

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 16, 2011**. 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.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last meeting. Please welcome Mike Sutton from the Ann Arbor area. We had another good turnout at the meeting, approx. 50 attended. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was not at the last meeting, So we had no formal history lesson. However, Russ (from Nankin Hobby) had a write-up on standard time zones established on this day in 1883. Howard read the article. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

ON THE RAILS...

DECEMBER 2011

WOW... 2011 is coming to a close. Another year has passed. Div 6 is still a great group of guys and will be in 2012! It's great to be associated with everyone here. Thanks 2011 for a good year, here's to 2012 and an even better year in model railroading! The Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is happening as we "speak". I'll take a guess and believe it is a great event, lots of people and good participation from our Div 6 members! Thanks Mark for your hard work to make this a great annual event!

I hope to see many of you at the next Div 6 Layout Tours. We have 3 for you in one day and all are very good layouts! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

DIV 6 REWARDS

REMEMBER- When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a Division 6 member, they will apply your purchase to the Division 6 Bonus Plan.

DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WKSHP

The 2011 Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is TODAY- Sunday, Nov 27th. We just know the event will be a success, because Mark has worked extra hard to make it so and the Div 6 membership came forward and supported this event as they usually do! We'll have a full report at the next Div 6 meeting and in the next newsletter. THANK-YOU to all that helped in any way!! You have kept Div 6 dues free for another year!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY'S TIPS for this month were- working methods- steel rod 3" dia cut into 1/2" disks and used as bottom of painting stand- piano wire with alligator clip finished stand. Larry uses reload (gun hobby) egg-crate boxes to use as paint stands to hold items for drying; plastic lids make nice work surface for small models; use rotary cutters for some materials to get better and clean cuts.

We also had a general question from the floor- chain link fence kit with wedding veil material - how to paint? The answer was to stretch a bit and paint with air brush or spray can.

We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have a review item, see Howard before the meeting. This month John Wissenger had a small review- he had bought small tips for shop vac from Sears, to do cleaning on layout, instead bought vacuum attachment kit from MicroMart that includes a section of hose- better for over layout as hose is smaller and easier to use.

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 where you can bring in items for sale.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas. This month Bill didn't have anything new for us. But "Hockey" mentioned that a Jewelers vice is available at Harbor Freight for \$12 -vs- Micro-mart's \$38+

Looking forward to another tool tip next month. THANKS Bill!

LANSING LEGACIES 2011

Another NCR convention is history. The Div 5 hosted Lansing Legacies was held the first weekend of November. Div 6 had about 25-30 members at convention. Some comments from those attending were- too busy, too much going on at same time; Clinics good; good layouts; (conv goal was to have too much to do - thus you always had something of interest to do); not many models in contest again, but very good quality models, many merit awards. If you attended, we're glad you supported Div 5 and the NCR and it sounds like you had a good time!

NOTE- there is no NCR convention in 2012 due to the NMRA National Convention coming to Grand Rapids. The next NCR convention is in 2013 and will be hosted by Div 8.

LAYOUT TOURS

THANKS Pierre and Bill for having Layout Tours during November. Two great layouts that you should have seen! Hopefully you did! Next is Marty-Dave-Barry on Dec. 4th.

If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.

NEXT TOURS- December 4th- Marty LaForte BN-SD, Dave Kuntz PRR & Barry Hensel Reading Lines

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Great Lakes Live Steamers are done running monthly. However there is the Holiday run on Dec 2-3 at the Southgate location.

The Dec 3rd Bluewater MI Chapter - NRHS trip has been cancelled.

It was reported that Div 6 member Rich Schultz is in the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Howard sporting a wounded leg... broken bone in foot doing house repairs! Get well soon!

Div 6 member "Hockey" mentioning hands-on clinics at recent convention, wants Div 6 to pursue more hands on clinics for members. The Div 6 BoD will consider this.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was something kitbashed. Items shown were- Box car into a tank car for liquefied gas; GP9 into a GP9B; Box cab diesel into a motor car; cabooses redo; cabooses back-dated to 1963 NYC; Alco PA into a PA3; going to make tower from yard picture; DPM factory; DPM hotel into 2 buildings; Jordan cars; 2-6-6-T loco kitbashed from brass loco's and parts; N scale factory from scrap box parts; Walther's feed mill into Rochester elevator; DPM store front; DPM kits into storefront; Tyco freight house into factory; 2-Atlas gate towers into one larger tower; DPM modified; N scale water tower; Mantua steam loco modified;

Current Projects shown included-

Steam loco repair; trees & street lights for town; passenger car; factory from Craftsman article; garage building; Atlas tank cars; GN caboose laser cut kit O scale. We did have MANY members donate to the caboose, Thanks!

NEXT MEETING-- what you model and why - no clinic so we will extend show & tell time - try to limit to 3-5 minutes each person - also bring any models/pictures to support your story.

CLINIC

This month's clinic was a video on Steamfest in 2009 in Owosso. This was a back-up plan as Bruce didn't make it tonight. Was a good video with lots of great pictures of all the steam loco at the event.

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call Joe Bliss.

NEXT MEETING- clinic next month is also part of Show & Tell

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 4, 2011 -

Western Michigan Model Railroad Club Train Show and Sale
American Legion post #179 2327
Wilson Ave SW Grand Rapids, MI
10am to 3pm Adults \$4.00,
Children 12 and under are FREE
Website-<http://trainweb.org/wmmrrc>

Sunday, December 18, 2011 -

Monroe Train Show MBT Expo Center
3775 Custer Rd. (M-50) Monroe, MI
11AM - 4 PM \$6.00 for adults.
Children 12 and under Free with an adult. Website-

<http://FOMRR@modelrailstuff.com>

Sunday, December 18, 2011;

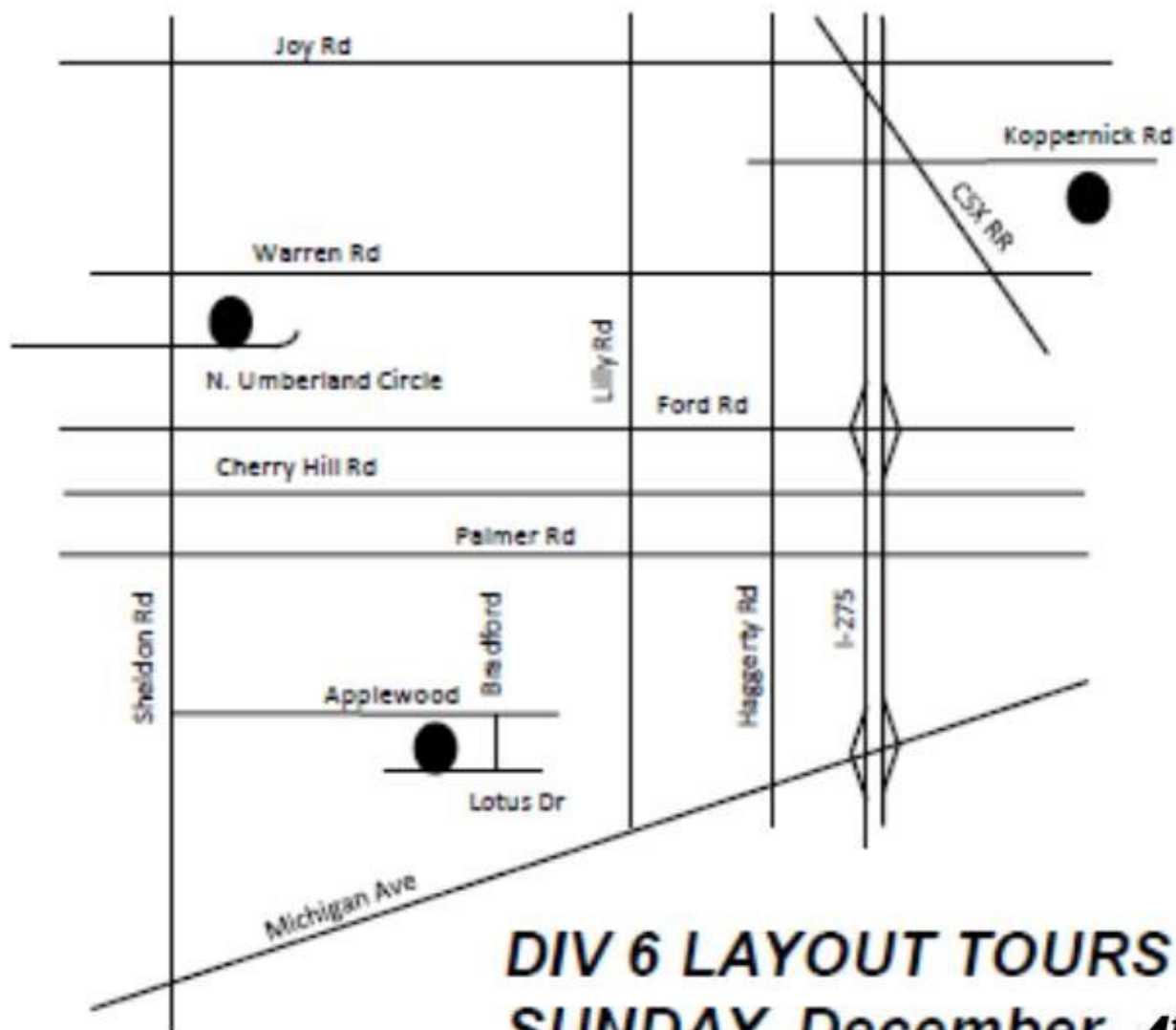
Sunday, January 8, 2012; T.T.O.S.
Wolverine Division Toy Train Show
United Food & Commercial Workers
Hall 876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
10am to 2pm \$3.00 per person
Food & Refreshments available
Contact Information- Bob Burgee
586-662-0225

Saturday, January 7, 2012-

20th Riverbend Model Railroad Club
Train Show
The Home School Building 5625
Burlingame Ave. Wyoming, MI 49509
10 am - 3:30 pm Adults -
\$5.00, Children 10 and under- Free
Website- <http://rmrrc.org>

Sunday, January 15, 2012-

A TRAIN SHOW
Avondale High School 2800
Waukegan Auburn Hills, MI 48326
10am - 3pm Adults \$3,
Children 12 & Under FREE
Website-
<http://www.troytrainshow.org>



DIV 6 LAYOUT TOURS SUNDAY, December 4th

<p>Marty LaForte 44370 N. UMBERLAND Circle Canton, Mich. 48187 1pm – 5pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge The Spartan Division of the Burlington Northern elected not to merge with Santa Fe in the 90's and operate in the current time period. The layout is a continuous operation with approximately 400' of mainline with all DDC operation and is 75% complete. It is based on the eastern area of Nebraska, and includes an interchange with Montana Link, docks at Seattle and the coal fields of the Power River Valley.</p>
<p>Barry Hensel 43642 Lotus Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 12 noon – 5pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge The Reading Lines - Central Division - is set in 1970 and is completely operational. The RDG Lines is a 2 track mainline with continuous running and is operated with Rail Command DCC. Scenery is about 65% complete with basic scenery forms in place in other areas.</p>
<p>Dave Kunz 39665 Koppernick Rd Canton, Mich. 48187 12 noon – 6pm</p>	<p>O Standard Gauge and On30 The layout in the upstairs of a 40 x 72 climate controlled barn and models the Pennsylvania Railroad Middle Division in the year 1955. It is 2 rail hand laid tracks and ties. Also includes an extensive On30 railroad.</p>