



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, AUGUST 16, 2013**. 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 MISC NEWS

Congratulations to Bill Deeter and family! Bill's grand-daughter was married last month!

Freebies!! You just never know when someone will bring in some "stuff" to have! At the last meeting, someone brought in some magazines and Barry had bottles from salad dressing for glue bottles and rubber mouse pads to use as work surfaces.

Div 6 member Charlie Schlaepfer, now owner of West Point Hobby had discount offers for 2014 Walthers catalog, but you had to sign-up at the meeting!

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was present at the last meeting and had a history lesson for us. With it being so hot out lately, Norm gave us the History of dry ice! In 1835 dry ice invented by French chemist and in 1897 the English were using dry ice for soda water. 1925 was the first real commercial use of dry ice/Co2 - fire extinguisher! Dry ice has twice the cooler power as regular ice. It was sold to RR's for refers. In 1932 there were 12 cars made for dry ice cooling. Dry ice then used widely in shipping ice cream! 120 million pounds made/used in 1930's. Mechanical refrigeration on rail cars and trucks put dry ice out of the main stream market. Thanks Norm for "cooling" us off! Looking forward to another lesson.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

ON THE RAILS...

AUGUST 2013

It's August... and those "dog days" of summer are upon us. Relax, enjoy the summer, for in a little over one month from now, it's Autumn and that starts model railroading "season"! Soon after that, train shows/sales will be starting and then the "big one"... the NCR Convention! As they say - are you going? The convention is Nov 1-3, but there will be OPS sessions all week long! Layout tours, clinics, modeling contests, it's all waiting for you in Troy! Div 8 are your hosts and this should be another great NCR convention! Attending should really get you started on a great "season" of model railroading and get you motivated to work on your own layout and projects! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WKSHP

The annual DIV 6 Fall Show & Workshop will be on Sunday, Dec 1! Make sure you set date aside and plan on a display!! Bring that Sq Foot display you just built! We had forms at the last meeting, to fill out for your display and it's also here in the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had a new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Kent Johnstone of Canton, modeling in HO scale. We had another light meeting attendance at only 34 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your favorite diesel locomotive. Shown were these items- F7 modified with sound; SD40 Pacific Harbor Line; SD40-2 long nose ATSF; steam bigot brought a F7 ATSF (burned his hands holding it...); F45 GN; C&O Am Flyer chassis & Lionel body; PRR RS2 loco; SD70M-2 Heritage unit FEC; SP switcher modified; O scale brass Erie built F unit; Iron River & Northern- div of B&M; Mac switcher; PRR RS3 painted & repowered; Mich Southern switcher SW1500; RDG Alco C630; C&O E8 kitbash shell/power; PRR Alco C630 kitbash AHM's; L&N E7; Lionel ATSF F unit; ATSF Alco F unit; B&O F7A; ATSF freight F unit; C424 Alco GB&W; GP9 to GP10M Milwaukee Rd; Erie HH6600 switcher; DT&I GP40; CP SD40.

Current Projects shown included-

Kitbash caboose from 3 different kits; scratch built crossing w/ turnouts!; track plan update for modular layout.

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

NEXT MEETING-- kit-bashed or modified vehicles

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running but not fully contented. Keep checking the site -

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

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 MODEL PROJECT

Our next modeling for bragging rights contest will be in September! The modeling subject- an online structure (any structure that uses the railroad for goods, services and/or a rail side railroad structure like a switch tower, maintenance shed, etc.) The structure and track should be on a square foot display. (yes, it must be 12"x12" not rectangular!). We will use 12x12 for N and HO scale. For S and O scale, you are allowed 18"x18" square. G scale is allowed a 24"x24" square. Remember, each display must include track! Have fun and we look forward to seeing your modeling!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY's TIPS for this month were- Larry showed a weighted clamp to hold Kadee boxes on car chassis while the glue dries. Larry also showed us some wood structures he was making and used a 30-30-30 water-ink-show polish mixture for staining the wood. Looked great! Another neat trick Larry had is that he puts wax paper over flat balsa wood that he uses as a small work surface. He uses these to stain wood or build trusses. The wax paper keeps wood clean while doing staining/gluing and the parts do not stick to wax paper! We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

DIV 6 REWARDS

When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Div 6" member, or customer #1066, they will apply your purchase to the Div 6 Bonus Plan. Div 6 will get FREE stuff for the Fall Show! Thanks for your purchases.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting but did not have a presentation this evening. Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 7

Michigan Railroad Club meeting
at the Henry Ford Centennial
Library, 16301 Michigan Ave,
Dearborn 7pm-9pm. Free parking,
all are welcome!

Friday-Sunday, August 16-18

Day out with Thomas Weekend -
Crossroads Village/Huckleberry RR
10:00am to 5:00pm
Admission: \$16-\$20 website:
www.geneseecountyparks.org/pages/DayOutWithThomas

Sunday, September 22

Monroe Train Show and Sale
MBT Expo Center 3775 Custer Rd.
(M-50) Monroe, MI 48161
Admission 9:30am-4pm \$10 or 11am-
4pm \$6 12 & under free w/adult.
Wheelchair Accessible
Contact Info- Alan Mitchell 517-
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N CENTRAL CROSSING

The 2013 NCR convention will be on
November 1-3, 2013. It's hosted by
Div 8 and will be at the Troy
Community Center. Details in the
NCR HotBox and on the Convention
website www.ncr2013.ncr-nmra.org.

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe. The clinic for this past meeting was a presentation by Div 6 member Bruce Wolf on clinic on prototype diesel locomotives "kit-bashing or repowering". We do these with our models and Bruce showed us how the real railroads switch out and convert locomotives to new "green" power. Bruce works for MTU Corp - which are diesel engine builders. He showed a video of how a diesel engine works - cool!! The presentation showed series 4000 engine that meets tier 3 and Calif emission standards! A 12 cyl engine makes 2400 HP and the 16 cyl is good for 3200 HP. Low emissions, low torque, great fuel economy, less expensive and better performance! These are used to repower GP38's and SD40's. The Gulf and Ohio railways has purchased several of these and the Knoxville loco works did the rebuilding. Engine/trans plus gear reduction unit bolts into existing loco and mates up to existing traction alternator!! Cost varies, but is about \$750,000.

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Barry Hensel will have a mini-clinic on MoW vans he just completed.

LAYOUT TOURS

We had no tours in July, but there were some garden layouts open for tours on one weekend. These were highlighted in an Observer paper. If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC. **WE NEED TOURS!!**

NEXT TOURS- no tours for August

Div 6 Annual Fall Show & Workshop Volunteer form

Please fill in the following and return to MARK ELLIS at the next meeting or mail it to-

30040 Lyndon Livonia, Mi 48154

You can also contact Mark at 734-421-2673 or email to- ***emark@sbcglobal.net***

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMAIL: _____

Volunteering to.... (circle as many as apply)

Set-up Take-down Food Admissions Raffle Display

Display: _____

Demonstrate: _____

Take Flyers to: _____

Other: _____

Number of tables needed (Based on a 6 foot table size) _____

Need Electric Yes No

Display working layout

Description: _____ Scale: _____

Minimum Size: _____ft X _____ft Prefer Size: _____ft X _____ft

Help with Scouts program- I will do - (circle one!)

- * types of freight cars * different railroads and where they are/were
- * design a model railroad * railroad departments and support industries
- * diesel loco types and operation * Amtrak history and transit lines
- * railroad signals * Operation Lifesaver * all aspects of railroad safety
- * what/how/why of grade crossings * building a model RR kit
- * name the different scales * do switching on a layout

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS.....

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| *structure building | *kit-bashing | *detailing | *decaling/dry transfer |
| *railroad history | *people painting | *tree making | *scenery basics |
| *track laying basics | *benchwork basics | *DCC systems | *wiring basics |
| *rolling stock building | *layout planning | *photography | *computers in model rr'ing |
| *type of rolling stock | *types of locomotives | *different scales | *classic toy trains |

..... and YES, we can have more than one person doing the same demo!!!