

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, DEC 16, 2016**. 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.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present and gave this lesson.. from the Aug 1953 railroad magazine - Tunnel Troubles - story of a train crew using electric locos and their mis-adventures! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

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!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present at the last meeting but did not have any tool news to report. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

LAYOUT TOURS

Contact Hocky if you are available for a Layout Tour! 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 NEW** people & layouts please! **NEXT TOURS-** are BACK!! First layouts to be open are Tom Koska, Marty/Phyllis LaForte, Dave Kuntz and Barry Hensel - Sunday, Dec 11th see map for times

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.

ON THE RAILS...

DECEMBER 2016

Merry Christmas!! And a Happy New Year to you and your families. May you have a fun, wonderful and blessed holiday season!

The Div 6 Fall Show & Workshop is once again history. Our 2016 version was another huge success! Because of our success with the Fall Show AND the NCX convention, please remember that we'll have a pizza dinner before the January Div 6 meeting. Final details in the January "On the Rails".

With 2016 coming to a close, we hope that 2017 will be a good year for all Div 6 members and our organization. We are enjoying some good times in Div 6 and hope they will continue with your help and support! 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 a VERY good with about 56 members and guests! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was oldest piece of model RR equipment you own. **Items shown included-** 10th anniv PFM catalog from 1965; N scale Berkshire from 1969; brass kit for B&O caboose; Varney refer car 1937; Tyco GP20 UP; PFM Husdon from early 60's; AM Flyer caboose from early 40's; Ann Arbor boxcar built in 1927; 1960 Marx boxcar; Bachman UP loco; 1900 Lionel Std gauge caboose; Am Flyer Alco PA diesel 1950's; 1972 bought Dockside switcher; loco built in 1953/4 from MR plans; Lionel caboose was from first trainset; 20 model RR projects book from 1941; Revell caboose from 1959; Southern boxcar from 1972; Flechmen train set for \$3 in mid 50's; Tyco RDG GP20's from early 60's; Mantua kit; rubber-band Loco; tinplate Am Flyer O gauge passenger car; Mantua gon from 1954; brass diesel 1959; Lionel Boxcar Babe Ruth tinplate and 1953 Lionel caboose; Hobbytown RS3; Kato dash9 loco from 1990's; Am Flyer switcher 1955; Peco British wagons; Tyco starter set from 1960; Mantua 1953 shark-nose diesel; Varney F3; 50watt Marx transformer 1950; Lionel Shell tank car; Revell 0-6-0T from 1957; Athearn switcher; Am Flyer O scale caboose from 1930's; Tyco Pacific kit late 1960's; wood chassis with steel body boxcar; first traction model- brass workcab; Mantua train set; brass O scale NW2 switcher; 1880's book on RR curves and "earthwork"

Current Projects shown included-

Scrap loads- molded resin items; kit-bash Walthers REA transfer building; weathered freight cars in N scale

Larry had a NEW caboose for donations! The old one was from 1995! We had a few members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - trolley, inter-urban, etc....

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color will remain GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand polo shirt. Prices are- small-XL w/logo \$19 logo/pocket \$22 logo/name \$25 logo/pocket/name \$25 XXL +\$5, XXXL +\$7 XXXXL +\$9 Mark is taking orders... either see him, email or phone.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Remember... if you bring in an item for Show -n- Tell, you get a raffle ticket! This month we had another donated \$10 gift card from Nankin RR Hobby Shop (**THANKS!!!**). This month's winner- Norm Logan!

The 2017 NCR convention will be hosted by Div 4 - the Grand Rails Division, in Grand Rapids. More info in the December HotBox.

Apologies in advance, as I will not be in attendance at the December Div 6 meeting. I will need someone to take some notes for me so I can do the next newsletter.

DIVISION 6 ELECTIONS

At the December meeting, we will hold a quick election of officers for the next 2 years. Mark, our Superintendent, has one more 2 year term but is willing to serve that one more term. Larry and Ed are also willing to continue to serve, but if someone wants to seek any office, nominations will be open. Bill McMillian is seeking the position of Asst. Super. as Marty has decided not to run again. If Bill is elected, we will need another member-at-large to fill his spot.

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

We had a great write-up in the Div 4 newsletter, which Norm read at the meeting - THANKS! We are still working on getting some of the layout tour hosts their Thank-you certificates. Thanks for being patient with us on this.



FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

We came, we did trains, we had a blast! While the crowd was not the best, our event went very well. We had lots of set-up help and tear-down help too - THANKS! We could have used more displays, but what we had was quality stuff. We had 4-5 layouts running and the Boy Scouts were building at the show! The raffle was AMAZING!!! We owe a HUGE THANK-YOU to Nankin Hobby for donating so much quality items!! WOW!!! The kitchen was busy at times and Richard and his wife did a great job - thanks! This is a very important job and this was Rich's first year and he did good! SO... did we make any money? DO not know at this time, but I would believe our expenses were met, so it could be a break-even year. That's OK, as we did very well with the NCX convention, so it all should balance out. Once again, THANKS to all that helped, had a display or did anything to make our annual event good! GOOD JOB GUYS!!! **REMEMBER** - to celebrate both the NCX and Fall Show, we will have a pizza dinner before the JANUARY meeting! Details on that at the next meeting and/or newsletter!

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the NEXT modeling project for the **FEB** meeting is to be- rolling stock. Remember, these items need to be modified, not stock kits. Let's see your modeling skills in February!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present for this meeting! We're looking forward to seeing Larry next month and more modeling tips.

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EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, December 10-11
Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House
104 North Saginaw St.
Holly, MI 48442
Noon - 5PM Adults - \$5, Seniors (65+) - \$4, 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

Saturday-Sunday, December 17-18,
Model Railroad OPEN HOUSE!
Blissfield Model Railroad Club
109 E. Adrian St (US223),
Blissfield, MI 49228.
11am - 4pm Donations appreciated. See 1000 feet of mainline on 3 levels of Appalachian mountain railroading.
On the web at www.bmrr.org

Saturday, December 10, 2016,
Redford Model RR Club OPEN HOUSE
27316 Michigan Avenue Inkster,
MI 48141 (East of Inkster Rd.)
12 NOON TO 4 PM FREE admission
(Donations cheerfully accepted!)
Contact Information:

www.redfordmodelrailroadclub.com

Sunday, December 18, 2016;
Wolverine Train Club Show
United Food & Commercial Workers Hall
876 Horce Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
10am-2pm \$3 per person under 12 is free
Food/Refreshments Avail
Website- www.ttoswolverine.org
Contact Info: Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

Sunday, December 18, 2016-
Monroe Model Train Show
MBT Expo Center 3775 Custer Rd.
(M-50) Monroe, MI 48161
Early Admission 9am-3pm \$10
Regular Admission 10am-3pm \$6
Children 12 & under free w/adult
Wheelchair Accessible
Contact Info: Al Mitchell
Friend of Model Railroader (FOMRR)
517-264-5705 e-mail
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CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, LET US KNOW! Joe resigning as clinic chairman, so NEED someone to volunteer by January!! PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic, share your talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was by Div 6 member Mark Ellis on dwarf signals. Very easy and cheap!! Basically, use LED's for the entire signal body and the LED leads will act as mounting pins to help hold the signal in place. Cover the leads with heat-shrink tubing to help stiffen them and it all looks good too! Thanks for the information and volunteering!

NEXT MEETING- a report on the M-1 Rail project!



Nankin Hardware & Hobby

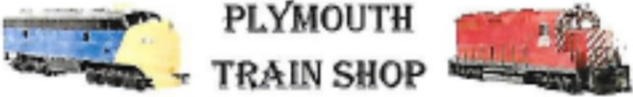
**35101 Ford Rd
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PLYMOUTH TRAIN SHOP

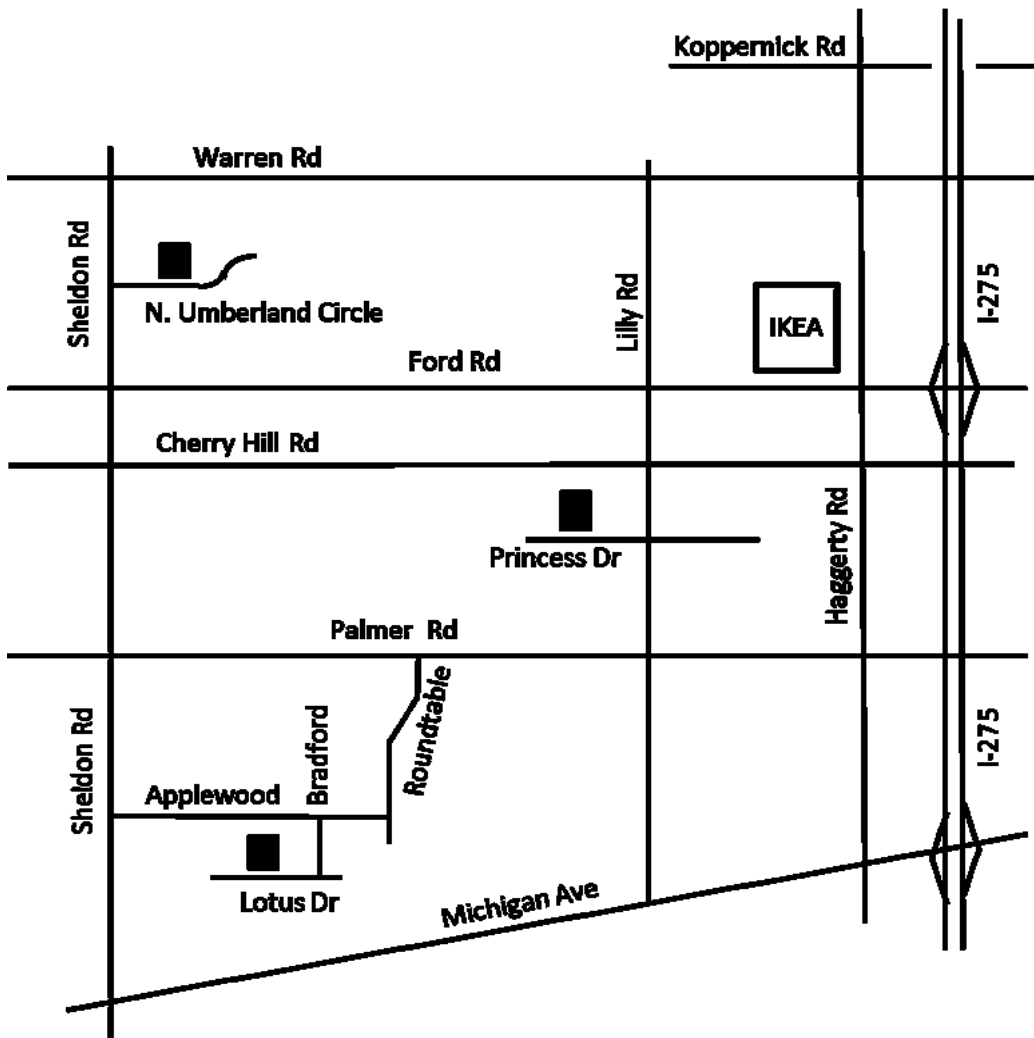
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Dave, manager

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Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4

<p>Marty LaForte 44370 N. Umland Circle Canton, Mich. 48187 1pm – 4pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge <i>The Burlington Northern - Spartan Division</i> - is set in the current time, It is located mostly in Eastern Nebraska with lines to Long Beach and Portland. The BNSD has two hundred feet of dual mainline, wrapping around the basement. DCC Digitrax. Scenery is approximately 75% complete.</p>
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<p>Dave Kunz 39665 Koppemick Rd Canton, Mich. 48187 1pm – 4pm</p>	<p>O Standard Gauge The layout in the upstairs of a 40 x 72 climate controlled barn and models the Pennsylvania Railroad Middle Division in 1955. It is 2 rail hand laid tracks and ties. Also includes an extensive On30 railroad.</p>
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DIVISION 6 -
Motor City
Division
LAYOUT
TOURS
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER
11, 2016

<p>Tom Kosta 959 Princess Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 1pm – 5pm</p>	<p><i>Great Northern Empire</i> is circa 1974 running the GN and CB & Q from Chicago to Seattle. It has two main tracks of about 150 feet. The Chicago station yard is a 9 track stub end yard with 5 passenger and 4 classification tracks.</p>
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<p>Barry Hensel 43642 Lotus Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 12pm – 5pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge <i>The Reading Lines - Central Division</i> - set in 1970 and completely operational. The RDG Lines is a 2 track mainline with continuous running and is operated with Easy DCC. Scenery is 85% complete with basic scenery forms in place in other areas.</p>
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