

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, FEBRUARY 21, 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.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was what you received (or bought for yourself) for Christmas, model railroading related!

Items shown included-

Lionel steamer ornament; HO ElCamino & Airstream trailer; RR's of NA book; train t-shirt; WFE refers; Great American RR book; hopper car; mounted tile of UP loco; Kadee couplers; NKP book; 2 scratch stations; CVP throttle; train calendars; Michigan station book; Walthers turntable; power pack for DCC; headband light; metal wheel sets; CVP throttles; Mickey engineer; 30 lbs of ballast; PRR H-30 hoppers; 1938 Coke-a-cola truck; PRR brass consolidation loco; rail nippers; Walthers bldg; Hallmark train ornaments; Bar Mills kit; P&LE and NYC box cars; RR logo coasters; N scale figures; Walthers oil pumps; '41 Ford trk ornament; etched brass traction loco kit; CSX lantern

Current Projects shown included-

O scale gon modified; 1880 ref car; We had some members that donated to the caboose, on Santa's naughty list? THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - snow removal equipment - plows, rotary, ice removal cars, etc...

NMRA REPORT

Dave Thornton, NMRA VP was at the last meeting and mentioned that the NMRA HQ is sold and is complete. HQ moved to rented facility nearby. Board meeting will be in February. NMRA now in best financial shape in years!

ON THE RAILS...

FEBRUARY 2014

We're on our way... 2014 is rolling along! Or should I say, SNOWING along!! I heard we're 20+ inches over our normal amount for this time of year. And now we're THE snowiest January in history! Send in the plows! Plus the cold - yikes! It only makes sense to stay indoors and do model railroading! Just think of all you can do with a whole day inside, ignoring the snow & cold outside! I hope you get our chance! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was present, but did not have a history lesson this past month. Looking forward to another lesson.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had several new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Dan Slaughaupt; AJ Quay and John Siekirk. Meeting attendance was very good with 54 members! It was reported that 4 members had perfect attendance in 2013 - Barry Hensel, Doug Malnasik, Bob Marcotte and Tom Costa. Congratulations! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

The 2014 NMRA National convention will be in Cleveland. Beginning in January, check the website for updates on registration, tours, company store, etc.

There are some Div 8 layout tours on Feb 16. See map...

Frank Spadafore has been in the hospital again. Here's a message he has sent- I have been in the hospital since the sat after Christmas, am home now rehabing and hope to see you all in the next month or two. I was in for shortness of breath due to congestive heart failure and it took three weeks to get me straightened out. I am now waiting for my strength to come back so I can get back to working on the railroad, right now I can't get down stairs as my legs are too weak, am improving slowly. I hope you all had a happy holiday season

West Point Hobbies is closing again! Well, by the time you read this it will probably BE closed. Business was just not good enough to make a go of it. Thanks for trying Charlie!

We have had a report that long time Div 6 member Sal Toffinetta passed away in December. Deepest Sympathies to his family and friends.

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.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY's TIPS for this month were- None. Larry wasn't present, so we look forward to hearing from him next month. We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present and showed a folding alum step stool from Harbor Freight - on sale for \$19.99 through March 22nd! Coupons can be had at www.harborfreight.com Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

LAYOUT TOURS

For January we had no volunteers for tours. It's up to you guys... if you want tours, you need to volunteer and get your friends to volunteer! We do have tours for February! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC. **WE NEED TOURS!!**

NEXT TOURS- in February - Mark Ellis & Doug Maiaznik on February 23, 2014 See map!

MAUMEE EXPRESS 2014

The 2014 NCR convention, the Maumee Express will be held in the Toledo area on April 25-27, 2014. YES.. this is a SPRING convention. That is due to the NMRA National being in Cleveland this coming summer. All of the registration information is on their website and in the new HotBox.

http://www.divisiononencr.com/Convention/Toledo_2014.html



DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

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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. For the last meeting, MMR Ron King gave a clinic on scenery basics called "setting the scene". This is based on diorama modeling, but on a bigger scale for model railroads. Friend Mark Osten suggested this method. Ron says to do track, bridges & abutments, ballast, roads and bldg. foundations first and build-up scenery from there. Ron showed lots of pictures of his layout, torn apart to improve scenery, then in-progress shots and finished pictures! Amazing scenery! Ron had a hand-out and his commentary was wonderful. Ron also had a section of modeling to show some of his technics, materials used and further commentary!

NEXT MEETING- Joe Bliss on signals

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, February 15-16,
Ann Arbor-Saline Train Show
Old Saline High School

Saturday-Sunday, February 22-23,
World's Greatest Hobby on Tour
Suburban Collection Showcase
46100 Grand River Novi, MI 77010
Saturday 10am-6pm Sunday 10am-5pm
Adults: 2 Day registration \$12
Saturday only \$11 Sunday only \$10
Kids Under 16: FREE!

Website- www.wghshow.com

Sunday, February 23, 2014

Trains & Trades Beacon Hill Golf Club
6011 Majestic Oaks Drive
Commerce Township, MI 48382
10am-3pm \$3 under 12 free

Sunday, February 23, 2014

Lapeer Model Railroaders 28th
Annual Railroad Swap meet
American Legion Post #16 1701
W. Genesee St. Lapeer, MI 48446
10am-3pm \$3 4 and under free

Saturday, March 1, 2014

Maumee Valley RR Club Model Train Show & Swap
Coliseum Bingo
911 W. Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
9am-2pm \$5 Adults, \$7 Families,
age 12 and under free Website-
<http://maumeevalleyrailroad.com>

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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.

Daves Hobby & TV
 Stop here for all your hobby needs.



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



Nankin Hardware & Hobby
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 Westland, MI 48185
 734-722-5700

Nankin Hobby
 33350 W Nine Mile Rd
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 248-919-0040

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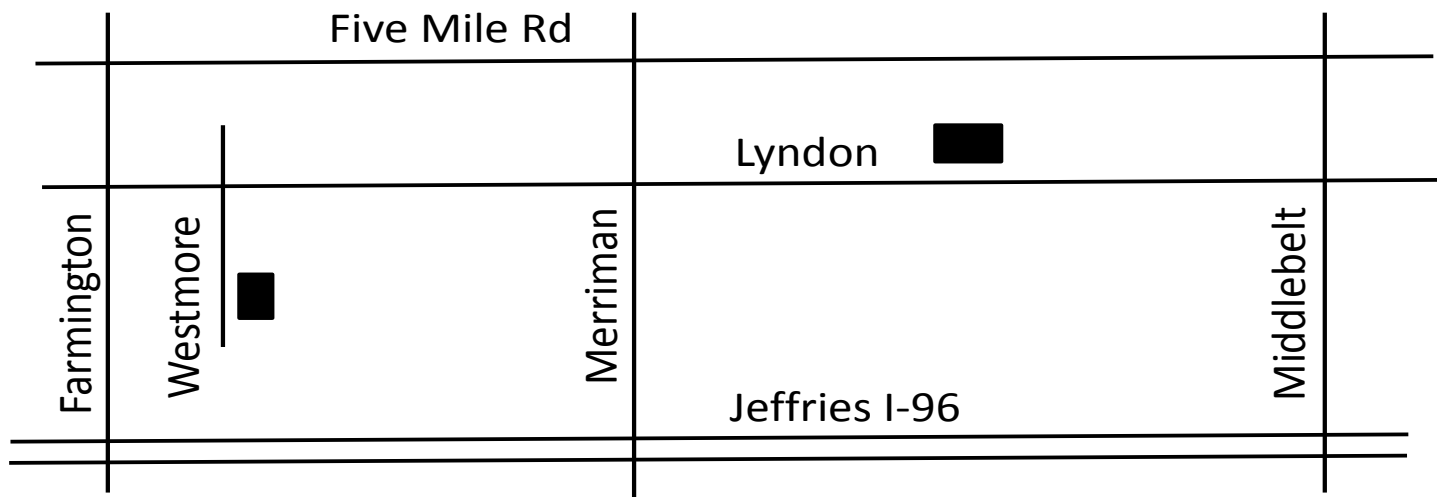


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33201 Plymouth Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
734-812-2900
www.myhobbyplace.com

DIVISION 6 LAYOUT TOURS

Sunday, Feb 23 1pm-4pm



Doug Malaznik
14215 Westmore
Livonia, MI, 48154
734-422-6466

Mark Ellis
30040 Lyndon
Livonia, MI 48154
734-421-2673

NOTE- NO parking on north side of street!! Driveway is OK!

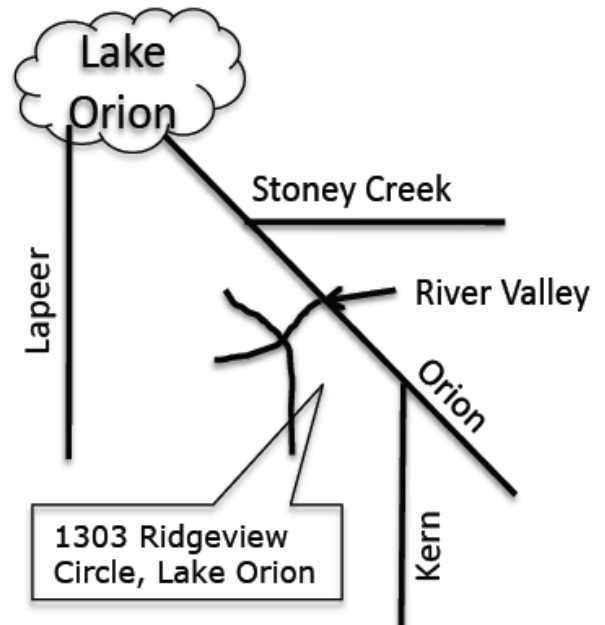
NMRA Division 8 Layout Tour

February 16, 2014 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Another chance to visit two of the great layouts featured at the North Central Crossing convention last November.

Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway

John DePauw's famous Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway is an HO multi-deck rendition of the belt line railroad around Chicago, including all of the interchanges with other Chicago-area railroads. Set in 1973, the layout is housed in a 2,000 sq. ft. basement. Featuring the large yards of Waukegan, Joliet, Gary, U.S Steel and the BN's Eola, the layout can accommodate up to 22 operators during a session, and is dispatched with two CTC machines. Operating signals, card cards; DCC (NCE).



Buffalo Creek and Gauley

Brooks Stover's operation-oriented S-scale layout depicts the Buffalo Creek and Gauley, a 19 mile West Virginia shortline, and its' interchange with the B&O in the late 1950's. The highly sceniced layout features prototypical scratch-built structures, motive power, and rolling stock; with coal and logging operations scenes. The layout is point-to-point around the wall with a peninsula. Wireless DCC with sound. Published in Railroad Model Craftsman Feb 2008, Great Model Railroads 2011, Model Railroader November 2012 and Narrow Gauge & Shortline Gazette January 2013.

Layout visitor special instructions: a. Typical stairway to a basement layout. b. Those with allergies should be aware that three long-haired cats live in the house. c. Park in driveway or along street curb

