



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

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2016

It's summer!! Hardly model railroad weather! But that is the nice thing about our hobby, it can be done all year round! I know I've also mentioned before... it's nice and cool in our basements, where most of our model railroads are! Speaking of working on our layouts.... we do have a convention in a few months! We do need layouts! Please get with our layout chairman and get your layout on the open house schedule! Remember... seeing a unfinished layout is sometimes more important that a finished one! I hope you will consider showing your layout at the convention! Stay cool!! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was a GOOD with about 39 members and guests! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

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 15, 2016**. 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 steam locomotives. **Items shown included-** HO narrow gauge consolidation; On30 0-6-0 loco; 2-4-4-2 brass; NYC Hudson 4-6-4 was a "Mothers day gift!"; 1936 Lionel PRR torpedo train; England's Flying Scotsman; 2-8-0 CV RR; O scale B&O consolidation; 2-8-8-4 loco; Mountain logo repainted; 2-8-0 logos detailed; Thomas!; 2-4-0 switcher from early '60's!; N&W 2-8-8-2; MT4 Sou Pacific; NYC 4-4-0 #999; C&NW Atlantic; 4-8-4 Milwaukee; S gauge AM Flyer 4-4-2 RDG!; O scale Milwaukee; book on Mohawk locos; 0-4-0T switcher loco; 2-10-0 diecast loco; dockside switcher; K4 PRR loco; brass SantaFe consolidation (by the Steam Bigot); 4-6-0 kit!; book on GN locos and O scale 2-6-8-0!; UP Challenger.

Current Projects shown included- Layout building!; covered hopper kit;

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

NEXT MEETING - pre 1970 diesel locomotives!

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 MODEL PROJECT

The modeling project for the Sept meeting. The subject will be - locomotives! Must be detailed, weathered, etc... not just out of the box! Let's see some models please!!

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!!!**). This month's winner - Nick Nagrant!

TT modules?? Let's do a Div 6 layout by using these modules. These are 12"x12" and use N scale track, as seen in the recent Model RR magazine. We have done a square foot contest before... why not do it again, but this time they will form a layout!!

Zinio app... gets MR and Trains for free through your local library! See it on your tablet or PC!

Junction Valley RR will shut down after their Halloween holiday trains! WOW! So sorry to hear. The hobby shop will remain open and is well stocked! (was up there redeeming my gift certificate)

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present for this meeting so we're looking forward to seeing Larry next month and more modeling tips.

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Here is the information you have been waiting for... how to order a Division 6 polo shirt! Our shirt color will remain GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand. 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. The new logo decision was made and is now on the first page of this newsletter! Orders will be taken until JULY meeting, delivery at AUGUST meeting. Name Badges... we have a source and will have a sample or two at the JULY meeting.

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** for the **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS**



2016!! Our convention site is Ward Church, west of Haggerty on Six Mile Rd. NCX 2016 is open for registrations! Online registration is NOW open! Go to the Div 6 website and access the NCX site from the pull-down menu on the upper right.

Those hosting tours We you're your forms please!! Fill it out and mail back or bring to the next Div 6 meeting!!

VOLUNTEERS!! We will be showing what jobs need done, in the May-June time frame. **WE NEED YOU!!** We also have set the clinic schedule and clinicians have been notified to approve their day and time. If you are giving a clinic, please get back with us asap! Here's the Conv Planning Team...

Chairman - Norm Logan

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Treasurer - Larry Wolohon

Clinics - Ron King/John Bopp

Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger

Website - Ed Beamish

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Prototype Tours - Doug Malaznik

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Volunteers - Bill McMillan

Advisor - Howard Andrews

The **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way and only 6 months away!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, but we were running a bit short on time, so we sent the lesson on a siding for access later.

Steam & High Wheels - story about Richard Borsos, who recently passed away, from the NYC "Central Headlight" magazine.... nice story of Richard's early career!

THANKS John! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

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 talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was by Div 6 member Jim Zinser, MMR on railroads in Australia and New Zealand. Jim showed many pictures of several railroads and related items he saw on his trip. Some very interesting stories and railroads!! Thanks for the very interesting information Jim!

NEXT MEETING- Larry Woholon, MMR on the recent NMRA National convention and train show

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present at the last meeting and presented.... a Black & Decker pistol style screw driver, battery operated \$35 plus \$11 for a different chuck. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

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!

NEXT TOURS- Are **ON HOLD** until after our convention.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

We've received information on a service for Jim...

Jim Sieradzinski Memorial Service

Saturday July 16 10:30 am

Renaissance Unity Church

11200 11 mile Rd. Warren, MI

South side of 696 Service Drive

RSVP to Frank Gorlitz for head

count luncheon 596-939-3167

EVENTS

Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31, 2016 RR Heritage Week - Train Show

Van Wert County Fairgrounds 1055 S. Washington St Van Wert, OH 45891

Sat. 10am - 4pm and Sun. 10am - 3pm

Admission \$3.00 - Children 12

\$ under Free

100 plus vendor tables - operating layouts - Good Food Wheelchair Accessible

Contact Information- Jan Dunlap - 419-238-4207 -

snapshotjan@hotmail.com

Website- [http://Van Wert County Historical Society](http://VanWertCountyHistoricalSociety.com)

Saturday July 30, 2016

2016 NAOTC Annual Convention and Railroadiana Show

Don Halls' Guesthouse Hotel & Conference Center 1313 West Washington Center Rd

Fort Wayne, IN 46825

9am-4pm Admission Fees \$5 per person National Association of

Timetable Collectors Annual Convention and Railroadiana Show is mainly a "paper" show

(timetables, rule books, etc.),

but other forms of railroadiana

will be allowed. This will not be

a model train show. No model

trains will be allowed.

Contact Information- NAOTC P. O.

Box 25514 Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Website- <http://www.naotc.org>

Wednesday, August 10 - Sunday, August 14, 2016

National S Gaugers Convention

Novi Sheraton Convention Center,

Novi, Michigan

www.smsgtrains.org/2016conv.html

Sponsored/hosted by- Southeastern Michigan S Gaugers

NEWSLETTER ISSUES

Division 6 members I would like to first start out by apologizing for the delivery issues surrounding the monthly newsletters. I have been experiencing a two pronged issue which I will highlight for you along with the remediation steps that have taken place or will take place.

Issue 1 - Email delivery issues. Even though I have been sending out the notices regarding the publishing of the newsletter on the division website many of you have not been receiving them or they have been much delayed. I have been in discussions with my internet service provider (Provide.net) which is a DSL connection. They have done much research and had been unable to see anything on their end in terms of server delays or emails being blocked. Last week working together we were able to determine that the issue was with the line provider AT&T, after 3 modem replacements and a completely new wire from the pole to my house I think we have finally fixed the data transfer errors that were occurring of which neither myself or Provide.net were able to see.

Issue 2 - USPS delivery issues for those that get a hard copy mailed. Every month due to the fact that I have over 40 newsletters and a very small mailbox on my porch the newsletters have been placed in a mailbox at the entrance of my neighborhood. I have been in contact with the Livonia Post Office to alert them of the delivery issues. After several weeks of communication they have stated that they have determined the issue and it should no longer occur going forward. Because the actual post office is not too far from my house to be on the safe side I will take the extra step going forward to drop them off there for delivery instead of trusting the mailbox near my house. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Ed Beamish, Div 6 Secretary

UPDATE – DAVE'S HOBBY

Dave's TV & Hobby shop remains mostly closed, as Dave continues his care for his wife, Lucy. He does try to get there a few times a week, Thursday's is best I believe. Lucy is still holding on! We wish Lucy and Dave the very best possible!! Prayers for them both would be appreciated!!



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Westland, MI 48185
734-722-5700

Nankin Hobby
33350 W Nine Mile Rd
Farmington, MI 48336
248-919-0040

Nankin Hobby
1480 Washtenaw Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-961-7575

Daves Hobby & TV
Stop here for all your hobby needs.

29026 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185
734-422-4464



Plymouth
Train Shop



O Scale - MTH, Lionel, HO, Williams
Dave, Manager

37980 Ann Arbor Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
734-453-6250

Mon - Fri 11 - 6
Sat 11 - 4