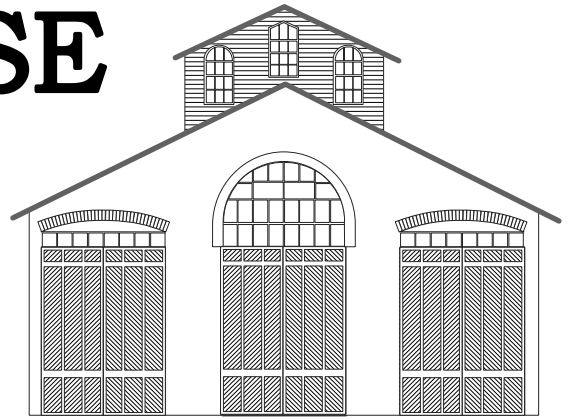
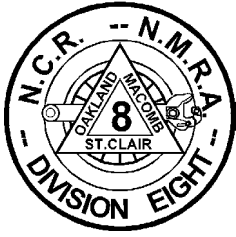


# THE CAR HOUSE

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## Call to Order

The regular meeting of Division 8 was called to order at 7:04 PM with all officers and 35 members present. This month's Show and Tell subject was our favorite, the GTW, now part of the sprawling CN empire. With that said, here are the highlights of this month's **Show and Tell**.

**Fred Cosgrove** brought in a GTW Pacific steamer road number 5629, but it is not yet numbered. Also, he showed off a GTW trolley. **Ed Black's** 3 'grand trunks' allowed him to skirt the quarter penalty, just barely. The three examples show the stages of his tree fabrication. **Joel Goldberg**, with credit given to Ed, brought in a book of plans released by Loew's Stores that show a number of simple home plans intended for New Orleans residents who are rebuilding homes lost to Katrina. The plans are potentially useful to structure modelers. **Dave Thornton** brought in a GTW book that recounted the operations at the Durand depot at the height of passenger service. Up to six trains could meet and exchange passengers in a one hour period. **Vince Robinson**, good friend of the late **Irv Schultz**, showed off the car at right, that was part of Irv's collection of memorable rolling stock. **Bill Moore** is working on a track plan that he shared with the group. Something to keep him busy and out of really busy people's way in retirement. The idea is to marry the CV and Maine Central in a shared pike. **Rick Ware** brought in a GTW car. **Larry Wolohon** brought in a couple of interesting items, one was an old Athearn metal side flat car, and also a 50 foot GTW auto box car. **Dan Lewis**, no city boy he, brought in an N scale stock corral for sheep or cows with a double chute. My question, is one chute for kosher? **Gene Kome** brought in a 1990 GTW operating manual. Great summer reading at the beach, but I'd want the paperback edition. **Rick Merryman** showed off a nice "Drinkwater House" model with a roof made from **Paper Creek** shingles. During his presentation we had a brief discussion on using acrylic paints such as the **Ceramcoat** brand available at **Michael's** stores. These paints come in many colors, can be brushed or sprayed, dry flat and most importantly are non toxic. This paint probably would not be suitable for metal work, but over wood, can work well. **Bill Gawthrop** EMD GP9 switchers in GTW colors. He also brought in a train schedule from the road.

**Minutes correction:** Your secretary apologizes to **Gerard Glezman** for confusing him with **Ken Chick** whom I will also apologize to if I happen to recognize him at a Division 6 event.



### Division 8 Business and Finances

Bean counter John Jackson reports that the division checking account has a balance of \$2559.77. We also have 2 CD's totaling \$2000.00. The only monthly expense is the mailed edition of the Car house. This totals about \$22.00.

### GLE2007 Convention

A fair amount of time was devoted to detailing the final convention preparations. **Barry Hensel** made a final appeal for volunteers and **Dave Thornton** offered his final pre convention update. By the time you read this it will be all over and you'll be waiting for the charge slips from the National Train Show to come in.

### June Presentation

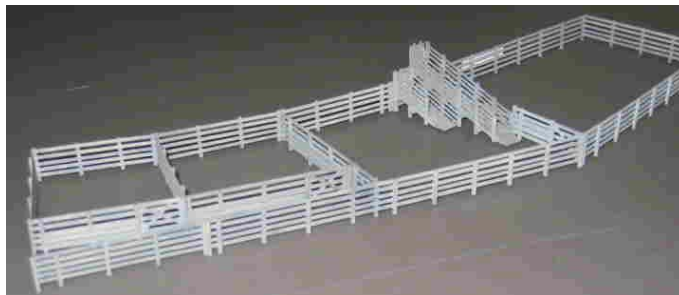
Thanks to Bill Gawthrop for showing a video of local GTW operations in the 1990's. Many familiar locations were featured in addition to a wide array of GTW freights.

**Again**, thanks to Joel Goldberg for this month's digital photography.

**In August** I'll return to a larger Car House, 3 or 4 pages, since we'll be able to again focus in on division centered activities.

Here are four useful websites for products mentioned in this month's meeting.

- <http://www.deltacrafts.com/Paint/Ceramcoat/>
- <http://www.michaels.com/art/online/home>
- <http://www.sallybeauty.com/>
- <http://www.loctiteproducts.com/>



### Upcoming Schedule

The next meeting of Division 8 of the NCR of the NMRA will be held at 7:00 PM on August 16, 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.

**Jim Zinser will show a video on steam in Panama.**

**The Show and Tell for the meeting will be anything relating to steam or a current project .**

The July meeting was adjourned 3 days before GLE2007 opened. Several members made the usual trek to Big Boy.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Saul Kalbfeld, Division 8, NCR-NMRA Secretary**