

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DIVISION SIX OF THE
NORTH CENTRAL REGION
OF THE NATIONAL MODEL
RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ON THE RAILS...

FEBRUARY 2015

OK... we're IN winter now! We've had some cold and snow. Who knows how much more we'll get, but that scenario should equal more model railroading time inside. Here's hoping you are staying warm and working on the railroad.

We had a lively discussion on what direction the Div 6 Layout Tours will take. THANKS for your ideas and suggestions. More on this in the LAYOUT TOUR article. As mentioned, it's convention time for us at Div 6! In late 2016, we'll be hosting the NCR convention. More info later in this newsletter! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 2 new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Daniel Glinski, modeling N&W and Stephen Kreuzinger. Meeting attendance was good with about 42 members! 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

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015**. 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 got or bought for Christmas - railroad related.

Items shown included-

Food & coffee mixes from the railroads; static grass applicator; electrical connectors; book; hoppers; 130' turntable; SD40-2 FEC; 2002 conv car; 3 bay hoppers; SPROG 3; RR socks; rinse-well; book & cabooses; PRR books; semi-trucks; Dremel mini; Rail Power book; 9v battery charger; t-shirt; books; diesel fueling facility; SD45 ASTF; DT&I DVD; boxcar; Disney art; O scale gas station & station book; Grandt line kit. (NOTE- sorry I was running a bit late and might have missed your item. BGH, ED)

Current Projects shown included-

PRR cabooses S scale resin kit; power house - cast walls - Detroit United RR, real structure still stands as a winery at Grand River & Orchard Lake; We had a few members that were bad and got coal for Christmas and thus, donated to THE cabooses. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - snow removal equipment - plows, flangers, rotary, etc.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp will be taking over our monthly history lesson, so Norm can concentrate on the convention duties. I understand that John had a lesson for us, but a few discussions ran a bit long and we ran out of time. Looking forward to the lesson soon.

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.

Winner of Nankin Hobby \$10 gift cards at the last meeting was Mary Ann . THANKS Nankin Hobby!!

Best wishes to Marty LaForte, who had surgery the week of the Div 6 meeting. We understand all went well. Also we've learned that Don Barron is recouping from a broken wrist. Best wishes to him as well!

Laser cut modeling?? If you have a pattern or idea, see/call Mark Freeland. Done locally in Keego Harbor! Mark does model airplane items, but can do just about anything. www.retroRC.us.com
248-212-9666 retrorc@lice.com

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

Our next modeling contest subject will be cabooses. The contest will be at the January meeting. These should be cabooses that have been modified. These were displayed and then presented by each entrant. Voting during the break took place and the bragging rights go to-

Jerry Poniatowski

Several of our entries were near scratch built and highly detailed! Nice work by all! Our next project will be due in April and will be on flat cars with loads.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter showed off a soldering iron that has a chuck at the end, thus allowing different items, like blades, which then becomes a hot knife, to be installed and used. Bill also showed a small piece of foam that he was practicing on - looking like nice rocks. This was \$9 at Harbor Freight! Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

LAYOUT TOURS

Contact Hocky if you are available for a Layout Tour! We had a good discussion on how future Layout Tours should or could happen. Some of the ideas suggested were -

Every other month or Quarterly
Tie-in with Div 8 tours
Host OPS sessions

All good ideas and each will have to be looked at and some more information gathering done. More next meeting!

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 and layouts please!!

NEXT TOURS- Next tours will be SATURDAY, Feb 21 and will feature Ron King's Erie RR and Roy Jones C&O RR see map

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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 Bliss!! The clinic for this month was from new Div 6 member Brian Golden on traction modeling.

NOTE - my apologies for calling Brian "Bill" in last months newsletter!! *Barry, Ed*
Brian started his presentation by explaining that an Interurban system was called such because it ran between cities. The name is not even in the dictionary anymore. Brian talked about the Farmington system. Early systems were cars pulled by horses, but in 1895 the electric trolley was invented by a Detroit man - The Detroit Northwestern Railway was formed as one of the first interurbans in our area. All interurbans were bought and became the Detroit United Railway - DUR. Evertt-Moore syndicate Brain then showed many photos of the lines. Brian is a skilled presenter, keeping everyone entertained while imparting some great information! Great job!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Barry Hensel on a recent project on his layout - Black Rock Tunnel - "From OOPS to Real"

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.

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!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

Division 6 will be hosting the 2016 NCR convention. There was one meeting so far and here is your Convention Planning Team....

Chairman - Norm Logan
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Treasurer - Larry Wolohon
Clinics - Ron King/John Bopp
Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger
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Prototype Tours -
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Volunteers -
Advisor - Howard Andrews

The Team will meet again in March to start discussions on locations. Our tentative dates are October 7-8-9, 2016. The NCX-2016, **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was present and thus, had a report for us at the last meeting. Larry displayed many cars that he updated over a 2 month period, which normally is a one month project. He and his wife have been on the mend lately. We wish them well!

We had a very positive testimonial on using round party tray plastic covers to use as a dust shield for your turntable! Tim Kilroy received a Walthers turntable for Christmas and got it installed on his layout. He then went to Gordon Food Service and bought one of those covers and it works perfectly!!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, February 14-15,

2015- 45th Train Show and Sale
Saline Middle School 7190 N.
Maple Road Saline, MI 48176
Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-3pm
Adults \$6 Under 10 Free with Adult
over 100 vendors and Clinicians
from Pennsylvania to Texas. With
400 tables of merchandise and
displays Food service will be
available. Wheelchair Accessible
Contact Info: Ann Arbor Model
Railroad Club 3487 Broad Street
Dexter, MI 48103
Phone: 734-426-5100 Wednesday
Evenings 734-426-0829 Answering
Machine <http://a2trainshow.com>

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Trains & Trades
Beacon Hill Golf Club
6011 Majestic Oaks Drive
Commerce Township, MI 48382
10 am - 3 pm \$3.00 per person
12 and under free Door Prizes
Food & Refreshments available
Contact Info- Brain McKee 248-408-
5262 brianm59@comcast.net

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Lapeer Model Railroaders 29th
Annual Railroad Swap meet
American Legion Post #16 1701 W.
Genesee St. Lapeer, MI 48446
10:00am to 3:00pm \$3.00 per person
Children 4 and under free
FREE PARKING Train show and swap
meet with operating layouts,
collectibles, model railroading
supplies, books-photos-magazines,
trains and scenery supplies.
Food/refreshments on site
Wheelchair Accessible

Contact Information Table rental:
Jim Wilson 962 Timothy Lane
Lapeer, MI 48446 810-664-7881
Additional contact: Vern Sollman
VP 810-441-0091 vsollman@yahoo.com

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Trainorama Extra 2011 Presented by
the Redford Model Railroad Club
Costick Community Center 28600 11
Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI
10am-4pm \$5 per person, children
under 12 free with paid adult
Operating layouts, railfan films,
model railroad and rail
memorabilia show and sale.

Contact Info- Pierre Willermet c/o
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DIVISION 6 LAYOUT TOURS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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Dearborn Heights
1PM – 4PM

Ron King
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Garden City
1PM – 6PM

