



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

ON THE RAILS...

FEBRUARY 2017

Hello again! One down and 11 more to go... 2017 is now fully underway! January's weather has been fairly nice, which makes these winter months much more tolerable.

We're very happy that you can join us for our monthly Div 6 meetings. Let's keep attendance up and even increase it! How about bringing a friend who is interested in model railroading? Let's share the fun and information that our meetings provide!

With it still being winter, I hope you are working on your layouts and models! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome John Waltz and Rich Murphy. Meeting attendance was good with about 55 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present but did not have time for a lesson. THANKS John, looking forward to another lesson soon.

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, FEB 17, 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.

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!

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!

DIV 6 PIZZA DINNER!!

If you serve it... they will come! We had a good crowd of members for the pizza dinner, held before the last Div 6 meeting. It went well, everyone had just enough and no left-overs! We may have to do this again...! It was fun! THANKS again to all Div 6 members for your great work on the convention and Fall Show!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting, but did not have anything to share. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

DIVISION 6 ELECTIONS

Super, Treasurer and Secretary all stay the same. Bill McMillian is now the Vice-Super. Our new Member at Large is Bill Rubarth. Congratulations to our new Board of Directors!

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- none for February and looking for volunteers for March!

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 what you got (or bought for yourself) for Christmas, railroad related. **Items shown included-** Refrig car, Tomar cross-bucks, SD70 loco, books, Walthers combine, SPROG III, building kit, 3x4 ft painting, wire strippers, NH power book, F7 A-B locos N scale, 0-10-0 switcher, book, rapid transit car O scale, 36' boxcar, NYC book, 1935 PRR Women's group cookbook, Lionel bulb ornament collection, Lionel train ornaments, 3D Christmas card, book, calendar, Bar Mills kit, Woodland Scenics lights, fireworks lights, book, short story RR book, truck-trailer, Walthers bldg, 1225 book, NS calendar, slide protector sheets, SD70, GN H4 steam engine O scale, tourist RR book.

Current Projects shown included- Test track for programming locos, rebuilding a MoW car; hopper conversion in N scale, upgrading passenger cars, double crossover kitbash.

We had a few members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - photo of your favorite prototype railroad

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!!!**). This month's winner Bruce Wolfe!

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

FREE magazines were brought in for members to take! Thanks!!

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

Please keep Bill Neale in your thoughts and prayers as he goes through some medical concerns.

The Livonia Police sent a THANK-YOU letter to us for donating extra baked goods to them, after our Fall Show.

DIV 6 FUNDS DONATION

Div 6 has a substantial bank account and we don't really need all of it. We don't talk much about our account, but the books are always open to any member that wishes some information. A proposal was made to donate some of our treasury to two groups. A donation to the SRI in Owasso and to the NMRA Kalmbach Digital Library of \$1000 each. A possible 3rd (up to) \$1000 would be used for Div 6 equipment, such as a laptop, digital camera for doing "live" clinics and other needs. A team of members will look into the tech stuff! The membership approved the other two donations! Thanks to all for your comments and discussions on this subject.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Sat-Sunday, February 18-19, 2017

47th Annual 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
paid Adult

Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club in
conjunction with the Huron Valley
Railroad Historical Society are
hosts. Featured at the show are
over 100 vendors and Clinicians
from Pennsylvania to Texas. With
400 tables of merchandise and
displays, there is something for
everyone at the show. 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, February 25, 2017 -

1st annual ALL Scale Train Show
hosted by- Society of N-Scalers
Detroit Model RR Club United
Food & Commercial Workers Hall
876 Horce Brown Dr Madison
Heights, MI 48071
10am-4pm \$6 per person under
12 is free Operating Layouts,
parts & accessories, Door Prizes,
Free Parking, All Gauges of
Trains, Food/Refreshments
Available Contact Info: 810-
444-5238 or 586-306-5306

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Lapeer Model Railroaders 31st
Annual Railroad Swap meet
American Legion Post #16 1701
W. Genesee St. Lapeer, MI 48446
10am to 3pm \$3 per person
Children 4 and under free
Dealer setup at 7am
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
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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.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

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

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, LET US KNOW! **We NEED someone to volunteer to be Clinic Chairman!** PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic, share your talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was on the M1 Rail Project, the Q Line in Detroit! This was delayed from last month due to the weather. Rep Nicole Brown attending the meeting and gave the presentation. It's been over 50 years since Detroit has had street running trains! A few members gave some stories/memories of the original street car lines - interesting! There is a stop within walking distance to the Detroit Amtrak station! This gives you quite a bit of access to everywhere! Line is currently 3.3 miles long. Most of the project was paid for by private donations! Trains will run all week long, various hours. There are 12 stops on the line and \$1.50 is the base fare, with discounts for seniors, military and others. Interaction with the People Mover is great, so travel all over downtown is possible. Cars run on both, catenary lines and battery power! All cars will be out on the system doing testing, in late February. Actual ridership should start near Memorial Day weekend. A nice presentation and information, THANKS!!!

NEXT MEETING- Overlook of the Kalmbach Library and other historical libraries by Howard Andrews
March clinic - Ken Chick on Aluminum Backdrop.

NCR UPDATE

Your new NCR President, Scott Kremer, was present at the Div 6 meeting in January (he is a Div 6 member...!) Scott gave this status report on the Region....
We are working to form one last division in the mid-Michigan area, near Saginaw. That would give everyone in the Region, a local place to meet and share information! A redo of the region by-laws and rules of operation is almost complete. Our DIV of Choice could become a NMRA-wide initiative later this year. A NCR convention handbook is being worked on. This will assist the Divisions when they host a convention. A NCR survey on the NMRA is to be given to all divisions to collect data from the membership.



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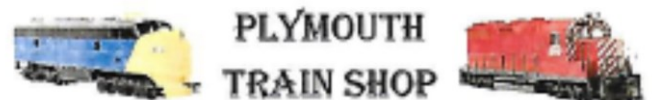
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