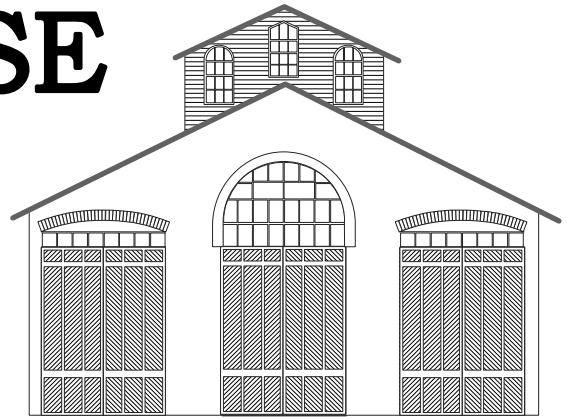
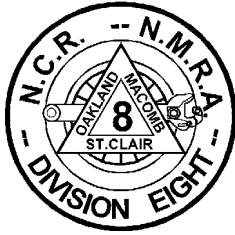


THE CAR HOUSE

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BILL MOORE IS AWARDED THE AP AWARD FOR SCENERY BY AP OFFICIAL LARRY WOLOHON.

Show and Tell

Peter Jacobson showed a small store, the Salinger Pharmacy, in honor of his family's name. He also brought in a Miller Engineering sign, which has a programmable circuit board, allowing up to 46 different patterns. **Dick Dittus** brought in a design artifact from before the era of CAD design for model railroaders, namely, a 1965 track planning template, that he acquired for the amazingly low price of \$3.00. **Rick Ware** brought in a large layout plan board. **Dan Lewis** has completed a nice N Scale rural gas station with lots of detail. **Phil Doolittle** has a loot bag from the Philly convention suitable for trips to the fruit market or the model train market. **Doug Kass** brought in a track chart sidings, elevations, and drainage. Dick Gray described his current N Scale layout, which depicts an intermodal seaport theme. **Jim Dennis** is getting a lot of scenic work done on his layout, with his wife's assistance. He brought in a couple of fence kits, a hairpin fence kit, similar to the type placed between tracks at stations, to keep people from crossing, also a Faller iron fence which is a scale six feet high. **Allen Crowley** is working on a styrene model of the Bert, Michigan station, which will feature highly detailed windows. B&O enthusiast **Dave Thornton** brought in a wagon top boxcar, originally class M15 and converted to class M53. This is a very old O Scale model but close inspection reveals nice detail. **Ken Scherer** discussed painting backdrops and trees, and also showed a Rix storage tank. **Rich Wall** is a new member, active with the GV club. He is planning a new room size layout using CAD tools. **Joel Goldberg** brought in his pickle works complex, with very nice detail. Has everything but the smell. **John Kline** brought in a photo of the Milford depot. **Jim Zinser** has completed another Walthers snap together store, this one a pet supply store. **Larry Wolohon** brought in an old Kalmbach track planning book. I have the same one, somewhere. Finally, **Jerry Shanek** showed his updated G Scale trackplan. Thanks to all who participated in the April **Show and Tell**.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:09 PM. An exact count of the attendance was not made but about 35 members and guests would be a reasonable estimate.

ELECTION SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21, 2009

PRESIDENT

Jerry Shanek

TREASURER

John Jackson

SECRETARY

Bill Gawthrop

DIRECTOR

Allen Crowley

Joel Goldberg

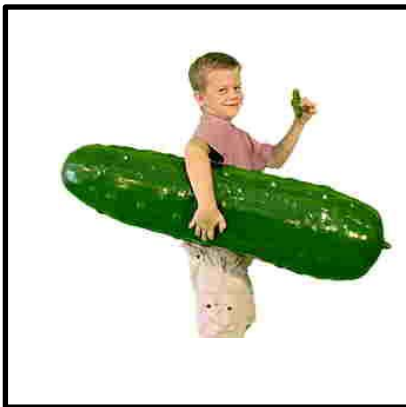


Division 8 Business and Finances

Treasurer **John Jackson** reports by e-mail that the division check account has a balance of \$1124.53 and that the total including CD's and their accrued interest totals \$4172.04. John requests that any new members in his absence, should pay their user fee and provide address and e-mail information to another division officer.

Old Business

Marv Linke reminds us to please all follow up and send a message to the NCR board regarding our proposal to provide model railroad magazine subscriptions to local high school libraries. We urge acceptance of the proposal as originally written. See the sample letter on the next page.



THE GOLDBERG PICKLE WORKS ONLY PROCESSES ONE PICKLE A YEAR BUT IT'S BIG!



New Business

Photo contest chairman **Dan Lewis** will not be available to judge entries at the Fort Wayne NCR convention since he will be conducting a wedding here. Efforts to move the wedding ceremony to the host hotel's banquet facilities were unsuccessful. **Allen Crowley** will substitute. Dan also offered a group of books donated by a member of the church. We thank this person with assurances they will all find good homes.

Announcement

The fall GV train show will be at the Mt. Clemens Gibraltar Trade center since the MCCC field house is undergoing renovations. The club will have a lot of space for two days. This opens the possibility that the division could schedule a rail related event on the available day.



To; Members of Division Eight, North Central Region, NMRA
From: Grant Committee
RE. Grant Proposal
To All Members,

The proposal for magazine subscriptions offered to school libraries was well received by the NCR Budget committee. However, we were asked to reduce the cost of the proposal by eliminating one of the subscriptions. As discussed at the last Division meeting we feel the proposal will be much more effective in its original form. The response of this committee and Division members is to ask the Budget Committee to reconsider. Attached is an example of a response. Please consider e-mailing or writing members of the Budget Committee asking that the proposal is granted as is.

Use the prepared letter or construct your own response. Print out the letter to respond by mail or copy the text to your e-mail letter. Again, you can use your own words for a more personal touch.

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Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on May 21, 2009 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 April meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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

A Message from Marv Linke

Last meeting I proudly accepted the nomination for President of Division Eight. Having been Treasurer in the past made me aware of the duties of the office. I have spent the last few weeks planning some of the points I hoped to bring to the membership and offer changes that would increase the experience. However, I recently learned that I will not have Thursdays available due to classes I am taking this semester and perhaps for the next year. This forces me to withdraw my nomination. I do ask that someone with the time and willingness will step forward and agree to run for President. Thank You, Marv Linke

Clinic and Show and Tell Scheduled for May

Clinic is a video on Circus on the Railroads from Jerry Shanek. S & T is anything to do with the circus or current project.

A Message from President Jerry Shanek

I have been receiving input from the membership on the length of time the show and tell has been running lately. I realize we all have our favorite subjects around model railroading but with the great attendance we have been having at meetings lately, it is important that we summarize and limit our individual presentations to approximately 2 minutes to keep the overall meeting time shorter so that it gets us out at an earlier time.

Please don't let this discourage anyone from presenting any railroad related material but use it as a guideline to help better manage our time. If someone has a topic that would require more time to present then let the division leadership know so that we may consider it as possible material for a clinic or maybe even have two or three presenters be the clinic for the evening.