

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

## ON THE RAILS...

### AUGUST 2016

It's summer! And it's HOT-HOT-HOT! Model railroading is HOT too... attendance at the NMRA convention and National Train Show was very good! My friend John and I went to the show on Saturday - a nice 1 day trip there and back. Picked-up a few goodies and was "shelping" for donations for the Reading RR Modelers Meet IV! I think I have some givers!! Speaking of conventions... our Div 6 hosted NCR convention is approaching fast! See the article for more info and what YOU can do to help! Let's also remember that in November, we'll be doing our annual FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP! We'll need as many members as possible to help with that event too! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was a GOOD with about 39 members and guests! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

### DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site - [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

### DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, AUG 19, 2016**. 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 pre 1970 diesel locomotives!

**Items shown included-** Alco RS1 repainted; F3A-B Santa Fe; F unit Santa Fe; GP20 EMD demo; AmFlyer UP Alco FA-A; SP F units; SD24 brass repainted; VO1000 Baldwin GN; BL2 FEC; 44 Ton switcher; RDG Alco 630 and FM Trainmaster; C424 Alco N scale; RS1 NP; GP20m Mlk RD; O scale NW2 4th phase (from childhood!); Lionel NYC Alco FA-A; switcher Erie; F9 Santa Fe; B&O F unit; boxcab diesel; NYC GP7; GP7 E-L; G gauge diesel switcher kitbash/scratch built (non-powered); N scale SW9/SW12 C&O; O scale GN FTA-B; FM H15-44 UP; SW1 Great Lakes Steel.

A nice subject and showing!

#### **Current Projects shown included-**

No current projects were presented!

We had some members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING** - since the clinic time will be our annual summer swap meet, you can present ONE item you would like to sell!

### 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

The modeling project for the Sept meeting. The subject will be - locomotives! Must be detailed, weathered, etc... not just out of the box! Let's see some models please!!

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Remember... if you bring in an item for Show -n- Tell, you get a raffle ticket! This month we had another donated \$10 gift card from Nankin RR Hobby Shop (**THANKS!!!**). This month's winner- Graham Brown.

Jim Zinser is recouping from kidney stone procedures! Best wishes!

Here's an interesting offer found on facebook- With the recent passage of the 35th anniversary of the introduction of the Central Valley Model Works 1902 150 foot Pratt Truss Bridge CVMW is offering FREE shipping on any order \$10 or more placed on the **www.cvmw.com** website, called in, or mailed in for the next 35 Days only! This offer will expire on August 21st 2016. Everything in our extensive catalog is included. Need a catalog? Send us a quick email or postcard with your name and address and we will send one right out to you. Email to: **Sales@CVMW.com** Postal to: CVMW 1203 Pike Lane Oceano, CA 93445

Wild Bill's Trains on eastside is now closed.

Caboose Hobbies in CO is being forced to move, as the landlord has sold the building! They are having a SALE and have 90 days to move.

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was present for this meeting! Took 4 months, but finished 11 scratch-built freight cars! Log cars with real "logs" from Larry's backyard. Detailed with chain tie-downs and looking great! Larry made a "grader" from a PCV coupling, screen mesh and auto hose clamp. Uses this to grade colored chalks to be used for weathering! He also suggests black chalk between the rails for oil stains and cinder dust. We're looking forward to seeing Larry next month and more modeling tips.

## DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Here is the information you have been waiting for... how to order a Division 6 polo shirt! Our shirt color will remain GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand. Prices are-

small-XL w/logo \$19

logo/pocket \$22

logo/name \$25

logo/pocket/name \$25

XXL +\$5, XXXL +\$7 XXXXL +\$9

Mark is taking orders... either see him, email or phone. The new logo decision was made and is now on the first page of this newsletter! Orders will be taken until JULY meeting, delivery at AUGUST meeting. Name Badges... we have a source and will have a sample or two at the JULY 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!

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present at the last meeting and had no presentation. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

## 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 & layouts please!

**NEXT TOURS-** Are **ON HOLD** until after our convention.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV



Mark these dates - **OCT 6-7-8-9, 2016** for the **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016!!** Our convention site is Ward Church, west of Haggerty on Six Mile Rd. NCX 2016 is open for registrations! Online registration Is NOW open! Go to

the Div 6 website and access the NCX site from the pull-down menu on the upper right.

**UPDATES-** We have 41 layouts available for tours for this convention! We have a full clinic schedule with 33 clinics! We are still working on proto-type tours and hope to have 2-3 available.

**VOLUNTEERS...** we will need MANY volunteers from YOU, the Div 6 membership! All the jobs are easy! We'll start sign-ups at the next Div 6 meeting. WE NEED YOU!! Div 6 layouts will be featured in the next HotBox! We're contacting every model RR manufacturer for donations to our door prize pile, goodie bags and auctions. We'll happily accept ANYTHING for the goodie bags, so if you have a favorite local business, ask them for 200 items to put in our bags!

**NEW** - we're going to make arrangements for a group breakfast at Senate Coney Island on Sunday morning. All are welcome to attend between certain hours.

Here's the Conv Planning Team...

Chairman - Norm Logan

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Volunteers - Bill McMillan

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The **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way and only 2 months away!

## FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

We are still planning on hosting our annual FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP in November, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. That date is Nov 27, 2017. There is a suggestion that we should do a FREE admission show again. Last time we did that we had great crowds and still made money! Please get this date on your calendar, as we'll need many Div 6 members to have displays and help as possible! Another idea - TT modules? Let's do a Div 6 layout by using these modules. These are 12"x12" and use N scale track, as seen in the recent Model RR magazine. We have done a square foot contest before... why not do it again, but this time they will form a layout!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not present, so Tom Kosta gave us a lesson... The Last Dance, from Classic Trains magazine e-newsletter. It's the story of a RR locomotive watchman on the Santa Fe, 1950's. The watchman's job was keeping watch over an oil burner steam engine powering a work train, during the off hours while it was tied-up in the yard. The loco fire had to be watched and steam pressure maintained. Oil burner loco's are different from coal, as the fire can be put out and turned on at will. This story was on one watchman who thought he had extra time between checking the pressure, to go to the local pub. However, he lost track of time and when he returned, the boiler sheet was red hot and when he lit the fire and water injectors, the loco exploded! Not a happy ending! THANKS Tom for filling in for John. Looking forward to another lesson soon.



## 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 talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was by Div 6 member Larry Woholon, MMR on the recent NMRA National convention and train show. However, Larry could not get his pictures to download from his camera, so we had a video of NYC 20th century limited. Video's can get boring, but this one was fairly interesting with lots of good history and pictures.

**NEXT MEETING-** Div 6 flea market! Future clinics- dwarf signals on the cheap; modeling water!

## EVENTS

**Wednesday, August 10 - Sunday, August 14, 2016**

National S Gaugers Convention  
Novi Sheraton Convention Center,  
Novi, Michigan

[www.smsgtrains.org/2016conv.html](http://www.smsgtrains.org/2016conv.html)  
Sponsored/hosted by- Southeastern  
Michigan S Gaugers

**Sept 10** - Trains in the Park  
Comstock Park, MI - Comstock Park  
Grand Rapids Model RR Hist Soc.


**Sept 17** - Hastings Train Show  
Hastings, MI - Barry County Expo  
Center Battle Creek Model RR Club

**Sept 18** - Fall Train Show  
Muskegon, MI - LST 393

Muskegon Railroad Hist Society

**Sept 24** - St Louis Men's Club  
Train Show Mt Clemens, MI - St  
Louis Social Hall and Men's Club

**Sept 25** - Train Show Dearborn  
Hghts - St Sebastian School Gym  
St Sebastian Usher Club



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