



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 and our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010**. 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.

LAYOUT TOURS

We have our last Div 6 layout tours before the NCX convention. Thanks to Ted Pilchak, Walt Plentis, Don Barron and Dick Harden. All FOUR layouts were open on Sunday, June 27th. Reports are the day went very well with some having near 40 people attending! A big THANKS to all four Div 6 members for their coordinated efforts. Sorry about the map errors!! I promise to do better next time!

We are still in need of a new Layout Tour Chairman. If you are interested in being the Layout Tour Chairman, please see Glenn.

NEXT TOURS- Marty and Barry in December. No regular tours until after the NCX convention.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Here are **LARRY'S TIPS** for this month- fix for bad plastic bolster pins on typical freight cars - cut off pin flat with frame, drill a hole, insert 1/8" brass tubing leaving .05 sticking up for new pin! Thanks Larry for some great info! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter gives us a look at some interesting and useful tools - This month it was Vacuum Tweezers! See www.vacuamtweezer.com Made in USA, great for picking up small items. Also great for placing "glass" in buildings, so the plastic sheet doesn't slip as you install it over the glue. Also available from Micro-Mart. Merri-7 will order for you - about \$14. THANKS Bill for the information!

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2010

Happy July! 2010 is now half over and the NCX convention is getting ever closer! GREAT!! At least on the convention, not sure on the year being half over.

With summer really here, model railroading does take a back seat to many other activities. That's OK and maybe a break to do other activities is a good thing. I have been heavily involved with the car club and our activities, including our big event over the 4th of July weekend. Now, that event is over and while there are many more car events yet to attend, I can get back to model railroading and the convention planning. I hope your break from our hobby is brief and that you too enjoy a renewal back to model railroading! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last meeting. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

PRODUCT REVIEW

We did not have a product review this month. If you have an item to review, see Glenn before the meeting starts.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was cars that can carry hazmat materials. Items shown were- 6 dome tank car, chemical tank car, Varney tank car, tank cars, 3 dome tank car - kit bash from MR, Athearn tank car (5 things wrong), gon with containers, Hooker tank car, gasoline tank car, O scale tank car, Am Flyer exploding box car kit, paint tank car, ore car for atomic bomb material, chemical tank cars, Tichy tank, RDG tank car, Roundhouse tank car, LPG tank car in box car, DOT 11a tank car, 8K tank car, chemical tank car and MANY plain "tank cars"!! Hopper car with "hazardous" coal.

Current projects included- S scale building, O scale ore car, Walthers building modular, new modular for trolley layout. We did have some members donate to the caboose. Thanks to those that did.

NEXT MEETING-- passenger cars

LARRY'S TROPHIES-ENGRAVING-SIGNS

awards-labels-nametags-plaques-decals
buttons-mouse pads-coffee mugs
key chains-luggage tags-tshirts

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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.

DIV 6 ROSTER

A suggestion was made to make a Div 6 member roster.

UPDATE- rough draft passed around for corrections and for those who do not want to be on it. Will pass this around for the next 2 meetings to try to catch everyone. If you really DO NOT want to be on this, call, email Howard or John Wissinger. 734-433-1658

We may also expand this to a photo directory, if interest is there.

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WHO WE ARE

We are Division 6 of the North Central Region (NCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). What that means is, the NMRA is the model railroad association for the country (and even world). The country is divided into REGIONS, which are one or more states. Our Region, the North Central Region (NCR), is all of Michigan and the northern part of Ohio and Indiana. Each Region is then divided into DIVISIONS, which are one or more counties. Division 6 is primarily Wayne County, but we have many members from western Oakland County and we aren't strict on membership and boundaries. All total, there are about 8 Divisions in our Region.

MERIT AWARD AWARDED

Larry Wolohon, Regional Achievement Director awarded Howard Andrews the Master Builder Motive Power Merit Award. Congratulations Howard!!

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

DIV 6 FALL SHOW

YES, we will do the annual Fall Show & Workshop. Our date is set, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 28, 2010. We hope the show will be much greater, since we can promote it during the NCX convention. We do need a new Chairman!! If you are interested, please see/call/email Glenn as soon as possible.

CLINIC

This months clinic was by Rich Mahaney on hazmat (hazardous materials) for model railroads. Hazardous materials rule #1- don't let it out of it's container! There are 9 classes of materials, which are-

1 explosives, 2 gasses,
3 liquids that burn,
4 flammable solids, 5 oxidizers,
6 poisons, 7 radioactivity,
8 corrosive and 9 misc

Placecards- diamond shaped cards placed on RR cars to tell you what the hazard of the load is. Can use multiple cards for one load/car. Have been used since the 1900's! Some older cards were rectangle. Approx 12x12 in size.

Woodland Scenics has placecards decals for modeling. For smaller containers and boxes, labels are used to designate their hazmat level. The labels are 4x4 in size.

NOTE- at this point I stopped taking notes, as a storm was approaching and we were deciding on cutting the meeting short to give everyone a chance to get home. As it was, the power went out about 10-15 minutes later which ended the evening anyway. THANKS Rich and hopefully we'll do a "part 2" of your clinic so you can finish it! 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- ????

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was not present to do a History lesson. Looking forward to another lesson next month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday-Sunday, July 11-18 - NMRA
75th annual National Convention
Milwaukee, WI
Times- varies each day
Admission Fees- \$60 - \$175+
Contact Info- www.nmra75.org

NCX - NCR-DIV 6 2010 CONV

The **North Central Express** dates are
October 21-24, 2010!

A huge THANKS to Div 6 member John Bopp, who helped get the Triple crown tours. He brought in a 9 minute promo video that we watched. Our planning keeps rolling along! We're working on final confirmation on the clinics and layouts. We still have a few more prototype tours to finalize. Registration are still coming in, we're up to approx. 55! That's 1/3 of the way to a break even event! Great! Soon, we'll be working on the event program. This will contain ALL the event info! And we'll start mailing out the acceptance letter and return form for tour and ops session sign-up. We'll also start to crank-up our media machine for local promotion of the convention through all of the local news outlets! A shortened version of the NCX promo video has been posted on the website. Get ready- NCX is ONLY 3.5 months away!

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

It was reported that the building behind the State Police post in Flat Rock has layout you can operate on Sunday's. No contact info was given or known.

Rumor- one of the principle people behind the huge HO layout in Germany called Wonderlund, has moved to Florida and is planning an even bigger layout in the Orlando area?

Speaking of Rich Mahaney, he is now in Saudi Arabia, doing what he does and loves - teaching all about Hazmat to the locals there! Good Luck Rich and safe travels!