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OF THE NATIONAL MODEL
RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ON THE RAILS...

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Happy New Year!! Welcome to the 2nd decade of the 21st Century! I hope your coming year will be much better than our last one. And I hope your model railroading time and efforts will increase! I also hope your Christmas was a merry one and that family and friends were all around to help make it so! Thanks to those that came out to the recent Layout Tours of Marty and I. We hope you had a great time viewing our layout progress since last year. Div 6 almost never rests - the Fall show is complete and now we have the NCX to continue working on. Only 9.5 months away! More on these subjects later in this newsletter. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last meeting. Please welcome John Bop
To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

MODELING INFORMATION

We were no questions or tips at the last meeting. We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

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, JANUARY 15, 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.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your favorite model, and we had many displayed. These included an Erie decapod; Max Grey loco; 1970 scratch built trolley; Lionel gon; book on Allegany locos; book on favorite RR; Oscar Meyer car!; NMRA standards gauge; Chevron hazmat training tank car in HO; PRR GG1 in case - Hallmark; RDG Tyco GP-20's; Westside B&O Mikado with water "bottle"; E&B Valley boxcar Hon3; 2-6-0 loco; RS-3 diesel repainted NYC; Mini-Metals 50's Dodge car; Amtrak superliner observation-lounge car; Weaver 40' DT&I boxcar; O scale plaster house-co store; N&W engine; 1910 Oldsmobile in a scene; Wabash newsletter with tower info; 1st brass loco GN; trolley; crane car and a brass 10 wheeler. Great stuff by all and thanks for those caboose donations from those that have so much stuff, a favorite model could not be decided on!!

CURRENT PROJECTS that were displayed were- Kadee Boxcar for layout; highly detailed AHM tank car for the 1900's; progress on a roundhouse bldg scratch built in N scale.

NEXT MEETING- your Christmas present - either given or bought

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

...IS history for another year! It seemed like a typical year for the show - members helping with set-up and displays, everything running smoothly. The big report is- \$1600 brought in, expenses about \$870 for a net profit of \$730. This takes everything into account - people at the door, Div 6 member donations, food service, raffle and expenses-printing, raffle buys, donation to Livonia and misc. supplies. More facts are that we had 125 paid at door; additional 38 that paid from Div6; 183 total through door including kids; probably over 220 people for EVERYONE including Div 6 people doing displays. Dick was congratulated on a good job for such short time and Dick will be chairman again in 2010. We had left over prizes that were raffled off at meeting. Local hobby shops supported the show with donations and some ticket sales - THANKS to all of them!! Merri-Seven, Daves Hobby, West Point, Nankin and Riders. Included in this newsletter is a map of the shops locations. Please visit them, say THANKS and support them with some hobby purchases! Dick thanked all involved for the good support in set-up and tear-down. THANKS was also given to Larry's daughter Patti for helping Walt, and to Max, Glenn's son for helping too! Frank wishes to say THANKS for allowing his grandson to have such a great time during the Fall Show! Even with the show completed, there is still work to do!! We need someone to run raffle for 2010!!! Please consider volunteering - Jack will help you get acquainted with the task, but he will not run it again!! We will be trying to book our regular date right after the holidays. And in February, some discussion will be had on some ideas for 2010.

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.

WANTED- looking for Railmodel Journal issues February 2001 & November 2002. Please contact me! Mike Vanoost mgvcougar@aol.com

CLINIC

This months clinic was Larry Wolohon and Jim Zinser on attending the NMRA National and NCR Regional model railroad conventions. They showed pictures of their "adventures" and some of the layouts they visited. They imparted many stories on the conventions and how they enjoyed themselves. Thanks for sharing guys! Hopefully your enjoyment of these events will inspire other Div 6 members to attend conventions in the future. 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- We will RE-DO the photo clinic from a month ago. We did not have time to get to everyone then, so bring back those memory sticks or cd's and we'll fire-up the computer and projector again. PLEASE - limit of FIVE photos per person! If we go through everyone and have time, we'll start again and show more.

LAYOUT TOURS

It's the annual December Layout Tours of Marty LaForte and Barry Hensel were on Sunday, December 13th. Both report good crowds of approx 40+ people and kids. Thanks for stopping! Thinking of hosting a layout tour? Give Dick a call or email to have your layout on tour!

NEXT TOURS- Mike Tranquilla and Norm Logan. They will be open on Sunday January 10 from 1pm-4pm

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Best Wishes to Div 6 member Joe Bliss, who had some knee surgery in December. A speedy recovery to you!

Norm Logan did an in-home clinic on operations last October. There were at least 3 Div 6 members in attendance and it was an awesome time! If other members wish to do In-Home Clinics on any subjects, please DO SO!! We welcome your expertise and your time to do such an event!! And we Div 6 members, need to support these events. Norm says a possible redo of the ops clinic could happen in a few months.

The NCR has made some "Welcome packages" for new members joining each Division/Region. These were funded from profits from the 2007 National convention. Each Division received a box of these kits and was encouraged to add to them with Division specific items. Glenn asked the membership and they approved, to provide and include an NMRA standards gauge! THANKS!

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RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm read from the Christmas story book "An Orange for Frankie" by Michigan author Patricia Polacco. The story was about a boy and the Christmas tradition of placing an orange on the mantel for each child in the family. Part of the story talks about a train from Lansing to Detroit and how the Storewall family feeds the engineer and crew at their house and the hobo's that were on the train. The family father was 2 days late getting home with the oranges, but rode the train home due to a winter storm, including the horse's and wagon. A very warm Holiday story - with trains as a character. Looking forward to another lesson next month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Jan 17- Train Show/Sale
Athens High School 4333 John R
Troy, MI 48085 248-823-4052
10am-3pm Adults \$3, kids -12 FREE
<http://troytrainshow.org>

MODELING OPPORTUNITY!

While promoting the NCX at the recent Novi Train show, Joe Barson came up to the table with a interesting question. He would like to have someone build a G scale layout around the pond at his business. He supplies all materials, you supply the planning and building expertise! Here is his email to us...

I'm interested in seeing if anyone in you association what's to help put an outdoor train setting up in the greenhouse. We supply material and some labor and you folks supply some labor and brains. Any questions please feel free to call or email. Thank you,
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Be sure you tell him you are a Div 6 member!!

NCX - NCR-DIV 6 2010 CONV

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

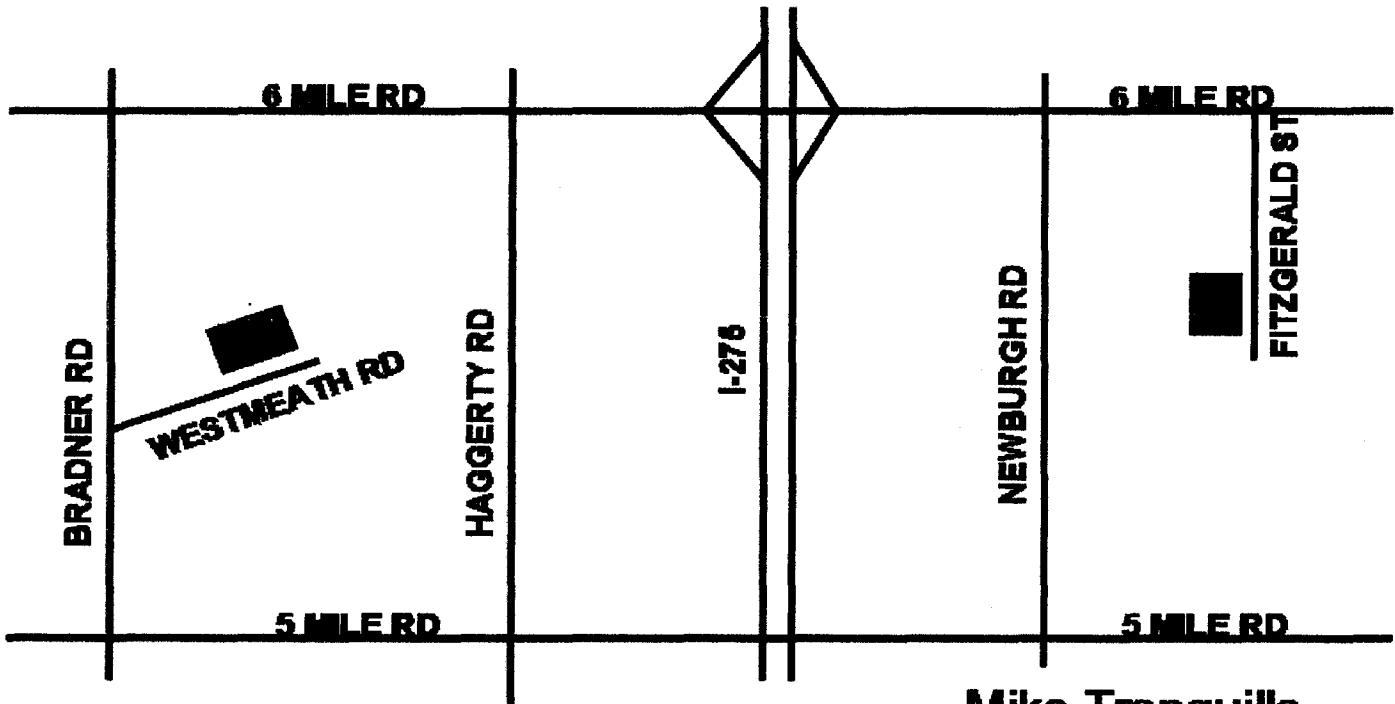
Over 210 letters have been mailed out to get door prize, goodie bag items and stuff for the Silent Auctions! We'll be sending out about a dozen email notices for companies that we could not find an address on through their websites. Hopefully, that will get us a very nice pile of items to give away. Digitrax has already responded with catalogs and lanyards for the registration badges! We had a successful outing at the recent Novi train show, getting a free table at the last minute and being there to pass out flyers and promote the convention. Our next train show to be at is the Troy Show at Athens High School on Sunday, Jan 17.

If you would like to help at this show, please contact Barry right away!! Starting after the first of the year, Dick will be getting out the letters and forms for those that want to sign-up to have their layouts open for the convention for tours and ops sessions. We'll be getting back with the mall management to work out a deal to get some layouts in the mall. One suggestion is to approach several of the stores to sponsor and pay the extra the mall is asking for. We have a "event schedule" for the Planning Team - when we want to have certain tasks completed. This will help guide us through the next several months! Stay tuned-NCX is only 10 months away!

DIV 6 LAYOUT TOURS

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Open 1pm-4pm



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