

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

ON THE RAILS...

FEBRUARY 2018

BRRRrrrrrrr.....!! We have been a bit cold lately! Hope you are keeping warm inside, and working on your model railroad items!! We hope you had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year! With a new year, new beginnings can happen. Hoping any new beginnings you have are good ones!

We are back into "train show" season with many local shows. Support them if you can, but please do not forget our great hobby shops too. They need your support even more!! THANKS to our local hobby shops for your support of Division 6, NCR and NMRA!

Please don't forget.... WE NEED YOU to volunteer for layout tours and clinics!! YES, we want to see your layout and YES, you have a skill that you can share and we'll all learn something new! Please volunteer soon!! 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 good with about 40 members present. To all Div 6 members,
WELCOME ABOARD!

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 16, 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 Christmas present, railroad related....

Items shown included- gift cert Nankin Hobby; N scale SD40-2; HO cvd hopper custom paint; 3D printed details; steam DVD's; sign's for buildings from PPT program; DVD; book by a local author; boxcars & MOW vehicles; O scale people; O scale tank car; track planning magazine; S scale people; Pacf Elec water car; custom painted box cars; loco display case; weights and scale for cars; HO passenger people; Ambroid snow plow kit; CV truss bridge; Bar Mills kit; Walthers kits; gift cert to Lombard Hobbies; HO vehicles & book; calendar; rail bending tool; brass decapod steamer; N scale Bar Mills kit; 2-6-6-2 C&O; phone receiver; S2 turbine Hallmark ornament; watch box; Walthers elev kit; HO cars; small miter box; mini vice; t-shirt; commemorative box car; fire station kit; flex track; NY Penn Station book; electronic items; magazine subscription; NCR Pro-cab; Choo-Choo shoes!!; HO scale cars.

Current Projects shown included- Line-side industry; 70 ton cvd hopper; scratch built ship buoy for display w/tugboat; dual-gauge turnout from Fast Trak jigs;

We had some members that donated to the caboose (which means they were "naughty" last year?) THANKS!
NEXT MEETING - open gon and flat car loads!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

NCR NEWS-

Scott Kremer, NCR President, again mentioned that the NCR has been requested to place a bid for a 2023 NMRA National. Scott Pandor in Div 2 has volunteered to be chairman of a committee looking into the logistics of a National convention. Scott also asked how many in Div 6 would be willing to help. Many said they would help and be open for tours! COOL!! Another idea is to do a combined regional convention in 2022. This is also being investigated.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

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

SMALL LINESIDE INDUSTRIES

The contest was held at the January meeting. We had 5 entries entered and after the membership voting, **RICHARD MURPHY** has bragging rights until our next project!

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.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

If you are working on a NMRA Achievement Program certificate, please see/contact Ken Chick to schedule your judging and for help with filling out the forms!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not present at the meeting and thus had no history lesson. However... Tom Kosta gave a report in place of John, who is recovering from an illness. The history lesson was from AmericanRails.com - The night of the Caboose.... story by a brakeman on the BN. Story was that he and conductor rode on top of caboose. When arrived at yard office, everyone stared... they were white! Car ahead of the caboose was cvd hopper loaded with flour... which got all over them!! THANKS Tom and John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, will give us a report on new items that are coming out. He was not at the last meeting, so we did not have a new hobby report. THANKS Russ for the great hobby news!!

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- Ken Hilton! Congratulations!

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

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- There will be NO tours for February. However, we have 3 tours scheduled for March!!

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THE NCR CABOOSE MODELING CHALLENGE

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".

Cabooses are used for businesses, motels and storage, cabooses are used as information booths, and 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? **Div 6 will do our member display in August!**

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 by member Larry Wolohon on Railroad Historical Societies! Larry showed how RR Historical Societies have lots of information to help our modeling efforts. This info is usually available through the Society publications, either newsletters or magazines and even full books. There is also a social aspect of belonging to a RR Society and helping with preservation of real equipment. There are historical societies for almost every railroad that has existed in the USA and Canada. If you are modeling a prototype, consider joining their society!! Thanks Larry for a good clinic and time!

NEXT MEETING-

roundtable discussions! Same subjects as last time -
scrapbook cutter - Erik Helmsberg
DCC Trouble Shooting - Mark Ellis
Basic layout design - Bill Neal
Electrical basics - Barry Hensel

Future clinics- Joe Bliss on benchwork in March; roundtables in April, looking for volunteers and subjects.



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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

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

February 07 - A program by Gary Sample.

March 07 - Slide program by David Jakubiec.

Meetings are held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at 7pm with program starting around 7:30pm.

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Lansing Model Railroad Club Open House
5309 Old Lansing Road
Lansing, MI 48917

Noon-5pm Free (donations please)
The Lansing Model Railroad Club is hosting its annual winter open house. See trains running on the club's beautiful HO scale layout and on the new multi-level expansion. Wheelchair Accessible
Website- <http://www.lmrc.org>
Contact Information e-mail
lmrc1953@lmrc.org Michael Frezell
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Sat-Sunday, February 17-18, 2018

48th 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. 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 24, 2018

2nd annual All Scale Train Show
UFCW Local 876 876 Horace Brown
Dr Madison Hgts, MI
Society of N Scalers of Detroit

10am-4pm \$5 kids under 12 free
New & Used Model Trains - Vintage
& Modern; Parts & Accessories;
Collectables; Over 150 Dealer
Tables; Door Prizes & Children's
Free Train Raffle; Operating Train
Layouts; Food & Refreshments
Contact info: Shawn 810-444-5238

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Lapeer Model Railroaders 31st
Annual Railroad Swap meet
American Legion Post #16 1701
W. Genesee St. Lapeer, MI 48446
10am to 3pm \$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: Vern
Sollman 810-441-0091

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Mid Michigan Train Show
Mount Pleasant, MI - Finch Field
House CMU Saginaw River
Valley RR Club and DOG TAILS, inc.
10am-3pm \$5 -12 and under FREE
Contact Info: Terry Ewing 989-
777-2046

Sat-Sunday, February 24-25, 2018

Model RR Exhibit, RR Memorabilia,
Toy Train Show and Sale
Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River Avenue Novi, MI
10am-4pm Adults \$7 (\$2 more if
purchased on-site) Kids 11 and
under are Free Hundreds of tables
of trains for sale with new and
used merchandise at discounted
prices; new product displays; huge
operating model train layouts;
free modeling workshops and
clinics; activities for kids and
more! Wheelchair Accessible
Contact Information - Great Train
Show, 120 Easy Street #4, Carol
Stream IL 60188 - p 630-608-4988
Website -

<http://GreatTrainShow.com>
www.GiantShow.com/novi.html

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.



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

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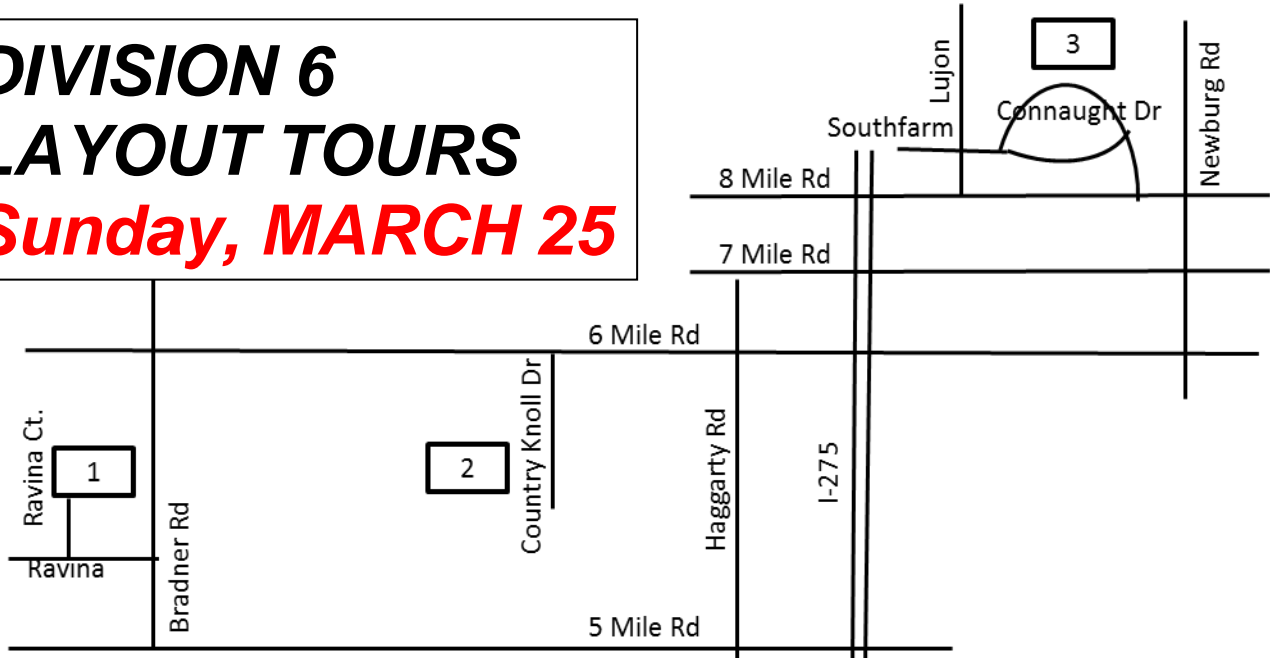


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| <p>3 Bill Neale, MMR 38126 Connaught Dr Northville, MI 48168</p> <p>Sunday 1pm – 4pm</p> | <p>HO Standard Gauge</p> <p>The layout depicts the PRR Panhandle Division as it was in September 1939, from mile post 25 to milepost 50 as the Pennsy went west from Pittsburgh toward Columbus, through some rugged terrain. Bill's layout features highly detailed prototype scenes modeled from photographs. The railroad and equipment is designed to focus on operations using 100% DCC sound equipped steam locomotives for motive power</p> |
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***DIVISION 6
LAYOUT TOURS
Sunday, MARCH 25***



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| <p>1 Scott Kremer 42490 Ravina Ct Northville, MI 48167</p> <p>Sunday 1pm – 4pm</p> | <p>HO Standard Gauge</p> <p>My layout is based on the Great Northern Railway between Skykomish and Wenatchee over Stevens Pass in Washington in October 1955. The layout is in a basement of approximately 1400 square feet. The track is complete and scenery about 99%. The mainline is 480 feet staging to staging. Operation of the layout is Time Table, Train Order with a Dispatcher and an Agent/Operator.</p> |
| <p>2 Ken Chick, MMR 16657 Country Knoll Dr Northville, MI 48167</p> <p>Sunday 1pm – 4pm</p> | <p>N Standard Gauge</p> <p>Danforth Hadley & Northern, The DH & N is a large point-to-point railroad designed for operation with two large yards and a large engine facility. It features long runs through beautiful scenery and 12 cities on a 400' main line. Based on the Northern Pacific Montana Division operating between Huntley and Garrison, MT.</p> |



Entries in the quarterly modeling challenge – small lineside industries. Your winner – **Richard Murphy!!**

