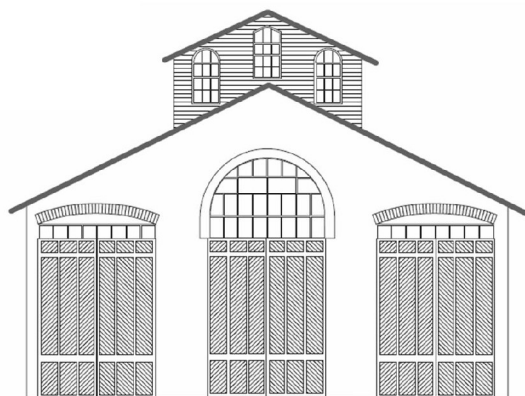


THE CAR HOUSE

Monthly Newsletter of
Division 8 North Central Region
National Model Railroad
Association



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Meeting: June 18, 2009

The News

New Officers Take Office

Troy, MI: Bill Gawthrop and Allen Crowley joined incumbents Jerry Shanek, Curt Danelewicz, and John Jackson as the new board of Directors for Division 8. Gawthrop is the new Dispatcher / Secretary while Crowley is a new Division 8 Director.

Bill Gawthrop Assumes Dispatcher / Secretary for Division 8

Troy, MI: Bill Gawthrop assumes the position of dispatcher / secretary for Division 8 from Saul Kalbfeld who has served for



the past four years.. Bill stated to the membership that he will be maintaining the newsletter format used by Saul (with a few twists.)

Bill did introduce a new "fact sheet" that he requested Show and Tell participants complete to aid him in crediting participants in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Troy, MI: John Jackson reports all is well as our bank account and certificates of deposit are doing well.

Bill Gawthrop Earns Golden Spike

Troy, MI: Larry Wolohon presented Bill Gawthrop with the Golden Spike Award. Bill earned the award back in February but has not been able to make a Division meeting for the past few months.



Stimulus Package Arrives

Troy, MI: The long awaited stimulus package arrived from the North Central Region. The funds will be used to support Division 8's new educational program.

NMRA Election Results

Chattanooga, TN: New leadership for the NMRA took office. Mike Brestel has been elected as President of NMRA. Allen Pollack was elected Vice President.

The new leadership takes the reins just as the NMRA is turning a corner toward increased membership and a more positive financial position. This according to Dave Thorton.

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Show and Tell

Meeting participants presented a wide array of items during show and tell. The topic was Grand Trunk Western or current project.

A current project for **Phil Doolittle** was a coal dock in N scale. Phil asked for help in designing a walkway for this coal dock. Several suggestions were made from meeting participants.



Gene Kome offered a GTW Rail Operations Manual. This manual is in a 3-ring binder with updates inserted current to April 1990.



John Jackson brought in three books and a pamphlet on the Grand Trunk Western including:

- GTW In Color, Volumes 1 & 2 by Jerry Pinkepank
- GTW – A Canadian National Railway by Patrick Dorin
- Steam's Last Stand – Last Steam Locos on GTW by Harold Frye

Walt Connell brought GTW F3's in two color schemes along with a GTW 2-8-2 (#3737) all by Athearn.

Larry Wolohon brought a P2K 50-foot GTW auto box car in HO as did **Jim Zinzser**. Larry built his car.



Jim confessed that he bought his car RTR. The two cars, by the way did have different numbers.

Bob Scherer brought pictures of operation on his new GB&W layout.

Jim Dennis brought a drawing of the first track pan tender water pick-up in the U.S. The facility was owned and operated by the New York Central. This drawing is very special as it was autographed Emmet Kelly, Jr. of Buchanan Jerk Water. The drawing appeared in Railroad Model Craftsman, Sept. 1970.

Jack Watson presented an HO scale GTW PS-1 box car with load.



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Peter Jacobson presented a Southern Box Car kitbashed from a Speedwitch kit. He also brought in an undecorated car to show the Speedwitch components.



Dave Thorton presented a Lionel GTW 50-ft auto box car converted to "O" scale. Dave explained the conversion process which included modifying the bolsters.



Dick Dittus presented an On3 scale D&RGW caboose originally a GTW caboose by Max Gray.



From **Allen Crowley**: A good use for the small chunks of blue or pink extruded styrene ("Blue Board" insulation material) is as track cleaners. The styrene tends to act like an eraser on the rail tops. AN added feature for these chunks is that they point out high spots in rail joints, guard rails, switch points and frogs.

Jerry Bossick presented a HO scale Grand Trunk Western wide-vision caboose by Atlas.



Bill Gawthrop presented an HO scale GTW GP9 in red and black with GT "noodle". This particular unit saw on a few years' service before being wrecked along with two other GTW Geeps in Owosso, Michigan. Following the wreck this GP9 (# 4556) was painted in the blue-red GT "noodle" scheme.



Thanks to all who participated in Show and Tell

Thanks to all who filled out the "Fact Sheets" for Show and Tell.

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Please forward any and all errata to Bill Gawthrop (wegawthrop@aol.com). Virtual tomatoes are also welcome..... it's part of our quality improvement.....

This Month's Clinic

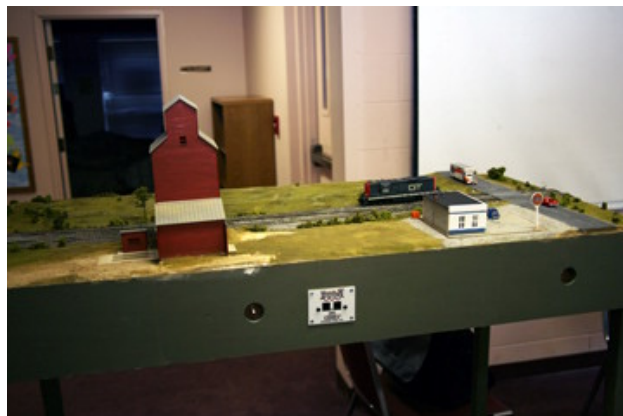
Free-Mo Chapter Two – Southeast Michigan By Bill Gawthrop

This presentation was a follow-up to an introductory presentation given by John Young and associates in April, 2008. John, in “Chapter One” introduced Free-Mo to the community of modelers in southeast Michigan.

“Chapter Two” follows that presentation with a brief review of Free-Mo and a status of its practices, exposure to modelers and the general public, experience in North America in general, and in southeast Michigan in particular.

This presentation included:

- **Free-Mo Basics:** a brief review of the elements of the standard and practices
- **My Experience with Free-Mo:** an overview of my module construction, techniques and pitfalls, and “railroad” operations
- **Free-Mo Reference:** a collection of references for the person modeling in the Free-Mo format
- **Free-Mo Photo Gallery:** a collection of photographs of Free-Mo in action



Two views of a module that Bill brought in for participants to examine.

Upcoming Events

A long list of events and activities are coming up on the calendar. Information is readily available via the Internet or on fliers at local hobby shops.

A couple of notable events include:

1. July 23 – 26: Train Festival 2009 in Owosso, Michigan
8 operating steam locomotives including SP4449, NKP 765, and PM 1225 amongst others. Model railroads and many other features are included in this festival.
2. August 9: Division 8 Layout Tour featuring layouts of:
 - a. Peter Jacobson
 - b. Ed Black
 - c. Saul Kalbfeld

Next Month's Clinic

Video presentation of Jack Burgess' fabulous Yosemite Valley Railroad.

Next Month's Show and Tell

The topic for next month's Show and Tell is:

- Short lines
or
- Narrow guage