



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 21, 2017**. 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.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the modeling project for the **JUNE** meeting is to be- any car that cost \$10 or less with detailing and before/building pictures.

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!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting, but had no new reports to give. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon. Barry Hensel mentioned and showed a FREE piece of astro-turf from Menards. It could be used to make tall swap grasses! Richard Kubec showed a battery operated nail buffer/cleaner/polisher... about \$20 at Walmart... good for track cleaning! Thanks for the tips!!

LAYOUT TOURS

Contact Hocky if you are available for a Layout Tour! 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 & layouts please! THANKS to Ken and Paul for the tours this past month!!

NEXT TOURS- April 28-29 Henry Ford Village layout with Ford Model RR Club layout, Redford Club and Roy Jones! See map for times!!

May ?? Barry, Dave, Tom and Marty, redo of December tours??

ON THE RAILS...

APRIL 2017

Well... spring sprung in the middle of some snow! After the very mild February, guess we can't complain too much. Then there was the huge wind storm... hope you made it through that without much stress or problems. Hopefully, these weather concerns did not keep you from your model railroading activities!

With Spring here, soon, outdoor and other activities will fill our free time. This is when our hobby can take a down-turn, as we are primarily an indoor hobby. Don't give in to the outdoors!! Stay in your basement and do more model railroading!!

Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was nice with about 42 members present. 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 head-end cars such as-baggage, express, RPO etc....

Items shown included- Old time Combine; hvywgt baggage; express refer; IC N scale hvywgt baggage; AmFlyer combine; PRR baggage; PRR RwyExp refer; old time baggage for MRCraftsman; SP baggage/RPO; FEC RPO; Burlington RPO-combine; GN express refer; baggage; PRR x29 express box; Amtrak baggage; RDG baggage in 2 paints; PRR RPO car; ACL baggage; O scale PRR exp refer; UP 72' baggage; B&O Overton baggage; RPO car; HOn3 cars; Det-Lansing-St Clair baggage (Irv Schultz); MLW RD baggage; N scale hvywgt baggage; RRX refer; PM N scale baggage; O scale GN Brill car w/baggage compartment; UP RPO

Current Projects shown included- Gon with a speedometer circuit inside running off of a magnet on one axle - with digital readout!; gon with pipe loads; weathered freight cars;

We had several of members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - freight car loads by everyday materials

DIV 6 FUNDS DONATION

We agreed to spend \$3000 from our Div 6 treasury, with \$1000 each being donated to the Kalmbach-NMRA Library and to SRI in Owasso. As for that third \$1000 for equipment for Div 6, Ed has made some progress. Tech equipment - Laptop approx... \$500 Webcam... \$100, plus get tripod and extra cables plus software for the laptop... total will be just under the \$1000 designated! We'll vote on this at the next meeting!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site -

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Remember... if you bring in an item for Show -n- Tell, you get a raffle ticket! This month we had another donated \$10 gift card from Nankin RR Hobby Shop (**THANKS!!!**). This month's winner Barry Hensel!

The 2017 NCR convention will be hosted by Div 4 - the Grand Rails Division, in Grand Rapids. More info in the December HotBox.

If you want a name badge... see Mark!! A new order list has been started for another shirt order.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

A suggestion made at the last meeting, was again discussed in more depth at this month's meeting. The suggestion is to having a roundtable discussion on any subject at a meeting, instead of a clinic... to share our hobby knowledge and answer questions, especially for newer members or those still new to the hobby. We may do several subjects at the same time... so members could sit-in whatever subject they wish to know about. This will happen in MAY! Some subjects so far are-Digitrax problems; weathering cars; DCC basics; turnouts; operation basics; decaling; basic structure building; LED lighting; benchwork; scenery basics; kitbashing; layout planning; trees from armatures. Another idea is to do one subject and do different aspects of that subject at the different tables. Some of these subjects can be hands on...!

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color will remain GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand polo shirt. Prices are-small-XL w/logo \$19 logo/pocket \$22 logo/name \$25 logo/pocket/name \$25 XXL +\$5, XXXL +\$7 XXXXL +\$9 Mark is taking orders... either see him, email or phone.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was presented a story called- LOW WATER ROY... story of an engineer by his fireman from the 1986 NMRA Bulletin. The story was of a run by this crew that almost ended in disaster, as the loco did not have enough water when it left the yard. Nursing the loco and train along, they did make their destination, late and running very hot! Thanks John... we're looking forward to another lesson soon.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was present for the last meeting! He showed off several projects... hypo needle cap with extra material makes a nice chimney; also showed other roof type vents made from misc. materials! Larry also showed a cutting tool, like scissors, that is good for cutting round materials! We're looking forward to seeing Larry next month and more modeling tips.

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, LET US KNOW! **We STILL NEED someone to volunteer to be Clinic Chairman!** PLEASE share your talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was on Aluminum Backdrop construction by MMR Ken Chick. Pioneered by others, this background method has several big advantages... it can be seamless, no corners and easy to use. Sheet aluminum in 24" or 36" widths is hung from a plastic J channel, to create the backdrop. The aluminum is already primed, so regular latex house paint can be used on it. This method and materials can also be used to create a valance above your layout to "frame it". Many in Div 6 use this method! THANKS Ken for the great info!!!

NEXT MEETING- MMR Bill Neale on

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LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday, April 8, 2016 - Grand River Valley RR Club Train Show
Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame Ave, Wyoming, MI 49509
10 am to 3 pm Vendor set up 7am
Adults - \$5 Kids under 12 free
additional information: Jeff Anderson - Club President 616-304-2875 Ken Skopp - Show Coordinator H: 616-667-9680 C: 616-254-7305 kwskopp@gmail.com
grandrivervalleyrrc.org

Sunday, April 23, 2016 - Spring Model Train & Hobby Show
Muskegon Railroad Hist Society
Muskegon, MI - On board LST 393
560 Mart St, Muskegon MI 49440.
10am to 3pm. Admission is \$5.00, children under 5 are free!
Tour of the LST 393 is FREE!
Great LocationFree Parking**Onsite Concessions**
additional information, contact Mike Wood 231-670-0751
website- www.mrhs-online.org

Sunday, April 23, 2017 - Blue Water Area 2017 RR Show & Swap
Blue Water Convention Center 500 Thomas Edison Pkwy Port Huron, MI
10am - 4pm \$5 admission, kids 5 and under are free
Contact Information - 810-201-5513
www.bluewaterconventioncenter.com

Saturday-Sunday April 29-30, May 6-7 and 13-14, 2017
Day Out with Thomas!!
Greenfield Village Dearborn, MI
www.thehenryford.org/thomas



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DIVISION 6 LAYOUT TOURS

Saturday, April 29th.

Ford Model RR Club and Henry Ford Village layouts will both be open from **10AM to 6PM**

Use Great Lakes Lobby!!!

Redford Model RR layout will be open from **Noon to 4 PM**

27316 Michigan Ave, Inkster

Sunday, April 30th

Ford Model RR Club and Henry Ford Village layouts will both be open from **10 AM to 4PM**

Roy Jones, "Pere Marquette" Layout **1PM to 4PM**

8364 Whitefield, Dearborn Heights
313-278-2468

