

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, FEBRUARY 19, 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.

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!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was present for this meeting and had some interesting items to show. Larry showed a \$5 purchased electric carving knife! He uses it for carving Styrofoam and it works great! ON Larry's layout, he has the usual benchwork, roadbed and track work, built in sectional modules. However, ALL of his scenery is removable!! He makes it out of styrofoam and it is modular and removable! Larry also showed off a castle that will fit into his '30's era and he fitted it with a yellow light bulb. Why yellow? Because there would be no electricity in a castle, so it would be lit by candles... giving off a yellow glow! Looking forward to seeing Larry next month and give us more modeling tips.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The next modeling project will be due **THIS MONTH** in February and the subject will be the mining industry. Could be coal, ore... any type of mining. Items to be shown can be structures, rolling stock or even vehicles.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

ON THE RAILS...

FEBRUARY 2016

Here we go.... one month already done for the new year! Please remember, turn off the TV as it's nothing but political "stuff" and you have a model railroad to build or run!! Here's hoping you can make good progress on your layout, as our NCR convention will be here in no time! We'll need layouts to host tours and ops sessions!

Snow is flying... cold outside... why not work on your layout or other modeling projects? I hope I am inspiring you!! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Terry Kosmas who has been at our meetings before and has used the Div of Choice to make Div 6 his new home! We also had a guest we haven't seen in a while, Alex Barron, Don's grandson. Meeting attendance was a good with about 40 members and guests! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your model railroad related Christmas gift.

Items shown included- Lump of coal; RR puzzle; DT&I dvd; Flying Scottsman; boxcars; calendar; Pere Marq Mikado; gift certificate; SP Sw1500; PM book on freight cars; Bachman Spectrum 4-4-0; engineers hat; RR shirt; FEC well car; GT box car; US Mail truck; RR book and hat; Peco turnout servo system; camera system for layout; DCC decoders; GM city bus; real PM lantern (from antique store); Mantua 2-6-6-2 Malley; PM O scale box car; O scale tank car; book on mining; plug-play lighting from Woodland Scenics; weathering magazine; Hallmark ornaments; New Haven RR books; brass O scale boxcar; structure kits

Current Projects shown included- We had no new projects shown. We had some members that donated to the caboos (must have been bad boys....). THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - railroad maps! Either your prototype or a map of your fictional line!

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 certificate from Nankin RR Hobby Shop. The winner this month was Robert Kubeck!

Connie Xenakis has surgery on his foot and will be laid-up for about 3 months. He's doing well and looks forward to being back and active!

Deepest Sympathies to friends and family of Dewey Norton, who passed away last month.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present at the last meeting, but did not have any new tool tips for us. Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

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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!

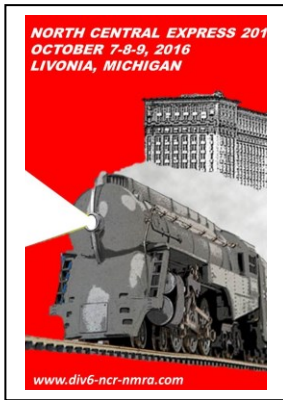
NEXT TOURS- no tours for February, but we have tours for March... Bill Neale and Ken Chick on **Sunday, March 13th from 1pm-4pm.** PLEASE remember, this is also the day we switch to Daylight Savings time!! See map.....

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

Mark these dates - **OCT 6-7-8-9, 2016** for the **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS**



2016!! Our convention site is Ward Church, west of Haggerty on Six Mile Rd.

NCX 2016 is open for registrations! The website has been started with links from our Div 6 website. Layout photos will be added, so if you will be hosting a

tour, get Ed 2-3 photos of your layout! Online registration should be available soon! We've really been blanketing the train shows with flyers! Norm passed out 500+ at the recent Avondale Train Show. We'll need help with the 2 day Ann Arbor/Saline show this month. Please contact Norm to help.

Here's the Conv Planning Team...

Chairman - Norm Logan
Asst. Chairman - Mark Ellis
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Treasurer - Larry Wolohon
Clinics - Ron King/John Bopp
Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger
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Volunteers - Bill McMillan
Advisor - Howard Andrews

The **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, so we did have a history lesson. Cool!! RAILROAD Magazine, 1953, a news item from this edition... L&N's Mighty Midget - cross between a Model T truck and a small loco. Nicknamed the MULE, it was used to move tenders away from steam locos while they were in the roundhouse for repairs. The MULE also moved cars of supplies around the shop facilities. THANKS John! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

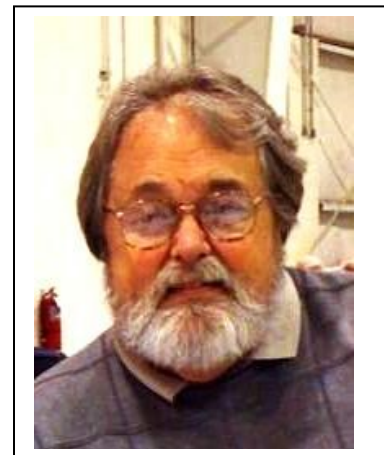
CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe Bliss!! PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic, share your knowledge and talents! We did not have a clinic this month, but Ken Chick presented some photos and a good story on Dewey Norton and his N&W layout. THANKS Ken for the presentation, Dewey will be missed!

NEXT MEETING- ??????

DIV 6 SYMPATHIES

We are sure most of you have heard of or were friends with Dewey Norton. Dewey had an extreme passion for our great hobby and had an amazing layout that modeled the great Norfolk & Western Railroad. Dewey had an immense knowledge of the Model Railroading hobby which will be greatly missed! Even though the loss of anyone can bring on troubling emotions, we should take this time to reflect on what a positive force Dewey was to everyone that surrounded him especially those within our great hobby. We are sure he would want us to celebrate what is called his dash or legacy as it was a good one! Please extend your prayers to the family. In Lieu of flowers the family request contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project.



EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, February 13-14, 2016- 46th 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 w/Adult
Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club in conjunction with the Huron Valley Railroad Historical Society are hosts. 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>

Saturday-Sunday February 20-21, 2016 Trains, Planes, Automobiles, Boats & more! Hobby-Toy Show/Sale
Gibraltar Trade Center North 237 N. River Road Mount Clemens, MI 48083

Saturday and Sunday- 10am-4pm
Sponsored by Hobby-Rama and the Society Of N Scalers Detroit
Admission \$6 (good for both days)
Children 12 & under FREE when accompanied by an adult admission.
Wheelchair Accessible
Contact Info - call 586-306-5306
810-444-5238 www.hobby-rama.com
hobbyrama@comcast.net

Sunday, February 28, 2016
Trains & Trades
Beacon Hill Golf Club 6011 Majestic Oaks Drive Commerce Township, MI 48382
10am-3pm \$3 12 and under free
Food & Refreshments available,
Door Prizes Contact Information
Brian McKee 248-408-5262
brianm59@comcast.net

Sunday, February 22, 2016
Lapeer Model Railroaders 29th Annual Railroad Swap meet
American Legion Post #16 1701 W. Genesee St. Lapeer, MI 48446
10am-3pm \$3 4 and under free
FREE PARKING Food/refreshments on site Wheelchair Accessible

Contact Information Table rental: Jim Wilson 810-664-7881
Additional contact: Vern Sollman 810-441-0091 vsollman@yahoo.com

Saturday, February 27, 2016
Maumee Valley Railroad Club Model Train Show & Swap Coliseum Bingo
911 W. Washington Center Rd Fort Wayne, IN 46825
9am-2pm \$5 Adults, \$7 Families, age 12 and under free
on site concession stand, free parking,
Contact Info: Richard Insley 260-482-2203 Website
<http://maumeevalleyrailroad.com>



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35101 Ford Rd
Westland, MI 48185
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Nankin Hobby
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Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-961-7575



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

Bill Neale
 38126 Connaught Dr
 Northville, Mich. 48168
 Open: Sunday 1:00-4:00

HO Standard Gauge
 An all steam layout of the Pennsylvania Railroad moving steel & coal over their Panhandle Division. Scenery is 60-70% completed and is controlled by a DCC System. Many scratch built or kit bashed structures. All equipment is weathered.

**DIVISION 6
 LAYOUT TOUR
 Sunday, March 13, 2016
 1pm – 4pm**



Ken Chick
 16657 Country Knoll Dr
 Northville, Mi. 48167-2392
 Open: Sunday 1:00 – 4:00

N Standard Gauge
 The DH&N Railroad (Danforth Hadley & Northern) is a Proto-Freelance, loosely based on the Northern Pacific Railway in Central Montana, from Huntley to Garrison in 1952. It includes NP and GN interchanges and traffic. It is 38' X 52', services 10 towns using NCE DCC. Track is code 55 and all turnouts are handmade