were not accessed a quarter this month since the **Enforcer** was not present. Let your conscience be your guide.

Division 8 Finances

There is no treasurer's report available for this month. I tried to reach Marv at the **Bellagio** but to no avail.

Announcements

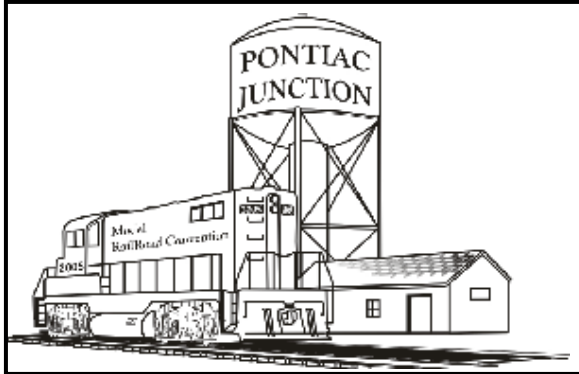
President **Curt Danielewicz** said that we have 26 home layouts lined up for the Fall convention. If you want to add your railroad to the roster, contact layout open house chairman **Dan Lewis**. Curt also mentioned that the I-75 Square Lake Road exit will be under construction during the period of the convention. Hopefully, this will not be a major inconvenience to attendees.

New Business

There was no new business discussed this month.

Minutes for February 17, 2005

The minutes were accepted as read.



2005 NCR Convention Update

Two of the many clinics we are offering at the **Pontiac Junction Convention** will be chaired by **Allen McClelland** and **Andy Sperandeo**. Allen's clinic will be on operations in the form of an informal format. He'll bring up different points, backed with a slide presentation and solicit the audience for ideas on how they would handle the situation. Allen calls this a directed roundtable.

Andy is offering to do a formal clinic on yard design. This will be coupled with a directed roundtable clinic on layout design. We are looking for some people to cover other areas of layout design and Andy will lead the yard design portion of the clinic.

Both of these clinics sound like wonderful opportunities to learn and to share. Parties for the roundtable discussions are asked to contact **Clinic CO-Chair Joel Goldberg** at **248-661-5350** or **joelgoldb@yahoo.com**.



SCHERZER ROLLING LIFT BRIDGE OVER THE CAYAHOGA RIVER



**THE EXPERIMENTAL UNICEL REEFER AS IT APPEARED ON THE RIGHT
A SECOND MODEL IS DECORATED FOR THE ATSF
This kit was part of the Ambroid "K" Series**

Great Lakes Express 2007

The April meeting of the Great Lakes Express 2007 Planning Committee will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at the Livonia Senior Center in Livonia.

The Livonia Senior Center is located on Farmington Road, just south of 5 mile road, in the Livonia Civic Center in Livonia, MI. For those coming from other areas, I would suggest avoiding I-96 east of I-275 due to construction on I-96. Take I-275 to the 6 Mile Road and head east to Farmington Road and then head south to the Civic and Senior Center on the left (east) side of Farmington Road. **Dave Thornton** reminds us that there are lots of openings for volunteers. He hinted that there could be an Amtrak excursion to Durand but that aerial surveys during the convention have been ruled out by the NMRA for insurance reasons.

Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton reports that the **NMRA** is in the black and that membership has stabilized. Certain changes in membership categories will take place. The affiliate member category is being eliminated and members will be assigned a region and division based on where they live.

The **NMRA** is publishing a new book on freightcars. It will include 300 photographs taken in the Harrisburg, PA area in the years 1948 and 1949. Watch future issues of Scale Rails for further information.

Dave also reminded us that the 2005 NMRA District Director ballot is in the February issue of Scale Rails. He is running unopposed for Director of the Central District. It is still important to check off his name to prevent any dark horse write ins from winning. Note that you can only vote for the Central District, At-Large North America and At-Large Worldwide.

Clinic and Video Presentation given by Jerry Shanek

The theme was "It's amazing what money can do". The series of videos covered private excursions and elaborate home and club layouts. Private trains made up of individually restored coaches offer a step back in time. June Garland of Avalon Rail manages the acquisition and restoration of vintage American passenger cars that are then sold to 1:1 scale modelers who haven't figured out that you don't have to buy full size cars to enjoy railroading. Other topics included Howard Zanes HO home layout, the Twin Cities Railroad Club in Milwaukee, Steve Baldwin's outstanding Lionel display, and Northlandz, one man's life passion, who incidentally has a lot of money. Howard Zane's layout covers 2500 square feet in his basement. He says that model railroading is actually an art form. I think we can all agree.

Some Related Websites

Northlandz www.northlandz.com

Avalon Rail www.avalonrail.com

Howard Zane www.zanestructures.com

Australian Orient express www.infohub.com/TRAVEL/SIT/sit_pages/10809.html (One of many related sites)

North Carolina Transportation Museum www.ci.salisbury.nc.us/nctrans/



RIVERSIDE OIL COMPANY TANK CAR

Meeting Photographer

Thanks again to Joel Goldberg for photographing this month's Show and Tell items.

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division of the NCR of the NMRA will be held on April 21, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Troy Christian Chapel located at 400 E. Long Lake Road in Troy on the south side of the street between Livernois Road and Rochester Road.

The **Show and Tell** for the April meeting will anything relating to short lines, narrow gauge or a current project.

The Scheduled **Clinic Presentation** will be the history and modeling of the Westside Lumber Company.

The March 17, 2005 meeting was **adjourned at 9:20 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary