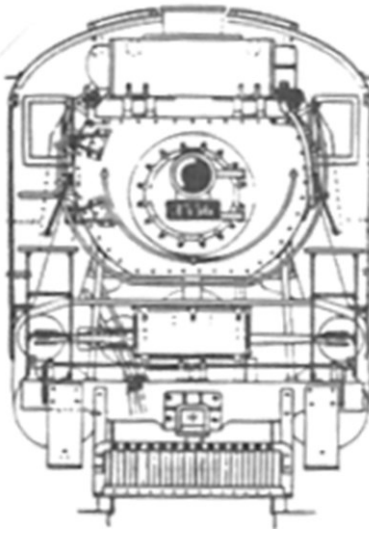

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION SIX OF THE NORTH CENTRAL REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ON THE RAILS…

JULY 2015

Welcome summer...!! Despite the rain, we have had some nice warm weather! Cool!
My sincerest apologies for the lateness of this newsletter!! I was very busy with the Camaro show, some rest afterward and a quick trip to Florida to see our son. Again, very sorry!!
As mentioned, it's summer... not your usual model railroading "season". As I also always mention, it's groups like Div 6 that hold meetings all year long, that help keep your interest going. Round-robin groups also keep your interest up by meeting weekly. Here's hoping your interest continues all summer long! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Larry Pacific getting back into the hobby and Dan Slaugenhaupt. Meeting attendance was good with about 40 members! 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, JULY 17, 2015***. 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.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

NCR 2015 convention is in Fort Wayne, Ind by Div 3. Dates are Thursday-Sunday, October 29-31 & Nov 1. Prototype tours will be a main focus. Clinics, layout tours, model showcase and photo contest will also be included.
Registration info was in the last HotBox, or go to their website- ***http://fortwaynerails2015.ncr-nmra.org/***

Winner of Nankin Hobby $10 gift card at the last meeting was Bill McMillen. THANKS Nankin Hobby!!

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We have received word that Div 6 member Bob McKibbon has died. Bob was always a great member and helped out at numerous Div 6 Fall Shows. Deepest Sympathies to Bob's friends and family!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present so we'll look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!
Has anyone heard from Larry?? Can't seem to get ahold of him!
We did have a few modeling tips...
Bill Kubic - DVD on installing Digitrak system, 2nd DVD showing how to program receivers. 3rd DVD for programing
Bill Deeter showed that standard plumbing fixtures could make interesting pipe loads.
Bill McMillan showed how to make crushed car loads from alum foil! ** cube loads good for late 60's
THANKS GUYS!!

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BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter, while present, did have a few new tools to discuss or present....

Ace hardware... utility blades 100 pieces for $8 including holder.

Clip with magnetic - good for hanging car cards from dispatcher with metal dispatch board.

Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

Our next modeling contest subject is due in July. The subject is the oil industry. This could be cars or structures. We are looking forward to seeing your modeling project!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, so we did have a history lesson.

Sail & Rail book, about transportation in Western MI- Double Trouble on the Pennsy - story about run-away coal hoppers and a collision with a truck-load of PRR officials on an inspection tour! Thank-fully, no one was hurt! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out 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.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was tank cars! ***Items shown included-*** Prairie River gon w/Chooch load; Erie gon w/F150 rust pieces; RailGon w/pipe load; gon w/steel plate; scratch built G scale gon; NP N scale gon w/Chooch load; gon w/cube scrap load; PRR O scale gon w/baled scrap; CNW gon w/foil load; P&LE gon w/Chooch load; gon w/rail load; UP gon w/rock load; PRR gon w/Chooch load; CP gon w/scrap; Sou gon w/Chooch load; RDG gon with hand made load; UP gon weathered with soldering iron w/home made RR load; PRR S gauge gon w/RR ties; Erie gon w/scrap metal; bought load first then gon to fit!; - good stuff by all!

Current Projects shown included- Tank cars for detailing; junk yard office made from box truck

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

NEXT MEETING - any item with a DCC decoder

NMRA

NMRA National convention is a bit later this year, in August and will be held in Portland, OR. Dates are Aug 23-29. Website for more info is- ***www.nmra2015portland.org***

New Div 2 is officially up and operating! Watch for more info in the next HotBox.

New Layout Command Control LCC standard being introduced by the NMRA very soon!!

Weaver Models and Scalecoat paints are out of business as of the end of June. However... Scalecoat has been purchased by Minuteman Scale Models. ***http://minutemanscalemodels.com***

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe Bliss!! PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic, share your knowledge and talents! The clinic for this month was by Bob Pizio on scrap yard modeling. Bob showed a diorama he built a few years ago. While there were no trains in his diorama, it was WOW!!! It was approx. G scale (1:25) and was a yard scene outside of a building with several old cars in various stages of dis-repair and rust! Bob's clinic was him talking and presenting parts of his subject on hand drawn display cards. WOW... I have to get him to do something for the HotBox!! Bob has loads of detail tips and how to do these. Thanks Bob, for a great clinic!

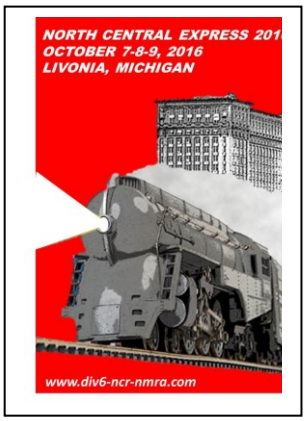
NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Joe Bliss on decoder CV's and programing

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!

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

Mark these dates - OCT 6-7-8-9, 2016!! That is the date for the NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016!!



Our convention site will be Ward Church, just west of Haggerty on Six Mile Rd. We have acquired a great guest-keynote speaker, **Art Single**, former President/owner of the Adrian & Blissfield RR. Art is also a model railroader, modeling the Long Island RR. Art will speak at the Saturday night dinner. The Convention Planning Team has also discussed pricing, clinics, logistics, tours and all aspects of the convention. We'll be ready for registration to open this fall, at the Fort Wayne Rails convention. Here is your Convention Planning Team....

Chairman - Norm Logan
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Volunteers - Bill McMillan
Advisor - Howard Andrews

The ***NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016*** is under-way!

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 and layouts please!

NEXT TOURS- In July, we have no tours planned.

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