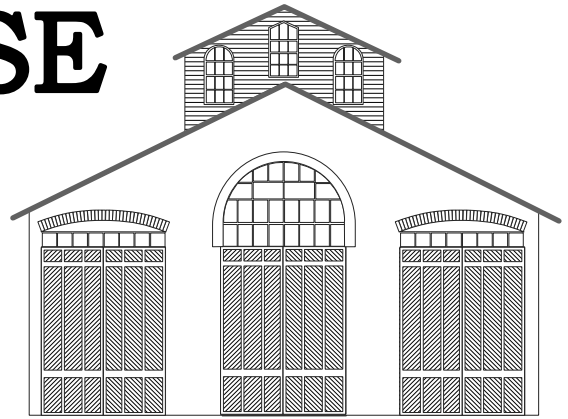
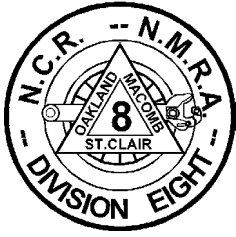


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Call to Order

The May meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:00 PM. 22 members were present with no visitors this month. Without delay, we launched into our Show and Tell event. All three of our officers were present and seemingly cognizant of events around them.

Show and Tell for May Snowfighters



Highlights of the May Show and Tell

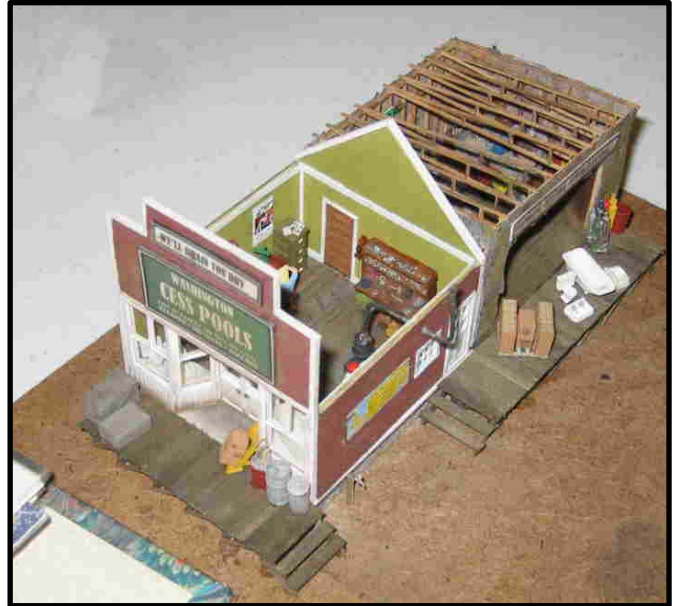
Fred Cosrove, a dyed in the wool EBT fan, that's East Broad Top, showed off an HO_n3 engine with character, like Fred. **Bill Gawthrop** brought in one of several Russell snowplows on display, decorated for the Coal and Coke Railroad. **Joel Goldberg** is working on the requirements for his Civil Engineering award, and so, brought in a scratch built switch, on a base with ballast. He used a Fast Trax template and PC ties in construction. See Joel if you are interested in learning more about these construction components. **Vince Robinson** brought in another of his treasures from yesteryear, this one a fifty foot fish belly flatcar. The model dates from 1935 and is a **Bill Lenoir** design. The trucks are correct for the model and are highly detailed.



Show and Tell continued

Ed Black brought in a small industrial building designed to fit in an available space. It was built from various scrapbox parts. **Jim Clements** showed a vintage Roundhouse caboose kit that cost ten dollars and was entered as a contest model. N Scaler **Rad Jones** brought in a pair of Walthers Russell snowplows. He added weight to the models so they could get through the drifts easier. **Jim Zinser** is close to meeting the requirements for NMRA structures award. One of the models he is qualifying is a small scratch built structure, Washington Cess Pools. No reference to national politics intended, nor influence peddling, lobbying, or illegal use of campaign funds. And did I mention former government officials joining the payroll of companies doing business with the federal government. Sorry for the tangent, but I've got space to fill here.

Dave Thornton showed off an impressive kitbash of a Lionel 50 foot auto boxcar with end doors. It's interesting how these cars take on a scale appearance once the awful Lionel trucks and couplers are replaced. **John Gavasso** showed off an Athearn rotary snowplow model. Seasoned traveler **Gene Kome** related some experiences of an Alaska trip and offered some pictures of a White Pass and Yukon rotary snow plow. **Rick Ware** displayed a photo of a West Virginia small town bank building, a likely modeling subject. He also has some shirt designs for indoor and outdoor railroads. And finally, President **Jerry Shanek** and self appointed division safety officer discussed the hazards of poison ivy, particularly for outdoor operators. As far as I know Woodland Scenics does not make scale poison ivy that would have to be applied to your layout with latex, or non-latex if you are allergic, gloves. Thanks, as usual to **Joel Goldberg** for this month's award winning photography. And thanks to all who participated in the May **Show and Tell**.



Visitors

The division welcomes **Bob Smith** from Goodrich. Bob is a new HO scale modeler interested in the 1950's to 1960's diesel era. He is registered to attend GLE2007.

Division 8 Business and Finances

Division bean counter **John Jackson** reports that the checking account has \$2604.31 in addition to the two \$1000 CDs. Once these mature we will consider storing the money in a member's freezer, particularly if you are a member in good standing and a politician of questionable repute. Sorry for piling on politicians this month, but it's so easy.

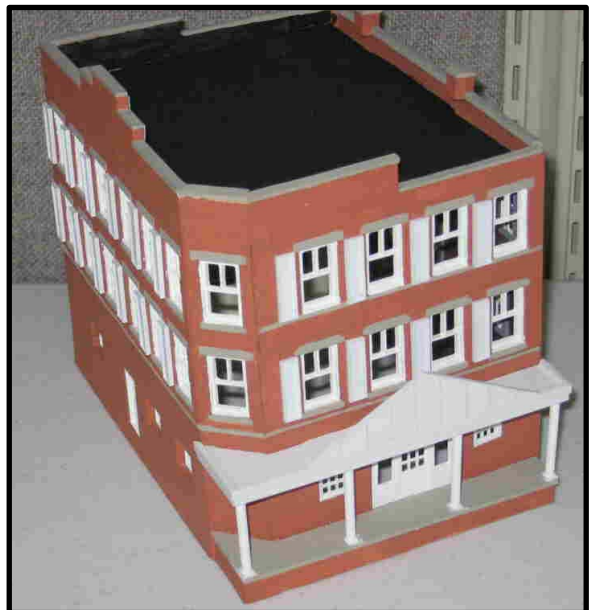
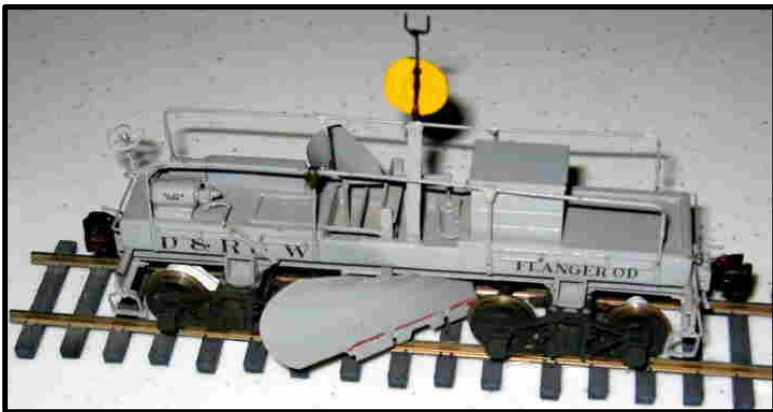


Announcements and Minutes Correction

Your secretary offers a correction regarding our April presenter. I misspelled **Lew Hoy's** and this is hereby corrected for the record. Also we had some mention of the proposal to provide name tags for the membership. I think this is a good idea since I still do not know everyone's name and I know others feel the same.

2007 NMRA Convention Update

Dave Thornton reminds us that as of the May meeting there are 66 days until the convention opens. It looks like one of the most popular events will be the Pere Marquette #1225 trip. Already 4 to 5 busses have been filled. The NS tour has been canceled. I have no further details why. The Detroit River dinner cruise has been sold out. The clinic schedule has been finalized, but the layout tour schedule still has some loose ends. 772 are registered for the convention. And finally, and most importantly, volunteers for the convention are still needed.



Request for Assistance

Stu Sonta has a project that requires decals of the USS logo. (United States Steel).

NMRA Directors Meeting

This is the big kahuna of NMRA meetings for the organization leadership. Is now a smaller group, with subjects such as rising membership and Scale Rails. I believe that **Dave Thornton** said members can sit in on the proceedings as observers only. Correct me if I am incorrect.



Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on June 21, 2007 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 for the meeting will be your favorite camera or a current project . Dan Lewis will present a clinic on model railroad photography.

The May meeting was adjourned at 9:30, give or take a few minutes with a caravan down to Big Boy following .

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