

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

ON THE RAILS...

JANUARY 2018!!

WOW! A new year is here! Happy New Year to all Div 6 members and families! Here is hoping that your new year is a great one! And we hope that your Christmas holiday was a grand one too!

Div 6 elections will be coming up this year. Just have to double check which month those will take place in. More info soon!

We had a successful FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP in November. See the report later in this newsletter.

Winter is now officially here... time to hibernate in the basement (or where ever your layout is) and get some work done! Happy Modeling! Here is the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had three new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Matt Putaman, Ed Compton (member from 30 years ago) Don Clipkey. Meeting attendance was a bit low with about 40 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 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 covered hoppers!

Items shown included- 2 bay; Redford Club 75th anniv. Car; BN 3 bay; hopper (covered with boxtop); PS2 Sand Hill & Western; NYC Am Flyer; N scale DH&N; O scale B&O wagon top; PRR H30; RDG Savings Bon 3 bay; cyl hopper car; PC to MS H30; O scale 3 bay; O scale 70 ton NYC; narrow ga boxcar; N scale 2 bay; O scale GLE PRR; G scale NYC 2 bay

Current Projects shown included- scratch built Double cross-over!; wiring layout with suitcase connectors; volt/amp meter; new coupler mountings on passenger cars; Detroit RR PCC car sound install; Miller Eng lighted snowman; Walther's bldg. weathered; N scale E unit LED & mars light install

We had some members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - what you got for Christmas, model RR related

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

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

SMALL LINESIDE INDUSTRIES

The contest will be at the January 2018 meeting. Bring these in THIS month and let's see who has bragging rights!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was not at the last meeting, so we had nothing new to report on. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

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.

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

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 on the story of Casey Jones... Born 1863 died 1900. Worked on Ill Central. Worked his way up the line from brakeman to engineer on several railroads. He was considered the quessential engineer, always on time with people setting their watches by his runs. He is remembered most for is last run, when he died to help save his passenger train from a collision, staying on board the loco to slow it down. His actions did save many lives as the train slowed from near 80 mph to under 35 mph when the impact occurred. Some other interesting facts were told of this famous railroader! 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- Connie Xenkais! Congratulations!

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

Dave Thornton is looking for someone knowledgeable on B&O passenger trains in/out of Detroit. He wants that person to give a clinic at a B&O mini-convention in Toledo in May 2018. 248-879-6806 DThorn5552@aol.com

Livonia Library looking for a one day railroad day display/talk. This will happen in the spring of 2018. Let Mark know if you are interested in helping this event.

Norm Logan mentioned that many of us with new TV's have NetFlix on your TV. It's a great way to look up self-help videos and real time railfanning video at many locations in the USA!

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! THANKS to Tom, Marty/Phyllis and Barry for having layouts open in December!

NEXT TOURS- There are no tours planned for January. If you would like to host for February, please let Hocky know!!!

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

Final report.... While Mark was not at the December meeting, we did get these facts from Bill and Larry - 164 people attended the show. Between the raffle items and food service, it appears we made a profit of approx. \$190. Channel 4 news was there and we were on the 6pm broadcast. Even though that is after the event, any news coverage is usually a good thing! Barry showed the clip from the news before his clinic. COOL!! We did have some empty tables... thus we certainly could have used MORE displays and demonstrations!! We'll have to work on that for next year. Had people paid to get in the show... with fewer displays, they might have felt cheated a bit. However, since we did do a free show, it was not as big of a concern as it could have been. A BIG THANKS to all who helped in any way, to make this annual event a great one. Congratulations members, for another good event!

DIV 6 SYMPATHIES

We received the news just before the meeting that Div 6 member Graham Brown passed on Tuesday, Dec 12. Services were the following Saturday. We are also saddened by the news that Bill Deeter's wife LaFern passed between the holidays. Our deepest sympathies to both families and their friends.

DIV 6 GET WELL WISHES

We also received several reports on Div 6 members that are recovering from different illnesses. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers... Larry Williams is struggling with another possible stroke recently. Dave Kuntz is on the mend with some heart issues. John Bopp is home, but still dealing with pancreatitis, but is doing better. Please keep all of these members and their families, in your thoughts and prayers!!

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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, so get busy!!**

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 Barry Hensel on his recent expansion and work on the Tamaqua area of his layout and the building of the Tamaqua station. It was a good presentation with lots of pictures of the progress and a touch of history. Information was general enough that hopefully everyone was able to pick-up a hint or two for their model building and layout. Thanks Barry for a good clinic and time!

NEXT MEETING- member Joe Bliss on Benchwork Basics!

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

We will have our next ROUNDTABLE discussions in February or March! We will repeat the same topics and moderators that were at this past meeting.



Nankin Hardware & Hobby
35101 Ford Rd
Westland, MI 48185
734-722-5700

Nankin Hobby
33350 W Nine Mile Rd
Farmington, MI 48336
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Ypsilanti, MI 48197
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LOCAL RR EVENTS

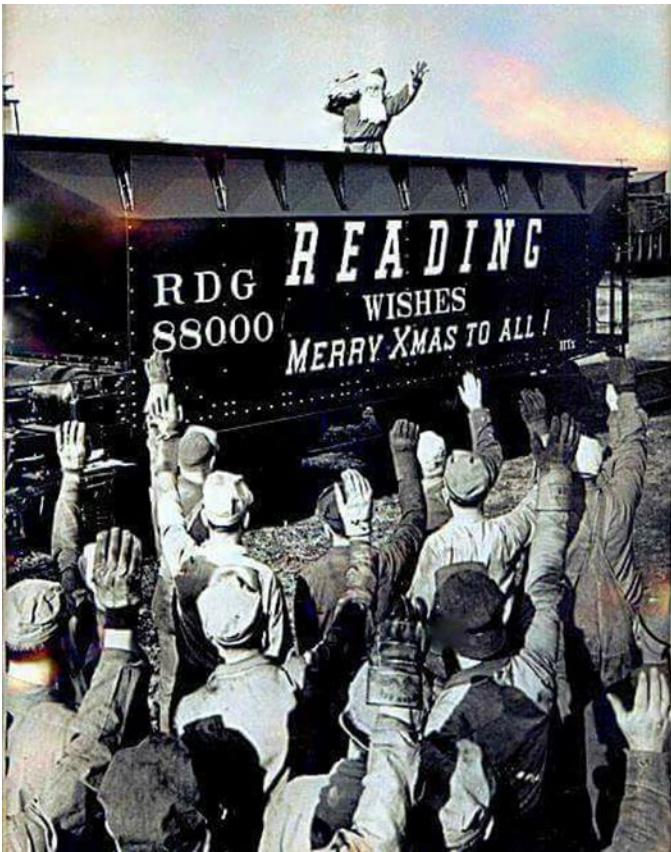
Sunday, Jan 14, 2018; Feb 11; March 11 Wolverine Train Club Show
United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horce Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
10am-2pm \$3 each under 12 is free
Food/Refreshments Available
Website- www.ttoswolverine.org
Info: Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

Saturday, January 6, 2018
26th 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
Contact Info: Rob Lamfers
rlamfers@sbcglobal.net 616-662-
1221 7pm-11pm (weekdays) 12pm-
10pm (weekends)

Sunday, January 14, 2018 -
A Train Show Avondale High School
2800 Waukegan Auburn Hills, MI
10am - 3pm \$4 13 & over 12 &
under FREE Wheelchair Accessible,
Contact Info: Frank Lams 248-537-
6008
frank.lams@avondale.k12.mi.us

Sunday, January 28, 2018 - 31st
annual Ole Toy and Train Show
St. Robert Bellarmine Church
27201 W Chicago Rd Redford, MI
11am-3:30pm \$3 per person \$6
per family Food/Refreshments
Available Contact Info:
Brian Klotzer 313-255-0466 7-9pm

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. See the club's efforts
on restoring the Michigan Avenue
(MA) Tower. The layout is housed
in the former Grand Trunk Western
Millett Depot. Parking is limited
on a grass or snow-covered
surface. Wheelchair Accessible
Website- <http://www.lmrc.org>
Contact Information e-mail
lmrc1953@lmrc.org Michael Frezell
at 517-281-2544



Hoping all Div 6 members had a great Christmas with family and friends!

Also wishing all members a very Happy New Year!!





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LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!

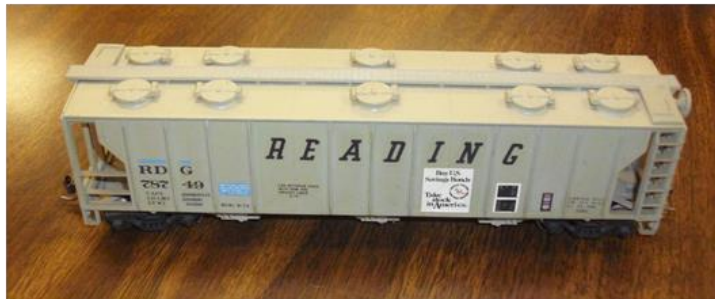
We have found evidence of the "Steam-bigot" running a diesel powered train at a recent OPS session!!! OUCH!!!!

Sorry John... we had to share this! Hope you don't mind....





Pictures from the December Division 6 meeting show & tell items



Pictures from the Div 6 Fall Show & Workshop

