

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 and our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2012**. 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.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

Member Norm Logan showed us a new neat trick for couplers on Athearn cars- A-Line Drill & Tap Jig set #11003- great for modifying Athearn car coupler boxes for using a screw to hold the coupler clip instead of relying on the clip itself (that often pops off). Also need drill #11001 #50 drill and screws #11004. Works great!! Cost is approx. \$31 and available at Nankin Hardware!

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

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

**LARRY'S TIPS** for this month were- Using foam to protect your prized locos in boxes - cut thin foam with sharp scissors, cut thicker foam with an old electric knife! Items lined with foam for a long period, the foam deteriorates and can damage item - wrap in tissue paper first!

TIP from Mark- mount small chrome button magnets from Michaels Craft store inside loads. These will hold load in place on Athearn flat cars, because they use a large metal weight under the car deck! We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

## DIV 6 REWARDS

REMEMBER- When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Division #6" member, or customer #1066 and they will apply your purchase to the Division 6 Bonus Plan. Our plan total is at \$300! Let's keep buying and adding to that total. This will go toward items for the Fall Show raffle!

# ON THE RAILS...

### APRIL 2012

Sorry in advance, that I will not be at the April Div 6 meeting. There is the small matter of me being the FOB - Father of the Bride on that same night! Guess I better show-up! ED, please take notes for me... thanks!  
Well we have had a taste of summer already! Very nice, but I hope that doesn't get in the way of your model railroad time. Summer weather can, as there are many other activities that draw on our attention. FIGHT IT!! Go downstairs and do some model railroading. It's much better than sneezing from the pollen while you cut or fertilize the grass.  
The 2012 NMRA National convention is fast approaching! As the ads say- "are you goin'?" With this event in our state, it should not be missed if possible. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last meeting. Welcome Bill Decoste. I think/hope we will have several more new members this coming meeting. Mark & Doug were busy at the Redford Trainorama talking to people about the NMRA and Div 6!  
To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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## LAYOUT TOURS

Thanks to Dick Harden and Jay Qualman for hosting Div 6 members in March to their railroad empires! Very nice layouts! WOW! We have two layouts for April, but they are on different days!! Div 6 Secretary Ed Beamish will have his N scale PereMarquette open on **SUNDAY, April XX** from 1pm-4pm. The Henry Ford Village Model RR Club will have a tour on **SATURDAY, APRIL 28** from 10am-2pm. Please pay attention to the map for days and times! Other activities at HFV will also be showcased! HFV is where passed member Tom Harris lived. If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.  
**NEXT TOURS-** Ed Beamish N scale and Henry Ford Village Model RR Club

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas. This month Bill showed a battery powered etching tool - Sweet and only \$10 at Harbor Freight. Looking forward to another tool tip next month. THANKS Bill!

## CLINIC

This months' clinic was by John Wissinger MMR on building his current layout. The presentation was done in January 2011 for sharing layout info with a friend in Calif. Presentation was of John's layout from start to present! Many great pictures and John narrated these telling interesting tidbits of each photo and what it showed. Great looking scenes and layout!

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call Joe Bliss.

**NEXT MEETING-** possible clinic on painting figures

## RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was at the last meeting and gave us a history lesson from the NMRA Bulletin of 1985 - history of the NCR. At that time we were celebrating 40 years having started in 1946! The NCR held a convention in that first year in Lima, Ohio and got a tour of the Lima Loco Works. The Detroit Model RR club was the basis for the NCR membership. In 1953 a constitution and HotBox were adopted and started. The Hotbox was bi-yearly. Several years later in 1959, the HotBox went quarterly. Dues were soon at \$1 per year. In 1972 the current Divisions were formed. Thanks Norm- Looking forward to another lesson soon.

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is COOL! Check it out at- [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

GLLS (Great Lakes Live Steamers) are starting in MAY for 2012. Again they run 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends. 1<sup>st</sup> weekend is Royal Oak, 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend is Southgate.

Member Gary Balint brought in free magazines! Thanks!

At the Ann Arbor Train show, John reported that the NMRA promotion table got 8 new members signed up! I think our new member tonight was one of them! Good Job volunteers!

Riders Hobby in Ann Arbor has closed again!!

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The Div 6 membership extends our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of past member Tom Lenzion, who passed away on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Tom was a pioneer of operations on model railroads! Tom has helped us with many conventions by having his layout open for tours. There was a "last OPS session" on his current O scale layout in his honor a few weeks ago. Tom's layout was featured in the HotBox last year.

## PAST MEMBER PROJECT

It's sad when we lose Div 6 members and we've lost two in the last 5 months, Tom Harris and Tom Lenzion. Div 6 Secretary had a great idea, we're looking for photos, stories of our passed members to keep as a history of members and to give a copy to the passed members families. Send any-all materials to Ed Beamish. We will copy it and return the originals to you.

## 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 where you can bring in items for sale.

## NMRA NEWS

The NMRA is reporting that 80% of Rail-Pass memberships (6 month trial) convert to a full time NMRA member! That is great and we should be promoting more of these locally!

There is a new award to honor Dean Freytag who passed away last year. This award will be for an industrial structure and will be given out for the first time at Grand Rapids Grand Rails 2012.

The idea of a NMRA National Convention as a cruise is sunk! The surveys taken and comments received indicate no interest! This NMRA report was written by Jack Watson, who was not at the meeting.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, April 29**, Monroe Model Train Show MBT Expo Center 3775 Custer Rd. (M-50) Monroe, MI 48161 11am to 4pm \$6.00 for adults. Children 12 and under Free with an adult. FREE PARKING  
Contact Information- Al or Yvonne Mitchell PO Box 1259 Adrian, MI 49221 517-264-5705  
Website: [FOMRR@modelrailstuff.com](mailto:FOMRR@modelrailstuff.com)

**MAY - NOVEMBER 2012** Saginaw Railway Museum - Saginaw Valley Railroad Historical Society 900 Maple St. PO Box 20454 Saginaw, MI 48602 989-790-7994  
Open the First and Third Saturday of each month from 1pm-4pm. Closed holidays. Opening day is MAY 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Website-

[www.saginawrailwaymuseum.org](http://www.saginawrailwaymuseum.org)

**Sunday-Saturday, July 29 - August 4, 2012** - GRAND RAILS 2012 77th NMRA National Convention

**Friday-Sunday, August 3-5, 2012** GRAND RAILS 2012 National Train Show Hosted by- The Grand Rapids Model Railroad Historical Society Located at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and the Convention Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan  
All the details are available on the website- [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org)

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your oldest model RR item and/or a flat car.

Old items shown were- Am Flyer billboard; Ives tank car with box!; curved trestle; Tyco GP20's; Mantua freight car kit; Lionel Std gauge loco, tender and coach; Lionel caboose 1968; steam loco built in 1954; Varney Aerotrains box! (had the train at one time); SantaFe paper covered refer 1930's; 1959 Revell caboose; flat car; Mantua gon; Bowser Steam loco USRA 2-4-2; Mantua gon 1955; Western & Atlantic cars; Aldridge flat car 1970; scratch built gon and station; Fleshman German made train set- loco, box, refer, gon, flat and caboose; Atlas Geep DT&I; 1959 Revell tank loco; Atlas tie strip, 1940's Comet freight car kit (complete with instructions and box!) and small loco; hand built flat track cleaning car; Ambroid covered hopper kit 1971; flat car with pipe load 1960s.

Flat cars shown were- flat cars with wood loads; Tichy flat car 6 pack kits; spline car TOFC; G scale flat with army tank load; O scale flat with Sherman tank; Am Flyer flat with transformer load; BN depressed flat with transformer and extra car with parts; BN flat with detailed deck and load; Athearn flat with F unit side frame load; RG flat car; MofW flat cars; depressed center flat; ACL flat with pipe load; Athearn bulkhead flat; work car and flat with magnetic loads (see product review/tips); flat car for sale; DRG flat car with load; N scale flat with steel load, Hornby (England) flat car.

**Current Projects shown included-** Basic construction of a Hewitt unloader by Walthers.

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

**NEXT MEETING--** figures! Bring in one or a crowd!

## NMRA AWARD GIVEN!

This month we had a Div 6 member obtain enough credits for a NMRA Association Volunteer Certificate. Congratulations to our Secretary Ed Beamish! I have seen a list (for a future HotBox article) and we should have several more Div 6 members receiving awards soon!

 <p><b>Dave's Hobby &amp; TV</b> Stop here for all your hobby needs.</p> <p>29026 Warren Rd Westland MI 48185 734.422.4464</p>
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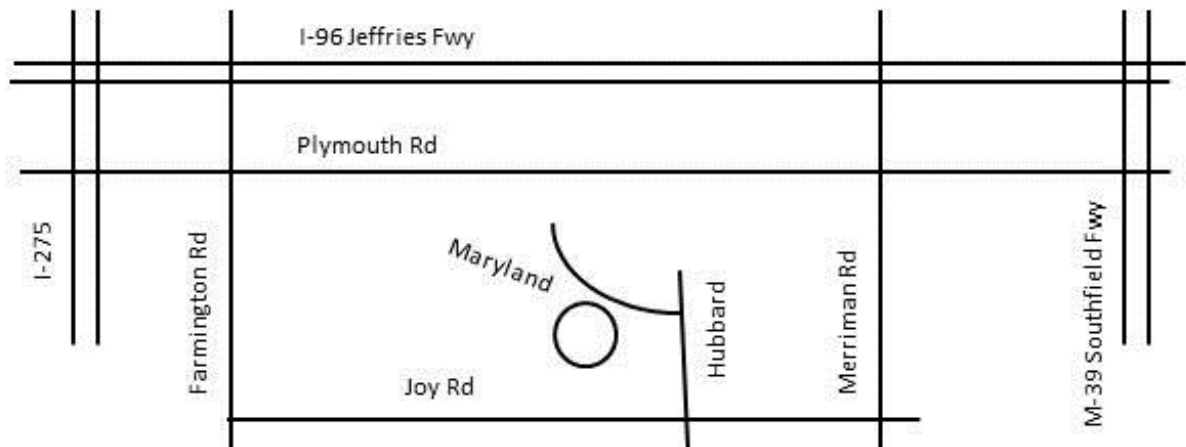
## Division 6 Layout Tours!

**Sunday, April 22 – Ed Beamish N scale PereMarquette**

**Saturday, April 28 – Henry Ford Village Model RR Club HO**

Ed Beamish  
32465 Maryland St  
Livonia, Mich. 48150  
**Open: Sunday, April 22 1pm-4pm**

N Standard Gauge  
A 13' x 20' double decked freelanced layout with proto-typical enhancements located in the lower section of a tri-level home in Livonia Michigan. The main railroad modeled is the Pere Marquette Detroit & Chicago Divisions in the 1949 - 1952 era.



HENRY FORD VILLAGE RR Club  
15191 Ford Rd (St Clair Entrance)  
Dearborn, Mich. 48126  
**Open: Saturday, April 28 10am-2pm**

HO Standard Gauge  
1940/50 era city and rural layout. Approximately 800' of track, 5 yards and connectors and 3 villages  
(Wheel Chair Accessible)

