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OF THE NATIONAL MODEL
RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ON THE RAILS...

APRIL 2011

Well... spring is finally here! That usually means that model railroading takes a "back seat" to outdoor activities - golf, lawn care, car shows! You can and should, continue to model railroad all year long. That is why our Div 6 meetings are all year round, to help keep that interest up and keep you modeling. Another way is to be involved in a round-robin group that meets regularly. We have several within Div 6. Why not start one of your own! I'm sure there are many Div 6 members who would love to start a group with you. Well... time to go wax the Camaro.... Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

LAYOUT TOURS

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A NEW LAYOUT TOUR CHAIRMAN. PLEASE consider helping out your fellow Div 6 members by taking on this position. If you are interested in being the Layout Tour Chairman, please see Glenn.

NEXT TOURS- none planned !!!

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

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 15, 2011**. 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 ELECTIONS!

It's THAT time again!! ELECTIONS!! Nominations were officially opened at the March meeting and so far, we have these results-

Super- Howard Andrews

Asst Super- Mark Ellis

Secretary- Ed Beamish

Treasurer - Larry Wolohon (accepts to stay on, voted on by membership) The nominations are still open, so if you have an interest in being on the Div 6 Board, please volunteer yourself, or have a friend nominate you at the April meeting. The actual elections will be at the May meeting. Lots of time to consider putting YOUR name in the hat!!

DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WKSHP

Not much was talked about at the last meeting, but all of those ideas are still being considered. We did act on one suggestion - flyers! We have had a table at the most recent local train shows, promoting Div 6 and the Fall Show. Glenn and Mark have been attending with help from a few others. We'll do this again in the fall as the show date approaches.

If you have a Fall Show lawn sign, please bring back to Mark at a future meeting. The 2011 Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is Sunday, Nov 27th

TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas- This month was a good tip- different types of Pin vises, for different uses - always good to have a couple around with drills in them!

THANKS Bill!

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MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Here are **LARRY'S TIPS** for this month- instead of cementing in weights on hopper cars and cementing the frames in, Larry drilled through car floors so that truck mount size screws hold everything together! Avoids cementing and can be easily taken apart if needed. We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

PRODUCT REVIEW

We had an interesting product review this month. Jim Zinser talked about Vector Cut, a company that does very interesting detail parts in laser cut wood. These include screen doors, dog houses, picnic tables and HO scale food! (hamburgers, hot dogs and donuts!) Go to **Vectorcut.com** Jim used some of these details, including the food, to detail a diner he showed at the meeting. If you have a review item, see Glenn before the meeting.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was tank cars. Items shown were- C&GW; box car with tank inside; flat car with army tank!; 3 dome Athearn; N scale Penn Salt 3 dome; Mopar tank car, N scale SouPac MW; Firestone N scale; K-line 3 dome; GATX; G scale single dome; Atlas undec; S scale; G scale 3 dome; Perc Craft Scale wine tank car in O scale; GATX frame-less; 33K tank car; 40' trainline; BN 33K; RDG in service single dome; Heinz tank cars; 3 dome PRR; N scale Shell; Wyandotte tank car; N scale Readers Digest tank car N scale; late 1800 tank w/narrow ga trucks; Gen Dym tank car; 3 tank cars- different scales; G scale tank car; Roma 1959 tank car; Hooker tank car; Red Caboose tank; Walthers car; Varney tank car; Varney tank car; Gramps nag a car; scratch built tank car on flat- out of dowel rod + details; Sn3 tank cars; Gulf car; Varney Gulf car; Firestone car 6 dome; Bachman car; Sinclair tank car; book on tank cars; O scale tank car (Larry W??); SouPac several tank car color schemes; Dow tank car. There was one stand-out story- about a fluorescent light bulb left on the tracks at a club layout as they were preparing for an open house. Someone put trucks underneath and lettered with marker, then actually ran it on the layout during the open house. This was a club in Mass.

Current Projects shown included-
53 ford wagon; car tank project since 1995; kit-bash PRR gon O scale; modified Bar Mills kit Sweaty Betty's to diner; timing module from a Timex watch for setting DCC; brass 10 wheeler steam loco- painted w/dcc-sound; We did have some members donate to the caboose, Thanks!

NEXT MEETING-- structures!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last meeting. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

CLINIC

This months' clinic was by Div 6 member John Bopp on 1800s tank cars and tank car history, PART 2! John recapped the first part from last month, then continued.... What's in the dome - not much - used for expansion of cargo, plus relief valve for excess pressure. 1903 MCB (Master Car Builders) created tank car standards to be followed by all manufacturers. John showed many different types and manufacturers of cars. John also showed different models that can be used to build accurate models of many of the prototypes. LOTS of great information! For a first clinic - super!

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! 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- Glenn Joppich on finishing plastic structures

NMRA REPORT

NMRA VP Dave Thornton was at the last Div 6 meeting and offered these NMRA tidbits- Members website is up and running; archives is up and running- 5000 images online; a committee is looking into making NMRA magazine online only - mixed reaction- most want paper copy; Magazine is too large for electronic copies, electronic versions OK for newsletters; also can't take electronic copy into bathroom to read!; possible news only publication may be done to be sure even members who do not subscribe to magazine are informed on the NMRA happenings.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Fred Rockwell brought in NMRA Bulletins to have for free - ya had to be there to receive!

Great Lakes Live Steamers will resume running in April. First weekend of the month in Royal Oak, third weekend and special events at the Southgate site. Rides are free, donations requested/welcomed.

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm had a history lesson this past meeting, but we ran out of time and he's going to turn it into a full clinic on couplers. THANKS Norm- Looking forward to another lesson soon.

LANSING LEGACIES 2011

Mark from Div 5 attended our meeting and gave a presentation for the 2011 NCR convention. He had a video that he showed (very similar to our video we did for GLX - LOL!). The Convention car will be a kit- a laser cut signal tower that resides in the Lansing area. Clinics, layout tours, ops sessions, proto-type tours, Saturday night dinner are all of the plans for the convention. Video is also on you-tube!

NMRA VOTE MAIL ERROR!!!

We have been informed that the return address for the NMRA Central District voting ballots is NOT correct!! Please make sure you send your vote to-

NMRA Ballot Committee
c/o Skingco Services, LLC
33530 1st Way S. Suite 102
Federal Way, Washington 98003-7332

... and vote for Pete Magoun!!
Due date extended 2 weeks until- April 15th.

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.

FOR SALE- walthers code 83, new in box, 6 #8 left, 3 #8 right DCC friendly; Shinohara code 70 1 #6 left and 5 #8 right. All for \$20 each Hank Meyer 248-486-0608

DIV 6 PROJECT LAYOUT

We have had no new information on this project. We expect to be contacting the NS people this month for more information & discussions.

SPECIAL PROJECT CLINIC

We will use Nankin Hobby Farmington hobby room at the store on a Sunday morning from 10am-1pm. The date has not yet been set as it depends on how soon materials can be received. We believe it will be in early May. We have almost 20 people interested in making this project! If you want to build one of these, you MUST contact Jim Hockenberger at 734-455-1536 or by email at- jmbhocky@aol.com

Jim will help you get your materials! THANKS Nankin Hobby for the use of your hobby room for this project! Marty offered this information- it's OK to use one of these if you have a pace-maker. Best practice is to simply keep it at least 6-12" away from your implant.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, April 15-17 -
3rd annual THREE RIVERS OPSIG
Div 3-NCR-NMRA hosting w/NMRA OPSIG
Various times \$12
Registration is through webpage,
visit www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org

Friday-Sunday, April 15-17 -
NMRA Regional conv in Madison, WI
Website- www.nmra-scwd.org/Badgerland_Express_2011.php

Thursday-Sunday, April 28-May 1-
Mid Central Region convention, Ohio
www.railsofages.org/Convention/index.html

SYMPATHIES

We are sad to announce the passing of Div 6 member Jim Bliskey, who passed after a great battle with cancer on Wednesday, March 30th. While Jim had not been active for the past 2 years, mostly because of his illness, he was a great guy and fun loving. Jim was also a member of the Rail Gang round-robin group. Our deepest sympathies to Jim's family and friends.



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