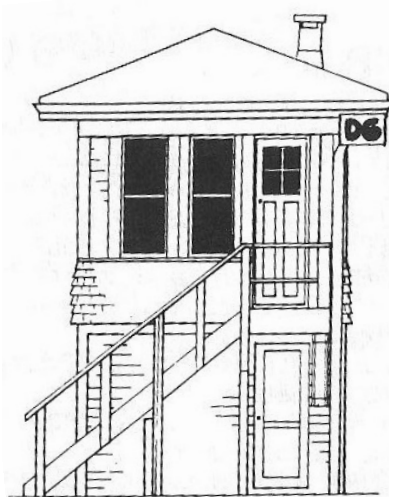

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION SIX OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ON THE RAILS…

APRIL 2013

Happy Spring!! Hopefully the weather has started to turn nice! (it was supposed to snow overnight at the last Div 6 meeting!) Train show "season" has pretty much ended, but there are a few left. With better weather, rail fanning should now become better and more exciting to do (and more comfortable)! Just be careful if you partake in this aspect of our hobby. The Railroad Police are still very strict, so make sure you are off of RR property. Also BE SAFE! Remember that you should expect a train from any direction at any time! Have fun, shoot some great pictures and maybe share them at a Div 6 meeting as a clinic. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. We had a lighter meeting attendance – 41 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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 19, 2013***. 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.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was something you have that is from a proto-type railroad. Shown were these items- several RR spikes; lighted switch light and a hammer; DSS&A rule book; Pere Marq RR yard lantern; oil can; lantern; RDG lantern; NS/PRR sand from trackside; EMD operation manual NW2; air hose from CN yard in Windsor; FEC playing cards and time tables; steam builders plate for Baldwin GTW #6040; SP operating rules; NYC ticket stub; NYC lock key, 2009 RR registry; flags for CP extra loco; NS lantern; tickets from Dallas area rail; prototype coupler gauge; oil can; LS&MS lantern; EMD builders plate for F7B SP; 1900 brake wheel; Pittsburgh RR token.

Current Projects shown included- Benchwork for a modular traction layout; town track plan – to HO scale! (approx. 20' long); HO scale military tank; AmFlyer box car.

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

NEXT MEETING-- the model you are bringing for the model contest!

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was at the last meeting and had a History Lesson for us! Cool! Article on the railroads in Ohio, especially in Ashtabula! Had about 5 different railroads in town, plus a traction line. The main players, NYC and PRR both had extensive yards and harbor facilities. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Richard Borsos, our resident real engineer and Road Foreman, is failing in health and will be moving to Colorado with some family. This will happen by the end of March. Good Luck to Rich!!

John Wissenger has made it to PA and so did his layout. It's in pieces in his garage, but it made it! Good Luck to John!

West Point Hobby shop is OPEN! Div 6 member Charlie did purchase the shop and is in the process of rebuilding the store stock. They are open Mon-Thursday 2pm-6pm, Friday 2pm-7pm, Saturday 11am-7pm and Sunday 12 noon to 5pm.

Congratulations to Jay & Brook Qualman for their layout pictures in Model RR magazine and the 2013 Walthers catalog! First Prize!

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

You have ONE month, the April 2013 meeting, to have your modeling project completed. This will be a popular vote contest with no awards – bragging rights only! This first contest is an open subject – any model you wish to bring. Let's get modeling!!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY's TIPS for this month were- Larry told us that his layout is made of 2x6 modules. He has used a cardboard templates to plan his entire layout. Larry showed us a template for a center module and also had a cardboard template for the roundhouse, based on the center of the turntable. It can be used to determine where the roundhouse would best fit, before building the module in wood.
We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

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.

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N CENTRAL CROSSING

The 2013 NCR convention will be on November 1-3, 2013. It's hosted by Div 8 and will be at the Troy Community Center. Details will be appearing in the NCR HotBox and on the Convention website ***www.ncr2013.ncr-nmra.org.***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19-20 NMRA AAP – Jim Six meet 99% clinics!! See website-
http://michiana-nmra.org/
NMRA Michiana Division Education and Training Conf & Workshops
Sunday, April 21 - Blissfield Railroad Days Train Show
Blissfield American Legion Hall
415 W. Adrian St. Blissfield, MI
10am-4pm $5 children under 3 free
Contact Info- Debbie Scanes 115 E. Adrian St. Blissfield, MI
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Saturday/Sunday, April 20-21 - Blissfield Railroad Days
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10am-4pm $5 children under 3 free
Contact Info - Doug Tagsold
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Saturday, April 27
Pittsburg area RR Jamboree
See- ***www.keystonedivision.org***
Sunday, April 28 - Monroe Model Train Show by Friends Of Model RailRoading (FOMRR)
MBT Expo Center 3775 Custer Rd. (M-50) Monroe, MI 48161
FOMRR@modelrailstuff.com
11am – 4pm $6.00 for adults. Children 12 and under Free with an adult Contact Info – Al/Yvonne Mitchell PO Box 1259 Adrian, MI 49221 517-264-5705
Friday-Sunday, May 17-19 - 38th annual Durand Railroad Days
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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 Div 6 Bonus Plan. Thanks for your purchases.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running but not fully contented. Keep checking the site –
www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

LAYOUT TOURS

We had tours in February – THANKS to Glenn and Paul for having tours for Div 6 members and friends! Hope you made it out to these layouts! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.
WE NEED TOURS!!
NEXT TOURS- tours for April 28.
Ron King , 809 Deering, Garden City, MI 48135 1-5:30
Jim Zinser, 1317 Charlesworth, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 1-4:30

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe. The clinic for this past meeting was a presentation by Div 6 member JC Pascal on using the Official RR Equipment Register and its uses for model railroading. JC had a nice ppt presentation showing pages from the book he has as reference. The Railways Equipment Register was published up to 4 times per year; has car type and number, owning RR, dimensions, capacity, year built.
Also shows junction points for each railroad. Many books also had system maps!
You really need to get "into" the book, as there is all of the standard information, plus notes and exceptions listed. This helps you model a better, more accurate model of a certain car for a certain railroad. Older books also had great information on passenger cars and some had industries that the railroad served! Great presentation and information JC – Thanks!
NEXT MEETING- member Joe Bliss on fine tuning DCC CV numbers for greater performance and enhancements.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was not at the last meeting. Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

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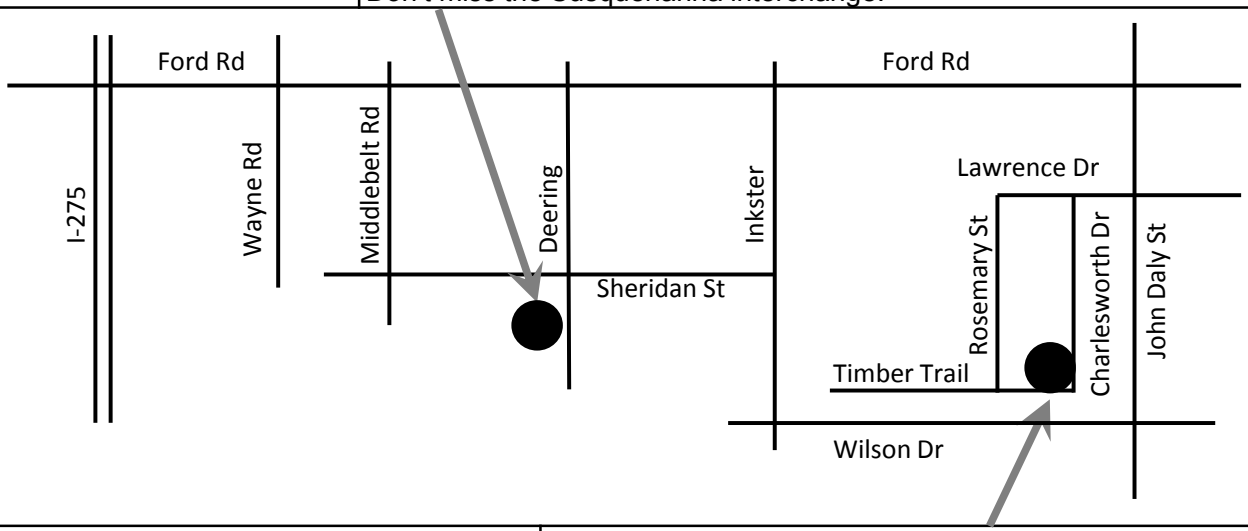
DIVISION 6 LAYOUT TOURS SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Ron King 809 Deering St Garden City, Mich. 48135 Open: Sunday 1 – 5:30	HO Standard Set in the transition era, both steam and diesels wind their way through this recreation of the Erie Railroad. The layout features many scratch built and kit bashed contest-quality structures, and spectacular autumn scenery. Large industrial areas and a major yard dominate the layout. Reliable and derailment free operation is important. The layout is controlled with walk around DCC and a centralized dispatching panel, and is completely signaled. Aisles are tight, but the scenery is beautiful. Don't miss the Susquehanna interchange.



Jim Zinser 1317 Charlesworth Dearborn Heights, Mich. 48127 OPEN: SUNDAY 1-5:30pm	HO Standard Gauge The layout models The Copper Valley Railway, a fictitious feeder line that interchanges with The Milwaukee Road in McKeever, Michigan. The railroad also interchanges with the SOO line and the DSS&A in Houghton, Michigan