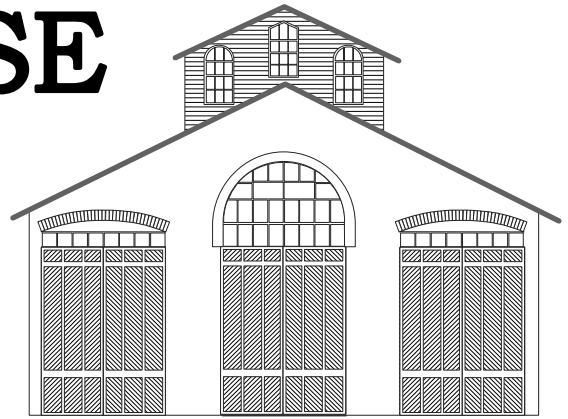
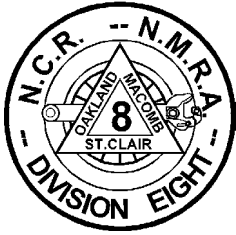


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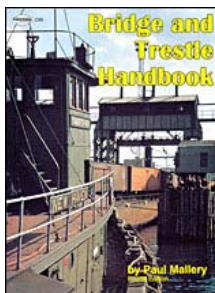


Call to Order

The monthly meeting of Division 8 of the NCR-NMRA was called to order at 7:00 PM by treasurer **Marv Linke** in president **Curt Danielewicz's** absence. We had 25 regular members present counting a couple of late arrivals. The division welcomes new member **Bill Moore** to the group. Bill lives in Grosse Point and has an interest in northeast railroads, and in particular, the Boston and Maine and Central Vermont.

Show and Tell

We had a good showing this month, considering the subject matter of Chinese steam and railroads in general. Not too many quarters were added to the piggy this month. Then again, the default subject for show and tell, a current project brought the most participation. **Fred Cosgrove** brought in a book about an Iowa traction line and also a Chinese steam engine puzzle. **Terry Bossick** showed off a Chinese electric locomotive. **John Gervasso** proudly displayed a Bachman locomotive that had been manufactured in China. It said so on the bottom. Nice try John. **Dave Thornton** recently came across an ancient issue of Model Trains Magazine from an earlier century that featured an article on the historic depot in Durand, Michigan. He also showed Baltimore & Ohio employee timetables. **Rick Ware** described the construction details of a G Scale depot that he brought in. **Vince Robinson** showed an early attempt at scratch building a locomotive in O Scale. The partially completed boiler and cab gives us an idea of how much work can go into such an effort. **Ed Black** has a continuing love affair with trees. This is not the same as being a tree hugger. First of all, Ed's trees are too small. Ed saves all his used Chinese chopsticks for his trees and the good thing about Chinese food is that you are hungry again in an hour. **Tim Fisher** is working on a truss bridge project. He brought in a completed deck section. The entire bridge will be made of multiple identical sections. He is using **Carstens Bridge and Trestle Handbook** as a reference.



Bridge & Trestle Handbook 2nd printing, by Paul Mallery

Paul Mallery's acclaimed book covering every imaginable railroad bridge, underpass, culvert, trestle, text and illustrations. For railfans and modelers. \$22.95 Carstens Publications

At the right is a grain hopper in, yes, that is pink, in front of a group of polystyrene pipes that **Jerry Shanek** is fabricating into a huge grain silo complex on his G Scale outdoor layout. A comment was made from somewhere in the assemblage asking if he had a building permit. No, it was not the building inspector, only **Dave Thornton**. **George Anderson** brought in a lantern from the Mineral Range Railroad in the Upper Peninsula. The company markings appear on the frame and globe. George noted that this line eventually became part of the DSSA which was finally absorbed into the Soo Line. **Jim Clements** gave the group another update on his layout section realignment to making it easier for operators to move around the layout.

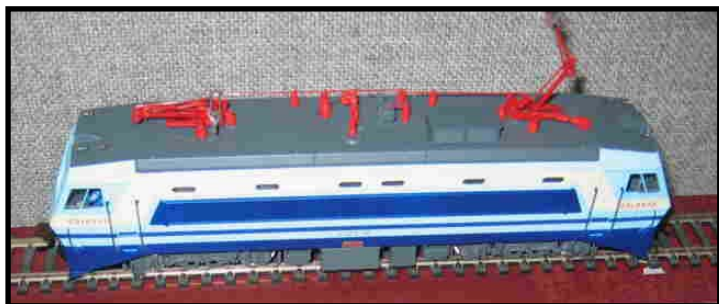


Show and Tell (Continued)

To the right is pictured **Dick Dittus'** China Locomotive. It was "**hand fired**" then glazed. **Gene Kome** brought in a book--Train Journeys of the World. This book describes a Chinese rail trip of over 1300 miles and the last Chinese 2-8-2 type produced in 1989. **Jim Zinser** brought in a geared three truck Shay logging locomotive. **Larry Wolohon** reports that he is working on scenery and brought in several pictures. The GN is one of Larry's favorite modeling subjects and the prototype for his layout. He described a GN water tower in Wilmar, Minnesota, out of service for 45 to 50 years. Finally, seen below is a model of a Chinese electric locomotive owned by **Terry Bossick**. Thanks to all the participants in this month's Show and Tell.



**"CHINA" LOCOMOTIVE--VERY FUNNY
25 CENTS PLEASE**



Division 8 Business and Finances

Bean Counter **Marv Linke** reports that we have \$2435.24 in checking and 2 1000 dollar CD's invested for 13 months. We can all breathe easy that none of our funds was invested in Enron stock. We have 17 members whose dues are unpaid. Our new cutoff date will be January, 2007. Also we have lost 15 members in the past year.

2007 NMRA Convention Update

Dave Thornton said that as of this meeting, the 2007 convention is 426 days away. As of this moment, the planning committee has met for the June, 2006 meeting and will be on summer break. There are up to 100 clinics shaping up, but that not all will be presented. Dave also reports that there are no new NMRA museum announcements. **Barb Fisher**, non-rail activity chairperson presented an update on convention planning. Up to 300 convention attendees will be women, out of a total expected registration of 1500 to 2000 NMRA members.



DOUG LIEFIELD'S CHINESE TANKER

Barb and Tim Fisher offered a handout sheet to the members present that outline planned activities that will be of interest to NMRA members as well as their spouse or companion. Planned tours include the Henry Ford Museum, the Redford Theatre, the Michigan Dinner Train, among others. Also planned is some kind of party each day and a number of non-rail clinics as diverse as art, fashion, health, and travel. If you can help in any way and you or your significant other would like to participate contact either Barb Fisher or Eileen Britsky.

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2006: Philadelphia, PA - <http://www.nmra.org/2006/>
July 2 - 8, 2006
The Mid-Eastern Region hosts
Independence Junction
for 2006.

New Business

No new business, or any old business for that matter was brought up for discussion.

Hints and Tips

Jerry Shanek noted that several Radio Shack stores across our area are closing, if they have not already done so. The stores feature many small electronic and mechanical parts of value to model railroaders. Personally, I feel as if this stock has not been much of a profit source for the stores for some time since the turn over is so slow. There are now only a few places where small electronic parts can be purchased. As electronic components have become smaller and more integrated, fewer parts are available that suit our purposes.



Rick Ware's G Scale Depot



Fred Cosgrove's Chinese "puzzle"



Vince Robinson's Scratch Steamer Project

Presentation for May

Jim Zinser presented a video that he received from a British railfan friend. The programme featured the last days of big time Chinese steam operation as seen by a group of rail tourists assembled from around the globe. The featured act was the Chinese 2-10-2's which are some of the last designed Chinese locomotives. Two or possibly more of these mighty engines have been purchased for import by US tourist operators.

Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on June 15, 2006 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 Show and Tell subject for the meeting will be logging, mining, Upper Michigan or as always, a current project. The presentation will be given by Fred Rockwell reporting on the status of the Irv Shultz layout currently at NMRA Headquarters at Chattanooga.

The May, 2006 meeting was adjourned at the end of the meeting. Trek to **Big Boy** immediately thereafter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary