

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

ON THE RAILS...

AUGUST 2015

OK... 2015 is HALF over! (actually a bit over half over..) Hopefully, the best part is yet to come for you and your model railroading. I'm very sorry about the last newsletter not getting out in the mail in time for the July meeting. I was very busy with my Camaro event (near 400 Camaros, \$12,000 donation to Angela Hospice!) and also a quick trip to Florida to see our son. Thanks for your understanding!

The NCR convention in Fort Wayne is fast approaching. Get your registration in soon for an extra discount and to sign-up for limited tours of prototype facilities. LOTS of info in the HotBox!

Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome William Dunn! Meeting attendance was good with about 42 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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 21, 2015**. 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 something with a DCC decoder!

Items shown included- Atlas GP38 with ESU dcr; RvrRosi 4-4-0 50 yr old; switcher; SD40T ATSF; Rapdio EMD CN FP40-2; boxcab converted to a combine; RdHse 2-8-0; Brdway SW7 C&O; trackmobile FEC; E7A proto; 0-6-0 Model Eng; B&M RS3; DT&I Baldwin Switcher; AmFlyer UP 4-8-4; MTH F7 SP; N scale Milwk E6; GP30 GM demo; Sou 4-8-2 Spectrum; Bachmann C40-8W; RS27 Proto2K; Atlas chicken car; RDG SD45 "Bee Line Service" Kato; N scale Kato UP F3A; GE xxxx InterMtn; plastic box with a decoder IN it...!; Thomas Tank with DCC; SD40 Genesis; Brdway Mikado NKP; WM 2-8-0 Bachmann with WOW; B&M RS3; RdHse Boxcab Ford Mtr Co; RdHse track cleaning car; PA1 Kato N scale; O scale F3A Atlas (shell tooling done by NCR member Mel Harvey); trackmobile w/Z scale decoder; SP 2-8-4 Daylight - good stuff by all!

Current Projects shown included- Ops cards; model of the Pegasus Bar in Detroit; We had a few members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - one item you brought to sell!

LAYOUT TOURS

Contact Hocky if you are available for a Layout Tour! 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 NEW** people and layouts please!

NEXT TOURS- In August, we have no tours planned.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

NCR 2015 convention is in Fort Wayne, Ind by Div 3. Dates are Thursday-Sunday, October 29-31 & Nov 1. Prototype tours will be a main focus. Clinics, layout tours, model showcase and photo contest will also be included.

Registration info was in the last HotBox, or go to their website- <http://fortwaynerails2015.ncr-nmra.org/>

Winner of Nankin Hobby \$10 gift card at the last meeting was Bill McMillan (again!). THANKS Nankin Hobby!!

Best wishes to Hank Meyer as he is recuperating from having a stint put in.

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MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present for several months. PLEASE... if you know how to contact him or know of his status, please let a Div 6 Board member know!!

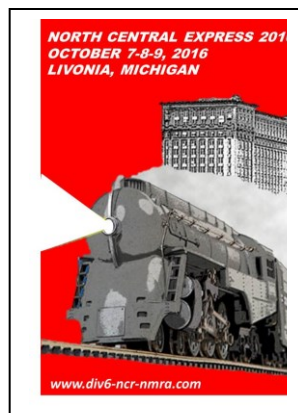
DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

Our modeling contest was this month with the subject of the oil industry. This could be cars or structures. We only had 2 entries... with John Bopp winning bragging rights for his tank car!

NEXT modeling project will be due at the October meeting and the subject is the grain industry! We are looking forward to seeing your modeling project!

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

Mark these dates - OCT 6-7-8-9, 2016!! That is the date for the NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016!!



Our convention site is Ward Church, just west of Haggerty on Six Mile Rd. Brian Goldman, who gave us a great traction clinic several months ago, is a videographer! He has volunteered to make and edit a DVD to promote

our convention to other Divisions and even Regions! Here is your Convention Planning Team....

Chairman - Norm Logan

Asst. Chairman - Mark Ellis

Registrar - Howard Andrews

Treasurer - Larry Wolohon

Clinics - Ron King/John Bopp

Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger

Website - Ed Beamish

Program/printing - Barry Hensel

Prototype Tours - Doug Malaznik

Publicity - Barry Hensel

Volunteers - Bill McMillan

Advisor - Howard Andrews

The **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, so we did have a history lesson.

Tank Cars... not a great history lately... lots of derailments, causalities, damage, etc. Thus cars have been under scrutiny and standards are changing! Majority of tank cars are privately owned, so the railroads do not have much to do with the standards and maintaining them. John also told of a wreck concerning tank cars in 1902 in PA and the major disaster it became. This resulted in the first tank car standards by the Master Car Builders Association. John also discussed the evolution of tank car standards up to present day. Approx. 20,000 in service presently! NEW standards have been adopted in the last year! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter, was not present, so we had no new tools to discuss. However, member Bill Kubeck showed a CO2 canister with regular for paintball, but can be used for air brushing! Lowes/Colbolt has this online only. Can get tanks refilled at Dicks Sports. Large tank lasts about 2 hours. Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Division 6 and all of its members wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Doug and Hank Meyer on the passing of Hank's wife and Doug's mother Vi on August 1st. She was a great supporter of our hobby, often attending the Fall Show and layout tours. We also wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Bill Deeter on the passing of his brother-in-law just before the last meeting. Best thoughts and prayers to the entire families of both.

NMRA

NMRA National convention is a bit later this year, in August and will be held in Portland, OR. Dates are Aug 23-29. Website for more info is-

www.nmra2015portland.org

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.

DIVISION OF CHOICE

Do you live in Oakland County, but attend Div 6 meetings? Then you can become an official Div 6 member!! All you need to do is fill out the DIVISION OF CHOICE form. See a Div 6 Board member for a form. Once filed, you can now vote and hold office in Div 6!

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe Bliss!! PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic, share your knowledge and talents! The clinic for this month was by Div 6 member Joe Bliss on decoder CV's and programming. Joe had an info packed presentation, showing many CV numbers and what they do and how to adjust them to get what you want out of your locomotives.

THANKS Joe for the great info!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 summer Swap Meet - flea market!!

SEPT - "Importing Brass Imports", by Mr. George Kohs

OCT - Mark Ellis on air brushing basics

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site -

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com



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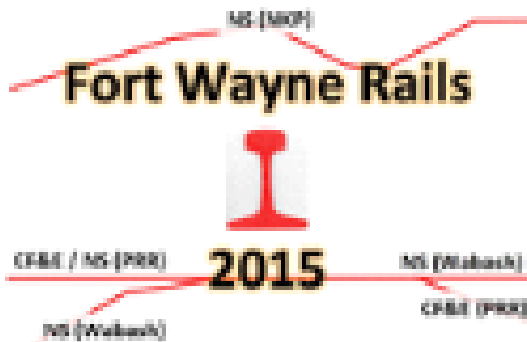
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