

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 15, 2017**. 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.

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your favorite tool.

### Items shown included-

Dial caliper; file; electrical polarity checker; magna-visor; plastic glue; Rix uncoupler; spring loaded drill chuck; track gages; rail spike pliers; sprue nipper; PUT - premium uncoupling tool; wood clothes pin - as a clamp; camera; touch control switches; scrap booking cutter; MRC master controller; track cleaner car; Marine Corp. multi-purpose knife; car inspection track - weight, coupler, power; Craftsman plier type cutter; Lego's for use as 90 deg corners; Screwdriver with slot for pulling nails; multi allen-wrench tool; Craftsman plier set; Xacto knife set; wheel puller; electrical meter; soldering iron; Kadee coupler hgt gauge; NMRA gauge; scale ruler; mini-ruler; 9" ban saw; holder to hold wires for soldering!

### Current Projects shown included-

HO scale ice cream stand; wood caboose redo; Pitt trolley double decker car; AHM flat car with coil wire load;

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

### NEXT MEETING - covered hoppers!!

Let's see some that are detailed and modified!!

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the next modeling project did get discussed/chosen.

### SMALL LINESIDE INDUSTRIES

The contest will be at the January 2018 meeting, not December because of the holidays.

# ON THE RAILS...

## DECEMBER 2017

It is a bit hard to write this, as the Fall Show & Workshop is not complete... but I am confident that it will again, be a success! Our Division has great people, so I know the involvement will also be great and that equals a successful event. THANKS to those that helped with the show!!

2017 is coming to a close and Div 6 - the Motor City Division is doing very well!! Our meetings have very good attendance, we can discuss anything model railroad related and have very knowledgeable members to help you solve any question you may have! Thanks for being a Div 6 member and I hope you will continue to be a member and get even more involved in our group and our great hobby! Here is the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was really good with about 45 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting but had nothing new to report on. We are looking forward to another tool tip 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!

## 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 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running! The newsletter is posted and available online. Check out the site - [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, gave us a report on new items that are coming out. Here is what he told us about this past meeting...

Russ had no new items to share, but showed off the Nankin Hobby donations for the Fall Show. \$550 worth of donations!!

THANKS Russ for the great hobby news!!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not present at the meeting and thus had no history lesson. We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## 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!!!**).

Our winner this month was- Bob McKibben. Congratulations! Also, a second ticket was pulled as Barry Hensel donated his uncoupling tool that he brought (and sells at train shows). Mike Scott was the winner of the PUT!

If you want a name badge... see Mark!! A new order list has been started for another shirt order.

Used tool store on Executive Dr, near Ford Rd. second store  
The tool box.

Dave Thornton is looking for someone knowledgeable on B&O passenger trains in/out of Detroit. He wants that person to give a clinic at a B&O mini-convention in Toledo in May 2018. 248-879-6806 [DThorn5552@aol.com](mailto:DThorn5552@aol.com)

Livonia Library looking for a one day railroad day display/talk. This will happen in the spring of 2018. Let Mark know if you are interested in helping this event.

There is a private party event on Dec 20th in Livonia for poor kids. They are looking for portable layouts for a RR theme. This is at Sacred Heart Hall - 6 mile near Middlebelt - call 734-522-3166

## 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! THANKS to Richard, John and Chris for having layouts open in October!

**NEXT TOURS-** There are **THREE** tours for December 10th! Tom Kosta, Marty/Phyllis LaForte and Barry Hensel. See Map attached!

## FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

Again... this newsletter is being written before the Fall Show & Workshop is completed. This is so that you can have this newsletter in a timely manner, for layout tours that are up-coming. And we save a bit of postage, by handing these out AT the Fall Show to those members that attended! We are sure our 39th annual event was a success, because we have many dedicated members that will insure its success! MANY THANKS to all members that have put forth effort to make our event a success! A full report will be made at the December meeting.

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## CLINIC

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, LET US KNOW! Contact Clinic Chairman Byrne Blumenstein to get your clinic scheduled! PLEASE share your talents and knowledge! Last month's clinic was the Roundtable Discussions! And... they were lively! Thanks to our moderators - Mark Ellis, Erik Helmborg and last minute addition - Barry Hensel on electrical basics. Bill Neale was to do layout design, but he was not at the meeting, so we're not sure who filled in for him. We look forward to more of these in a few months!

**NEXT MEETING-** Barry Hensel on Tamaqua station and expansion  
In JAN- member Joe Bliss on Benchwork Basics!

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

We will have our next ROUNDTABLE discussions in February or March! We will repeat the same topics and moderators that were at this past meeting.

## THE NCR CABOOSE MODELING CHALLENGE

On the Grand Rails convention, Rich Mahaney, NCR Director-At-Large, challenged all of the NCR members to design and build a small diorama involving "a caboose in a second life of service". Rich illustrated how old cabooses are still in railroad service, how cabooses are used for businesses, motels and storage, how cabooses are used as information booths, and how cabooses are used in parks, by train stations and in railroad related museums. The diorama should be 12x12 inches and any scale. Besides displaying at a Division meeting, Rich is hoping these will be brought to the Lansing 2018 NCR convention! Are you building yours.....?

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

**Saturday-Sunday, December 2-3,  
9-10 2017**

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  
Contact Info: 248-634-5811

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

**Sat-Sunday, December 9-10 and  
16-17, 2017**

Blissfield Model RR Open House  
109 E. Adrian St. (US 223)  
Blissfield, MI 49228

11AM to 4PM both days No admission  
charge Open house with 6 to 8  
HO scale trains running  
continuously. Wheelchair Access  
Website - <http://bmrr.org>

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

Trains & Trades at Beacon Hill  
Golf Club 6011 Majestic Oaks Dr  
Commerce Twnshp, MI 48382

10am - 3pm \$3 per person 12 and  
under free Food & Refreshments  
available, Door Prizes

Contact Info: Brian McKee 248-408-  
5262 [brianm59@comcast.net](mailto:brianm59@comcast.net)

**Sunday, December 17, 2017; Jan  
14, 2018; Feb 11; March 11**

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 Door Prizes Every Hour,  
Free Parking, All Gauges of Trains  
Food/Refreshments Available

Website- [www.ttoswolverine.org](http://www.ttoswolverine.org)

Contact Information: Bob Burgee  
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### Nankin Hardware & Hobby

35101 Ford Rd  
Westland, MI 48185  
734-722-5700

### Nankin Hobby

33350 W Nine Mile Rd  
Farmington, MI 48336  
248-919-0040

### Nankin Hobby

1480 Washtenaw Ave  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
734-961-7575



### PLYMOUTH TRAIN SHOP

Lionel, O-Scale – MTH, HO, Williams  
Dave, manager

37980 Ann Arbor Rd  
Livonia, MI 48150  
734-454-7337

Mon-Fri 11-6  
Sat 11-4

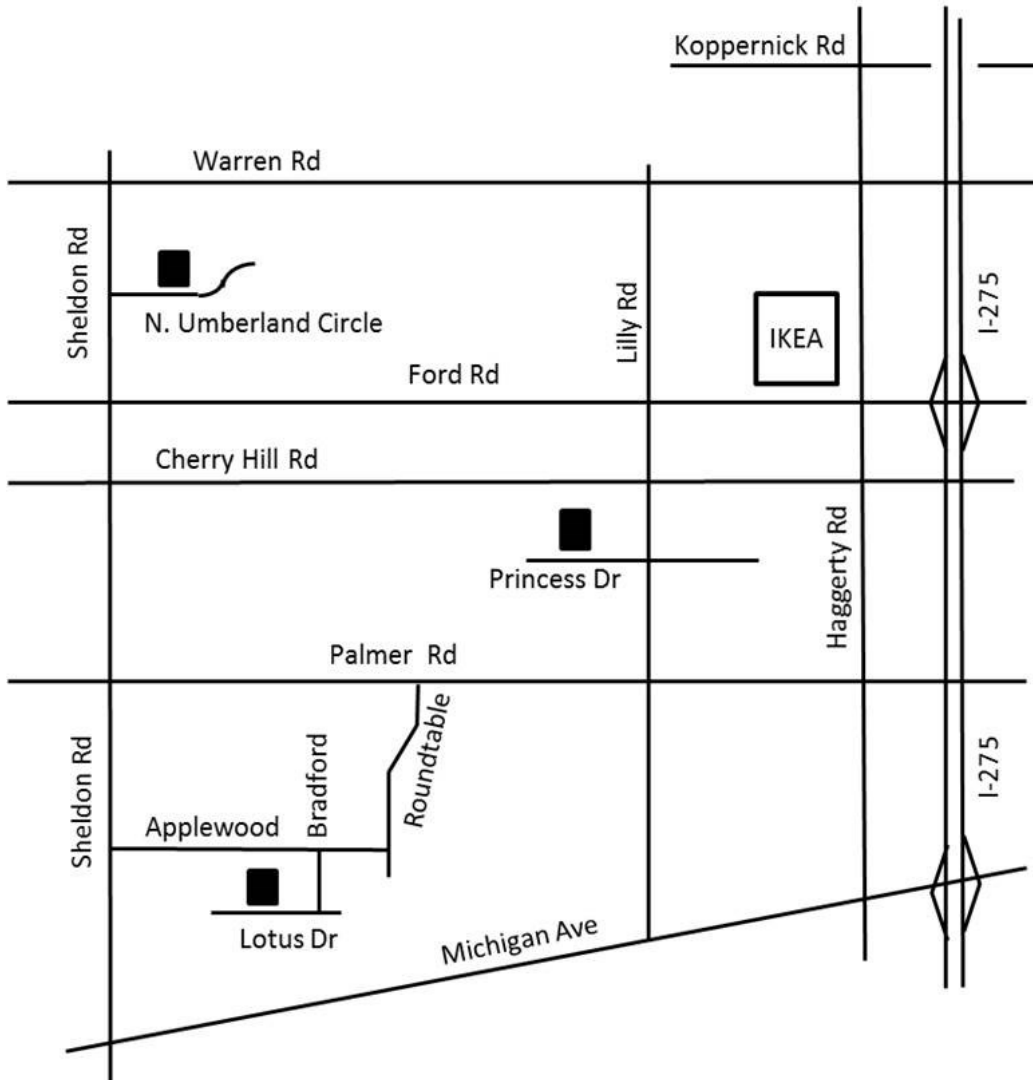


### Daves Hobby & TV

Stop here for all your hobby needs.

29026 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185  
734-422-4464

<p>Marty LaForte 44370 N. Umberland Circle Canton, Mich. 48187 1pm – 4pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge <b>The Burlington Northern - Spartan Division</b> - 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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**DIVISION 6 -**  
**Motor City**  
**Division**  
**LAYOUT**  
**TOURS**  
**SUNDAY,**  
**DECEMBER**  
**10, 2017**

<p>Tom Kosta 959 Princess Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 1pm – 5pm</p>	<p><b>Great Northern Empire</b> is circa 1974 running the GN and CB &amp; 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 <b>The Reading Lines - Central Division</b> - 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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