



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

## ON THE RAILS...

### AUGUST 2010

It's HOT now! I hope you are enjoying summer! As I write this, I'm enjoying the HOT weather at a local car show. YUP, combining the hobbies again, always gotta be busy. Sorry. It's just my nature.

The NCX convention is going well, as you will read in our monthly report.

There is good news on the Fall Show - see the report.

Just remember, if you get too hot, the basement is always a cool place to be... and your layout is right there- might as well do some model railroading!

Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last meeting. The meeting turn-out was on the light side. Some were at the NMRA National and others may have been on vacation. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

### 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.

### 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, AUG 20, 2010**. 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.

### LAYOUT TOURS

There will be no regular tours until after the NCX convention. We are still in need of a new Layout Tour Chairman. If you are interested in being the Layout Tour Chairman, please see Glenn.

**NEXT TOURS-** the NCX convention, then Marty and Barry in December.

### MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Here are **LARRY'S TIPS** for this month- what you can do with rope!! Cyclser twine- cut with scissors, cut into small lengths, Paint brown, mix with WS grass - great under-brush. Also use to line bottom of livestock cars- mixed 2/3 rope with 1/3 WS tall grass cut the same size. Spray adhesive is used to fasten "straw" onto floor of cars - use a cardboard "mask" to spray the floor with adhesive, sprinkle on straw, do over box-top or tray to catch loose straw to reuse. Can also use wet water and scenic cement. Thanks Larry for some great info! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

### DIV 6 ROSTER

A suggestion was made to make a Div 6 member roster. John was not at the meeting, so we'll pass this around for the next 2 meetings to try to catch everyone. If you really DO NOT want to be on this, call, email Howard or John Wissinger. 734-433-1658 We may also expand this to a photo directory, if interest is there.

### TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was not present at the last meeting. THANKS Bill for the information!

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was passenger cars. Items shown were- 40' business car; B&O RPO; PRR dining car N scale; Kato Amtrak inspection car; RDG coaches; 50th NMRA car; Santa Fe Lionel Passenger set; PA30 combine- baggage/smoker; kit-bashing Southern coaches from Branchline kits; B&O coach; G scale coach; Pullman car Athearn; IHC baggage cars for \$1 kitbashing to Erie, Bachman tour train full dome; HOn30 full train brass; beaver tail pass car brass; C&S train; Strasburg passenger car from Strasburg; old time combine; Charlie Cook's N scale - car; Pullman car - hand made by deceased Div 6 member; American Freedom Train cars - modified to match proto-type; (Bill Rubarth is looking for extra cars) and a Branchline coach.

CURRENT PROJECTS- gon kits being worked on - needed paint and lettering. We did have some members donate to the caboose. Thanks to those that did.

**NEXT MEETING--** your favorite The Div 6 flea market will be postponed until September due to the clinic change

## 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 the 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. All total, there are about 8 Divisions in our Region.

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## DIV 6 FALL SHOW

YES, we will do the annual Fall Show & Workshop. Our date is set, the **Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 28, 2010**. We hope the show will be much greater, since we can promote it during the NCX convention. Volunteer forms are in this newsletter. Glenn and Jack will act as co-chairman for 2010. WE NEED YOU!! This is our only fund-raiser (other than the convention which only comes around every 6-8 years). Without YOU doing the displays and demo's, the public will not see anything and not want to pay the admission. You can display **ANYTHING** model railroad related or a proto-type historical display. We'll also need help with the Scouts program (guessing we will be doing that again). And get your best models ready for the annual model contest. We will also need those donations for our raffle items, so please look over your "stock" of items and donate NEW items you will not need for your layout. Let's make THIS show the best one ever!!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was present to do a History lesson! He read from the book- "The Great Trains"... covers trains from many countries and he read about passenger trains that were considered "great". In the USA part- George Pullman made passenger travel great with his Pullman cars and their new standard for luxury travel. 1847 started regular passenger service in the east. Some early runs were publicity runs made to extreme timing to prove possible regular runs - NY to SanF run in 87 hours! NE corridor also set the tone for future passenger service at the turn of the century, NYNH&H set 3 trains from Boston to NY in a 5 hours trip each in 1903 with exquisite accommodations! Late 1800's PRR and B&O (w/RDG and CNJ) competed in fast east coast travel! Travelers to Florida went in style in 1888 with Pullman cars in the Florida special. This ran from Washington DC to Jacksonville FL. Soon after, a train from Wash DC to Atlanta was started and expanded from NY to New Orleans - the Crescent Limited! Norm also talked about the famed NY to Chicago PRR and NYC trains and their rivalry! Lots of great history and information! Thanks Norm, looking forward to another lesson soon.

## NCX - NCR-DIV 6 2010 CONV

The **North Central Express** dates are **October 21-24, 2010!**

The good news for this month is that the proto-type tours are coming together nicely. We've heard back from the Sunoco distribution depot by the airport and we're 99% all set there. We have to sign their waiver and provide some insurance info and then schedule the tours. We'll have 2 tours with about 35 people on each tour allowed. GREAT! We've also secured tours at the warehouse that ships GM engines by rail in Romulus and we're set for 2 tours there. We're still in contact with the NS dispatching Center in Dearborn and we still have 1 or 2 more places to

check on and the Henry Ford. If we get anything there, it will be at an extra cost.

The layout tour maps have been started - THANKS Dan Kempf! We need to have these done by the beginning of October for the event book printing. Please see Dan at the next Div 6 meeting to make sure YOUR page is correct!!

Our biggest deadline is for the middle of August, when we need to have the prototype tours all set and OPS session all set. Then at the end of August, we'll start mailing those schedules out to the pre-registered people so they can sign-up for the activities they want.

Registrations are still coming in, we're up to approx. 65! That includes some free registrations to out-of-state people that will be clinic presenters. Besides Guy Quick, these are the only people getting a free pass, because they are coming a distance, are not NCR members and are doing us a favor by sharing their knowledge.

We've started to crank-up our media machine. We're listed in the next 3 Scale Rails issues and word has been sent to all of the major magazines. Local promotion of the convention through all of the local news outlets and hobby shops will start in September and October!

Please get with Walt at the next 2 Div 6 meetings to start confirming your NCX work schedule. Like the Fall Show, without YOU, the Div 6 membership, this great convention could not happen. All of the jobs are easy, 10 minutes of training and you're good to go!

Lastly, if you know a local business owner that can use some cheap promotion, talk to them about making a flyer for our goodie bag - we need 225 or so, one for each bag! This is a very inexpensive way to advertise a local business! Get ready- NCX is ONLY 2.5 months away!

## 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)

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

NS steam returning to the rails. Received a few emails stating that NS is teaming up with the Tennessee Valley lines to provide some steam trips using Southern engines. It appears to be local trips, nothing mainline or out-of-state.

Dave Thornton is a co-VP of the NMRA! Congratulations on his election. Can't think of a better guy for the job!

Tradesmen fasteners - (formerly CJ fasteners) on 5 mile between beech and telegraph 313-255-7100  
25136 5 mile redford, mi 48239  
**[www.tradesmenfastener.com](http://www.tradesmenfastener.com)**

great place for all kinds of nuts, bolts, screws, especially those very small ones we use in our hobby!

2011 train calendar of Michigan RR's by father/son Team. All of the pictures are local MI railroads that were taken by the father/son. Both were in an auto accident and the father died. The son is still making the calendars - \$20, all color. sign-up sheet at meeting - or call Joe Kocis 734-728-2234

Bluewater chapter NRHS trips in Fall, Bus/train trips to northern Michigan - see their website

Best Wishes to Marty LaForte, who was in the hospital for a few days after the National Train Show. He's home and doing well!

## CLINIC

This months clinic was by Dave Jakubiec - showed slides of various RR items that he took over the years. 1960's and early 70's all from the Detroit area. COOL stuff!! Thanks for filling in Dave. 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-** Rich returns from Saudi Arabia for part 2 of hazmat for model railroads (**Div 6 swap meet night will be in September!**)

## PRODUCT REVIEW

We did not have a product review this month. If you have a review item, see Glenn before the meeting.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, Sept 19** - Toledo Train Show Lucas Co Fairgrnds, Maumee, Ohio 11am-4pm Parking- \$3 Admission \$5 - 12 & under FREE 517-264-5705

**Saturday-Sunday Oct 2-3** - Grayling Historical Society Train Show and Swap 97 E Michigan Ave Grayling, MI 10am-3pm 989-348-2656  
**[www.grayling-area.com/museum/](http://www.grayling-area.com/museum/)**

**Sunday, Oct 17** - Train-o-rama Model railroad show/swap, by Redford Model RR club Comstick Comm Center, 11 Mile RD Farmington Hills 10am-4pm Admission \$5 - 12 & under FREE 734-953-2546

**Thursday-Sunday, Oct 21-24** - The North Central Express! NCR regional convention, Livonia, MI

**Sunday, Nov 7** - Gratiot Valley Train Show & Sale Gibraltar Trade Ctr Mt. Clemens 10am-4pm Admission \$6 - under 12 FREE - Discount Coupon on website 586-468-4877 **[www.gvrr.org](http://www.gvrr.org)**

**Sunday, Nov 21** - Lansing Model RR Club Train Show and clinics Michigan State University Pavilion East Lansing, MI 48824 10am-4pm Admission Fees ?? 616-522-9239 **<http://lmrc.org>**

**Sunday, Nov 28** - FALL SHOW AND WORKSHOP, by NMRA-NCR-Div 6 Senior Center, Livonia MI

**Sunday, Nov 28** - Rails on Wheels 11th Annual Model Train Show & Sale Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds 10am-4pm Admission \$3; children under 12 admitted free 734-944-9872 **[www.railsonwheels.com](http://www.railsonwheels.com)**

**Sunday, Nov 28** - Train Show & Sale SS Simon & Jude Church Palmer Rd, east of Venoy, Westland 12noon-4pm Admission \$2 person; \$4 family 734-595-8327

**Sunday, Dec 5** - Train Show & Sale St. Mary's Orchard Lake 10am-3pm Admission \$5; under 12 \$1, under 5 admitted free 248-361-8726