

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, JAN 20, 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.

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present and gave this lesson.. All about a guy trying to get home for the holidays who accidentally fell into the coal tender of the locomotive and nearly died! All ended well as did the lesson. THANKS John, looking forward to another lesson soon.

# ON THE RAILS...

### JANUARY 2017

Happy New Year to you and your families. We hope you have a fun, wonderful and blessed holiday season!

With some pending weather, the attendance at the last Div 6 meeting was, well... scarce! There was also a group of us that had our annual Christmas party on the same night. We're sorry it had to be that same night, but schedules could not be rearranged otherwise.

REMEMBER... This month is our Pizza Dinner before the Div 6 meeting!! This is to celebrate our great turnout for the NCX convention and the annual Fall Show & Workshop. See the article further on in this newsletter!

BIG THANKS to Bill McMillan for helping with some notes to get this newsletter completed. Here's the rest of your new years Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Sharon Blodsoe. Meeting attendance was, well... yikes! Only about 22 members were present, mainly due to the pending weather. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## 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!!

YES... come early and a bit hungry to the January Div 6 meeting! We'll be meeting at 6:30pm for pizza and refreshments! We should have at least 2 types of pizza and 2-3 types of pop. Salad and cookie dessert may also be included! This dinner is to say THANK-YOU to all the Div 6 members who helped make the NCX convention and our annual Fall Show & Workshop a success! We did BOTH events within 6 weeks apart and did well at both! COOL!! We have done well at these events in the past too, so with this recent success, it is time to celebrate, one and all! ALL Div 6 members are welcome to participate in this celebration dinner! We hope you will be there to enjoy the extra comradery. THANKS again to all Div 6 members!!

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was not present at the last meeting. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

## LAYOUT TOURS

We're sorry that the weather kept most people away for the December tours. Each layout had about a dozen visitors even with the snowy weather. 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-** nothing planned for January, looking for volunteers for February!

## 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 trolley's and/or interurban cars. **Items shown included-** We had quite a few members bring examples of Street cars, Trolley cars, and Gas electrics. All scales seemed to be included. HO brass double ended PCC car, SP gas electric, DSR PCC car, San Francisco cable car, a couple of nicely done kitbashed trolleys, G scale PCC car, even literature describing the street cars of Pittsburg. Yes, Howard was in his glory!

**Current Projects shown included-** None that I am aware of.

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

**NEXT MEETING** - the annual... what you got (or bought for yourself) for Christmas, railroad related

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## 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.

## 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 Bill McMillan!

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

## DIVISION 6 ELECTIONS

Because of the light membership turnout at the December meeting, the elections have been postponed to the January meeting. We will hold a quick election of officers for the next 2 years. Mark, our Superintendent, has one more 2 year term but is willing to serve that one more term. Larry and Ed are also willing to continue to serve, but if someone wants to seek any office, nominations will be open. Bill McMillan is seeking the position of Asst. Superintendent. Marty has not yet decided if he will run again. If Bill is elected, we will need another member-at-large to fill his spot.

## 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!

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was present for this meeting! Larry gave us a short lesson on how to create a nifty critter type loco for your layout. Start with a Bachman HO motorized hand-car, remove the upper part containing the people and the hand mechanism, then take a Grandt Line GE 25 ton locomotive body kit, assemble and paint and slide right over the Bachmann power unit. You end up with a good running, inexpensive small switcher for the local industry or grain elevator of your choice! Thanks, Larry. We're looking forward to seeing Larry next month and more modeling tips.

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## EVENTS

**Saturday, Jan 7 & 21, Feb 4 & 18**  
Redford Model RR Club OPEN HOUSE  
27316 Michigan Ave Inkster, MI  
48141 (East of Inkster Rd.)  
12 NOON TO 4 PM FREE admission  
(Donations cheerfully accepted!)  
Contact Information:

[www.redfordmodelrailroadclub.com](http://www.redfordmodelrailroadclub.com)

### **Saturday, January 7**

25th Riverbend Train Show  
hosted by- Riverbend RR Club  
School Building Gym 5625  
Burlingame Ave SW, Wyoming, MI  
10am - 3:30pm \$5 per person,  
12 and under are free  
operating layouts, door prizes,  
test track for all gauges with DC  
or DCC control Contact Info:  
Rob Lamfers [rlamfers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlamfers@sbcglobal.net)

### **Sunday, January 15, 2017**

A Train Show Avondale High School  
2800 Waukegan Auburn Hills,  
Michigan, MI 48326  
10am-3pm \$4 13 & over 12 & under  
FREE Wheelchair Accessible,  
Mi's largest one-day train show.  
Contact Info: Frank E. Lams  
[frank.lams@avondale.k12.mi.us](mailto:frank.lams@avondale.k12.mi.us)

### **Sunday, January 22, 2017**

Trains & Trades Beacon Hill Golf  
Club 6011 Majestic Oaks Drive  
Commerce Township, MI 48382  
10am-3pm \$3 per person 12 and  
under free Food & Refreshments  
available, Door Prizes  
Contact Info: Brian McKee 248-408-  
5262 [brianm59@comcast.net](mailto:brianm59@comcast.net)

### **Sunday, January 29**

31st annual Ole Toy and Train Show  
St. Robert Bellarmine Church  
27201 W Chicago Redford, MI 48239  
11am-3:30pm \$3 per person \$6  
per family Operating Layouts,  
parts & accessories, Door Prizes,  
Food/Refreshments Available  
Contact Info: Brian Klotzer  
313-255-0466 7-9pm

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and  
running, check out the site -  
[www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

# CLINIC

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, LET US KNOW! Joe resigning as clinic chairman, so NEED someone to volunteer by January, THIS MONTH!! PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic, share your talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was supposed to be on the M-1 Rail Project in Detroit. Due to the weather, our presenter did not show and we'll reschedule this for another month. In the meantime, Mark showed us a good video on the beginnings of the railroads in the US.

**NEXT MEETING-** M1 Rail Project??



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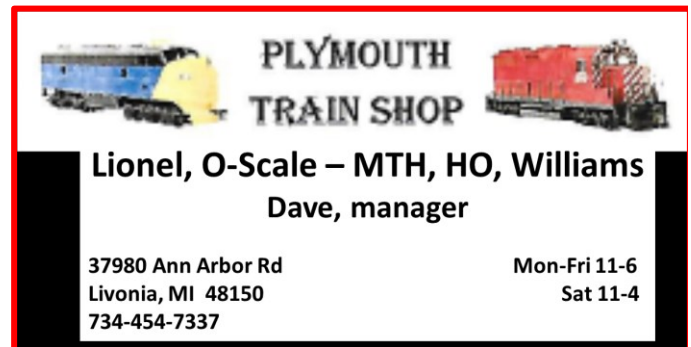


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