



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 17, 2009**. 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 until 10pm.

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

REMINDER- Ballot in NMRA Scale Rails is NO GOOD.. DO NOT USE. A new ballot will be mailed out to you! Printer error, no cost to NMRA.

Doug M. brought in clothes pins for FREE. These make handy clamps. Ken B. also brought in some stuff to have - FREE! THANKS guys!

Hobby Lobby opened in Canton - 40% coupon online; they have one aisle of model train stuff, mostly stuff "we" would not use, except for Woodland Scenics! They also have Model Master paint. They may also honor competitors coupons.

Joe Bliss reported that long time Div 6 member Fred Delgyer passed away approx. March 6. Fred had been living in Calif. For several years, where his children took care of him, due to poor health. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Interested in a Div 6 polo shirt? We have to check on types, sources and prices. Send any suggestions to a Board member.

## LAYOUT TOURS

Div 6 members Ed Beamish & Larry Wolohon will be open on Sunday, April 19th. Ed models the Detroit area Pere Marquette RR and others in N scale. Larry models the Great Northern in HO scale. And it looks like we'll have another tour in May! Thinking of hosting a layout tour? Give Dick a call or email if you would like to have your layout on a tour!

**NEXT TOURS-** Sunday, April 19 1pm-4pm Ed Beamish & Larry Wolohon

# ON THE RAILS...

## APRIL 2009

COOL... actually, warm! YES, spring is here! Glad to have nicer, warmer weather. My wife and I had the chance to warm-up a few weeks ago, as we took our first cruise (Disney of course) and greatly enjoyed ourselves. The only problem was - no trains! On our first day we traveled by every modern mode, except trains! Car to airport, plane, bus to ship and the ship! Almost thought the tram in the airport would qualify, but it was on rubber wheels, not rails. Darn! Well, back to our spring here and glad it has arrived! Try not to let your model railroading take a back seat to other outdoor activities. Try to keep some time for our great hobby. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## PRODUCT REVIEW

Doug Malaznik gave us a review on a kit he is in the process of finishing, a Bar Mills city water tower kit. This IS plastic, which is a departure for Bar Mills. Doug says kit is well built, goes together well - BUT parts ARE delicate. GOOD/HIGH recommendation!

If you have an item to review, please see Glenn before the meeting starts.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We did have several MORE new members at our last meeting! Please welcome Floyd Gregory; Ed Compton (past member- returning) & Dale DeVene Jr (guest from Ohio). To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

## MODELING INFORMATION

We did not have any questions at the last meeting. We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

## SHOW AND TELL

A project to build and return in August 2009, was our March meeting subject. Proposed projects were- 7.5" gauge engine rebuild; great lakes ore boat!; roundhouse kit; blue prints for structure; box car kit HOn3; building Z scale display layout based on N scale plan from div 6 member Joe; working on new layout; Tichy steam crane & boom car; coal co buildings; wood water tank kit; saw mill kit; Alto tower kit; cardboard mock-up for Fort St station N scale; covered hoppers bought AT meeting; tug boat and coal dock; depot kit; PRR GP30 converting to DCC; Athearn cabooses paint-letter; British made steamer in OO gauge- converting to HO and detailing for Canadian Pacific; Jordan spreader kit; scratch built building; DPM kit- packing house; scratch building crane car for interurban lines; truss rod refer craftsman kit; ice house; structure kit. There were no "current projects" because ALL of these ARE current projects! We also thank those, who donated to the cabooses! We hope you can bring in something next month.

**NEXT MEETING-** recycled RR equipment - box cars used for sheds, cabooses as an office, etc. Since these may already be on your layout, pictures will be accepted if it cannot be easily removed from your layout.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

We are happy to place classified ads for Div 6 members. Donations to the Div of \$2 per ad is requested! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting where you can bring in items for sale.

## RAILROAD HISTORY

History "Prof" Norm was on vacation (was that approved?) so we did not have a history lesson at the last meeting. Looking forward to another lesson next month.

## NEW NCR WEBSITE

The NEW NCR website is up... this is where the HotBox will be posted! You must have Adope9 to view the HotBox. Check out- [www.ncr-nmra.org](http://www.ncr-nmra.org)

## NCX - NCR-DIV 6 '10 CONV

The **North Central Express** is October 16-18, 2010. Our hotel is the Marriott Detroit-Livonia, located at Laurel Park Place. AT the last Div 6 meeting, Doug Malaznik has volunteered to help head-up the Proto-type tours! And Marty may help take on the modular layouts we're planning for inside the mall. THANKS guys! A question did come up about doing a train show with the convention. We had thought of some sales tables in the mall, but there appears to be fees and such involved. However, the Redford Club may switch the dates of Trainorama to coincide with the convention! We have a Team meeting coming-up, but this newsletter will be out before that meeting takes place, so updates will have to wait until next month. The NCX staff is missing a few more people- Door prizes and goodie bags; Hobby shops; Audio Visual. We REALLY need a person or two, that is skilled at audio-visual!! If you would like to be part of the Planning Team and fill one of these spots, just give BARRY a call or email!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, April 4 & 18-** Open House/Layout Tour, Redford Model Railroad Club 27316 Michigan Ave Inkster, MI 12noon-4PM free!  
**[www.redfordmodelrailroadclub.com](http://www.redfordmodelrailroadclub.com)**

**Saturday, April 11-** Train Show & Sale, Crawford County Fairgrounds Whetstone St. Bucyrus, OH 44820 10AM-4PM Adults \$4 12-Under Free David E. Moore, Pres 419-462-5035

**Friday-Saturday, April 17-18-** Model RR Symposium Fort Wayne, IN contact Jason- **[jmpamtrak@yahoo.com](mailto:jmpamtrak@yahoo.com)**

**Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19-** Great Lakes Live Steamers opening weekend, Southgate location

**Sunday-Saturday, July 5-11** NMRA National Conv. Hartford, CT

**Friday-Sunday, July 24-26-** TrainFestival 2009- Steam RRing Institute, Owosso model train layout display & operate; miniature RR will be running for crowd control; several major steam engines will be there- #1225 PM, #4449 SP, #765 NKP, #75 FC, #110 LR, #1 LR, #6 Viscose and #6133 Sou FP7 (yes, it's a diesel)!

## CLINIC

Div 6 member Rich Mahaney gave us a clinic on recycling RR equipment. Rich worked for BNSF and saw this in the real world - lots of old equipment laying around and put to use. Where does "old stuff" come from as far as our layouts? Maybe we changed era's, rr's, etc... that will create items that don't "fit" anymore. Rich had a very nice presentation with lots of pictures showing box cars for sheds on farms and businesses; tank cars for liquid holdings- fertilizer, oil, water, etc; refrig cars like box cars for storage; open hoppers in the air like tank cars for bulk loading & covered hoppers too; cabooses used as offices, private owned homes, ice cream place, banks, many in parks; flat cars as bridges; passenger cars- houses- hotels and storage. Very good stuff and Rich showed us lots of good examples for use on our layouts! Great clinic - THANKS!

If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call or see Howard at the meetings and share your thoughts.

**NEXT MEETING-** video tape from Dan Lewis, MMR on kit bashing-detailing DPM structure kits

## WHO WE ARE

We are Division 6 of the North Central Region (NCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). What that means is, the NMRA is the model railroad association for the country (and even world). The country is divided into REGIONS, which are one or more states. Our Region, the North Central Region (NCR), is all of Michigan and a northern part of Ohio and Indiana. Each Region is then divided into DIVISIONS, which are one or more counties. Division 6 is primarily Wayne County, but we have many members from western Oakland County and we aren't strict on membership and boundaries. Oakland and Macomb Counties are Division 8, the Ann Arbor area is Division 9. All total, there are 8 Divisions in our Region.

**DIVISION 6  
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