



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DIVISION SIX OF THE
NORTH CENTRAL REGION
OF THE NATIONAL MODEL
RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month and our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009**. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center Senior Center in Livonia, at 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. The meeting is from 7:30pm until 10pm.

NCR 2009 CONVENTION

The "Fort Wayne Shops" hosted by Div 3, is the official NCR Regional convention for 2009. The dates are October 15-18, 2009. The location is the Fort Wayne Marriott. Rooms are \$85 per night, call 260-484-0411 to book your reservation. For official convention registration, see a August 2009 HotBox issue, or go to the convention website at- www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org

Lots of additional information is also available on the website.

Contact info is email-

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Are you going? You SHOULD!

Convention plans/activities look very good, interesting and informative! See you at "The Shops"

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was layout design - pictures, plans, etc.... quite a few plans, drawings and photos of current and past layouts by the members. This subject was very well received and the show & tell took a bit longer, as most everyone had something to say about their layout plans! Very interesting too! While most of the Div 6 members have plans, now we need to make those plans into layouts! Of special interest was the "if I had a million \$\$" plan for a 1.5" gauge layout! Current projects shown were- a shay loco; 100+ telephone poles! We also thank those who donated to the caboose!
NEXT MEETING- show the model that you started in March! Remember...?

ON THE RAILS...

AUGUST 2009

Geez... it's August and that means summer is winding down! Well, that also means that model railroading is ramping up! There will soon be several good trains shows to attend and the annual NCR Regional Convention. This years' event is in Fort Wayne! There is still plenty of time to register, or even simply show-up at the door! See more details later in this newsletter. Our annual Fall Show & Workshop is also fast approaching, only 3.5 months away! I'm still "coming down" a bit from the big car event I help produce for our car (Camaro) club over the 4th of July. We had 250 Camaros from 11 states and Canada. I hope our 2010 NCR convention is as well attended! And RIGHT now... I'm behind a bit on the August HotBox. SORRY!! The online version should be out on time, but the printed version will be about a week late. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website is up. Check it out at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have an item to review, see Glenn before the meeting starts.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had a few new members at the last meeting. Please welcome Craig Arensman, John Terrell, and Chad Cox. To the new guys and all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

National convention was good! Low attendance, just 1000. Great layouts and clinics. Rode the Acela but it only got up to 120 mph! Also visited the Franklin & South Manchester of George Selios. Pictures of this layout do not do it justice - WOW! Jim Zinser and Larry Wolohon attended, Jim gave the report.

We have a movie screen! Doug and Hank Meyer installed the screen in the room. Screen was donated by Dave J and Ken Borg! THANKS to all of you!

Don Watson's layout is being sold or donated and some items may be available to acquire as mementos. Contact Ken Chick at kdchick@kumiega.com

DIV 6 POLO SHIRTS

The initial order has been delivered!! Sweet! If you didn't get in on this order, another will be placed soon. We have a 10 shirt minimum! If you would like a shirt, here's what we have- no pocket shirt small-XL= \$15, XXL/XXXL= \$18 For Pocket shirts- add \$1.50. For having your name put on add \$4. All shirts are dark gray color with our black-yellow logo. All shirts must be pre-paid at the time of the order! Turn-around time should be one month, or the next meeting. See GLENN to place your order!

CLASSIFIED ADS

We are happy to place classified ads for Div 6 members. Donations to the Div of \$2 per ad is requested! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting where you can bring in items for sale.

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RAILROAD HISTORY

History "Prof" Norm was present and had a story on the DT&I. Tying in to the show & tell theme of layout planning, Norm told us about some planning of the DT&I. First planning was by canals from Lake Erie to the Ohio River. Railroads then followed that example! Early ties to railroad plans were from 1849! Move ahead to the early 1920's and Ford Co. purchased the DT&I as it was "in his way". The railroad soon became a huge advantage for the auto industry, especially his! Connecting with many east-west railroads, "we have connections" soon became the railroads motto. However, after only several years, Ford sold the DT&I in 1929 to a company that had ties to the PRR. In the early 1980's, railroad mergers were rampant. The DT&I was bought by GT, who was owned by CN. As the ink was drying on the deal, it was being divided up and sold in pieces... until it was no more. Looking forward to another lesson next month.

CLINIC

This months clinic was done by Div 6 member John Wissenger on layout planning. The clinic is from 1975 and has been added to. No wrong way to design, but there are better ways. When this clinic was made, computers were not really around, especially pc's at home and thus this did not cover cad design of a layout. A sketch is a good start, but needs refined! Plans for a plan- goal, available space, features, etc. John covered each part of the plan, using an old layout space he had from a previous home as an example. John's slide presentation was very good and showed many different aspects of how this layout was designed and built. Some of the clinic updates are photos of Johns current layout. Nicely done John!! Thanks for sharing your information!

If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call or see Howard at the meetings and share your thoughts.

NEXT MEETING- Howard or Marc will have something!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 12- "Hamburg Festival & Railroad Days" One hour rides between Hamburg-Osmer behind PM 1225, Tickets begin at \$25

www.michigansteamtrain.com

Sunday, September 27- Toledo Train Show Lucas County Rec. Ctr 2901 Key Street Maumee, OH 43537 11am-4pm \$5 12 and under free when accompanied by an adult

Saturday, October 3- "Cadillac Fall Color Limited" Enjoy double-headed steam with both PM 1225 and NKP 765 hauling an all-day excursion train between Alma and Cadillac. Tickets from \$125 \$200.

www.michigansteamtrain.com

Sunday, Oct 4 Train-orama 09 Train show/sale - Redford Model RR Club Costick Center, Farmington Hills 10am-4pm \$5 per person

Friday-Sunday, Oct 15-18- NCR Convention- THE SHOPS sponsored by Div 3 Fort Wayne, Indiana
Direct inquiries: Northeast Hoosier website: www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org

NCX - NCR-DIV 6 '10 CONV

The **North Central Express** has changed dates!! Our NEW dates are **October 21-24, 2010!!** This is only one week later. The reason for the change is to avoid any possible conflict with the UofM home-coming game on our previous dates. It's questionable if the game would really have affected our event, but the hotel had these dates open and were willing to change, so why not, just in case! Our event hotel is the Marriott Detroit-Livonia, located at Laurel Park Place. The planning Team met just before the Div 6 meeting and laid the groundwork for the push toward the main promotion at this years NCR convention. With our logo established a bit ago, we will have official letterhead in which to use to make layout tour forms, requests for donations, clinic request forms, etc. We'll be pushing to get many arrangements finalized so that our event flyer-registration form will be completed by this years convention in Fort Wayne. That event, kicks off our official promotion of our event! We should have more progress reports from now on - we're only 14 months away!

LAYOUT TOURS

We have nothing planned unless YOU volunteer!! Thinking of hosting a layout tour? Give Dick a call or email to have your layout on tour!

NEXT TOURS- Div 8 has some tours on Sunday Aug 9th. See the map.

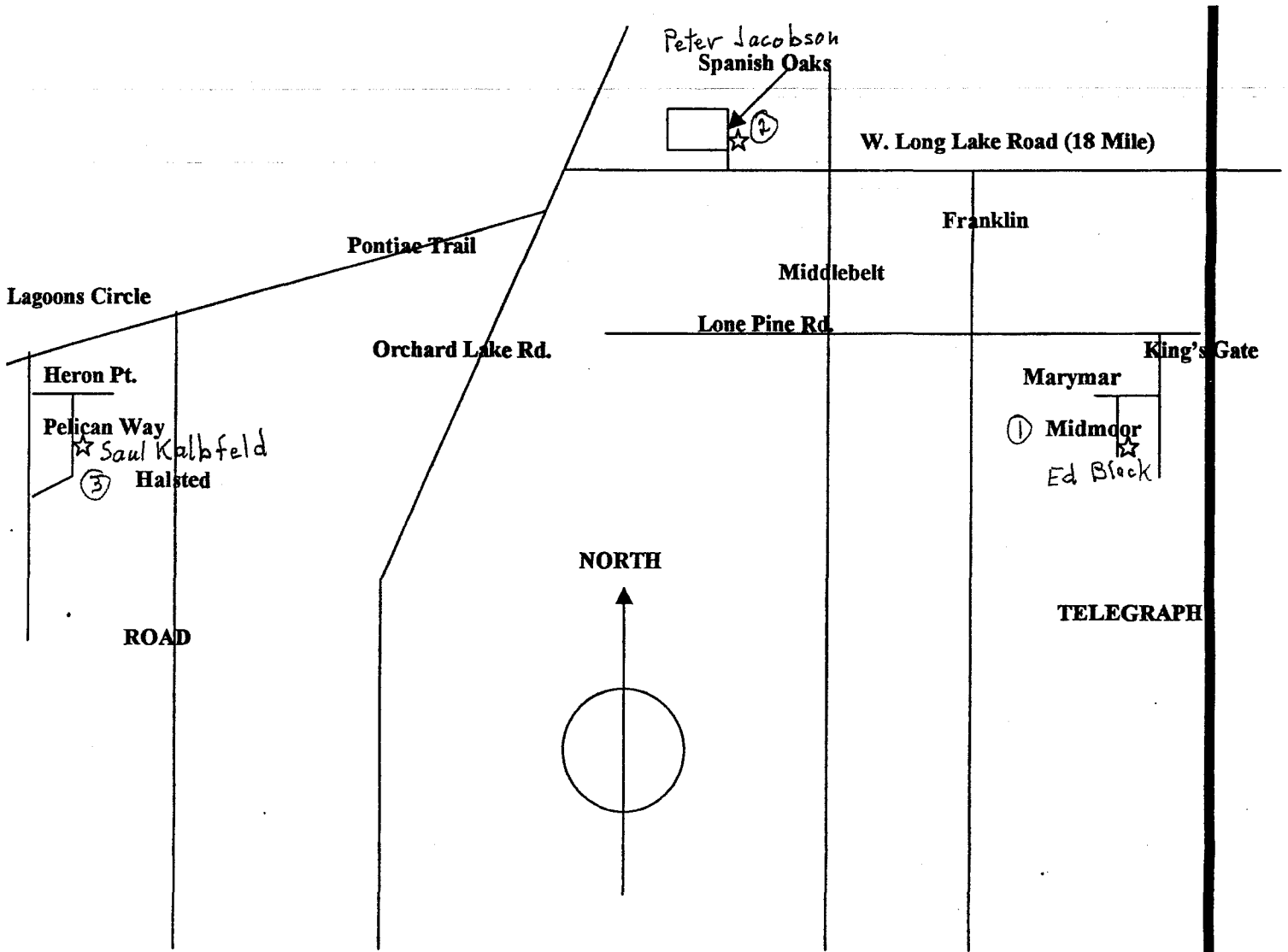
MODELING INFORMATION

We had a tip at the last meeting-
** set your buildings and details in a "scene" unglued, before the scenery is done. Take a picture! Then, as you finish the scenery, refer to the picture to see where everything fits! Jim Zinser did this on his layout! Works nice! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

DIVISION 8 LAYOUT TOURS

Sunday, August 9, 2009

1pm-5pm



West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills