



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, DECEMBER 18, 2009**. 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 until 10pm.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was pictures, either layout or prototype of railroads. Had 2 emails photo entries, at least 3 memory sticks brought in, a couple cd's of pictures, and three sets of actual photos, one an award winner from Fort Wayne by Howard! Members who had slides/pictures were- Norm, Ken, Rich, Walt, Mark, Barry, Jim Z, Larry, Ed, Paul, Al, Frank, George and Dan. Unfortunately, we never got to Jim Zinser's photos. My apologies, as I forgot to mention last month that normally we have a 5-10 picture limit per person. The pictures were all very good stuff and everyone really enjoyed the show! Thanks to those that brought in their pictures. Special THANKS to Rich Mahaney for the slide and computer/projectors! We did have a few Current projects that were presented- Bill Neale, showed photo of NH 36' box car with steel roofs - working on several models - ran through the 50's. Bill Deeter showed off the hopper car unloader, using MTP Foam Loads and magnets to remove loads from hoppers automatically as car as pulled through an unloader shed. A Lionel gon rebuilt for O scale by Dave Thornton - nice! We had many that contributed to the "caboose" - Thanks to those that did.

NEXT MEETING- your favorite model-loco, rolling stock, structure, anything railroad related

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

ON THE RAILS...

DECEMBER 2009

One more month to go until a new year! WOW, did 2009 just fly by for you too? Of course the BIG item for this month- CHRISTMAS!! NO, sorry.. but it is the Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP! (Christmas is a definite second!) We're ON in just under two weeks - Sunday, Dec 6th 11am-4pm. All the last minute info is later in the newsletter. Please make sure you read it through! Another "good" event coming this month is the annual Layout Tours for Marty LaForte and myself. We're the week after the Fall Show - Sunday, Dec 13th. Details are later in the newsletter. Hope to see you. And if we don't see you there, here's wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

DIV 6 POLO SHIRTS

We have filled all orders to and will not be placing another order for 2-4 months.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last meeting. Please welcome Aaron Farmer and Doug Hughes. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

IS less than TWO WEEKS away!!! Our date is- **Sunday, December 6, 2009**
We are on the same time - 11am-4pm
The must pay policy has been rescinded. This was discussed via email with the Div. Board of Directors and several members sent emails relating their views on the subject. You do NOT have to pay, if you are volunteering. If you are NOT volunteering, you should pay the admission fee in support of your Division! Dick has your \$4 if you paid and would like a refund. Here's a list of all the things you need to remember-

- ** Show set-up will start at **7:30AM**
- ** show teardown will start at 4:05pm, we need to be out as close to 5pm as possible
- ** if you need electricity for your display, BRING an extension cord!!
- ** We are doing the annual model contest, so bring in your rolling stock, structures, diesel and steam locomotives and traction. Awards based on spectators popular vote.
- ** We'll be helping the Boy Scouts again this year, earn the RRing Merit Badge - see Charlie at the show for your special items.
- ** keep promoting the show to everyone you know that has an interest in model railroading - post flyers at work, stores, church

In other general show info- World's Greatest Hobby and NMRA sending info to pass out. Operations Lifesaver will be here with a display. Several layouts will be here- Scouts, S scale, HO layout and trolleys, plus switching layout. Publicity is good and out on web and locally. Newspapers will only list event per month, so being in December, we'll get not much in November. Lastly, my apologies for not changing the Div directory, to reflect Dick as the new show Chairman.

We are ready to GO! See you there!

MODELING INFORMATION

We had one tip at the last meeting. We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

CLASSIFIED ADS

We are happy to place classified ads for Div 6 members. Donations to the Div of \$2 per ad is requested! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting where you can bring in items for sale.

CLINIC

This months clinic was a combo with the show & tell pictures.

If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call or see Howard at the meetings and share your thoughts.

NEXT MEETING- Larry Wolohon on attending model railroad conventions

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Congratulations to Div 6 member Bill Neale, who has his layout in the recent issue of Great Model Railroads 2010!! A very nice article and pictures!

While not a Div 6 member, Brooks Stover from Div 8 was in the regular monthly issue of Model Railroader with an article on operations. Congrats to you too!

Thoughts and prayers go out to Glenn Joppich's wife, as she had some recent surgery. She is doing well we were told at the meeting. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

New Hobby Shop has just opened in Ferndale, RAINY DAY HOBBIES at 22961 Woodward Ave.

LAYOUT TOURS

It's the annual December Layout Tours of Marty LaForte and Barry Hensel on Sunday, December 13th. Barry will be open from 12noon to 5pm, Marty will be open from 1-4pm. See the map for directions. Thinking of hosting a layout tour? Give Dick a call or email to have your layout on tour!

NEXT TOURS- December 13 - Division 6 tours of Marty LaForte BN-SD and Barry Hensel RDG Lines

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PRODUCT REVIEW

Member Bill Neale talked about using Digitrak DCC and radio throttles. Sometimes, trains drop from system - theory is that in plugging throttles in/out will create noise that makes radio receiver "disconnect" from system. For approx. \$50 you can buy a **LNRP Module**. This plugs into loconet system between the main board and the radio receiver, isolating the receiver from system channels. This seems to cut out the problem noise. Also it is suggested that you use a 14-16 volt wall transformer for system, instead of the 12v one supplied by Digitrak for better overall system performance. If you have an item to review, see Glenn before the meeting starts.

RAILROAD HISTORY

The discussion on the Fall Show went long, since this is the last meeting before the show, so we didn't have time for a history lesson from Norm. Looking forward to another lesson next month.

NCX - NCR-DIV 6 '10 CONV

The **North Central Express** dates are **October 21-24, 2010!** Our convention website is UP and running and that means YOU can register on-line using your credit card! We, Div 6 are the first in the NCR to offer this feature. WE NEED HELP- we need volunteers to attend some local train shows! Troy in January, Ann Arbor in February, Gratiot Valley and Trainorama Extra in March. You get in for free and sit at a table answering questions about the convention! Call or email Barry to get in on this important job! Speaking of the NCX website - you should visit there. We already have a few layouts posted, sample clinic schedule and other information, including registration. Great job by Ed on the website!! By the end of the year, letters asking for donations will be sent out to 200+ companies. Stay tuned-NCX is only 11 months away!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 6- Div 6 Fall Model Railroad Show & Workshop
Livonia Senior Center Five Mile and Farmington Rds Livonia, MI
11am-4pm \$4 each under 12 free!

Saturday & Sunday, Dec 12-13 -
Model Railroad Show/Sale Rock Financial Showplace Novi, MI
10am-4pm both days \$7 kids -12 FREE
(may be a fee for parking too!)

www.greattrainexpo.com

Sunday, Dec 27- Train Show/Sale
Lucas County Rec. Center
2901 Key St. Maumee, OH 43532
11am-4pm Adults \$5 kids -12 free
Phone: 517-264-5705 website
<http://toledotrainshow.com>

Sunday, Jan 17- Train Show/Sale
Athens High School 4333 John R
Troy, MI 48085 248-823-4052
10am-3pm Adults \$3, kids -12 FREE
<http://troytrainshow.org>

DIV 6 LEADER CHANGE?

Glenn was not at the last meeting, due to his wife's surgery, but had expressed a possible desire to step down as Div 6 Superintendent. Fortunately that statement was NOT correct and Glenn is remaining as our Div 6 Superintendent!! Didn't mean to scare everyone! Glenn IS seeking to be replaced as the NCR Contest Chairman, as was mentioned in last month's newsletter. THANKS Glenn for being our leader and doing a great job!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



*To all Division 6 members
and their families!*

DIV 6 LAYOUT TOURS Sunday, December 13th

BURLINGTON NORTHERN, Spartan
Division

owner- *Marty & Phyllis LaForte*
44370 North UMBERLAND Circle
Canton, MI 734-459-5173
Open 1-4pm

READING LINES, Central Division

owner- *Barry Hensel*
43642 Lotus Dr. Canton, MI
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Open 12-5pm

