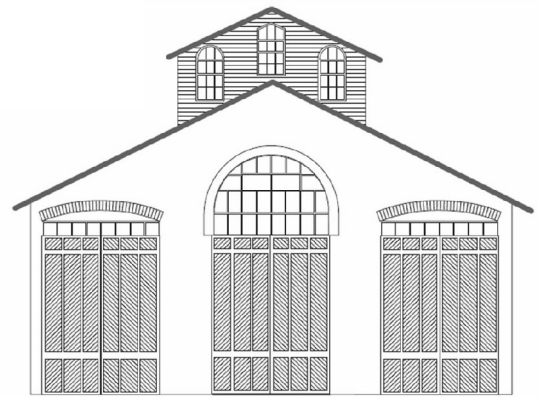


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The News

Rad Jones Receives AP Certificate

Troy, MI: Larry Wolohan [left] presented Achievement Program certificate for Chief Dispatcher to Rad Jones.



Congratulations Rad!

Visitors From Division 6

Troy, MI: Seven members of NCR-Division 6



participated in tonight's meeting. They include Jim Tilley, Rich Mahaney, Larry Wolohan, Norm Logan, Jim Zinser, and Marty LaForte. Dick Hardin escaped before the picture was taken; Wolohan and Zinser are regulars at Division 8 meetings.

Standing Room Only!



Troy, MI: 56 people participated in tonight's meeting. While not a record (that's 70), we did run out of chairs for those not fortunate to arrive early.

National News

Dave Thorton reports that **Allen Pollock** has announced that he will resign as NMRA Vice President with the conclusion of the Board of Directors (BOD) at the Milwaukee National Convention in July. The BOD will select a new VP at the meeting.

Donations to the **Diamond Club (DC)** are already arriving at Headquarters. The DC's goal is to fund added content to the NMRA website, beginning with digitization of the Kalmbach Library's vast collection (> 100,000) of photographs.

Didrik Voss, head of the Conformance Department reports that he has been working with major manufacturers of **Large Scale** model railroad equipment on recommended practices for **couplers**.

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Free-Mo Set-Up for NTS2010
 Milwaukee, WI: Per Bill Gawthrop, NTS2010 has granted the Free-Mo group 4,200 ft² for their modular layout. Plans can now be finalized for the module layout, rolling stock, and operations of the layout.

Model of the Quarter
 Troy, MI; *Remember* to bring your model of the *Cedar Swamp Depot* for judging at the Model of the Quarter at the April 15th Division 8 meeting.

The model for the second quarter contest will be introduced at the April meeting as well.

Plastic Surgeon
 Troy, MI: Unknown to most of us, until tonight, Dan Lewis is a practicing plastic surgeon; in N scale that is. Dan has recently changed the gender of a number of N scale plastic cows into steers! The dexterity, the eye strain, the delicate cuts are very taxing!
 Dan explained how he painlessly is able to perform his operations without a sound from the patients!
 See Show-and-Tell for evidence. Wow!

In Memory of Larry Lauer
 Troy, MI: Division 8 will make a monetary contribution to the Kalmbach Library, Diamond Fund (digitization project) in the name of Larry Lauer who recently passed away.

In Memory of Mike Philips
 Troy, MI: Division 8 is making a monetary contribution to the Kalmbach Library in memory of Mike Philips who passed away last August.

Tonight's Visitors
 Troy, MI: Three visitors joined the March meeting. They are Glenn Swartz, Bob Manning, and Kevin Smith.

Division 8 Layout Tour
 Troy, MI: The spring layout tour date has been delayed per Dan Lewis. A new date will be announced at the April Division 8 meeting.

SHOW & TELL

The topic for the March show and tell was anything meat packing, refrigerator cars or stock cars. Of course, current projects were also fair game.

My apologies as I unknowingly had camera problems at the meeting. As a result, several photos that I thought I took did not turn out.

Dick Dittus offered an On3 scale refer lettered for the Rio Grande Southern.



Phil Doolittle brought in a beautiful painting of an articulated steam engine. Phil says that this was his first attempt at painting. Wow!



John Jackson brought in an HO scale livestock trailer by Intermountain.



Joel Goldberg brought in an HO scale Palace Poultry Car which he built from an Ambroid kit.



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Bruce Fielder brought in the Chestnut Packing Company in HO scale. This building was from Al Crowley's layout. The building is now on the Stoney Creek's modular railroad.



Vince Robinson offered 4 wood car bodies in O scale. These car bodies were built from prototype plans and represent a group 15 cars and 8 partial bodies that Vince built.



Jack Watson showed an HO scale MDT refer by Intermountain.



Dan Lewis, plastic surgeon and gender changer offered 4 N scale steers that had undergone one of Dan's sex change operations. Pretty amazing, wouldn't you say?



Roger Terey brought in a bone chip car, a.k.a. wood chip car in HO scale, lettered for BNSF.



Paul Runyan brought in an Atlas model scale of a Kahn's Meat Packing Car and an Accurail model of a 40' Pennsylvania RR stock car. Both models are in HO scale.



Dave Thornton brought an Oscar Meyer refer in O scale.



Ed black brought an out-of-stock (get it?) caboose.



Marc Forrest brought in a Railway Express Refrigerator car (GN 2021) which he built from an Ambroid kit between 1954-56 while he was at M.I.T. He also brought in a ACL watermelon car, Rock Island refer and a Crisco transport car. All models are in HO scale.



Jim Zinser brought in an express refer from Walthers along with a wood refer he built from an Intermountain kit. Both models are in HO scale.

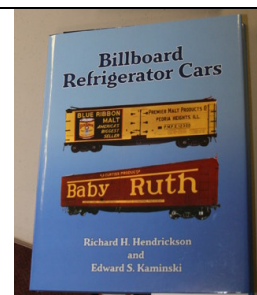
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Terry Bossick brought in a Gore & Daphetid stock car which he built from a Roundhouse / MDC kit. The kit price tag was \$2.95 when he bought it several years ago.



Larry Wolohon brought in a Swift refer and a GN Mather stock car, both in HO scale. Larry also brought in a book, "Billboard Refrigerator Cars."



Rick Ware offered a MTH-Railking 1:32 scale refrigerator car decorated for the Pepper Packing Company. The model was a door prize given at the 2007



Jim Clements brought in three HO scale cattle cars which he built from Grandt Line kits.



NMRA post-convention party.

Bill Moore brought in one of the first HO scale cars he ever built. It is a stock car lettered for the Cilleyville & Franconia Notch RR. The kit was by LaBelle.



Phil Maaske brought in an article from the February issue of Trains Magazine "History of Refers"

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Bill Gawthrop brought in an HO scale Mathers stock car lettered for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.



Curt Danielewicz brought in a refer and a stock car lettered for the Grand Trunk Western. Both models are in HO scale.



Ken Sherer offered a Snickers refer.

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Bob Sherer brought in an HO scale Gore & Daphetid / Alturis & Lone Pine stock car.

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Thanks to all who participated in Show and Tell w.e.g

Please forward any and all erratta to Bill Gawthrop, Car House editor at wegawthrop@aol.com. Virtual tomatoes are also welcome..... it's part of our quality improvement.....

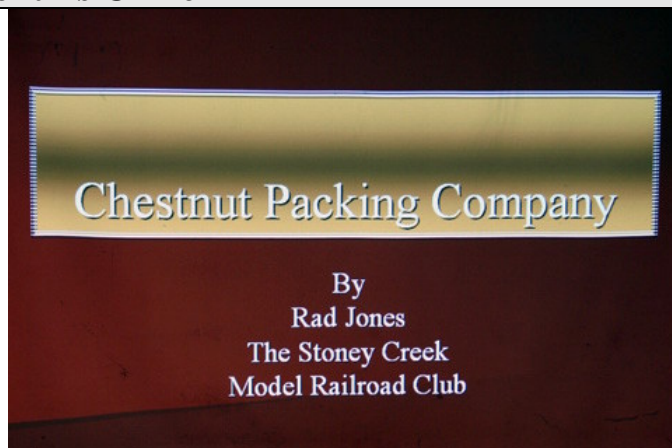
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This Month's Clinic

This month's clinic *The Chestnut Packing Company* was presented by **Rad Jones** and supported by the Stoney Creek Model Railroad Club.

Rad explained the interconnection of model railroads amongst members of the Stoney Creek Club using the theme of meat packing. The meat packing, in this case, is centered around railroad operations using the supply and distribution of meat to and from the Chestnut Packing Company. This focus is used in the monthly operating sessions of the Club.

In his clinic, Rad also explained how the meat packing industry worked and how it was served by the railroads.



Upcoming Events

1. **July 11 - 18, 2010: NMRA National Convention**, Milwaukee, WI

Clinic for March

Bill Gawthrop and Dave Thornton will present Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Operations in the 1950's

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Next Meeting's Show and Tell

The topic for next (April 15th) meeting's Show and Tell is:

Anything B&O

Of course, you may bring in your prized current project as well.