



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, FEBRUARY 19, 2010**. 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.

MODELING INFORMATION

We had some extra time at the end of the last meeting, so tips, suggestions and questions were asked and answered, including-

Member Mark Ellis showed us how he used Poplar wood, 2' long x 2" square, for sanding blocks and as square supports for gluing models together. Also made own sanding block board from hard board with a trim piece for sanding against.

Member Larry Williams told us about using round toothpicks for road guard poles, drill hole for wire for cable, use black marker to put black top on white poles - used in 30's to 60's!

It was mentioned that Michaels Craft Stores have decent craft paints, Americana brand on sale for 77 cents, plus in store rebate coupon for \$5 off when you buy 10 bottles. Don't know how long that sale is on. It is possible to thin this paint with windex or water for air-brushing.

Was mentioned that there was a coupon in recent Val-Pack mailer for Nankin Hobby for \$5 off when purchasing \$20+ Cool!

NYC line side structure colors- Glenn Joppich was asking, please contact him if you know.

Member Gary Mead is looking for a PVC pipe 8" dia about 12" long. If you have an extra piece this size, please call him- 734-721-4329

Sent via mail - member Neil Allen says that "Pat's Village Miniatures" while catering to the doll house hobby, has some items that could be used by model rr'ers! Store is on Outer Dr. in Dearborn. 313-359-0400

We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

ON THE RAILS...

FEBRUARY 2010

Hello again! Now that the holidays are over, it's time to get back to work on your layouts and models. After all... we do have a convention in 9 months! Local trains show are still in their prime with several good shows upcoming. Hope you find your bargains. And, don't forget about our local hobby shops, please support them as much as possible! Actually, with the holidays over, my modeling time has reduced as I'm back at work instead of being off. The Reading Lines did get a fair amount of progress done over the holidays! That was fun! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last meeting but we did have a very good crowd!! I'd guess we had close to 75 members present! Cool! John Bussard, from Div 5 was a welcomed guest! And it was good to see Graham Brown, who's been absent for awhile. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

PRODUCT REVIEW

We did not have any product reviews this month. If you have an item to review, see Glenn before the meeting starts.

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm read from a Assoc. of American RRs Feb 2009 paper on railroad land grants. It was mentioned at Fall Convention, that short lines were booming and taking BACK land that has been designated "rails to trails" and Railroad land grants. A land grant is issued by the federal government for many reasons, given to lots of people to help get the USA going!! 1850-71 was big years for railroad land grants, which stopped when the transcontinental railroad was completed. However, railroads continued to "pay" for the grants by giving the government reduced fares. This continued to the end of WW2 in 1946. Some say the railroads need to continue to pay for their land grants, but several studies have shown that railroads have more than double paid back their land grant worth. Still some "people" believe railroads should be paying for land appreciation, even though the railroads own the land. Not fair!! THANKS for the info Norm! Looking forward to another lesson next month.

LAYOUT TOURS

A big THANKS to Norm Logan and Mike Tranquilla for their tours last month! Great layouts that are good to see again and again! We do have Layout tours in February, but they are on different days and areas. On Saturday, Feb 13^h Div 6 member Tom Harris and the Henry Ford Village model RR club will be open from 10am-2pm. Then on Sunday, Feb 28th, Jim Zinser will be open from 1pm-4pm. Both layouts are HO scale and are in various stages of construction. Both are very worth seeing!! See the map and special instructions, later in this newsletter.

Thinking of hosting a layout tour? Give Dick a call or email to have your layout on tour!

NEXT TOURS- Tom Harris/Henry Ford Village, Saturday, Feb 13 and Jim Zinser, MMR Sunday Feb 28

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your Christmas present, model railroad related, either given or bought! Items received/bought were- t-shirt "still plays with trains"; HO scale Detroit Tigers loco; Home Depot gift cards; Spectrum C&O consolidation; digital pull meter; Walthers Lumber Mill kit; Tangent models gon; Lionel lantern; powerhouse kit by Walthers; coupler hitch ; calendar; decoders; Broadway Ltd switcher; '50 Dodge; Bachman C&O tender; cross-buck pencil sharpener; "interesting" bridge picture!; turn-out jig; scrap cars & truck; 55 ton hoppers data only; AM Model builders PRR tower kit; N scale box car and loco; Roundhouse B&M cabooses; Zone-Share circuit board; PRR Decapod with sound; signals for layout; Bar Mills Kit; prototype line insulator; books; UPS truck; loco cookie jar with sound; Roundhouse 2-6-0; Swiss Fed RR passenger car; steel mill book; video; ebay engine purchase; CB&Q boxcar kit; GP40-2 with sound; cabooses kit; SP F3 with sound; package of ties and rails! CURRENT PROJECTS that were displayed were- stock pens for layout built; track cleaners; tank inside box car for industry on layout. We did have some "naughty" members, as a few donated to the cabooses. Thanks to those that did. **NEXT MEETING-** favorite cabooses' (caboose?)

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

A big THANKS from the S gauge layout owners for helping with set-up and tear-down for the Fall Show.

Dear Members of Div 6- I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the assistance given by members of Div 6 to the Southern Michigan S Gaugers. Without your help in the set-up and tear-down of the S gauge layout at the Fall Show, I would not have been able to accomplish all that needed to be done in the hour given. Sincerely,
James Hockenberger and SMSG members
You are welcome!!

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

It was reported that a website page on Trains.com as rules of taking railroad photos without being hassled by police! And what to do if confronted.

A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Doug Meyer for his contributions to the Division! Congratulations to a great Div 6 member and supporter!

As mentioned in the Clinic article, we were without a projector for our slide/picture show. It was suggested that Div 6 purchase a projector. Ed Beamish will be researched for cost and quality. Asst. Super Bill will be keeper of projector if we do purchase one, since he is also the bldg key keeper.

It was also suggested that we get and use a PA system, as many members are hard of hearing and many members are soft spoken. We will look into using the building PA system and cordless mics at future meetings.

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DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat & Sunday, Feb 6-7 & 20-21;
March 6-7 & 20-21 - Detroit Model RR Club Open House Holly, MI
Times- Noon-5pm Admission Fees- adults \$4, kids-teens 5-18 \$2, under 5 FREE, seniors 65+ \$3
Contact Info- 248-634-5811

www.dmrrc.org

Sunday, Feb 7- Railroadiana Train & Toy Show & Sale
SS Simon & Jude Church Westland, MI
Times- Noon-4pm Admission Fees- per person \$2, Families \$4, early-birds (after 11am) \$15

Sunday, Feb 21 - Ann Arbor 40th Annual Train Show and Sale
Saline Middle School Saline, MI
Times- 10am-4pm Admission Fees- \$6, Children under 10 free (with paid adult)

Website- www.a2trainshow.com/

Sunday, March 7 - Gratiot Valley Train Show & Sale
Macomb Comm College Sports/Expo Center Warren, MI
Times- 10am-4pm Admission Fees- Adults \$5.50, Children 12 & Under Free
Website- www.gvrr.org

Sunday, March 21-Trainorama Extra
Costick Comm Ctr Farmington Hills
Times- 10am-4pm Admission Fees- \$5, kids under 12 free with adult
Contact Info- Pierre Willermet, c/o Redford Model Railroad Club, PO Box 40225, Redford, MI 48240
313-565-1027 or 734-953-2546
pierre@hbc-benefitsandeducation.com

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.

CLINIC

This months clinic was an old-time movie. The movie was a 1946 Bill Miller movie on GTW trains through Michigan. We saw stations at Romeo, Washington, Armada and Richmond.

The movie showed a daily run through these cities/towns. Thanks Dave Jakubiec for the show! We were going to do pictures again, but no one with a computer projector was at the meeting. Sorry guys! We'll maybe try this again in a few months.

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- John Wissenger on scenery

NCX - NCR-DIV 6 2010 CONV

The **North Central Express** dates are **October 21-24, 2010!**

Our 220+ letters have provided some products already! Digitrak, C&NW Hist Soc; Micro Trains, Rix Products, Bar Mills, and a few others have already sent items for door prizes and/or the auctions! We have 10 official registrations so far - don't forget to register and feel free to use the on-line registration! We'll be checking with the mall again, to see about layouts in the mall and if they can waive the fee they originally wanted. Dick is ready for you to sign-up your layout to be on Tour for the convention. Please see him at a Div 6 meeting for the forms. Please see Howard to sign-up to do a clinic, if you have one you can do! Flyers will be mailed to all NCR members in the next month or two! That will get registrations in! The Planning Team has received official NCX polo shirts and they look great! NO, these were NOT free - each member has paid for their shirt!! The Planning Team is having a meeting and we'll report more at the Feb Div 6 meeting!

WHO WE ARE

We are Division 6 of the North Central Region (NCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). What that means is, the NMRA is the model railroad association for the country (and even world). The country is divided into REGIONS, which are one or more states. Our Region, the North Central Region (NCR), is all of Michigan and the northern part of Ohio and Indiana. Each Region is then divided into DIVISIONS, which are one or more counties. Division 6 is primarily Wayne County, but we have many members from western Oakland County and we aren't strict on membership and boundaries. All total, there are about 8 Divisions in our Region.

DIV 6 LAYOUT TOURS

Saturday, February 13, 2010

Open 10am-2pm

Tom Harris - Henry Ford Village Model

20' x 26' around the walls, HO scale. Loosely based on the Santa Fe in the 1950's. With 950' of track laid and operational and is about 50% scenery completed. Overhead strip lighting, not usually seen on model RR's.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS- come to the gate just say they're here to see the Railroad. Ask for CB-2. Entrance desk will direct you to the balloons and if you follow the balloons they'll end up at the layout. To get to our entrance coming East on Ford Road exit Ford at the ramp to Greenfield, continue across Greenfield (no turn at all) and they will see the sign for Henry Ford Village.

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Open 1pm-4pm

Jim Zinser

Copper Valley Ry., HO scale. 14' x 24' around the walls with an additional 10' x 10' "L" section. Circa 1954 in Copper Country of

Michigan UP. DCC w/Digitrax control.

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