



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, AUGUST 15, 2014**. 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.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present and showed a battery powered clip-on light that was like a small florescent light. It was from Barnes & Noble as a book reading light. It could also work for an interior light in a large industrial building. Bill is using cylinder shaped shampoo bottles for vertical tanks! PVC pipe scraps are also a good material. Empty parmesan cheese container makes a great scenery "shaker" bottle! Congratulations to Bill for being the subject of Jim Zinser's NMRA Magazine article recently! A good write-up on a good guy! Looking forward to another tool tip.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was rail cars used in the auto industry.

Items shown included- there were lots of auto box cars in various lengths - 40-50 and 60 foot. RR names shown included PRR, C&S, Erie, C&NW and GTW. There was also an autorack car or two, a few flat cars with auto frames as loads and some Ford items - a building and hopper cars!

Current Projects shown included- Track plans for Garden RR; SF 2-10-2; carousal horses; hopper cars bought at National train show! We had several members that donated to THE caboose, THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING- ONE item that you have brought to sell at the Div 6 swap meet night. That's ONE...

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

ON THE RAILS...

AUGUST 2014

Did you go? I saw many Div 6 and NCR people while at the NMRA convention on Thursday and Friday. My clinic went well and the train show was OK. Yes, a few good vendors missing, so I'm rating it at only a B. There were also logistics problems and that all convention activities were not at the hotel. Yes, it was a nice 3-4 block walk or just across the street if you stayed at the Marriott. What was great was that my wife and I got to meet up with friends from Australia, who we met at the 2007 Detroit convention. A great dinner and talking for hours! If you went, let us know how you felt it was. I made it back and was a little late for the Div 6 meeting. THANKS to Bill McMillan for taking some of the notes for me! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 3 new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Our perspective new members were Mike Vandam, Ed Gallagher and Ben DeSaints. Welcome!! Meeting attendance was good with about 47 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Great Lakes Live Steamers operations and rides are on the 1st and 3rd weekends! First weekend of the month in Royal Oak, third weekend is in Southgate.

One of our new members, Ben DeSaints is a bit of a movie maker with trains. Ben had an extra credit project at school and did a movie essay on Casey Jones. See his movie and a how he did it on these youtube links-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqN7QF135xg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvBjFYaIuHs>

Neat stuff!!

Div 6 member Bob Pizio is looking for a copy of the original Diesel Spotters Guide, published in 1966.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY's TIPS for this month were- about details! Larry showed a saw mill structure that had been detailed nicely. Most of the details were handmade - like the buck-saw! Larry made that from the cutter off of an aluminum foil container! Larry also showed off his stack of cut wood and a jig he made to make these in quantity! We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

LAYOUT TOURS

There were no tours in July, due to the NMRA Convention being so close to us.

Thanks to JC for heading-up the layout tours for the past few years! JC is stepping down, so we need someone to step-up and become our Layout Tour Chairman. 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/WANT TOURS!!

NEXT TOURS- no tours for August, should have some for September

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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 contest is due in September. Subject matter will be- any type of hopper. Remember, this model **MUST** be modified and/or detailed, not simply built out of the box.

DIV 6 REWARDS

When you shop at any 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.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe. Joe also mentioned that for those that have never given a clinic, perhaps a mini-clinic would work for you. We could have several of these mini-clinics in one night! At the last meeting, Bob Pizio presenting his HO model of the 1927 Highland Park Model T plant. WOW!! This is a cut-away with full interior, built in plastic and has won many awards. Bob showed us many of the models features and how many details he has in the model. Like... 250 figures, 240 lights, 12 feet (actual) of piping, 18 Jordan vehicles and more!! Bob built this in 1999 after some surgery and this was part of his recovery plan. It took nearly a year to complete. Amazing Bob! Thanks for sharing!!

NEXT MEETING- no clinic, as it's Div 6 swap meet night!!

DIV 6 GET WELL LIST!!

Connie is still very sore from an auto accident a few weeks ago and starts therapy soon. Hoping that helps ease the soreness! Marty is doing well and still on the way to more recovery! He's getting out more and that has to help!

Ron King seriously injured his left hand while working on a project for his railroad. He's on the mend and doing well.

Dave Kuntz was also at the meeting and is doing well after his stay in the hospital last month. GOOD LUCK to all in their recoveries!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was not present so we did not have a history lesson this past month. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

DIV 6 ELECTIONS!

It IS time for some Div 6 elections. In fact, we're probably a bit over-due. All elected positions are up for election, President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. Everyone is eligible to run again or for a different office, but Howard is term-limited as our President. We'll do nominations at the August meeting and elections will be at the September meeting. Please remember, you must be a NMRA member to hold office and vote.

DIV 6 ROSTER UPDATES

Back in 2010, we published a Div 6 directory. It is now out of date. Plus, our monthly roster is also probably out of date. We want to update these documents. Please email or call ED to verify and/or update your information on the roster. For the Directory, you **DO NOT** have to be in the directory. If you want to be IN the directory, again, please call or email ED. If you DO NOT want to be included in the directory, please contact ED and tell him that too. We will also accept updates at the next, August, Div 6 meeting and we'll publish the directory and have it at the September meeting. Only those IN the directory get a copy.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB PROGRAMS

September 03, 2014 - Fred Ottusch with a slide program on railroad street running. Meetings are held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at 7 pm with program starting around 7:30 pm. We must be out of the library by 9 pm. I like to have a "Newsreel" before the main program so if YOU have slides, video, digital of a current event (from a month or two ago) why not share it with other members. Contact: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

HOME DIVISION RULES

As mentioned a few months ago, the NMRA and NCR have agreed that members can decide which Division will be their "home" division, where members live close between two divisions or more. This allows the member to hold office and vote in the division they choose to be a full member of. NCR members can always attend other division meetings, but only ONE Division will be their "home" division, where they are allowed to vote on policy matters and elections. See the new membership form, included with this newsletter, to make your choice known. Every member of a Division does NOT have to fill out this form. Only those that are declaring a different division their home division, other than where the NCR/NMRA has you assigned currently.

DIV 6 MEMBERSHIP RULES

In Division 6 we have a few simple rules. These are-

- 1) You must be an NMRA member to hold office.
- 2) You must be an NMRA member to vote on policy matters.
- 3) You must be an NMRA member to receive the monthly newsletter. (new members get 3 months of newsletters and then are expected to join the NMRA)
- 4) Please attend the monthly meetings, share your knowledge and HAVE FUN!!

The complete set of rules and regulations can be found in the Div 6 By-Laws.

DIV 6 BY-LAWS

Division 6 By-Laws have been revised in order to keep us at a IRS 501c organization. The new revised By-laws are included with this newsletter. Changes are **BOLD-ITALIC**. Please read these changes as discussion and voting will take place at the next meeting.



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MY CHOICE FOR HOME DIVISION _____

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SECONDARY SCALE Z N HO S O G

I AM AVAILABLE FOR LAYOUT TOURS YES NO

Signature and date