



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. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2014**. 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 MISC NEWS

NCR 2015 convention is in Fort Wayne, Ind by Div 3. Dates are Thursday-Sunday, October 29-31 & Nov 1. Prototype tours will be a main focus. Clinics, layout tours, model showcase and photo contest will also be included.

If you participate in the show & tell next month, you'll get a chance for a \$10 Nankin Hobby gift card - 2 will be drawn.

Best Wishes to Hank Meyer's wife, who had a by-pass surgery just before Thanksgiving. She's doing well we're told!

## 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!

## 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)

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

Our next modeling contest subject will be cabooses. The contest will be at the January meeting.

# ON THE RAILS...

## DECEMBER 2014

WOW... December is here! 2014 is nearly done and a new year will be starting very soon. I hope this past year has been a good one for you in as many possibilities as possible. If not, I hope that 2015 will be! For Division 6, it has been another good year. Meeting attendance is holding well, the fun is still here, information abounds and we're on our way to bigger and better things. I hope you will continue to be a member of Division 6 (and the NCR-NMRA) and keep having fun with the rest of us! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had ?? new members at the last Div 6 meeting. (can't find the paperwork) Please welcome Tim Harrison. Meeting attendance was good with about 50 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present, but did not have a report to give. Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

## FALL SHOW

The Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP was another great success. We had a good turnout of about 140 paid participants. On a down side, we only had about 5 Scouts take advantage of our Merit Badge program. BIG THANKS to Nankin Hobby for raffle donations (and special prices on some items)!! These Div 6 members participated in the Model Railroad Show & Workshop- Ed Beamish; Ed Joppich; David Kunz; Larry Wolohon; John Grundstrom; Barry Hensel; Joe Burchill; Mr. Brightman; Connie Xenakis; Robert Pizio; Mark Ellis; Howard Andrews; Jim Sieradzinski; Bill Rubarth; Marshall Stull; Irwin Knox; Doug Malaznik; Ted Philchek; Jim Tilley; Jim Hockenberry; Gary Mead; Roy Jones; Neil Allen; Charlie Schlaepfer; Norm Logan (and a few wives!); Russ Hjelmberg; Ron King; and I'm probably missing a few - very sorry if I did not mention your commitment!! Thanks to the Trolley Layout guys and the Free-mo display! The model and photo contests had a nice number of entries, but could always use more! Here are your winners-

Steam Engine  
1st Jim Tilley, 2nd Mark Ellis,  
3rd Ed Beamish

Diesel Engine  
1st Tom Poeschel, 2nd Mark Ellis,  
3rd Ed Beamish

Structures  
1st Brian Golden, 2nd Ed Joppich,  
3rd Norm Logan

Rolling Stock  
1st John Wright, 2nd Barry Hensel  
3rd Dave Kuntz

Misc Motive Power  
1st Howard Andrews,  
2nd John Wright

Pictures- prototype  
1st/2nd/3rd Dan Joppich

Best in Show Picture - Dan Joppich  
Best in Show Model - Brian Golden

As for the bottom line, indications are we will make a profit of about \$200-\$300. I'm sure actual figures will be available at the next Div 6 meeting. But, basically, WE DID GOOD!! THANKS everyone that had

any part of the show, running, helping!! Big Thanks to Mark for being chairman for the past several years!!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm had a history lesson at the last meeting. We played History Trivia!! Using quips from a train calendar and pitting one side of the room -vs- the other. Ten questions each and the score was- 10-8 with the north side winning! This was fun!! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

## DIV 6 ELECTION RESULTS!

Your new Div 6 Board is-  
Superintendent - Mark Ellis  
Asst Super- Marty LaForte  
Secretary - Ed Beamish  
Treasurer - Larry Wolohon  
Member-at-Large - Bill McMillan  
The new Board will take their positions in January.

## DIVISION 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Div 6 Fall Show- Mark Ellis  
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Meeting Coffee- Bill Deeter  
734-425-3377 billydeeter@att.net

## CLINIC

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe Bliss!! The clinic for this month was on making trees by Div 6 member Norm Logan. Norm had a great presentation on using real flowers to make great trees for the background areas of your layout. Using Sedium and Cutleaf Spiarea. Norm can make near a 100 trees in about an hour or so. Spray paint, some floral tape, sheers, and perhaps some ground foam are all the extras you need. Norm showed the whole process and many examples of finished products of Div 6 members layouts. Great info! THANKS!

**NEXT MEETING-** Larry Wolohon with a video presentation on modern steam power

## NCR BOARD MEETING

The NCR is expanding again! NMRA members in northern Michigan have been approved to form a new Division 2. This process will take several months to complete. NMRA VP of Admin Dave Thornton, of Division 8, is up for reelection soon! Please VOTE!! A NCR convention schedule was discussed and here is the current schedule of future conventions - **Div 6 in 2016;** Div 4 in 2017; Div 5 in 2018; Div 8 in 2019; Div 1 in 2020. We are considering one day conventions in some of our newer Divisions and having these in the Spring of 2016 and 2017. All 501c numbers for the NCR and all Divisions are completed. Each Division must renew their own status each year. NMRA is still working on getting the IRS to allow all Regions and Divisions to fall under one blanket account.

## 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.

## LAYOUT TOURS

**THANKS** to Marty LaForte, Tom Costa and Barry Hensel for hosting tours this past month. All had a good turnout! **WE NEED A LAYOUT**

**CHAIRMAN!!** WOW... we've been asking for about 3 months and no volunteers. The job is easy... just call a few people and ask them to host a tour. We have the maps from the convention book, so once you get the tours set, all you have to do is report to this Editor and at a Div 6 meeting.

**PLEASE HELP!!!**

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/WANT TOURS!!** THANKS to Marty, Barry and Ton for hosting a tour this month.

**NEXT TOURS-** Next tours will be in January, IF we have volunteers!!

## 2016 CONVENTION = DIV 6!

Division 6 is tasked with hosting the 2016 NCR convention. We've had great, successful conventions in 2002 and 2010, so we're pretty darn sure we can do this again with good, even greater success. If you are interested in being part of the Planning Team, please contact Div 6 Superintendent Mark.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

TO ALL Division 6 MEMBERS and FAMILIES!



## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was any scenery item including trees. **Items shown included-** Tree from Div 6 convention in '87; plate girder bridge weathered; creek making materials; forest rangers tower; palm trees!; pine trees; G scale tree; fern type pine trees; self-made latex rock molds from coal; tree from Div 6 clinic; package of Celu-clay; free Styrofoam from cemetery clean-up day; bushes from ground foam; grass Am Flyer #21a; tree from flower; several different manufacturers of trees; HD sheers for cutting different materials; MicroMark polyfiber; photo backdrop for harbor scene; plaster cast rocks; tunnel lift-out section; Woodland Scenics rock molds; HO strawberry plants; 4 tree types on a diorama;

**Current Projects shown included-** Plan for keeping track of track sections being ballasted, pressure vessel from PVC for flat car load; attempt at water fall and river; Z scale portable layout; JL Inv laser-cut structure kit; Ford pick-up modified-weathered, lunch stand laser-cut kit.

We had several members that donated to THE caboose. THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING** - a locomotive you have modified

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday-Sunday, December 6-7, 13-14 2014**

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  
See O scale trains in operation, over a 350 foot double track mainline and several branch lines.  
Contact Info: 248-634-5811

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

**Sunday, December 7, 2014-**

St. Mary's Orchard Lake Train Show and Sale  
Dombrowski Field House,  
St. Mary's Orchard Lake 3535  
Indian Trail Orchard Lake, MI

10am to 3pm Adults \$5 per person, All Children 12 and under \$1, Kids under 5 free  
Food & Refreshments available,  
Ample free parking

Contact Info - Stan 248-872-5407

**Sunday, December 7, 2014-**

Western Michigan RR Club Train Show and Sale  
KofC Hall 5830  
Clyde Park Ave Wyoming, MI 49509

10am to 3pm Adults \$4 per person, Children 12 and under FREE  
Food & Refreshments available,  
Ample free parking, Door prizes,  
Operating layouts Contact Info -  
John Ruiz 616-291-5823 email at-

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

**Sat-Sunday, December 6-7, 2015-**

Great Train Show Allen County War Memorial Coliseum 4000 Parnell Avenue Fort Wayne, IN 46805

10:00am-4:00pm Saturday & Sunday  
\$8 for adults, good for both days  
11 & under are FREE Wheelchair Accessible  
The Great Train Show is America's premier model train show, with dozens of shows across the country each year. Contact Info- 630-608-4988 fax 240-597-4482

[info@trainshow.com](mailto:info@trainshow.com)

<http://www.greattrainshow.com>

**Sunday, December 21, 2014,**

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 Height Lions Club Contact Info- Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

**Sunday, December 28, 2014**

Monroe Train Show MBT Expo Center  
3775 Custer Rd. (M-50) Monroe, MI  
Early Admission 9:30am-4pm- \$10  
Regular Admission 11am-4pm- \$6  
Children 12 and under free  
A Christmas style train show with things for children of ALL ages.  
Wheelchair Accessible  
Contact Info- Alan Mitchell PO Box 1259 Adrian, MI 49221 517-264-5705 [Trainshow@modelrailstuff.com](mailto:Trainshow@modelrailstuff.com)

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was present and showed  
A wood load for gons; wood stack  
good for O scale and HO; all cut  
from branches from the yard;  
Watermelon car showed - many vents  
in a boxcar.

Modeling Tip from Bill Rubarth-  
Gordon Foods has a plastic serving  
plate cover (about \$3) - the cover  
fits over the Walthers turntable,  
protecting it!!

Modeling tip from Tim Kilroy-  
new, possible best battery for use  
in DCC systems, especially  
Digitrax - Batteries: 230MAH  
IMEDION P/N MHR9V1 (black casing)  
from Thomas Distributing (best  
price)

[http://www.thomasdistributing.com/  
search.asp?keyword=imedion+9v&sear  
ch.x=0&search.y=0](http://www.thomasdistributing.com/search.asp?keyword=imedion+9v&search.x=0&search.y=0)

Digitrax recommends the Powerex  
brand in a white casing with  
yellow lettering. However, several  
members have tried these and they  
do not work properly!

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

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Division 6 membership wishes to  
extend our deepest sympathies to  
The family and friends of Div 6  
member Wally Serylo, who passed  
away in the middle of November.  
Wally has been a fixture at Div 6  
meetings for many years, kept us  
abreast of NRS Bluewater Chapter  
events and was always a pleasure  
to be with.





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