



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
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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, AUGUST 17, 2012**. 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.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was Caboose and/or EOT device's!! Shorty caboose from MDC parts; MDC detailed CN; SP; Conrail bay window; GT wide vision; O scale P&LE; MofW; custom paint CP; pre-war Lionel; Monon; PRR hack; overland C&O; FEC drumheads for pass; Burlington kit; CB&Q; PRR O scale mixed train car; Erie bay window; Rdg variety with window update kit; Walthers transfer lettered for home road; scratch built PRR; 20 ton GWRwy "toad"; C&O Atlas; C&O wood; santa fe style for home road; PRR N5; Ann Arbor; Milw Rd bay window N scale; PRR offset coupla; S gauge boom car-work cab; Soo Line; C&S narrow ga; RG na ga; Nn3 RG; Bachman On30 - shortened!; outside braced; PRR O scale N5c plastic and brass; N scale wood; overland Chessie wide vision; Atlas Pere Marq (new!); caboose pencil sharpener; NYC woodside; Erie bay window; blinking light- eot device for 7.5" gauge!; NYC N scale; O scale GN wide vision; wood kit built long ago...;

Current Projects shown included-
None again!

We had a few members that donated to the caboose - THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING-- one item you have for sale at the Div 6 swap meet!

NMRA-NCR AP AWARDS!

Larry presented awards to-

Barry Hensel - Model RR Author

Bill Neil - #480 MMR !!

Congratulations and Great Job guys!! YOU too can earn awards!

Check out the requirements on the NMRA website - www.nmra.org

ON THE RAILS...

AUGUST 2012

OK, it's been a HOT summer so far, and we're only half over! With it being so hot outside, I sincerely hope if you are outside a lot, you are keeping yourself hydrated! LOTS of water and/or Gator-aid! Don't ask me how I know this... Of course, we've said this before, when it's hot outside, it's usually nice a cool downstairs where most of our layouts are located. Yes, almost seems like a shame to be indoors when it's nice and sunny outside, but there is that "cool" factor!

The Div 6 Fall Show & Workshop planning is starting! See the article here, for more details and ideas and the help we need!!

The NMRA National Convention and Train Show is history (by the time you read this) or is very near history! Did you go? We'd love to hear your opinions, likes, dislikes and what got you excited, at the next meeting. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last meeting. To all Div 6 members,

WELCOME ABOARD!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas. This month Bill showed and spoke of- Micro Mart offering free shipping - take advantage! Wire stripper from MM, found one very similar at Harbor Freight for less than half cost and well made.

Plastic lid from Dannon yogurt 32oz fits over cottage cheese lid 24oz, near perfect fit - use to keep detail/pinstriping (1/4" wide or smaller) tape clean and dry! Old drafting pencil holder can hold dental tool end for a nice handle for scribing. Lastly- The rectangular steel cabinet scraper which works like a very fine cutting plane is a familiar tool to wood workers. The scraper is "sharpened" on one edge only and is drawn across the surface. This tool can be adapted to remove mold marks from plastic parts. The scraper is best cut from a slightly hard piece of approx. 14 Gage steel. (old saw blade or metal spatula) The scraper is sharpened by clamping it in a vise and rounding over an edge by drawing a burnisher along. The object is to create a razor sharp edge (bur) on either side. The result is like the bur left when sheet steel is sheared.

Don't test the edge with your finger. If you did it right, you will slice the finger open.

Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was not at the last meeting and thus we had no history lesson. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

DIV 6 REWARDS

REMEMBER- When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Division 6" member, or customer #1066 and they will apply your purchase to the Div 6 Bonus Plan. We have \$40 in the account to spend! Thanks for your purchases.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY'S TIPS for this month were- Larry showed all of his rolling stock that he had completed in the last month including a log flat car. Which side of the car is right/left? Car ends are A and B - B end has the brake wheel/lever. Well, if you stand at the B end look to the A end, left is left, etc... ALSO- pin vises- takes a while to drill holes. New idea- start hole with pin vise, then put pin vice in cordless drill! Larry uses straight pins, cut in half, inserted into figures so they are movable and they "spike" into the Styrofoam scenery! Larry also needs a Kadee #78 coupler - got one? We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

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PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have a item to review, see Howard before the meeting.

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP!!

The annual, 33rd!! Fall Show & Workshop will be held the Sunday after Thanksgiving. That's Sunday, Nov 25th. It's time to start thinking what YOU can present! We do need some serious help please - **We NEED a COOK!! HELP!! We NEED a raffle Chairman!! HELP!!** We also need donations for the raffle - NEW items please!! But, as always mentioned - **WE NEED YOU** to give a demo on anything model railroading related! Decaling, building rolling stock, trees or structures! How about wiring, basic scenery, benchwork or track laying. How about a display of your proto-type? All of these are acceptable displays and will add to the fun and value of our event to the paying public! We will also need "general" help - people to run the door, help with the raffle, set-up and tear-down, the Boy Scouts program, kitchen help, etc. So we do have something for everyone - sign-up soon!! The official sign-up form will be in next month's newsletter and at the next meeting.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

GLLS - Great Lakes Live Steamers still running 1st and 3rd weekends.

16 mile & Rochester Rd - new Merri-7 store opening in a few weeks - larger!

Joe brought in a few catalogs for anyone that wanted one.

Barry brought in some rubber mouse pads - free for the taking - might be a nice soft work surface?!

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is COOL! Check it out at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

LAYOUT TOURS

If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.

NEXT TOURS- no tours for August! Please consider hosting a tour in September!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 30, 2012

All Aboard For Model Trains!!!
Detroit Model Railroad Club
President Dave Thorton talks about model railroading and enjoying operating model trains! only \$5
7:30pm at Troy Historic Village
60 West Wattles Rd Troy, MI
For more info call 248-524-3570

CLINIC

This months' clinic was another DVD on building structure kits and/or DPM modular kits. We also had a Mini-clinic by Joe-AHM-Riverrossi Berkshire basic model upgraded with details and sound. Always wanted to convert to high quality drivers and wheels - Bachman has a wheel set that will work, except for the one geared axle. Joe told that he used heat shrink tubing to help insulate a new axle into the new wheels (due to different gear - (worm -vs- std gear). Worked great! All fixed?... nope - loco had short when on track. Discovered valve gearing was shorting, so he insulated that and now it runs great!! For more detail on this conversion, please contact Joe!!
WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe.
NEXT MEETING- Div 6 swap night

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.

FOR SALE- Two custom built stained wood display cases with white background, 6 shelves w/track for HO, clear sliding doors. Both cases 25" tall, one is 6 ft, one is 8 ft long. Call MARK ELLIS 734-421-2673 BEST OFFER takes'em!!