



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

ON THE RAILS...

JANUARY 2013

Happy New Year! I hope your 2013 will as good or better than your 2012! As we start a new year, we're in the middle of model railroad "season" and shows. But, let's not forget about our closest friends - the local hobby shops!! They still need your support by you purchasing your hobby items from them. While we do not have many in the Div 6 area, several good hobby shops are not that far away. In fact, you can hit all of the major hobby shops in one afternoon! Let me know if you are interested and I'll give you the "secret" route! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had three new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Dave Tinker; Dave Galida (worked for RR's in Detroit area) and Jim Erisman. We had a great meeting attendance - 50 members! To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was not at the last meeting. Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

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, JANUARY 18, 2013.** 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 street cars, passenger cars and/or cabooses. Shown were-Trolley's and a caboose; full dome car Alaska RR; articulated interurban; NYC heavy coach; Sn3 DRGS coach; MilwRd sky-top; NYC RPO; NYC chair car; scratch built caboose; N&W combine car; BV bobber caboose; Erie combine; passenger car; B&O bay window caboose; military consist passenger car; PRR N5C scratch built caboose; RDG passenger coach; Vista-dome; CP business car; interurban coach; BNSF caboose; old time combine; FEC coach; SP observation; On30 tram car; O scale PCC car; SOU caboose; NW caboose; O scale B&O Pullman; DSR PCC; old time passenger car; NE caboose; UP caboose; C&O caboose; S gauge NSL trolley; caboose combine; Athearn painted for home road; O scale GN caboose; Strasberg passenger car; Pitts RR interurban; N scale sleeper; Budd NP power unit.

Current Projects shown included-No current projects were shown. We had several members that donated to the caboose - THANKS!! NEXT MEETING-- model RR gift for Christmas, received or self bought

DIV 6 REWARDS

REMEMBER- When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Division 6" member, or customer #1066 and they will apply your purchase to the Div 6 Bonus Plan. Thanks for your purchases.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm had a History Lesson for us-Excerpts from Cabins, Crummies and Hacks - book about cabooses; from the book intro, Norm read about the differences of many cabooses of the many railroads, talking east to west railroads. Wood, steel, bay window, extended vision, center cupola or end cupola were some of the many styles. Norm also read from the Oct 2009 MR magazine, about the purpose of cabooses and how they were assigned to crews, many times. Thanks Norm! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is COOL! IF it was working!! The Div 6 website went down about a week ago, due to a Microsoft policy/problem of some sort. They say that all content is gone and cannot be retrieved! YIKES! Ed is working on this ASAP and guessing we'll be working on getting a new internet service and hosting server. Stay tuned!

NMRA NEWS

There will be NMRA elections again this year. NMRA membership down 800+ in 2012, due mostly to deaths. Average membership age is 69.

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.

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP!!

The annual, 34th FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP - WE DID GOOD!!!

Final numbers from the show are-\$1120 profit; 275 attendance, channel 4 news attended! Ed Beamish was in the local Observer newspaper; Dick Harden had structure judged and won an Achievement award with 90+ points.

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MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY's TIPS for this month were-Puts magnets on items for flatcar loads- must be flat with mounting surface of load - uses dowel rod to space magnet to proper height. Soltis Plastics - good place for plastic supplies and carbon-tet high strength glue. Carbon-tet glue evaporates very quickly keep cap on bottle. Good stuff!

From Joe Bliss... using LED lights on station platforms - bright white type, but painted with Tamiya clear orange paint to give it a nice warm glow to the LED.

From the auto parts store - Purple Power cleaner, mix 1 part water with 2 parts cleaner, use for stripping shells of factory paint. After soaking, clean/rinse VERY well in cold water! We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

COPY OF DIV 6 BY-LAWS

A copy of the approved Div 6 By-Laws are included with this newsletter. Sorry for the delay in publishing these to the membership.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Jan 20, 2013

A Train Show Avondale High School 2800 Waukegan Auburn Hills, MI 10am-3pm \$3 13 & over, under 12 FREE Contact Info - Frank E. Lams

frank.lams@avondale.k12.mi.us Sunday, Jan 27, 2013 -

27th annual Ole Toy & Train Show St.Robert Bellarmine 27201 West Chicago Rd Redford, MI 11am-3:30pm \$3 per person\$6 family Contact info- John Avey 313-937-1670 Brian Klotzer 7pm-9pm 313-255-0466

Sunday, Feb 10, 2013Lansing Model RR Club - Open House
5309 Old Lansing Rd Lansing, MI
www.lmrc.org 1pm-5pm FREE
Admission!

Saturday-Sunday, Feb 16-17,
Ann Arbor Model RR Club 42nd
Annual Train Show and Sale
The Saline Middle School 7190 N.
Maple Rd. Saline, MI 48176
Saturday- 10am-4pm Sunday- 10am3pm \$6, Scouts in uniform FREE,
Children under 10 free (w/paid
adult) Contact Info- Fax 734-4260829 anytime or 734-426-5100
Wednesday evenings

Sunday, February 24, 2013

3rd Annual Trains and Trades

Beacon Hill Golf Club 6011

Majestic Oaks Drive Commerce

Township, MI 48382

10am - 3pm \$3.00 per person,

Under 12 free Contact Info
Brain Mckee 248-408-5262

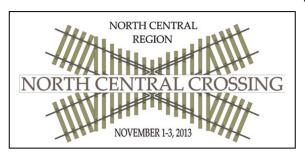
Website- www.a2trainshow.com

LAYOUT TOURS

We had tours in early December! Hope you made it out to these layouts! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC. **NEXT TOURS-** tours for January are Mike Tranquilla and Pierre Willermet. Sunday, Jan 20th. See map!

N CENTRAL CROSSING

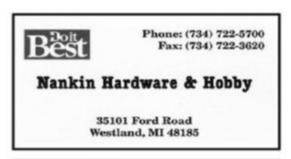
The 2013 NCR convention will be on November 1-3, 2013. It's hosted by Div 8 and will be at the Troy Community Center. Details will be appearing on the Convention website www.ncr2013.ncr-nmra.org.



CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe. The clinic for this past meeting was video tape #2 on working with DPM modules. The video went through all of the steps in building a unique structure. Lots of good information and tips. The video presenter was Miles Hale, MMR, who is a local model railroader.

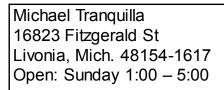
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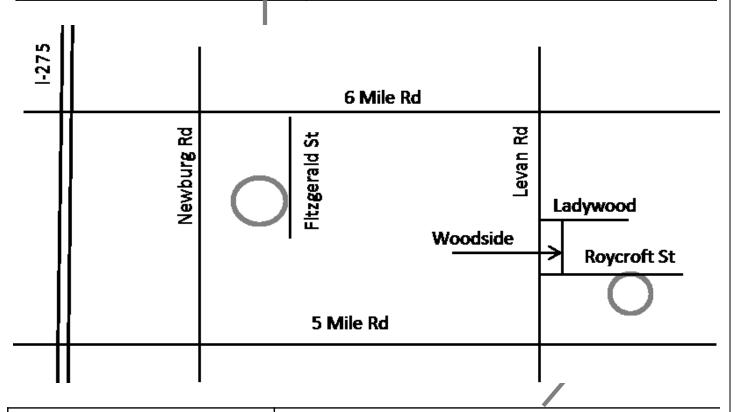
DIVISION 6 LAYOUT TOURS Sunday, January 20, 2013 1pm-4pm



HO Standard Gauge - Burlington Pacific

The Burlington Pacific is a steam and diesel

The Burlington Pacific is a steam and diesel era layout with continuous operation, with 1 branch line. Modeled from the 1950' to the 1980's with scratch-built structures in all five towns



Pierre Willermet 36123 Roycroft Livonia, Mich. 48154

Open: Sunday 1:00 - 5:00

HO Standard Gauge

Freelanced, Designed for operation, HO 20' x 25', scenery is 80% completed and controlled by CVP-DCC Radio throttles. Running on the system are many sound equipped steam and diesel locomotives!