

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. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014**. 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 - 10pm.

## RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was present and thus had a history lesson this past month. C&O Hist magazine - DATE NAILS- 3000 ties per mile used on RR's; demand for ties increased greatly after Civil War. Untreated ties lasted 7-10, treated lasted 30+ years. 1897 was first date nail in ties, for record keeping in tracking tie wear. Most were the same, but some nails had odd shaped heads that meant specific per RR. Most were steel, but copper, iron and aluminum were used too. 1969 was the last year used as computers keep track of ties and some ties are now composite or even concrete. Interesting stuff!! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

## MAUMEE EXPRESS 2014

The 2014 NCR convention, the Maumee Express was held in Toledo on April 25-27. It was a shortened convention with no tours on Sunday and no prototype tours. There were OPS sessions, layout tours and clinics. The reason this convention was "shortened" was due to the NMRA National, happening in Cleveland in July 2014. With the National being so close, it kept some activities and attendance down. Only 94 registrations were recorded. It was still a good convention and many Div 6 members were there in support!! Guessing there was about 20 or so of us there - nice!! Congratulations to Div 1 for hosting the convention!

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site - [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

# ON THE RAILS...

### MAY 2014

We're rolling along... 2014 is now 4 months old and counting. Before you know it, summer will be over and we'll be talking about the Div 6 annual Fall Show & Workshop! In the meantime, we do have spring and summer to get through. As usual, with warmer weather, outdoor activities become more desirable and plentiful. Please don't let your modeling go to the way-side. Attending Div 6 meeting all summer long will help keep your interest up! I hope you'll join us. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Ralph Shoberg and Tony Mazurek. Meeting attendance was good with 60 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

We are happy to place classified ads for Div 6 members. The cost is \$2 per ad! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the next Div 6 meeting, we'll have several announcements that stem from actions taken at the NCR Board of Directors meeting, that was held at the recent NCR convention in Toledo.

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was cabooses.

### *Items shown included-*

Work caboose w/searchlight; Lionel caboose for desk; Gorre & Depheated caboose; Silver streak wooden caboose kit; Athearn kit custom decorated; Roundhouse GT caboose; Lionel caboose; P&LE caboose; transfer caboose from a bay window caboose; Atlas Soo wide-vision; Am Models Chessie bay window; Athearn bay window; O scale PRR bay window from box car; S scale Seaboard Coast line; Atlas undec; 4 wheel bobber caboose; 4 different RDG caboose; Keystone kit to be built; PRR brass N8; Revell painted MS; N scale C&O caboose; Revell caboose as a yard office; Detroit Shoreline caboose; 3 N&W caboose; bobber caboose; N scale US military; N scale private name wood side; GN brass caboose; O scale B&O wagon top; Am Flyer caboose; Nn3 caboose; SF caboose; Athearn Erie bay window; UP O scale and HO caboose; caboose with working marker lights; Det & Mack caboose.

### *Current Projects shown included-*

Turntable - portable for on layout where needed during ops; photo of curved steel trestle being built on layout; carousal kitbash model. We had several members that donated to THE caboose, THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING** - anything with figures/people

## DIV 6 REWARDS

When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Div 6" member, or customer #1066, they will apply your purchase to the Div 6 Bonus Plan. Div 6 will get FREE stuff for the Fall Show! Thanks for your purchases.

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present and showed ratchet wrenches- available in smaller sizes that will use std 6 sided bits for screwdrivers or other types; Binder clips used for clamping tubes of paint/glue, etc; Use a ballpt pen that is dry of ink as a scorer to score cardboard in order to bend and shape! Poor man's organizer out of paper towel rolls in a box top. Looking forward to another tool tip.

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

The 2014 NMRA National convention will be in Cleveland. Check the website for registration, tours, company store, etc.

[www.2014cleveland.org](http://www.2014cleveland.org)

Marty LaForte is now in Rehab at Heartland in Canton. He's doing well.

Larry W showed off a Railway Prototype Cyclopedia - many issues made, great for car info for scratch building rolling stock and details. Are \$25 each and are not reprints! Check out website to order- [www.rpcycpub.com](http://www.rpcycpub.com) Most info is on transition era cars.

Albris - online clearing house for books! Many book stores list their old items on this website.

[www.alibris.com](http://www.alibris.com)

Great Lakes Live Steamers operations and rides begin in May - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends! First weekend of the month in Royal Oak, third weekend is in Southgate.

Schrader's RR in upper MI is up for sale! Ck website for more details. 16" gauge 1/4 size.

Schrader's Railroad Catalog

[www.railroadcatalog.com](http://www.railroadcatalog.com)

Reported - a guy in the Seattle area is ill and selling his brass collection - 1048 pieces mostly GN and western railroads, valued at over 1 million! And that's just the first lot to go!!

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY's TIPS for this month were- Larry showed some engines he has refurbished - Hon3 locos; horse drawn fire truck rebuild; found plastic boxes for rolling stock-office depot \$3 each - one car fits perfect. Telephone poles - metallic green paint for isolators and high spray of white to weather. We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

## LAYOUT TOURS

You missed out on some very interesting layouts, if you did not go to the convention. For May, we do have one tour. It's up to you guys... if you want tours, you need to volunteer and get your friends to volunteer! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC. WE NEED TOURS!!  
**NEXT TOURS-** MAY 18 - Norm Logan and the Michigan Southern RR (See map)

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## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

We've voted on another project and it will be shown at the JUNE 2014 meeting. Our theme is Vehicles! Bragging rights will be awarded!

## CLINIC

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe. At the last meeting, Joe did his second part of his signals clinic, showing more circuits that can be made and how they work. He also had a hand-out with the design of the circuits and how to wire them on your layout. THANKS Joe for the tips on a simple signaling system!

**NEXT MEETING-** Norm will be doing a clinic on painting figures... make & take for \$2 Can bring your own, plus small brush and opi-visor! Paint figures solid black acrylic before-hand.

**HINT-** wash figures in windex, then paint black.

In JUNE, Ted Pilchak on making a resistance soldering machine

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

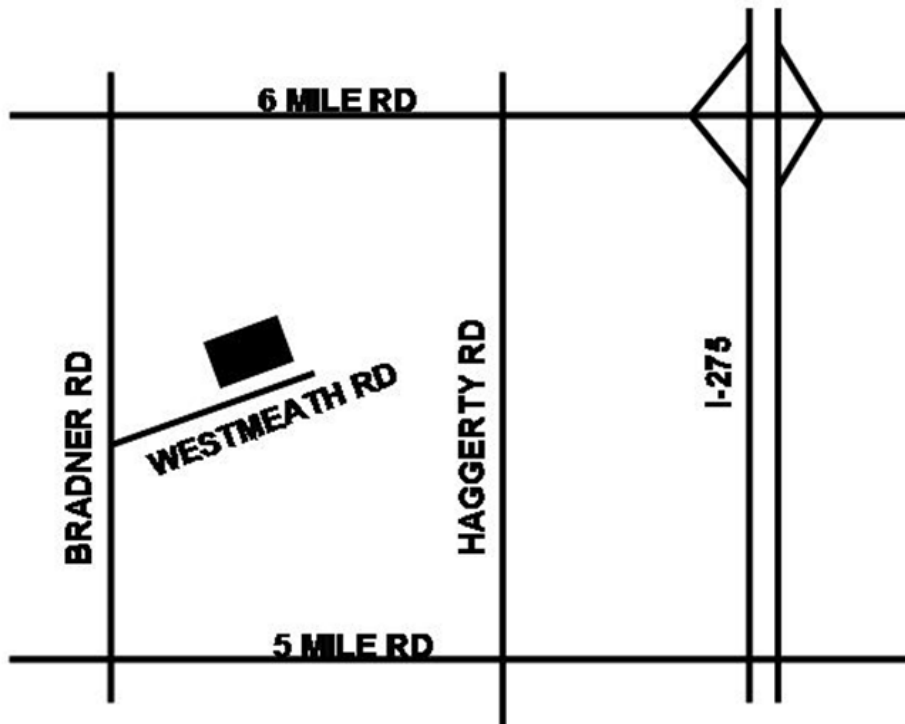
MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB PROGRAMS

**June 04, 2014** - MRC Member John Curtright with "Rails Around Atlanta"

**July 02, 2014** - Mr. Victor Baird from Ft. Wayne, Ind on his new book, "Railroading on the Wabash Fourth District" He will have books for sale and signing. Meetings are at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at 7 pm with program starting around 7:30 pm. Contact: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

**Saturday - May 31, 2014**

Small Layout Design Meet  
NW Ohio RR Preservation Museum  
11600 County Road 99 Findlay, OH  
8AM-4PM \$5.00 Discussion of the design and construction of small, micro and modular model railroad layouts. Contact Info- Marshall Stull [mstull@marshallstull.com](mailto:mstull@marshallstull.com)  
Website <https://sites.google.com/site/smalllayoutdesignmeet/>



**DIV 6  
LAYOUT TOUR  
Sunday  
May 18, 2014  
1pm-4pm**



North

**Norm Logan 42306 Westmeath Northville, MI 248-348-2473**

HO Standard Gauge - The Michigan Southern is a 3 deck free lance layout set in the 1970's. It is a bridge line between Detroit and Louisville with the auto industry as its main customer. DCC, working signals, CTC board with lots of operation, with 26 railroads interchanging with the MS

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