



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, APRIL 18, 2007**. 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.

SHOW AND TELL

Since the March meeting got cancelled, we'll re-do the Show & Tell subject at another meeting. Since we try to coordinate the show & tell subject to the clinic, we have a NEW subject for the next meeting. Thanks again to everyone for the items they brought and showed off, back in February! We also thank those who donated to the caboose!

NEXT MEETING- your favorite railroad photo, model or proto-type

MEETING PROBLEMS

Well, it happens! First I had the wrong date in the last newsletter, which we corrected by sending out the postcards. Then, our meeting got cancelled and actually, it couldn't have happened on a "better" night. After all, the weather was really bad! What actually happened, was that when Guy Quick went to the office at 1pm to get the building key (as he usually does), he was surprised to find the office closed (already) for the Holiday weekend! With no key, we have no building access and thus no meeting. We have tried to get Livonia to give us a key for our own, but they continue to hedge on that. I hope you still had a nice evening, even though I'm sure you missed seeing your friends, just like I did! THIS is why we want your email address and encourage you to check the website!

MODELING INFORMATION

We look forward to more questions and tips next month!

ON THE RAILS...

APRIL 2008

AH Spring IS here!! And that could mean the start of less model railroading. However, you can find time to do something, if you really try. So keep model railroading a year round hobby by trying to do something at least once a week! Of course, part of our hobby IS being outdoors, watching trains, researching the proto-type and maybe garden railroading! Well, this IS Michigan and it's only the beginning of April, so maybe we still have a good month of model railroading in the basement! Even though we didn't have a meeting last month (more later), we have lots of news, some good, some not so good. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members last month, because we had no meeting. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

NEW DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website address is-
www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have an item to review, please see Glenn before the meeting starts.

LAYOUT TOURS

Well, it happens and something happened and Dennis Grudzinsky's layout had to cancel for the last tour. Sorry! But, Dennis is trying to make it up to you by being open again THIS month! We also have Dave Kunz, who is modeling in O scale and has a 2500 sq ft layout area! Dave was open for the NMRA convention, but I'm guessing most of us did not get a chance to see his layout. Check out the map for layout locations and times.

WE have a new layout Coordinator- Dick Harden, our Div 6 Secretary, has decided to also take on the Layout Tours. Dick is experienced in this, as he was one of the layout team for our last NCR convention that Div 6 sponsored. Give Dick a call or email if you would like to have your layout on a tour! We would like to have tours all summer long!

NEXT TOUR- April 27- Dennis Grudzinsky and Dave Kunz 12-4

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THOUGHTS & PRAYERS...

For our Div 6 History Master and his wife- Don and Ilene Watson - Don suffered a couple of minor strokes the other day and is now at the Manor of Novi. He is not doing real well right now. Don is very weak because he has trouble eating. There are some therapists working with him on eating, talking and walking. Ilene had colon surgery. They removed an abscess and another mass they found. It has to be biopsied to determine what it is. She is in Botsford Hospital. There is no real prognosis for her yet, until they learn what the mass was. There is no expectation that either Don or Ilene will return home. Rob, their son from Milwaukee, is working with his sister to find a place for them in Sterling Heights, where she lives.

UPDATE- I stopped by to see Don this afternoon at the Novi Manor. However, Don is still not doing very well. To complicate his minor strokes, he has pneumonia. As I was leaving, I ran into Rob, his son, who was just coming in. We talked for awhile. He doesn't think that Don will get much better and said that his dad doesn't recognize him most of the time. The nurse said the pneumonia was a contributing factor to that but I don't think it will change much. Nothing much new on Ilene yet. She is recovering from the surgery and is in a lot of pain. Rob expects that her next move will be into an assisted living facility near his sister.

This information has been sent to me/us by former Div 6 member Ken Chick via email. I've asked Ken to keep us informed as to any changes. Please keep Don and Ilene in your thoughts and prayers!

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.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

We're looking for anyone that has anything that has to do with the Jan 2008 Clinic, History of Div 6 or anything else one thinks would be good to put up on the Div 6 website to send it to Ed Beamish at modellrrservices@edb-enterprises.com

The FREE-MO modeling Group will be trying to get a meeting together in April, right here at the Livonia Senior Center. As of press time for this newsletter, a date had not been picked yet. Please keep in touch with Div 6 Clinic Chairman Howard for more information.

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. Oakland and Macomb Counties are Division 8, the Ann Arbor area is Division 9 and a new Division has been formed in the Flint-Saginaw area. All total, there are about 8 Divisions in our Region.

NCR REGIONAL CONV '08

Div 1 from Toledo is hosting the 2008 NCR Convention, FAST FREIGHT '08. The dates are September 19-21, 2008. For more information, go to www.divisiononencr.org/covn2008.htm or call Fred Lux 734-856-6489 or email Fred at fred@fredlux.com

CLINIC

Due to the last meeting being cancelled, we will have to wait for another month to have Joe's DCC clinic. 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- Father Dale will be here for a clinic on Photography

RAILROAD HISTORY

History master Don Watson, as you have read, is not likely to return to a Div 6 meeting. This is a great loss for all of us. We would like someone to become our new History Master and follow in Don's foot steps. If you are interested, please contact a Div 6 Board member!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 27- Toledo Big Train Show Lucas Co Fairgrds 11am-4pm

Sunday, July 20- 18th Trains in the Park, St. Bellarmine, Redford

Sunday, Sept 27- Train & Toy Swap United Meth Church, Durand 10-4pm

Sunday, Oct 12- Model Train Flea Mrkt Southgate Civic Ctr 10:30-3pm

Sunday, Oct 26- Trainorama Costick Comm Center, Farmington

Sunday, Nov 9- Lansing Train Show MSU Pavilion 10am-4pm

Sunday, Nov 30- Div 6 Workshop & Show, Livonia Senior Ctr 12noon-4pm

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