

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, AUGUST 18, 2017**. 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.

## 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!

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting, but had no new news for us. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

## DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color will remain GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand polo shirt. Prices are-  
small-XL w/logo \$19  
logo/pocket \$22 logo/name \$25  
logo/pocket/name \$25  
XXL +\$5, XXXL +\$7 XXXXL +\$9  
Mark is taking orders... either see him, email or phone.

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running! The newsletter is posted and available online. Check out the site - [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present for the last meeting! We're looking forward to seeing Larry next month and more modeling tips.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

# ON THE RAILS...

### AUGUST 2017

HELLO!! Another month, another newsletter! COOL!! 2017 is now half over and we're still heading down the rails! Excellent! I hope you are also heading full steam ahead on your modeling and layout plans!

Can you believe... our annual FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is only 4 months away! We'll be starting some promotion soon. Our date is the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov 26, 2017 from 11am-4pm.

A reminder that the 2017 NCR convention is only one month away! Runnin' The Rails at Grand Rails 2017 is the convention by Div 4 in the Grand Rapids area. The dates are Sept 14-17, 2017. You CAN register at the door! See the additional page with info. Here is the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Steve Gladstein. Meeting attendance was good with about 41 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was ANYTHING... railroad related!!

### **Items shown included-**

1989 RR cyclopedia; hopper car N scale; Pullman tickets & PRR timetable; GN F1 2-8-0; BN hopper with foam load; framed GN passenger items; FEC book; rail spike as a RR worker; Heathkit model RR control system; rescued MDC steam loco; cardboard bldg. mock-up; Scale Rails that had Div 6 layout feature; book on the Red Arrow wreck; SantaFe book; RDG GP20 locos; HO vehicles; Feb 1957 official guide of all RR's; scratch built mine mill building; Amtrak E6 loco; drawing of the Broadway Ltd and 20th Century racing from Chicago; RR hat and t-shirt?; Z scale! intermodal car; RR lantern for Pere Marquette RR; Christmas tree music box with train inside; CS books; conductors lantern for Erie RR; lantern for Wabash RR; N scale GT GP7; O scale NYC resin kit gon; Rapedio RDC

### **Current Projects shown included-**

Rebuilt SantaFe loco; MDC passenger car with detailing;

We had a few of members that donated to the caboose?? THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING** - something that you brought to sell at the Div 6 Swap Meet Night!!!

## 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 \$10 gift card from Nankin RR Hobby Shop (**THANKS!!!**). This month's winner Joe Bliss!

The 2017 NCR convention will be hosted by Div 4 - the Grand Rails Division, in Grand Rapids. More info in the September HotBox. The dates are September 14-17, 2017

If you want a name badge... see Mark!! A new order list has been started for another shirt order.

## DIV 6 NEWS EMAILED!

The Div 6 newsletter will now be delivered to all members via email! Those without an email address will still get the newsletter via US Mail. Please make sure Secretary Ed has your correct email address!!

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

We did the roundtable discussions again this past month! It again, seemed to be a good success as all the tables were full and discussions seemed to be fully engaged! Thanks to our moderators, which did vary a bit from the first time...

basic scenery/Barry Hensel  
DCC system basics/Joe Bliss  
basic weathering/Bill Neale  
achievement program/Larry Wolohon

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp presented a story on Rr stories mag Aug 1937 - "they called me Ham" story of a tower operator and a fateful night of train dispatching and operating. A local came into the yard, but did not report in to the tower. The dispatcher kept asking about the train, but it was not reported in, as the conductor had not reported in. The dispatcher sent another train out on the line, which caused a major wreck of the passenger train. The tower operator was remained on the job, but the dispatcher was fired. Thanks John, we're looking forward to another lesson soon.

## 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!

**NEXT TOURS-** There is a tour planned for August 13 - Jay/Brook Qualman in Milford. See Map! There are no tours for September, due to the NCR convention. Attend that event to see many layouts!!

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the next modeling project did not get discussed or chosen. We'll try to do this next meeting!

## CLINIC

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, LET US KNOW! Contact Clinic Chairman Byrne Blumenstein to get your clinic scheduled! PLEASE share your talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was the roundtable discussion again! Back by popular demand... and it went well again! We will plan on doing these again in 3 months, but with all different subjects.

**NEXT MEETING-** Div 6 swap meet night

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

**August 02, 2017** Mark Hinsdale from Chicago will present a program titled "A Midwestern Alphabet." It will consist of 40 minutes or so of images, mostly taken during the 70's, of railroading in the Midwest, there should be a little something of interest to most everyone. Meetings are held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at 7 pm with program starting around 7:30 pm. We must be out of the library by 9 pm. Contact: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

**Saturday, Aug 12, 2017**  
OPEN HOUSE Nankin Hobby YPSI!!  
1450 Washtenaw Ave, Ypsilanti, MI  
10am-6pm FREE stuff!!

**August 19-20, 2017** Howell  
MelonFest in Howell, MI  
Pere Marquette #1225 is running excursion trips

**Thursday-Sunday, September 14-17, 2017** - Grand Rails 2017 NCR Convention Grand Rapids, MI - Delta By Marriott NMRA NCR Div 4

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## GRAND RAPIDS 2017

**THURSDAY – FRIDAY – SATURDAY – SUNDAY**  
**September 14 thru 17, 2017**

- Welcome to Grand Rapids! Members of Div. 4 are pleased to host the 2017 North Central Region annual convention.
- We have a fun weekend in store for you with layouts to see and layouts to operate as well as clinics to attend.
- The convention focus is operations and features clinics describing a variety of operating schemes and layouts that demonstrate them.
- For the modeler we have several clinics loaded with tips and techniques to pique your interest.

### Convention Highlights:

- Operating sessions available all weekend including some in the afternoon!
- Clinics Friday and Saturday
- Model Showcase with Merit Award judging upon request
- Get an extra door prize ticket for every model you bring in for the Showcase
- NMRA photo contest and awards
- Convention shirts available by pre-order (Order by 9/1/2017)
- MOW convention car
- Online registration
- Awards breakfast Sunday with Keynote speaker
- Convention site is the Delta By Marriott™ at 28<sup>th</sup> and East beltline
- Door prizes Friday and Saturday
- Special Clinic presented by Bruce Chubb Plus 12 hours of operation on the Sunset Valley Oregon System Thursday September 14, 2017



### TIME TABLE No. 1

#### Thursday September 14, 2017

Registration & check-in will begin at Noon until 6:00 PM with Layout tours & Op Sessions beginning at 4:00 PM and running until 9:00 PM

Special all day operating session 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
 Sunset Valley Oregon System, Sunset Valley, OR, USA, Bruce Chubb

Discount rate on the convention hotel will be available for convention registrants only.

#### Friday September 15, 2017

Registration & check-in will begin at 7:30 AM and be open until 10:00 PM

Clinics start at 9:00 AM and continue through 2:00 PM with layout tours and operating sessions beginning at 1:00 PM through 9:00 PM

Model Showcase 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM through 10:00 PM

#### Saturday September 16, 2017

Registration & check-in will begin at 7:30 AM and be open until Noon

Clinics start at 9:00 AM and continue through 2:00 PM with layout tours and operating sessions beginning at 1:00 PM through 9:00 PM

#### Sunday September 17, 2017

Awards Breakfast 9:00 AM, Layout tours & Op Sessions 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

#### Convention Site

Grand Rails 2017 will be held at the all new Delta by Marriott™

The newly renovated hotel is located on the corner of 28th Street and the East Beltline. We have a very special rate for convention registrants. Use this code when reserving your room: GGRMRA26 and call 616-949-9222 for reservations

#### NCR Board Of Directors Meeting

The BOD meeting will be held at the hotel Friday September 15, 2017 beginning at 9:00 AM

#### Operating Sessions

Advance sign-up for all Op sessions will be required. Many sessions will be available so everyone will get a chance to be a Special™ TRA Role

#### Layout Tours

The list of layouts that will be open for this year's convention is continuing to grow. There will be more than 20 first class layouts to see.

#### Awards Breakfast

We are planning a terrific breakfast buffet for your enjoyment. Awards will be presented for the Achievement Program and for the photo contest winners. We are working on getting a very special guest to deliver our Keynote speech. Stay tuned for our announcement.

#### Runnin' The Rails Day Pass

A Day Pass for Saturday only will be available. All activities for Saturday will be available to pass holders.

#### Model Showcase

You're all invited to bring a model or more to display in the Model Showcase. Each model displayed will receive a door prize ticket enhancing your chances of winning a door prize.

#### Grand Rails 2017 Website

The Grand Rails 2017 website will have all the information you'll need to make your activity selections, memorabilia purchases and your registration.

<http://grandrails2017.northernmi.org>

### Clinician List:

David Capron

Don Bergman

Dan Hinel

Andrew Kenney

Richard Kubeck

Dan Lewis

Richard Mahaney

Fritz Milhaupt

Ralph Moxley

Hank TenWolde

Russ Venlos

David Vinci

John Young

### CLINIC TOPICS:

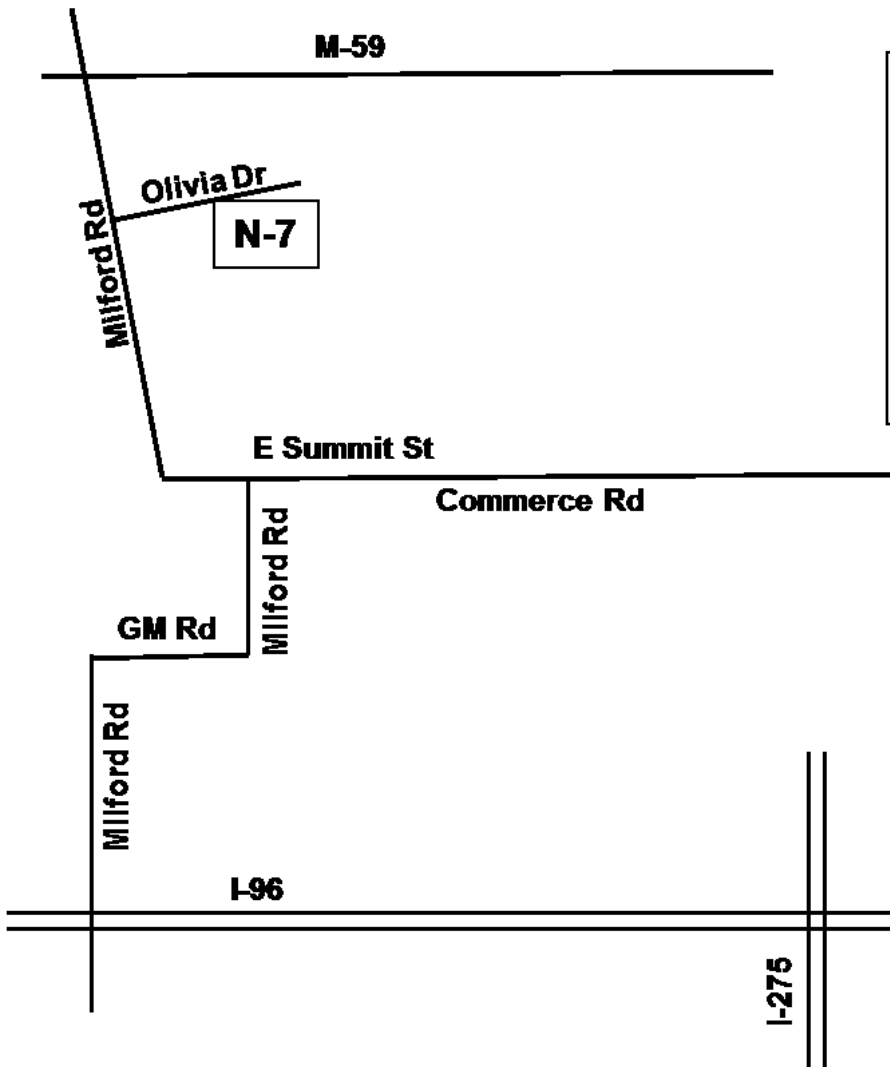
- **This impressive list of experts** will present a series of clinics ranging from techniques for building better looking trees to tips and tricks to make building craftsman kits or scratch building easier and more fun.
- You'll also learn how to become a model railroad "operator" using many different operating formats and sample new and different techniques for car forwarding that will make operating your empire even more enjoyable.
- Hear about and see one man's effort to re-create in HO scale one of the areas most popular fallen flags including a demonstration of his landscaping techniques.
- There are some relatively new electronic devices on the market today and one of our presenters will help you use them properly and efficiently.
- Ever wonder how the real railroad handles certain car types and why they are placed in a specific part of a train? One presenter will clear that up for you.
- How can you show your model railroad in four national conventions in three different cities? Attend this presentation and find out.
- Enjoy the charm of narrow gauge railroading from dramatic scenery to prototypical operations. This presenter will show



# Model Railroad Open House

Jay & Brook Qualman's Michigan Lines  
Sunday, August 13, 1-3 p.m.

**Everyone is welcome—no RSVP required:**  
508 Olivia Drive  
Milford, MI 48381



- Follow I-275 north to I-96 west
- Follow I-96 west to Milford Rd, turn right (north)
- Follow Milford RD to General Motors Rd, turn right (east)
- Follow GM Rd to Milford Rd, turn left (north) through downtown
- Follow Milford Rd to Olivia Dr, turn right (east)



Pictures from the July Division 6 meeting - show & tell items

