

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, DEC 17, 2010**. 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.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last meeting plus a few guests. Please welcome guests RB Trombley and Tom Wise both from Div 8 and new member Mike Skrocke who is also a member of the Redford club. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

DIV 6 HOLIDAY GATHERING!

Got a **BIG** announcement for you!! On Friday, December 17th (our next Div 6 meeting night) YOU are invited to come early to the meeting for a Holiday Gathering Dinner! We're getting some food together, refreshments & great conversation! You are welcome to bring a dish to pass if you want to, but it will not be necessary. The Gathering will take place at 6pm at the Senior Center and we'll have our December meeting following the Gathering! The Gathering is in-part to THANKS everyone for a great year and for hosting a great NCR-NCX convention. THANKS Div 6 Board of Directors for planning this event!

LAYOUT TOURS

With the convention over, we are back to regular monthly Div 6 layout tours. We are still in need of a new Layout Tour Chairman. If you are interested in being the Layout Tour Chairman, please see Glenn.

NEXT TOURS- Marty, Barry and Dave on December 5th, see map in last month's newsletter.

Marty LaForte	44370 N. Umlerland Canton, MI	1pm - 5pm
Barry Hensel	43642 Lotus Dr Canton, MI	12 noon - 5pm
Dave Kunz	39665 Koppernick Rd Canton, MI	12 noon - 6pm

ON THE RAILS...

DECEMBER 2010

Well, it's the end of 2010. A whole decade into the new century! Have things changed since we've been in the 21st century? YES! And for the better (we're talking hobby here - not politics!). DCC is almost the norm now, plus sound! The detail of cars, locos and even structures has improved near 100 fold! Prices have remained fairly stable, but these improvements do cost a little extra. We also have a much broader selection of road names and products and that has been another great improvement. I'd venture a guess that this IS the time to be in our hobby. But we still have some challenges ahead, mostly getting new people and younger people involved in model railroading. Virtual model railroading could make some strides in this area, but there is near nothing like creating your own "world" and then operating within it. Well, guess we have some work ahead of us. I'm sure Div 6 is up to the task. Also- from me and my family to you and yours, Marry Christmas and Happy New Year! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

PRODUCT REVIEW

We did not have a product review this month. If you have a review item, see Glenn before the meeting.

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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.

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm had a couple of items for our railroad history! For the first item, Norm read a January 1946 announcement of how to deal with railfans doing photos along right-of-way. The directions were VERY SIMILAR to today's practices!! Norm then told of Pere Marquette 1225 berkshire locomotive called "Cadillac of the rails" because how well it (and other PM berks) ran, smoothly, etc... The tender was a bit larger than most of same type engines so it could run longer before taking on coal/water. The story also told of the great wartime travels of our favorite MI engine, runs of 100 mph, etc... The story was by Dave Jones. THANKS Norm- Looking forward to another lesson soon.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Here are **LARRY's TIPS** for this month- Larry showed us a block of crepe' bought at the wood crafters store. It cleans belts for belt sanders and is also good for regular sand paper! Ask for a Blade cleaning block; lathe tape - sandpaper in a roll - great for cleaning metal - use like shining shoes; true sander from NWSL - good tool!; automotive sandpaper- adhesive backing easy to apply on sanding blocks; sanding/polishing sticks - beauty shop supply stores have them up to 10K grit! Meijers has them in 10 packs for a buck as stocking stuffers; NWSL chopper is great tool for cutting; Larry also showed sanding blocks including home made one; sanding stick with mini belts - found similar at craft store for CHEAP - always keep your eyes open! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas- this month Bill gave out a handout to build a frame to hold a Dremel to use as a jig saw; also- showed the "original" cordless drill - egg beater style... told of LARGE size for drilling holes in real rails! Bill also told us that you can use a band saw or even a table saw to cut Styrofoam, makes nice cuts! The blade was a regular course wood cutting blade. THANKS Bill!

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Gary Mead mentioned that the Great Lakes Live Steamers Halloween run had 5500 riders with 9 trains. They have a first ever Christmas run in Southgate on Dec 10-11.

Detroit model RR club open house schedule- Thanksgiving weekend Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 26-28. Also on Saturday/Sunday, December 4-5 and Saturday/Sunday, December 11-12. All tours are from 12 noon to 5pm. The club is located on Main St in downtown Holly.

DIV 6 ROSTER

The Div 6 member roster is complete and copies were at the last meeting. These will be at the next meeting too, in case you didn't get a chance to get one. The only way to get a copy is AT the next meeting. This will NOT be on our website or emailed!

CLINIC

This months' clinic was a report on the NMRA convention from Milwaukee by Larry Wolohon and Jim Zinser. They had pictures of layouts, MR offices, contest models and a picture of a full size modeled person- a security guard that fooled people because he looked so real! They also did a quick review of our NCX convention! Thanks for a look at two great events! **WE NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** 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-** George Anderson on the Michigan Cooper Region

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Dec 5- Western Michigan Model Railroad Train Show
American Legion Post 179 2327
Wilson Ave Grand Rapids, MI 49534
10am-3pm adults \$4 kids -12 free

<http://www.trainweb.org/wmmrrc>

Saturday and Sunday, Dec 18-19 -
Monroe County Train Show/Swap Meet
MBT Expo Center 3775 S.
Custer Road (M-50) Monroe, MI
Early arrivals 9:30am-4pm \$8.00
Normal arrivals 11am-4pm \$5.00
Email-

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Sunday, Dec 19- The Glancy Trains Show
Detroit Historical Museum
5401 Woodard Ave Detroit, MI 48202
Noon - 5pm Admission is FREE
Email: train_man44@yahoo.com

Sunday, Dec 19 and Sunday, Jan 9
TTOS Wolverine Div Toy Train Show
United Food & Commerical Workers
Hall 876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
10am-2pm \$3.00 per person

<http://ttoswolverine.org>

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your favorite model - building shack- first contest model; cars from convention; UP refer; Clinchfield ne NYC 2-8-8-2; Mikado; Lindbergh switcher sw1; C90 consolidation HOn3; loco bought tonight; building son helped build; G scale Alco S4 switcher; S gauge trolley; watermelon car O scale; water tank scratch built; RDG F unit; RDC to be modified; 4-8-0 Dulth & iron RR; RS3 GB&W; first DPM model built; Russian decopod painted for home road; GT Atlas loco; pictures of model RR Gorre & Dephieted; shay loco modified-detailed; dockside logo; Pittsburg RR streetcar scratchbuilt; 10 wheeler logo- first brass engine; SP GS4 loco. Many favorite models were also current projects- Steel loads in gons; parts for static grass applicator; PRR caboose bought tonight; 2nd laser wood structure; water tank from a detergent bottle cap; decaling diesel; Erie triplex engine detailing; PRR caboose kit; "larry" car for coke oven kit; rebuilding low cost freight cars; refig cars from 50's for clinic; fall show form; SS ltd country store kit; rr storage building- mat board. We did have some members donate to the caboose. Thanks to those that did.

NEXT MEETING-- gondola cars

NCX - NCR-DIV 6 2010 CONV

At the last Div 6 meeting we again talked about the convention just a bit, more THANKS to EVERYONE that helped and fielded a few questions. There are a few last details to do - some shirts to get mailed to those that ordered them and some last accounting items. We are completed!! Once more - THANKS for your help with this event!

To say an extra THANKS to our local hobby shops, here are some of their ads from the HotBox. PLEASE support these people, who supported us!!

DIV 6 FALL SHOW

OK - crunch-time!!!! Our date is set, the **Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 28, 2010. WE NEED YOU!!** As of the Div 6 meeting the week before- still short of displays, looking for help in any-all areas!! Mark went over what people have signed up for so far. Not a bad list, just need MORE! We also asked for help with scouts program and displays. **SET-UP STARTS AT 8AM SHOW OPENS AT 11AM.** There was a good discussion on what to do AT the show!! At this writing, I will guess that the Div 6 Fall Show and Workshop was a great success! The planning of the event is always hectic and people sign-up at the last minute or even the day of the show. Div 6 member do pull together and always put on a great event, and I'm sure that will happen again! A complete wrap-up at the December meeting.

THIS NEWSLETTER EARLY

While I normally would have waited until after the Fall Show to do the newsletter, bringing you the latest news and info on that event, I had to do this edition a bit early, as I will be on vacation the week following the Fall Show. As they say - timing is everything...

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



**To all Division 6 members
and their families!**

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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



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