



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, JANUARY 15, 2016**. 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.

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

The final report on the FALL SHOW was that it was a success! The "dining car services" did very well with coffee the biggest seller this year! Food services alone made \$200+! Left over donuts and hotdogs were donated to the Livonia Police and we received a thank-you letter! All said, we made a profit, helped get people interested in model railroading, got a few new members and had FUN! THANKS to ALL that took part in the show and helped in any way!!

DIVISION OF CHOICE

Do you live in Oakland County, but attend Div 6 meetings? Then you can become an official Div 6 member!! All you need to do is fill out the DIVISION OF CHOICE form. See a Div 6 Board member for a form. Once filed, you can now vote and hold office in Div 6!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present for the last meeting. We here he has been having some health concerns, nothing serious, but it has been keeping him from attending the Div 6 meetings. BEST WISHES to Larry and hoping he'll return next month and give us more modeling tips.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The next modeling project will be due in February and the subject will be the mining industry. Could be coal, ore... any type of mining. Items to be shown can be structures, rolling stock or even vehicles.

ON THE RAILS...

JANUARY 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Yes, 2016 is here and a new year always brings hope of better things for ourselves, families and the world. Here's hoping your 2016 is filled with greatness!! With that wish, let's include Division 6.. for continued participation at meetings and a great convention this fall. We'll all need to work together and make it happen. We can do it! Part of that hope for more participation is meeting clinics and layout tours. These seem to be a struggle to get scheduled, so for 2016, how about a resolution to open your layout or give a clinic. YOU can do it!! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 1 new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Kelly Watson. Meeting attendance was a good with about 40 members and guests! 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.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was prototype photos! **Items shown included-** Cleveland PCC cars; 2-8-0 36" gauge lumber loco; Erie steamer at depot; C&H snow plow; fan trip in Canada; D&RG book; coal loading operations; K36 Drango & Silverton; GB&W roster photo book; BNSF photos in Calif; GN boxcar; PM cabooses; RDG rolling stock book; CSX dash-8's in Plymouth; Pittsburgh PCC photo on iPad by female railfan; D&RGW locos from 1965; FEC bridge; DT&I boxcar resto at Greenfield Village; train wreck photos; CSX F units running through area; stone station; CP photo - poster size; Fairmont motor car; Terra Gorge RR in New Zealand; Lake Erie, Franklin & Clarion RR shay; photos of cars being unloaded in Maine; SF war-bonnet geep; 1941 photo of NYC gon; Daylight loco in Owosso!

Current Projects shown included- Hopper car- Penn Light & Power; photos of grandson's 4x8 model RR. We had some members that donated to the cabooses. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - your model railroad related Christmas gift

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Remember... if you bring in an item for Show -n- Tell, you get a raffle ticket! This month we had another donated \$30 gift certificate from Junction Valley RR and Hobby Shop. The winner this month was Barry Hensel!

We had a few items left over from the Fall Show raffle pile. Those that bought an admission ticket were in a drawing for these items. The winners were Mike Sutinen, Tim Kilroy and Ed Joppich.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter, was present but did not have any new news. Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

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LAYOUT TOURS

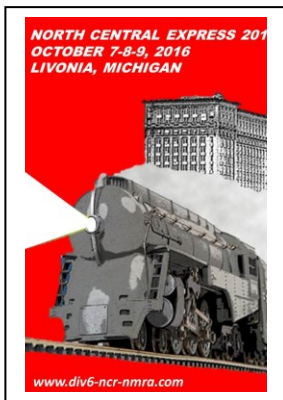
Contact Hocky if you are available for a Layout Tour! How about you?? **It's up to you guys...** if you want tours, you need to volunteer and get your friends to volunteer! We **NEED NEW** people & layouts please! THANKS to Jay Qualaman, Marty-Phyllis LaForte, Tom Costa and Barry Hensel for the recent tours!
NEXT TOURS- no tours for January, working on tours for February

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site -
www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

Mark these dates - **OCT 6-7-8-9, 2016** for the **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS**



2016!! Our convention site is Ward Church, west of Haggerty on Six Mile Rd. NCX 2016 is open for registrations! We'll need more helpers to attend a few of the local train shows and pass out LOTS of flyers! The official flyer did

appear in the new HotBox! We used already printed flyers as an "insert" and on the color paper, it "pops"! The website should also be up and running very soon!

Here's the Conv Planning Team...

Chairman - Norm Logan
Asst. Chairman - Mark Ellis
Registrar - Howard Andrews
Treasurer - Larry Wolohon
Clinics - Ron King/John Bopp
Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger
Website - Ed Beamish
Program/printing - Barry Hensel
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Publicity - Barry Hensel
Volunteers - Bill McMillan
Advisor - Howard Andrews

The **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, so we did have a history lesson. RR magazine... old issues... Jan 1952- Yule Caboose... story of a GN freight that encounters two "passengers" on the top of the freight cars and how the crew took them in for the holidays. THANKS John! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIVISION 6 NAME?

It has been suggested that Divisions in the NCR could/should come up with a name for themselves. While we will always be "Division 6" officially, being THE METRO DIVISION... or THE DETROIT-ARBOR DIVISION might be nice too! The suggestion box is open... give us your names to be considered. There was not much discussion on this at the last meeting, so give it some more thought!

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe Bliss!! PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic, share your knowledge and talents! The clinic for this month was by Matt Letts on grain elevators!! (*my bad as Editor that I too, forgot this fact!*) Matt gave a good clinic, computer presentation with pictures and text explaining grain elevators, also known as "prairie skyscrapers"! These can be small or very large, the 2nd largest is in Kansas and is a 1/2 mile long! Grain elevators were started in the 1840's with the first built in Buffalo, NY. There are 2 main types - collection and terminal. The names are descriptive of their function... collection type is where all the farmers take their grain. The Terminal elevator is where the grain is distributed. Grain elevators are dangerous places, as that can explode with great force. As for the railroading end of the grain business, boxcars were used for hauling grain until the early 1960's, when covered hoppers came into existence. With the railroads hauling grain, it was possible to get grain anywhere in the world faster. THANKS Matt for a great clinic!

NEXT MEETING- ??????

EVENTS

Sunday, Jan 17 2016 A Train Show
Avondale High School 2800
Waukegan Auburn Hills, MI, MI
10am-3pm \$3 over 13 under 12 FREE
Wheelchair Accessible, Michigan's
largest one-day train show. 385+
tables (ALL railroad related)
Operating layouts, door prizes,
LIVE displays, Raffle prizes!
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

TO ALL Division 6 MEMBERS and
FAMILIES! Happy New Year!!



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