



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 20, 2013**. 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.

## DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WKSHP

The annual DIV 6 Fall Show & Workshop was on **Sunday, Dec 1!** Here's an update on how the event went... We had a great turnout at the door, just over 140 paid attendees, plus 20-25 scouts and many kids. Norm's kitchen sold out of everything! The raffle was going good and strong all day long, but I'm not sure what their total is. Thus I'd suggest that we were again, a HUGE success! I'm sure we'll have a profit after all the bills are accounted for. We had many great looking displays - THANKS to all of the Div 6 members that displayed a form of model railroading! I'm sure you helped someone with a problem, by answering their questions. Thanks too to all of the Div 6 members that helped with set-up and tear-down. Hard work, but much needed! Thanks to those that brought layouts - Jim Z, the Redford Club, Gary Mead, the Free-Mo group and the Boy Scouts! Having running layouts bring our hobby to "Life"! Our own model & photo contest had a moderate turnout. Structures was the big category and many (including myself) forgot to bring their square foot models back for display. The winners are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Finally, THANKS to Mark for being the event chairman again! Great job of coordinating everything! Congratulations to the entire Div 6 membership on a job well done!!

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

# ON THE RAILS...

### DECEMBER 2013

To all Division 6 members, friends and spouses, here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The end of 2013 is soon here! I hope your last year has been a good one. For Div 6 I think it has been a good year. Membership is steady, we've been having a great time at our meetings, clinics have been scheduled, layout tours get scheduled, so we've been keeping up with our membership objectives. Let's repeat this next year and maybe increase our membership by telling others about Div 6 and the fun and benefits we all enjoy! Now, 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 light at 38 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

We'll start another project now and it will be showed at the March 2014 meeting. Our theme will be motive power - any type. Bragging rights will be awarded!

## DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WKSHP

PART 2 - Here are the winners in the model & photo contest for this year-

Steam Locomotive

- 1st - Mark Ellis
- 2nd - Mark Ellis
- 3rd - Ben DeSantis

Diesel Locomotive

- 1st - Mark Ellis

Misc. Motive Power

- 1st - Eris Diehl

Rolling Stock

- 1st - Dick Harden
- 2nd - Mark Ellis

Structures

- 1st - Dick Harden
- 2nd - Mark Ellis
- 3rd - Norm Logan

Misc Railroad Related

- 1st - Bill Deeter
- 2nd - Barry Hensel
- 3rd - Barry Hensel

Best in Show Model

Bill Deeter

Prototype Picture

- 1st - Barry Hensel
- 2nd Barry Hensel
- 3rd - Barry Hensel

Model Picture

- 1st - Dick Harden
- 2nd - Dick Harden

Best in Show Photo

Barry Hensel

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

The 2014 NMRA National convention will be in Cleveland. They are looking for clinic presenters. If you are interested in presenting a clinic, please email or call Dave Neff 440-488-3941

[theneffers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:theneffers@sbcglobal.net)

[www.2014cleveland.org](http://www.2014cleveland.org)

Beginning in January, check the website for continuing updates on registration, tours, company store, etc. The clinic schedule will be finalized in February, so submit soon!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm gave us another history lesson this past month. Gandy Dancer days Part 2- More on the exploits of a young man working the track gang on the NYC in the 1950's. Very interesting stories. Norm also told the story of train stations selling watches - the start of Sears & Roebuck. Thanks for the interesting information! Looking forward to another lesson.

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY's TIPS for this month were- Larry was not present this past month. We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

## DIV 6 REWARDS

When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Div 6" member, or customer #1066, they will apply your purchase to the Div 6 Bonus Plan. Div 6 will get FREE stuff for the Fall Show! Thanks for your purchases.

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter got ahold of some brass track re-railers and track. He made test track kits! Sold at the meeting for whatever you wanted to donate (went to the coffee fund) and included an instruction sheet! Bill showed a version that he had built and one from Marty LaForte. Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

## 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.

**FOR SALE! -**

- 3- atlas turntables
  - 2- turntable motors
  - 5-6 plastic warren truss bridges {single track}
  - 3- stall round house kit (atlas)
  - 1 bulk box of 33" wheelsets
- call Frank Spadafore Jr. at 313-271-7308

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was anything marine related.

**Items shown included-** book on railroad owned ocean liners; row boat; 1977 Inside Track article on auto ferries; books on railroading and water front - photos by Div 6 member Ken Borg!; Picture of the Salino; "marines" on a flat car; Athearn flat w/boat; Walthers tug for PRR; Walthers tug for the Reading RR; lobster boat; Linburg tug for Erie; flat car with boat; photos from 1900 Copper Range RR at docks unloading copper in boats; canoes!; water effects bottle; row boats with fishermen!

**Current Projects shown included-** 2-6-0 loco with sound; Walthers grocery shippers building; brkt for transformer for under layout; two pip loads for gons/flat cars; C&O signal bridge; Pitt RR trolley We had many members that donated to the caboose - THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING** - signals and/or signs (including billboards, traffic signals/signs, RR signals, etc.)

## LAYOUT TOURS

For December, we had 3 layouts open on December 8<sup>th</sup>, Barry Hensel, Marty LaForte and Tom Kosta. All were well attended with about 25 showing at each layout. THANKS GUYS!! We're working on layouts for January. If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC. **WE NEED TOURS!!**

**NEXT TOURS-** January tours- ???

## NCR 2014 CONV - TOLEDO

The 2014 NCR convention is happening in the Toledo area, as it's sponsored by Div 1. It is also fast approaching, because it is a spring convention on April 25-27. Details and a registration form are in the Winter HotBox.

## N CENTRAL CROSSING

The 2013 NCR convention was on November 1-3, 2013. It was hosted by Div 8. Attendance was about 154.

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## CLINIC

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe. The clinic for this past meeting was on the building of a Reading RR Tug, by Barry Hensel. The clinic showed how a Walthers tug kit was modified to become a close representation of the Reading tug the Schuylkill. Quite a few modifications were made and the model came out well. It received a Best in Show at the recent Reading RR Modelers Meet in PA.

**NEXT MEETING-** Joe Bliss on Signals

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

[www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday-Sunday, December 14-15**

Detroit Model RR Club Open House  
104 North Saginaw St. Holly, MI  
Noon - 5PM Adults - \$4, Seniors  
(65+) - \$3, Children (5-18) - \$2,  
Children under 5 - Free  
Contact Info: 248-634-5811

[webmaster@dmrrc.org](mailto:webmaster@dmrrc.org)

**Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013**

Wolverine Train Club Show  
United Food & Commercial Workers  
Hall 876 Horce Brown Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
10AM-3:30PM \$3 per person Food  
service provided by The Madison  
Heights Lions Club Contact  
Info- Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

**Sunday, December 29, 2013**

Monroe Train Show MBT Expo Center  
3775 Custer Rd. (M-50) Monroe, MI  
11am-4pm Early Admission 9:30am-  
4pm - \$10; Regular Admission 11am-  
4pm - \$6 12 and under free when  
accompanied by adult. Wheelchair  
Accessible Contact Info e-mail:  
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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



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and their families!**

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Sat 11:00 - 7:00

Sun 12:00 - 5:00

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