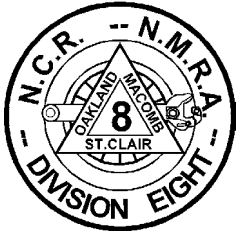
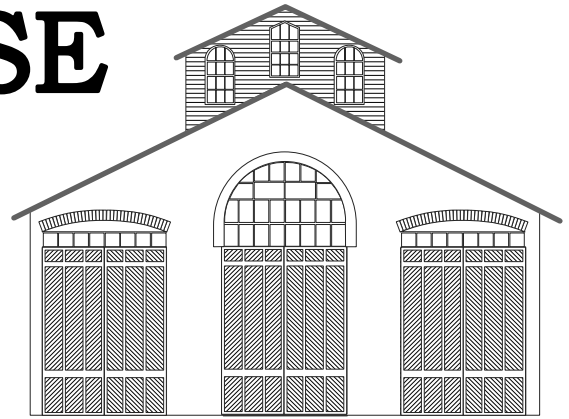


THE CAR HOUSE

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SHOW AND TELL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS MONTH
THE SUBJECT WAS ANYTHING RELATING TO THE SANTA FE AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. We had no visitors this month.

Show and Tell

Gene Kome discussed the history of the CF-7 road switchers which were rebuilt from older F3, F7, and F9 EMD cab type locomotives. In the 1970's the SF needed additional switching power with the solution being a project to rebuild these units. As cab units, they were impractical to use in switching service. Even though the original frames may be over 50 years old, there are still a few running on shortlines.



CF-7 ROAD SWITCHER BY ATHEARN

Tim Fisher showed an SF 2-10-2 3800 Class mountain service steam locomotive. **Dave Thornton** offered an SFRD class RR37 50 foot O scale reefer. He explained how the icers opened the roof hatches from platforms that were placed away from the car ends to minimize falling danger. **Saul Kalbfeld** showed a model of the same class car in HO scale with a different paint scheme. **Fred Cosgrove** offered some Pacific Electric models with an accompanying short history of the PE "Blimps" and the big Red cars and how the cars had been reconfigured from pantographs to trolley poles on the "Big Red" cars when Pacific Electric took over operations from the Southern Pacific. **Jerry Shanek** brought an FA in G scale while **Rick Ware** brought an SP coach. Rick also mentioned that they had recently been in LaGrange, Kentucky, where CSX has a line running through the street in that city. Incidentally, there is a photo in the July, 2005 issue of **TRAINS**, of a CSX train in the middle of town. Larry Wolohan brought a book about the famed Techahapi Pass.

Dan Lewis offered a brief slide show on a trestle under construction on his notable N Scale layout and also several shots of SP Daylight cars that had been parked on a trestle and being used as a movie location during the production of **Broken Arrow** a number of years ago.

LARRY LAUER'S SOUVENIR CAR FROM THE 1978 DEARBORN NATIONAL CONVENTION



Division 8 Business and Finances

Treasurer **Marv Linke** was unable to attend the May meeting but forwarded the following information:

The current checking account balance \$4,454.95

Total assets 4,704.95

There are 64 members in Division 8 to date.

Sold 19 Convention Cars.

Sold 11 Pike ads for the booklet.

Sold 1 Registration.

Contact **Marv** if you are interested in purchasing a **Pike Ad**.

Announcements

For west side members, **Joel Goldberg**, has told me that this store is been open for a while. Check them out, since there are no hobby stores anywhere close to this area.

Carleton Hobbies

8194 Cooley Lake road

White Lake, MI 48386

248-360-4810

The store is located on Cooley Lake Road, just East of Union Lake Road, on the North side of the street. They carry a large line of planes and cars are now getting into trains.

Division 6 members **Glenn Joppich** and **Roy Jones** will host open houses on Sunday, June 5. See the included map for times and locations.

2005 NCR Convention Update

President **Curt Danielewicz** reports that for the 2005 Pontiac Junction regional convention a tour through the Flint GM plant will not be available, but that the GM Truck and Bus plant is still a possibility as is a tour of COE Rail and a tour of CN facilities. So far 30 member layouts will be open and 31 clinics will be offered over 2 days.



*The Woodpecker Lake
Speedway*



2007 NMRA Convention Update

Dave Thornton announced that the next planning meeting will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 4, 2005 in Grand Rapids, hosted by **Division 4**. After the meeting, we are invited to attend an afternoon operating session at **Bruce Chubb's Sunset Valley Lines**. If you have never visited or heard of Bruce's railroad, this is one you need to see. The **NMRA** budget is in the black and the goal is to maintain costs. Dave again said that the NMRA museum would probably be moving to the California Railroad Museum in Sacramento. (Mentioned in the previous issue of the **Car House**.)

Tour Report

Fred Cosgrove and **Terry Bossick** recently returned from a trip to **Philly** and described the rebirth of a group of the city's famed trolleys. Fred described the restoration of 2 old new cars (1981 Kamasakis), and 2 new old cars (PCC Cars) and a total of 14 to 18 PCC cars to a new configuration that includes air conditioning in the City of Brotherly Love. We should be so lucky here in **Motown**. We've got **SMART**. Anyone remember **SEMPTA**? Sorry for my political interjection.

New Business None

Clinic for May

Larry Wolohan offered a brief slide show on the Model Railroads of Balboa Park in San Diego. They layouts are housed in an historic building and cover all the main scales. This might be an interesting stop if you are in the area, although the layouts vary in age and condition.

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held on June 16, 2005 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. Meeting time is 7:00 PM.

Show and Tell for the meeting will be any current project.

Scheduled Clinic

Saul Kalbfeld will present a 10 minute **mini-clinic** on the modeling applications of pressure sensitive papers and double stick film that laser cut kit manufacturers use in "peel and stick" construction. At this time, any other Clinic presentation is **TBA**.

I failed to note the adjournment time of this month's meeting. It was probably about 10 minutes before many of the members invaded the **BIG BOY** restaurant. Thanks again to **Joel Goldberg** for this month's photos.

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

