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

ON THE RAILS...

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Here's wishing you and your family a very great 2011! May you be in good health, prosperous and have lots of model railroading time! The annual Div 6 Fall Show & Workshop was another success, both for displays and information passed along and financially. A complete report is coming-up in a bit. We have also completed all NCX convention business and as reported at the November meeting, all is well and our treasury did get a nice deposit from the event. WOW, that was an exciting 2 months between those two events. THANKS again to all Div 6 members who helped at either or both events! The success of these events would not have been possible without you! So can we rest now - nope! We still have monthly meetings to make as exciting as possible. Please continue to contribute to your Div 6 activities and meetings! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm had a story for our railroad history, but we did not have time to hear it. Sorry! THANKS Norm- Looking forward to another lesson soon.

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, JAN 21, 2011**. 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 until 10pm.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last meeting plus a few guests. Please welcome new member Tom Costa. Guests included Marty's wife Phyllis and Floyd's wife Judy. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

DIV 6 HOLIDAY GATHERING!

WOW, this was great!! I think we have another annual Div 6 activity! Many members seem to have forgotten about this, but we did feed most everyone with something. THANKS to those members that brought extra dishes and desserts. THANKS to the Div 6 Board for putting this on for the membership!

LAYOUT TOURS

We are still in need of a new Layout Tour Chairman. PLEASE consider helping out your fellow Div 6 members by taking on this position. Remember, your work is 95% already complete - because we have the NCX convention book with all of the layout information in it!! All you have to do is call 2-3 people and get them to agree on a date! If you are interested in being the Layout Tour Chairman, please see Glenn.

NEXT TOURS- Sunday, Jan 23 1pm-5pm
Scott Kremer, Ken Chick & Norm Logan - all near 6 Mile/Haggerty
See map!!

CLASSIFIED ADS

We are happy to place classified ads for Div 6 members. Donations to the Div of \$2 per ad is requested! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting where you can bring in items for sale.

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PRODUCT REVIEW

We had two product reviews this month. If you have a review item, see Glenn before the meeting. Magic Water used by LaFortes - easy to use, but did not cure in time- took longer, made in MI about \$30 through website order. Light strips for passenger cars. German company thinking of marketing these in the \$20 range. Took a survey and lighting is important to about a 3rd of membership at meeting (20 of 60). This brand would have several features - works on track power, adjustable light level and color and one can be DCC controlled!

TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas- this month Bill showed us a canvas bucket! Great for carrying all sorts of items, tools, even liquids! Can be purchased at harbor freight approx. \$6-\$12 depending on size, variety. THANKS Bill!

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Gary Mead mentioned that the Great Lakes Live Steamers first ever Christmas run was a success with 1600 passengers taking rides. This was at the Southgate track on Dec 10-11.

Wally reported that the NRHS Bluewater Chapter is planning a 4 hour river trip in 2011. He also reported that the club is in dire straits, needing members and place to store cars they own. Meet 2nd Thursday in Royal Oak Senior Center located at 3500 Marais Avenue, Royal Oak, MI Meeting is at 7pm. Bluewater has been around for 26 years.

NMRA ACHIEVEMENT

Larry Wolohon, our NCR Achievement Program Chairman presented an award at the meeting. CONGRATULATIONS to Fred Rockwell for Association Volunteer!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Here are **LARRY'S TIPS** for this month- Larry showed us how to get people on the layout - straight pins into figures and then stick people onto the layout, works better than the "sticky" glue that can leave a residue. Larry also showed us that instead of expensive miniature chain, use elastic string for load tie downs. Looks just as good! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

DIV 6 PROJECT LAYOUT

We have been contacted through our membership by Norfolk-Southern RR to build a model railroad layout to be used for a banquet! A meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec 28 to get all the specs and requirements from NS. We'll have to build fast, as they need this just by the end of February! Watch your Div 6 emails for more information! We hope to include as many as possible and make this like an "at home" clinic!

CLINIC

This months' clinic was on the Michigan Copper Regions and was presented by George Anderson. Lake Superior Narrow gauge- Many books out - available on Amazon.com and Borders. The copper country in on the Keweenaw Peninsula, discovered in 1843 mining started. Soo Locks opened in 1855, railroads started in 1866. George showed many slides of the various locomotives used in the mining and other railroads. Many RRs were different gauges and many mergers between lines. Other pictures showed mine areas, structures and rolling stock. Nice presentation and good information - THANKS George!

WE NEED CLINICS for our meetings!

If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call or see Howard at the meetings and share your thoughts.

NEXT MEETING- perishable ops in the 1950's by Rich Mahaney
FEB- John Bopp on 1950's tank cars

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Jan 9-

TTOS Wolverine Div Toy Train Show
United Food & Comm Workers Hall
876 Horace Brown Dr Madison Hgts
10am-2pm \$3.00 per person

<http://ttoswolverine.org>

Saturday, Jan 8- Riverbend Train Show
The Home School Building
5625 Burlingame Ave. Wyoming, MI
10am-3:30pm \$5 ea & 10 and under
Free Website- <http://rmrrc.org>

Sunday, Jan 16 2011- TROY TRAIN SHOW
Athens High School
4333 John R Troy, MI 48085
10am-3pm \$3, 12 & Under FREE
Frank Lams 248-823-4052 Website-
<http://www.troytrainshow.org>

Sunday, Feb 20 - Ann Arbor
40th Annual Train Show and Sale
The Saline Middle School 7190 N.
Maple Rd. Saline, MI 48176
10am-4pm \$6, Scouts in uniform
are FREE, Children under 10 free
734-426-5100 Wednesday evenings
Website- www.a2trainshow.com

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your favorite gondola!

Gondola's shown were- Lionel gon, Athearn gon, Am models S scale gon with steel load, Monon gon, MiCentral gon with load, P2K mill gon for pattern for G scale build, Athearn gon weathered, O scale mill gon brass, MDC gon with built lumber load, coal bath-tub gon OOPS had doors - hopper!, covered gon, PRR Bower gon with coke containers, Accurail gon kit just bought, RDG gons, MS gon with dry transfer lettering, C&O gon, gon bought at train show, red ball gon kit metal sides, C&O gon, drop bottom gon C&O, DT&I gon, Am Flyer S gauge Wabash with canisters, Hon3 drop bottom gons- 3 kinds, Athearn gon, original gon from 60's, Wabash gon weathered, Sn3 RG high side gon, Erie gon with canister load also with Lionel logo that was a mistake!, Detail Assoc gon kit, steel side drop bottom gon GN, Red Caboose sugar beet gon SP, and an Intermountain gon NYC. Nice stuff by all!

Current Projects shown included-

Steam engine Cary boiler on Mantua frame, Bachman narrow ga Climax loco modified, Erie 2-8-0, design of portable layout to replace one built in 1968 that attends the Div 6 show - Gary Mead, IHP Pittsburgh traction model.

We did have some members donate to the caboose. Thanks to those that did.

NEXT MEETING-- your model railroad Christmas gift

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website is up. Check it out at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

LAST NCX SHIRT!

We have ONE, LAST NCX sweatshirt available in size LARGE for \$21. The first to call or email Barry gets it at the next meeting!

DIV 6 FALL SHOW

A complete wrap-up at the December meeting. THANKS from Mark to Norm, Ed, Walt, Neil-Roy, Floyd and all who helped or displayed. We had 185 paid attendance. Mark asked for show likes-dislikes- Boy Scouts coordination, more models in contest, get approval for early signs - cost?, put flyers on your car, use store bulletin boards, Scouts every other year, do a video of show and post on you-tube, hobby shop display tables, need more displays!! Publicize through local schools. Good comments and ideas! We did make a profit!!

Last of the auction items raffled off at meeting! Some left over stuff held back till next year! Fall Show contest winners-

Steam Loco

1st John Gravasso

Diesel Loco

1st Jerry Poniatowski

2nd Mark Ellis

3rd Tom Poeschel

Misc Motive power

1st Howard Andrews

2nd Howard Andrews

Rolling Stock

1st Dave Kuntz

2nd Irwin Knox

3rd Dan Wolshon

Structures

1st Barry Hensel

2nd Bill Rubarth


3rd Mark Ellis

Best in Show


Barry Hensel - structure

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Received phone calls this past month and we wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Tom Harris and Garth Swainger who both lost their wives during December. Tom was very active in Div 6 and retired to Henry Ford Village where he started a model railroad group there. They have held Layout Tours as recently as the NCX. Garth too was very active in Div 6, but has not attended in awhile. Also received a email that Dean Freytag, dean of steel mill modeling, passed away just before Christmas.



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LAYOUT TOUR FYI

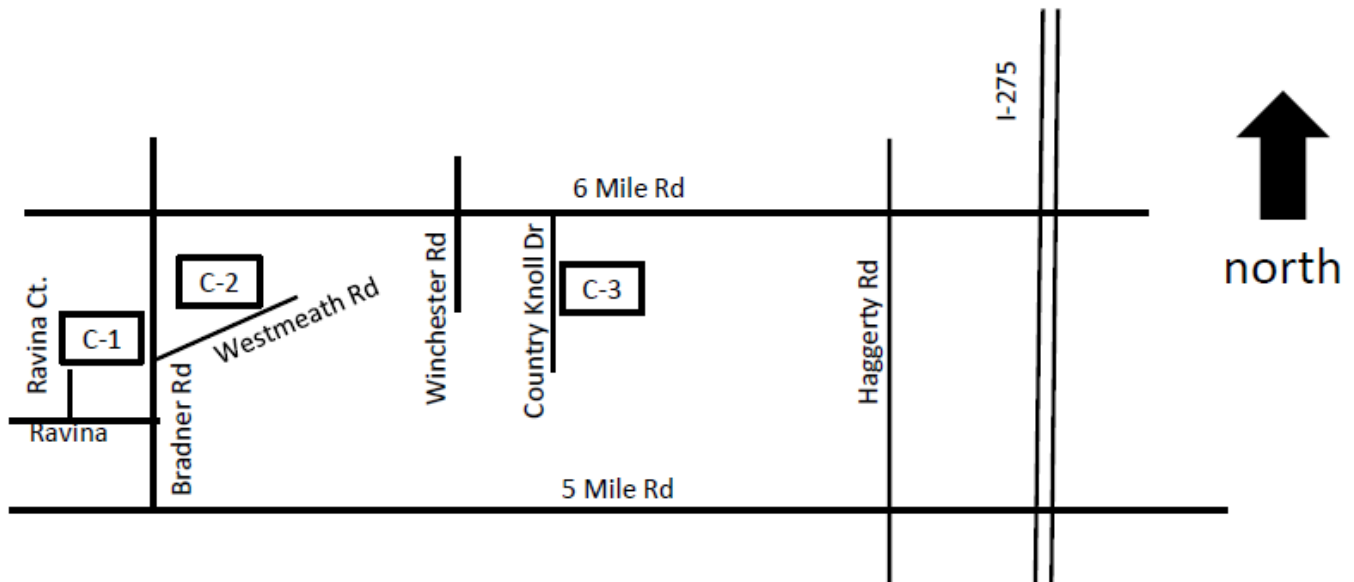
Just as an example, the 3 layout tours were arranged in 3-5 days through a few emails with the layout owners. This happened quickly because they are great guys, live near each other and their information was in the NCX program! It is **THAT EASY** to be the new Div 6 Layout Chairman!! How about volunteering!

Division 6 Layout Tours

Sunday, January 23, 2011

<p>C-1 Scott Kremer 42490 Ravina Ct Northville, Mich. 48167 Open: 1:00 – 5:00</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge Great Northern Railway, 1955, between Skykomish and Wenatchee, Washington, over Stevens Pass. The layout is about 800 sq. ft. , with point to point operation with a provision for continuous running for open houses. All track work is completed, scenery is 85% complete, including scenes that vary from desert to high mountain winter, including 108 ft. of hand painted backdrop. Most structures are scratch built. The layout operates steam, diesel and heavy electrics under catenary. Control is with Digitrax DCC.</p>
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<p>C-2 Norm Logan 42306 Westmeath Rd Northville, Mich. 48168 Open: 1:00 – 5:00</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge The Michigan Southern is a 3 deck free lance layout set in the 1970's. It is a bridge line between Detroit and Louisville with the auto industry as its main customer. DCC, working signals, CTC board with lots of operation, with 26 railroads interchanging with the MS</p>
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<p>C-3 Ken Chick 16657 Country Knoll Dr Northville, Mi. 48167 Open: 1:00 – 5:00</p>	<p>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</p>
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