



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 19, 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 buildings with signs or billboards. Shown were these items- NCX billboard; O scale RR signs; gas station with signs; DPM corner bldg. drug store; meat locker bldg., Oldsmobile billboard scratch built; Miller Eng light-up sign & fence signs; Borden Milk sign - brass; barn building with photo of real sign; Sn3 store; non sign for paint store; BarMills kit as back ground bldg. with home-made sign; store with Coke sign; O scale gas station; DPM store as neighborhood bar. Month late steam engine O scale scratch built!

Current Projects shown included- Evergreen trees;
We had several members that donated to the caboose - THANKS!!
NEXT MEETING-- diesel locomotives

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

Our next modeling for bragging rights contest will be in September! Member participation on the decision on what we should model was a bit lax, so based on the few responses here is the next modeling subject- an online structure (any structure that uses the railroad for goods, services and/or a rail side railroad structure like a switch tower, maintenance shed, etc.) The structure and track should be on a square foot display. (yes, it must be 12"x12" not rectangular!). We will use 12x12 for N and HO scale. For S and O scale, you are allowed 18"x18" square. G scale is allowed a 24"x24" square. Remember, each display must include track! Have fun and we look forward to seeing your modeling!

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2013

It's Hot now! Cool! As we've mentioned before, when it's hot outside, that means it's cool in your basement, so stay cool and work on your model railroad! There are still a few items on the calendar of events to consider. Another event to mention, even though it is a few months away, the NCR Convention - North Central Crossing. See the article later in the newsletter or see the pages of information in the June/summer HotBox! For me... was up to my eye-balls in car show planning and arrangements. It was my annual all Camaro event, went very well and should donate \$4000 to Lupus Foundation! Thus, I'm running a bit late with this newsletter. Please forgive me! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We again had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. For the first day of summer, we had a very light meeting attendance at only 31 members! To all Div 6 members,
WELCOME ABOARD!

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was not at the last meeting. Looking forward to another lesson.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running but not fully contented. Keep checking the site -

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

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.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Blissfield Model RR club held a last open house on June 29-30th. It was the last as they are being forced to move. Their new location is only a block or two from their existing location.

Div 6 member Richard Borsos has completed his move to Colorado. His address is- 6550 Yank Way Apt 324 Arvada, CO 80004 His number is- 720-536-8783 Feel free to write or call him.

Frank Spadafore is out of the hospital after a recent stay for a blood clot in his heart.

DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WKSHP

The annual DIV 6 Fall Show & Workshop will be on Sunday, Dec 1! Make sure you set date aside and plan on a display!! Bring that Sq Foot display you just built! We had forms at the last meeting, to fill out for your display and it's also here in the newsletter.

LAYOUT TOURS

We had MANY tours in JUNE. Big Thanks to Mark Ellis, Walt Plentis, Dick Harden, Ted Philchek & Don Barron! It was my fault that the map was missing a street name and some of you were not able to find Ted's. Hope you made it out to these excellent layouts! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC. **WE NEED TOURS!!**
NEXT TOURS- No tours for July as of meeting time.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

LARRY's TIPS for this month were- Larry made chocks for the wheeled loads that go on his flat cars. Made one by hand, then was going to use doll house cove molding, but he couldn't find any. Thus, Larry made a router machine out of a plastic container, dremel, vacuum hose connector for dust and - now he takes a piece of strip wood and routers it to the cove shape. Then he cuts it as wide as needed for the tires on the loads. Larry also showed us some wood stick loads made from family lumber.

*** member question - Building large DC layout - NOT DCC, how do you get sound in DC operation? Only certain manufactures (Broadway & Athearn Genesis) have DC locos with a radio controlled sounds - only bells/whistle. Very limited sounds and actually controls loco speed-direction. We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!*

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, July 13-14

Model Railroad Show & Swap
Van Wert County Fairgrounds
1055 South Washington St.
Van Wert, OH 45891
July 13- 10AM-4PM and 14- 11AM-3PM
Admission: \$2 kids 12 & under Free

Saturday-Sunday, August 3-4

32st - Annual Railfans Weekend -
Crossroads Village/Huckleberry RR
6140 Bray Road Flint, MI 48505
10:00am to 5:00pm both days
Admission: \$13-\$10
website: www.geneseecountyparks.org

Friday-Sunday, August 16-18

Day out with Thomas Weekend -
Crossroads Village/Huckleberry RR
10:00am to 5:00pm
Admission: \$16-\$20 website:
www.geneseecountyparks.org/pages/DayOutWithThomas

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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 in the NCR HotBox and on the Convention website www.ncr2013.ncr-nmra.org.



DIV 6 REWARDS

When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Div 6" member, or customer #1066, they will apply your purchase to the Div 6 Bonus Plan. Div 6 will get FREE stuff for the Fall Show! Thanks for your purchases.

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 a presentation by Div 6 member Pierre Willermet on making your own backlit signs & storefronts using electro-luminescent tape. Pierre had several demonstrations and examples of signs that he had made. Plus his computer presentation showed lots of info. Electro-luminescent tape is basically tape that lights up when power is supplied! It comes in several widths. Using the tape allows you to create a "back-lite" sign that is very common in our world, even in the past. A back-lite sign is one that has lights on the inside! Check out

www.Lightsformodels.com

Pierre also had a great hand-out! This was an exceptional clinic!! Thanks Pierre for an interesting and informative clinic!

NEXT MEETING- clinic on prototype diesel locomotives "scratch building"

MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB

Next meeting of The Michigan Railroad Club will be Wednesday, Aug 07, 2013. Program will be a power point presentation by John Martin on New York Centrals Felexi-Van Service, history and operations. This is equally good for railfans and modelers. Meeting is held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn and starts at 7pm with the program starting around 7:30pm. We must be out of the library at 9pm. Free parking, good seats and all are most welcome!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting but did not have a presentation this evening. Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

Div 6 Annual Fall Show & Workshop Volunteer form

Please fill in the following and return to MARK ELLIS at the next meeting or mail it to-
30040 Lyndon Livonia, Mi 48154

You can also contact Mark at 734-421-2673 or email to- **emark@sbcglobal.net**

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMAIL: _____

Volunteering to.... (circle as many as apply)

Set-up Take-down Food Admissions Raffle Display

Display: _____

Demonstrate: _____

Take Flyers to: _____

Other: _____

Number of tables needed (Based on a 6 foot table size) _____

Need Electric Yes No

Display working layout

Description: _____ Scale: _____

Minimum Size: ____ft X ____ft Prefer Size: ____ft X ____ft

Help with Scouts program- I will do - (circle one!)

- * types of freight cars * different railroads and where they are/were
- * design a model railroad * railroad departments and support industries
- * diesel loco types and operation * Amtrak history and transit lines
- * railroad signals * Operation Lifesaver * all aspects of railroad safety
- * what/how/why of grade crossings * building a model RR kit
- * name the different scales * do switching on a layout

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS.....

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| *structure building | *kit-bashing | *detailing | *decaling/dry transfer |
| *railroad history | *people painting | *tree making | *scenery basics |
| *track laying basics | *benchwork basics | *DCC systems | *wiring basics |
| *rolling stock building | *layout planning | *photography | *computers in model rr'ing |
| *type of rolling stock | *types of locomotives | *different scales | *classic toy trains |

..... and YES, we can have more than one person doing the same demo!!!