

THE CAR HOUSE

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION - NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
<http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

Superintendent, **Fred Cosgrove**, called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:10 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 31 people in attendance.

Visitors

Max Danielewicz, our secretary's son, was our lone visitor this month.

Show and Tell / Clinic Photos





Show and tell

The theme of this month was anything related to the steel industry, items displayed this month included: a Milwaukee Road design iron ore car painted for the Great Northern, a C B & Q mill gondola, a BN gondola, a Chessie System coil car, a piece of rail from a California mine with spikes, N scale gondolas with scrap metal loads, a STEEL boxcar, two books on the history of the Rouge complex, a P & LE mill gondola, a D & RGW mill gondola, an Ulrich composite

gondola, a Mason steam locomotive book, a home video of Dean Freytag's steel industry buildings that includes segments on Steelco operations in Ontario, CTC heavy transporters, and the Bay City Model RR club of Hamilton Ontario, a Varney ore car, a four-truck hot bottle car and finally two of the Southshore's first steel cars (a trailer and a combine).

Minutes Approval

The April meeting minutes were approved after a correction by **Jim Sieradzinski**. Jim noted that the 2007 convention has a list of 180 layout tour prospects, not 180 layouts signed up for tours. John cast the lone nay vote as usual.

Paymaster's Report

Marv Linke reported that the division had total assets of \$ 5,389.83

Marv reported that the division had 57 paid members and 3 life members.

Old Business

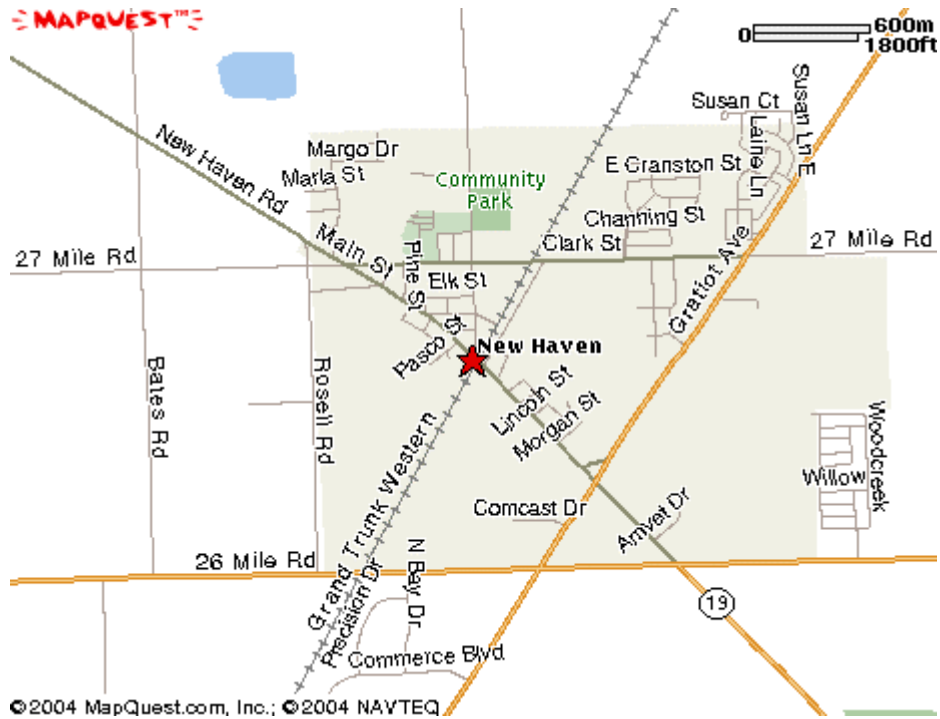
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New Business

Curt Danielewicz announced that three of the current division officers, **Fred Cosgrove** (president), Curt (secretary) and **Gene Kome** (director), are term-limited by the division constitution and cannot run for their respective offices again. An election will be held in accordance with the division constitution at the January 2005 division meeting. Any interested candidates should contact one of the officers prior to the January meeting so a ballot can be constructed if there are enough interested candidates. Remember that we NEED candidates this time around!

Announcements

- **Marv Linke** spoke about the opening of the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso and the letter that the division received confirming our donation to the institute. In addition to the letter, the institute also has a plaque on their grounds thanking the division for its donation.
- Marv also brought some flyers for an open house and antique car, truck and farm equipment display that will be held at the New Haven MI depot on June 27th from 11AM until 5PM.



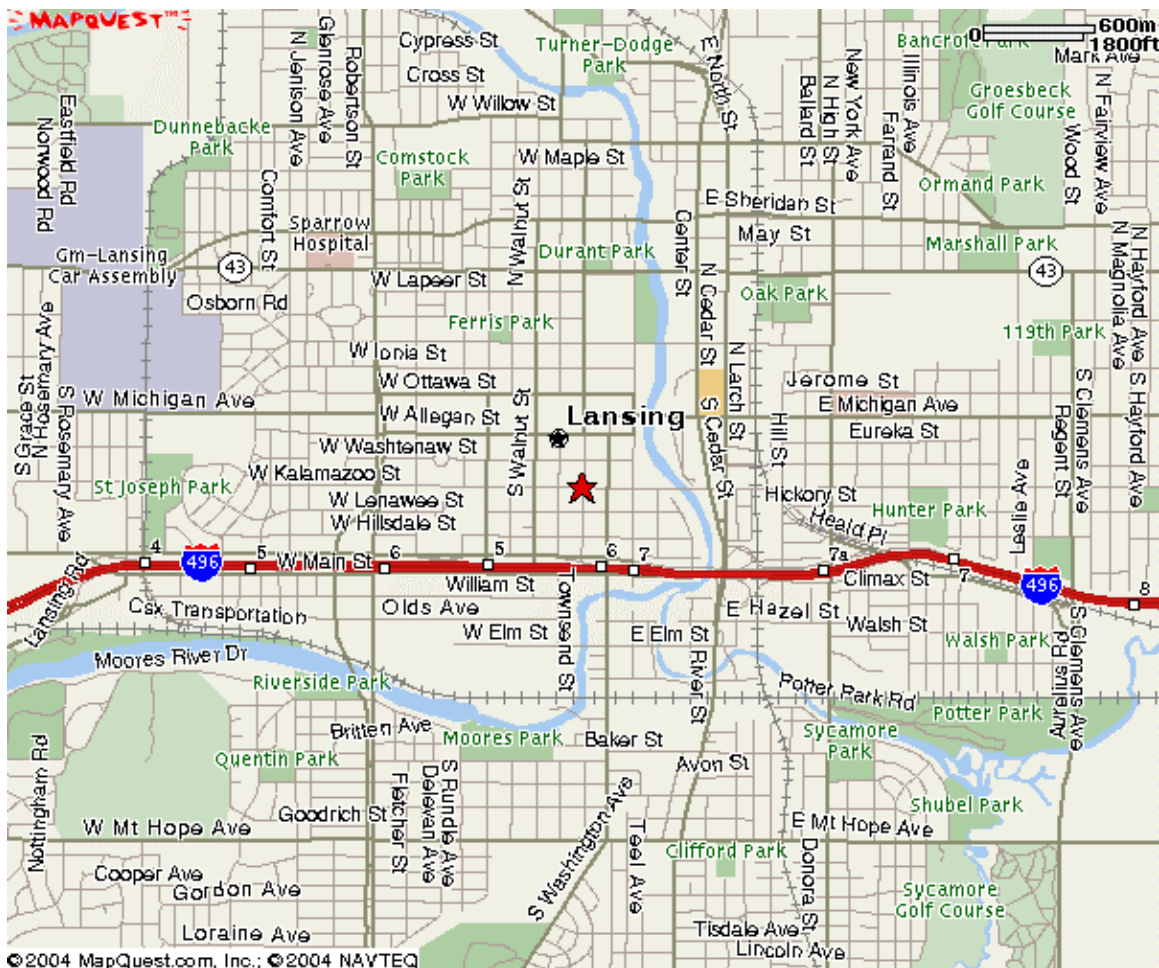
- Please note that the division 6 meeting has been moved up to June 18th rather than the typical fourth Friday of the month for the month of June only.

Achievement Program

Larry Wolohon presented **Tim Fisher** with his Electrical Engineering AP certificate. Congratulations Tim!

Convention Updates

- Division 8 members are needed for the 2005 NCR convention committee. The committee is still in need of a co-chairman, a convention guide coordinator and a donations solicitor. Contact 2005 Regional convention chairman **Curt Danielewicz** for more information. Recent committee volunteers are **Gene Kome** (convention collectables), **Mike Goldberg** (maps/directions for the convention guide), **Dan Mitzel** (hotel liaison), **Mrs. Mitzel** (non-rail coordinator).
- Please see **Joel Goldberg** or **Terry Bossick** if you can present a clinic at OUR 2005 convention. To date we only have one confirmed clinician for the convention!
- Please see **Dan Lewis** if you can open your home layout for tours during the 2005 or 2007 conventions. To date we have approximately 16 confirmed layout tour hosts.
- Please see the above three line items, we need to have as many of the clinics and layout prospects identified by the end of August to prepare the presentation that will be the advertisement for the convention. The presentation will be shown at the September division meeting for feedback and then shown at the Lansing convention to encourage people to attend OUR convention. Let's show the region that division 8 can put on a good show!
- Division 5 will host the 2007 National convention committee on June 26th at the Lansing Public Library. After the meeting, division 5 will be having a layout tour of some of the layouts that will be open at this fall's regional convention.



Hints and Tips

- **Dan Lewis** passed along an e-mail that he received that contained the news that the Union Pacific RR had filed a lawsuit against Athearn and Lionel.
- **Jim Zinser** informed everyone that Universal Studios had a very good website that featured photos of the studio backlot with the various dioramas that they use for shoots. The website address is <http://www.universalstudios.com/studio>

Clinic

The clinic, presented by **Tim Fisher** and **Rick Ware**, featured many slides and digital photos from the 2003 Industry Special Interest Group's convention that was held in Detroit. Over the course of a weekend the group toured Rouge Steel, Zug Island, Guardian Glass and a scrap metal processing yard. They also took a boat tour from Wyandotte that allowed the group to see Zug island's facilities from the water side and see the many industrial sites on the Rouge river all the way to the turning basin at the Rouge complex.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & tell

The next clinic will be video footage of Cuban steam operations by **Fred Cosgrove**. The show and tell subject will be anything steam/foreign or a current modeling project.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday, July 15th, 2004 at the Troy Christian Chapel. The Troy Christian Chapel is located at 400 East Long Lake Road (south side) between Livernois Road and Rochester Road.

Website

Division 8 Online – <http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>
2005 NCR convention – <http://ncr2005.ncr-nmra.org>
2007 NMRA convention – <http://www.gle2007.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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