



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.

However, **PLEASE NOTE!!** our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014**. 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.

NOTE- the April Div 6 will be moved UP a week to the second Friday in April, April 11th!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was present and thus had a history lesson this past month. From a 1958 pamphlet- RAILWAY PROGRESS had a story about the Boomer Brigade; Boomers were RR workers that moved from RR job to RR job, due to strikes. The name boomer came from American Bridge Co president, LT Boomer, who employed many of these transient workers. The story had several examples of how boomers got around work laws to keep jobs and several antidotes of some boomers. Interesting stuff!! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

MAUMEE EXPRESS 2014

The 2014 NCR convention, the Maumee Express will be held in the Toledo area on April 25-27, 2014. YES.. this is a SPRING convention. That is due to the NMRA National being in Cleveland this coming summer. All of the registration information is on their website and in the new HotBox.

http://www.divisiononencr.com/Convention/Toledo_2014.html



ON THE RAILS...

APRIL 2014

We're rolling along... 2014 is now a quarter complete. Spring is "finally" here and everyone is looking for warmer, better weather. That usually means our hobby suffers as other activities take precedent. Here's hoping your hobby efforts can stay strong during the spring and summer months to come!

The NCR Regional convention is just a few weeks away! The Maumee Express is sponsored by Div 1 in Toledo. Are you going? Several Div 6 members are giving clinics and participating. Hope you do too! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Ralph Shoberg and Tony Mazurek. Meeting attendance was good with 60 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was locomotives - any type/kind.

Items shown included-

Z scale CN GP9; GE 44 tonner; railcar made from boxcab; O scale B&O T3 mountain; PRR decapods; BWL centipede; AM Flyer GP7 demo; L&N GP7; RS2 Erie detailed; Sparey track inspector car; PA kitbash to PA3 Southern; 4-4-2 SP loco; GN RS1; Concor Burlington Zephyr; S scale AM Flyer GP7; RDG B unit; GP38 New England; Lionel HO UP Turbine; B&O RDC-2; Little Critter loco; industrial switcher; Lake Erie switcher; industrial switcher all scratch built with everything working - based on Marklin G; 1930 Varney Berkshire brass kit!; SantaFe F unit; N scale trolley kitbashed; Tyco "General" rebuilt with Cary boiler; Bachman ; C19 narrow ga loco; 1955 kitbuilt Penn line GG1 (built when 15 yrs old); 4-6-0 Ken-kitter brass loco reworked; N scale Trainmaster Wabash; ILL Term Class C; UP 2-8-0 Harrimen O scale.

Current Projects shown included-

Walthers building kit for customer; PRR O scale pass car detailed; sanding facility modified Bar Mills.

We had several members (??) that donated to the caboose, THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - caboose's

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present and showed a Power tool on sale for \$15 at Harbor freight. This is a oscillating multi-tool that cuts, sands and more. Using "flat" blades (no teeth) the blade oscillates back and forth at such a rate that it will cut through near anything and with accuracy! Bill also showed an "oldtime" soap- FELS-NAPTA SOAP. This is great for cleaning paint brushes!! Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

DIV 6 MEETING MOVED!!

The April meeting will be on **FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014.**

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

DIV 6 REWARDS

When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Div 6" member, or customer #1066, they will apply your purchase to the Div 6 Bonus Plan. Div 6 will get FREE stuff for the Fall Show! Thanks for your purchases.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

The 2014 NMRA National convention will be in Cleveland. As of THIS month, the website has been updated on registration, tours, company store, etc.

Marty LaForte has been back in the hospital. As of the Div 6 meeting, he is still there recovering from surgery. He's doing well.

Jim Fox is also recouping from some surgery. Best wishes!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY's TIPS for this month were- Larry showed dollar tree green clumbs (Styrofoam with grass glued on) that can be cut to make small hills and ground features. He also showed plastic lids to containers (butter, lunch meat, etc) to be used as palettes and for mixing paint. Larry finds many calcium chloride cars - gons with special built on racks. However, he has never a car with the containers or seen a container. He makes his containers for calcium chloride cars from diabetic needle caps. Larry was tweaking car couplers and needed some shims, however they were hard to paint once installed. So he made several sizes of shims for under couplers, painted the edges in advance and stores them in a parts box. Lastly Larry also showed misc shapes from misc items in the house to make roof vents and details. We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

LAYOUT TOURS

THANKS to Pierre Willermet for hosting tours for us last month! Great layouts! There will be no tours for April - go to the convention!! It's up to you guys... if you want tours, you need to volunteer and get your friends to volunteer! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC. WE NEED TOURS!!

NEXT TOURS- MAY... go to the NCR convention for tours in April!

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DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

We had our second contest this past meeting, which was built motive power. We had 4 entries and by a close vote, Jim Zinser is our winner for this quarter! We've voted on another project and it will be shown at the JUNE 2014 meeting. Our theme will be Vehicles!! Bragging rights will be awarded!

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe. At the last meeting, Joe was supposed to give Part 2 of his clinic on signals and control circuits for them. Joe was very sorry to report that he did not get the opportunity to complete his clinic. Plus, we did not have the projector at the meeting, so it was a "double whammy" for having a clinic. We'll try again next meeting!!

NEXT MEETING- Joe Bliss and Part 2 on signaling circuits.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday, April 26-27

Blissfield Railroad Days and Train Show & Sale Downtown Blissfield 110 W. Adrian St. Blissfield, MI Model Railroad Train Show and Sale. Blissfield Middle School 1305 Beamer Rd. Blissfield, MI 10am to 4pm \$3 ticket includes entry into four home layouts including the Blissfield Model Railroad Club's and Doug Tagsold's Terminal of Toledo layouts. Also includes entry into the Blissfield Model Railroad Club's Train Show Swap Meet, and many railroad displays in downtown businesses. Also available for an additional fee is a ride on the real Adrian & Blissfield Railroads passenger train. No Strollers Wheelchair Accessible Contact Information: Joe Watts 517-682-1048

Saturday & Sunday, May 3-4, 2014

Hobby-rama - trains, planes, automobiles and more!! Gibraltar Trade Center North 237 N. River Road Mount Clemens, MI Saturday-11am-5pm Sunday-10am-4pm Admission \$7 Children 12 & under FREE when accompanied by an adult admission Save \$2 by bringing in a can of food to benefit the Food Pantry at the Hope Center in Macomb Parking \$2 Contact Info- **hobbyrama@comcast.net** 586-306-5306

NMRA NEWS

NMRA VP Dave Thronton was at our Div 6 meeting in March and commented that the NMRA is in excellent financial shape. The best we've been in, in over 20 years or more! The big focus is on the up-coming National conv in Cleveland, July 13-19, 2014. Elections up-coming, probably in September or later. Info will be out in September for sure. Pete Magoun, MMR from our NCR is looking to run again.

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PRODUCT REVIEW

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