



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 20, 2012**. 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.

NMRA NATIONAL CONV '12

LAST CALL for- The NMRA National Convention - Grand Rails '12, will be held on Sunday, July 29-Saturday, August 4, 2012. The convention and National Train Show will be held at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and the Convention Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The sponsoring club - Grand Rapids Model Railroad Historical Society. **THEY** are looking for **HELP!!** They have been told that they need to provide for some jobs/people that they had not anticipated. If you can volunteer, please go the website and fill out the form there. Jobs needing help are Contest Room Security, Silent Auction set-up and distribution and registration table on Sunday and Monday. There is the possibility of free or low cost rooms available to the volunteers. There is also the chance that some convention profits will be directed to the NCR if volunteers help. The Grand Rails 2012 website- www.gr2012.org

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas. This month Bill showed office paper clamp great for hanging calendars and small tools; a cutting tool - knife blade attached to block of wood for cutting roadbed (was in MR). Heavy Duty wire hangers can be used for tool hangers - had some **FREE** for the taking! And using popular wood for making nice quick loading docks! Stable and easy to paint. Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2012

Well I made a meeting!! Thanks again to Ed for filling in on note taking for the newsletters. WOW, summer IS here and the weather has been nice and HOT! In case you didn't notice, your basement is VERY cool! Even though it's nice outside and staying light until just past 9pm, your model railroad beckons for some time in a nice, cool setting! I hope you can find time to do some model railroading. I'm trying, but at this time of the year, it's all Camaro club/show for me! I'm show chairman for the 19th year out of 21. Great, more work...! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

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.

FOR SALE- Two custom built stained wood display cases with white background, 6 shelves w/track for HO, clear sliding doors. Both cases 25" tall, one is 6 ft, one is 8 ft long. Call MARK ELLIS 734-421-2673 BEST OFFER takes'em!!

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

OUCH - another hobby shop has closed... and this was a GOOD one! Merri-Seven Hobbies has closed. They are moving to the Troy area, Rochester Rd north of 16 mile.

GLLS - Great Lakes Live Steamers still running 1st and 3rd weekends.

The Bluewater RHS River Trip on Saturday, July 21st HAS BEEN CANCELLED!!

Possible future presentation on Operation Lifesaver by a NYC Yardmaster

Div 6 member Curt Brown donated some kits for the future Div 6 Workshop & Show. THANKS!!

Speaking of Hobby Shops, here is a note from Russ at the Farmington Nankin Store- we now carry a small assortment of HO accessories, including window curtains, signs by J.L. and other detail parts. As time goes on, we will have more items for the more advanced modeler, including Bar Mills kits, and other items. If you happen to hear or want to suggest something that we should carry, please feel free to mention it or contact me directly at RussatNankin@yahoo.com

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY'S TIPS for this month were- \$1 flea market cars, then upgraded to better standards, talked about drill motors and showed 90deg drill motor by Harbor Freight - about \$35, has gear box instead of direct drive means it will go slower! Good for modeling projects! We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last meeting. Please welcome John Frank from Div 9. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was at the last meeting and gave us a history lesson. This month Norm presented items from MR in the 80's.... story of Operations on the model RR, story of John Page visiting Frank Ellis' O scale layout. Special note on how details were left off so they didn't interfere with operations. Casey's Return - An story to the theme of Casey at the Bat, on a layout that had been updated to "modern" control and the mayhem that ensued. Funny!! Thanks Norm! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

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. UPDATE- Div6 had over \$500.00 in Rewards money, meaning you reached your 1st \$20... and it will continue to accumulate until Div 6 decides to redeem it.

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PRODUCT REVIEW

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday-Saturday, July 29 - August 4, 2012 - GRAND RAILS 2012
77th NMRA National Convention

Friday-Sunday, August 3-5, 2012
GRAND RAILS 2012 National Train Show
All the details are available on the website- www.gr2012.org

Thursday, August 30, 2012
All Aboard For Model Trains!!!
Detroit Model Railroad Club
President Dave Thorton talks about model railroading and enjoying operating model trains! only \$5
7:30pm at Troy Historic Village
60 West Wattles Rd Troy, MI
For more info call 248-524-3570

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

BEST WISHES

It is our understanding that Frank Spadafore needs your best wishes for a great recovery from some heart problems. Seems he is in Oakwood Hospital. Let's keep Frank in our thoughts and prayers.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Deepest Sympathies from the Div 6 membership to Joe Bliss on the passing of his mother in mid-June.

LAYOUT TOURS

If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.

NEXT TOURS- no tours for July!

CLINIC

This months' clinic was by Dave Jakubiak, who had his home movies that he used for Show & Tell, so he showed them! Neat!! We also had a video from Trains magazine on Tehachapi Loop! Many interesting facts and good pictures!

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe.

NEXT MEETING- ??????

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was railroad photos that YOU took! Photos of Detroit area, layout, Solano Ferry, photo on phone, layout, trains in Scotland, steam excursion, 50 yr old photo of station in Louisville 1962, layout, cab ride at Greenfield Village, Hawks Nest Bridge in WVa, 614 engine from C&O museum, 1962 - Norm in 6th grade took pictures of Wayne diamond and drew track diagram on back, layout picture on phone, CN bridge in Monroe, pics on computer, photo of Harrisville station, first photos of trains of DT&I (group from Star Hobbies), trains in the UP, PA pictures, Carnage Science Center train layout including Mr. Rogers house, Steam engine in Canada when 10 yrs old, Miklw RD lounge car rear window view, home movies of steam, 1974 picture of trains at Detroit Tunnel, NS trash train pics, 1225 sticking out of engine shed; N scale layout, Hawaii plantation train, 1225 photo in Standish, layout picture, trolley group trip in PA.

Current Projects shown included- None!!

We had a few members that donated to the caboos - THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING-- Caboose and/or EOT device's!!