

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. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015**. 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.

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DIVISION OF CHOICE

Do you live in Oakland County, but attend Div 6 meetings? Then you can become an official Div 6 member!! All you need to do is fill out the DIVISION OF CHOICE form. See a Div 6 Board member for a form. Once filed, you can now vote and hold office in Div 6!

ON THE RAILS...

APRIL 2015

It's SPRING!! This changes everything, as outdoor activities will soon be more exciting than spending time in the basement on your layout. Two possible solutions... one would be to set aside one night a week to work on your layout. That keeps your interest up and you get things done! The other - join a round-robin group or start one yourself. This too keeps you interested, work on layouts and the added interaction of other model railroaders. Div 6 has several groups, not sure if they are open to new members, so maybe start a new group. Happy Spring and keep on model railroading! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 1 new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Roger Austin. Meeting attendance was good with about 41 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was oldest model kit you never built! **Items shown included-** ConCor brewery kit; Micro Scale depot; Ambroid centerflow hopper; Winchester Station coaling tower; Suncoast icing platform; Hobbytown road switcher; Buildings Unlimited house; cement car; interlocking tower AHM; Walthers metal switcher; US Navy helium car; Mantua baggage car; OK Streamliner pass car; Columbia House farm house kit; Roundhouse switcher; kit of Plymouth Freight house; Roundhouse kits; tractor kit by Sheepscot; Athearn refer; F&C gon kit; Zimmer models box car kit; Scale Structure Ltd house; Cliff Line flat car; Campbell brewery kit; Page Inds steam hoist; Timberline mining kit; Varney refer from 1937; Walthers Cornerstone engine house; All Nation boxcar kit; ferris wheel kit.

Current Projects shown included- Scratch-built station; caboose to detail; plaster castings for kit of St. McGuire Hotel- scratch building turned/sold as a kit. We had a few members that donated to THE caboose. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - passenger cars

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

THIS MONTH - Our next modeling contest subject is due for showing and bragging rights! The subject is flat cars with loads. We are looking forward to seeing your modeling project!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present but did not have anything to share for this meeting. 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.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

NCR 2015 convention is in Fort Wayne, Ind by Div 3. Dates are Thursday-Sunday, October 29-31 & Nov 1. Prototype tours will be a main focus. Clinics, layout tours, model showcase and photo contest will also be included.

Winner of Nankin Hobby \$10 gift cards at the last meeting was Dave Thornton. THANKS Nankin Hobby!!

Good to see past Div 6 and NCR President Jack Watson at the last meeting!

Marty and Connie doing better, as both attending the last meeting!

Doug Malaznik is looking for GW Snow coaling tower instructions, as he has the kit without them.

Received a note from longtime Div 6 member Frank Spadafore when he renewed his NCR Pike Ad... I have been fairly ill the past year and was in Oakwood Hospital for a bit and doing dialysis. I am currently in Oakwood Community Rehab. Best wishes to Frank on a good recovery!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, so we did have a history lesson. His story was about the Car Knockers... the real job of inspecting cars before the train leaves the yard. John had a handout on the rules and recommendations to be a car inspector from 1903. John read all the test rules for eyes, hearing and general knowledge. Quite intensive! And at times, funny! Looking forward to the lesson soon.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

LAYOUT TOURS

Contact Hocky if you are available for a Layout Tour! We had no tours for March. BUT... we have several for April!

*** Div 6 members Doug Melaznik and Mark Ellis will be open on Sunday, April 19th from 1pm-5pm (see map)

*** Last weekend in April - Henry Ford club layout will be at the Henry Ford Village with their layout also open! The displays will be open Saturday, April 25th, 10-6, and Sunday, April 26th from 10-4. The Ford Layout features both O and HO gauge, and will be on display in the Great Lakes Clubhouse Lobby. The Henry Ford HO layout is in the lower level of Chapel Court, and both are handicapped accessible to wheel chairs and walkers. There will be directional signs between the two areas. Henry Ford Village is located at the southeast corner of Ford Road and Greenfield in Dearborn, with entrances off northbound Greenfield and via the east bound Ford Road exit ramp and access drive. Stop at the gate house and tell them you are here to visit the train layouts. Turn left toward the Great Lakes Clubhouse, and park in that general area. (Parking spots marked with a yellow dot on the pavement are reserved for Village Residents.) There is additional parking along the perimeter road. Signs will point you to the Great Lakes entrance. (see map)

*** Div 8 will have a layout tour on April 12th in Troy (see map)

*** The Redford Model RR club has a open house on Saturday, April 11 and April 26 from noon-4pm. The Redford Club is located on Michigan Ave, east of Inkster Rd.

How about you?? **It's up to you guys...** if you want tours, you need to volunteer and get your friends to volunteer! We **NEED NEW** people and layouts please!!

NEXT TOURS- Div 6 tours, Henry Ford Village tours and Redford Model RR club - WOW!!!

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe Bliss!! The clinic for this month was DVD featuring the Hale's (MMR's) on scenery technics using Woodland Scenic products. Their advice was good even if you use other than Woodland Scenic products, but this almost made it seem like an hour long commercial.

EDITORS NOTE- don't know about you, but a LIVE clinic is much better than watching a video on different modeling projects. A general train video is not too bad, but these instructional videos are no so hot. PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic

NEXT MEETING- depressed center flat cars with loads by Mark Ellis

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

The Convention Planning Team has been hard at work already and has secured a location and dates for the 2016 convention. These will be announced at the next Div 6 meeting. We'll also start working on our convention name and logo. Division 6 will be hosting the 2016 NCR convention. Here is your Convention Planning Team....

Chairman - Norm Logan

Asst. Chairman - Mark Ellis

Registrar - Bill McMillan

Treasurer - Larry Wolohon

Clinics - Ron King/John Bopp

Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger

Website - Ed Beamish

Program/printing - Barry Hensel

Prototype Tours - Doug Malaznik

Publicity - Barry Hensel

Volunteers -

Advisor - Howard Andrews

The **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way!

NMRA

NMRA VP Dave Thornton gave a quick NMRA report... There is a final approval on layout command control standards. This is designed to run everything but the trains - signals, lights, etc. Plus bridge networks that allow different throttles to be used with different systems - use Digitrak throttles with an NCE system.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter gave out a handout for making a "key" to help you when selecting engine numbers on Digitrak throttles. Another handout was on making a jig for soldering transition rail jointers. Bill had one to show how they look when made. Bill also had some bargains on tools- \$2 for a set of tweezers at Great Lakes Hardware, and a flat blade saw for cutting on flat surfaces - bought at a wood working shop.

Bill has a message - The best tool time in recent memory was when we started discussion on the oscillating multi-tool. Over 4 people joined in on that one and we all won. I, for one, would like to see more of those. Jump in, we all benefit when that kind of discussion gets started. I'm more than happy to give you the floor to anyone with experience with the tool or an alternate. The only down side is -- we may wake up somebody who is nodding off. Thanks, Bill
Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Wolverine Train Club Show
United Food & Commercial Workers
Hall 876 Horce Brown Drive Madison
Heights, MI 48071
10 A.M.-3:30 P.M. \$3.00 per person
Info- Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

Saturday & Sunday, April 11-12,
2015 Hobby-rama - trains, planes,
automobiles and more!!
Gibraltar Trade Center North 237
N. River Road Mount Clemens, MI
Sat 11am-5pm & Sunday 10am-4pm
Admission \$6 Children 12 & under
FREE when accompanied by an adult
admission Contact Info-
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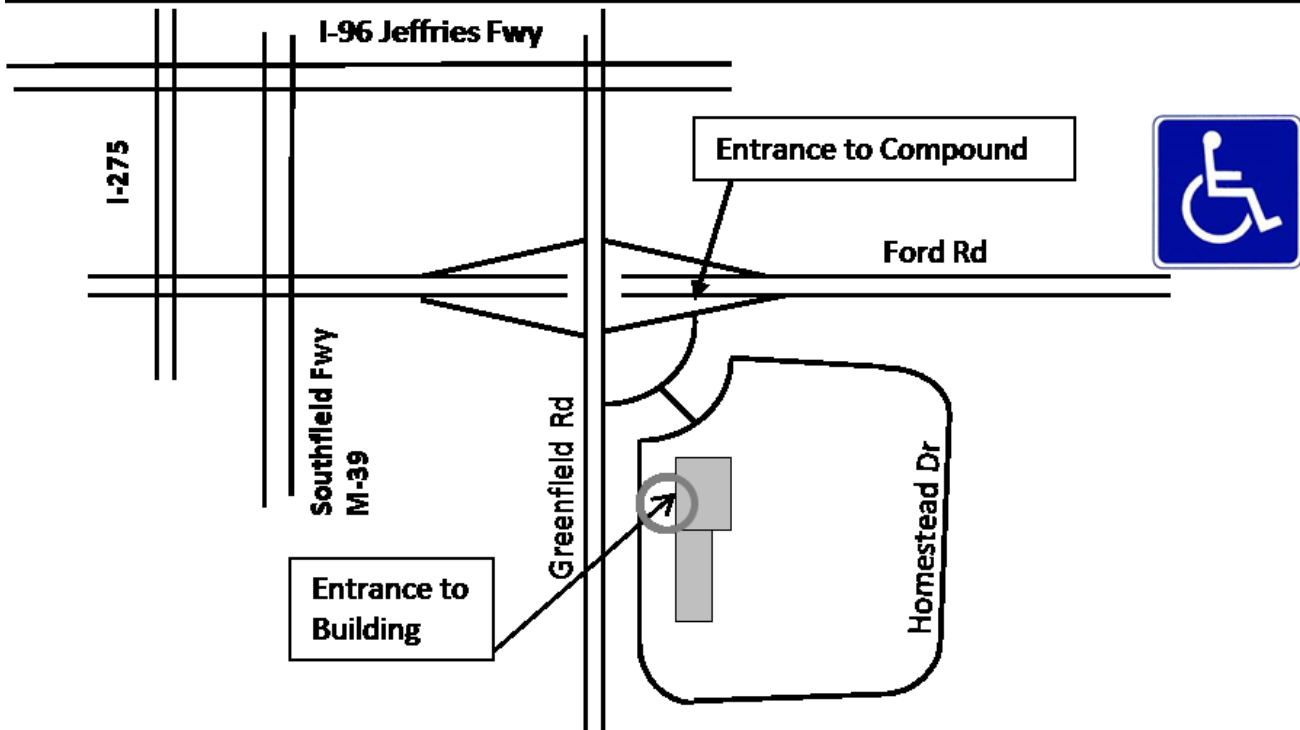


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connectors and 3 villages
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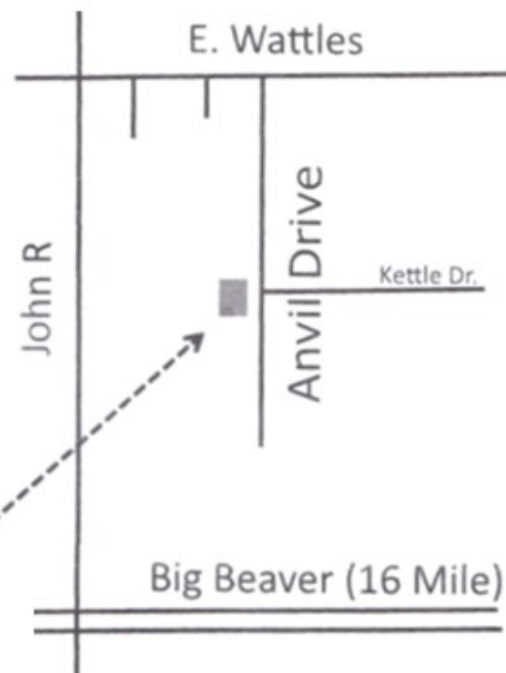
NMRA Division 8 Layout Tour

April 12, 2015 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

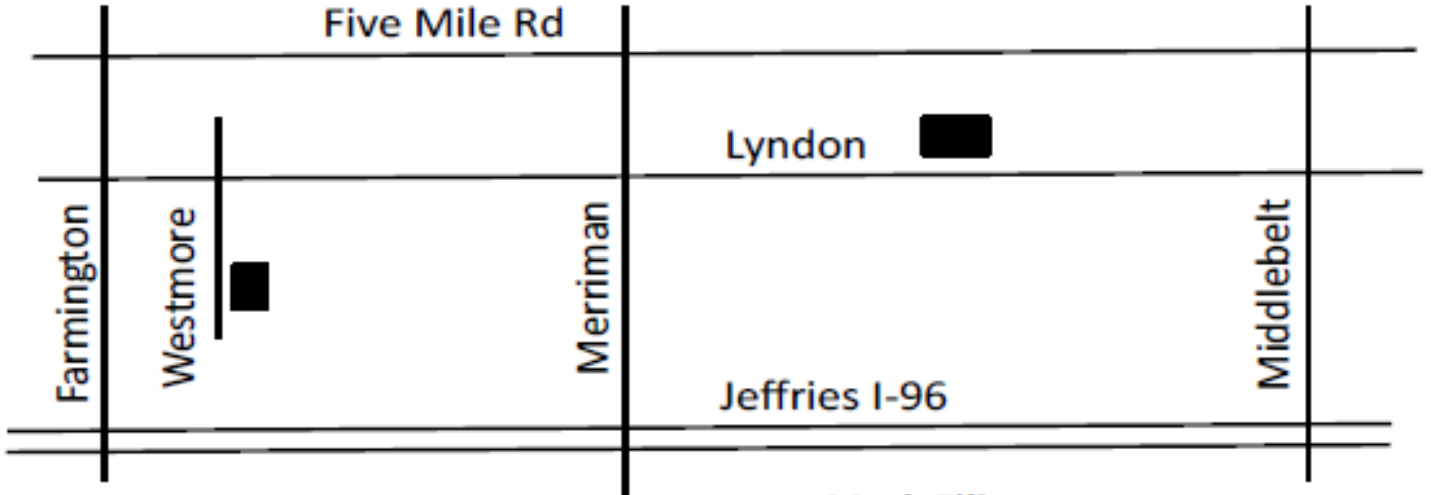
Boston & Maine Green River Subdivision

Gale Saxton's Green River Subdivision is an HO layout occupying a 24' by 38' space. It depicts the Boston & Maine Railroad. Designed for operations, the layout features many industries and switching challenges for train crews. Modeling the 1950's era with steam and diesel locomotives, the layout is an excellent example of modeling an east coast railroad. Gale has continued to make progress on the layout, so there is more to see than there was during the convention a year and a half ago!

Gale's address is 3801 Anvil Drive,
Troy, MI 48083



Division 6 Tours
Sunday, April 19 1pm-5pm



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**NOTE- NO parking on north
side of street!! Driveway is OK!**