

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. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017**. 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 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the modeling project for the **JUNE** meeting is to be- any car that cost \$10 or less with detailing and before/building pictures. We had 7 entries, really nice stuff!! At the break, members voted and your winner is Pierre Willermet! Second place was Dan Slaugenhaupt and third place was Bill McMillan. Congratulations to all! Our next modeling project will be due at the Sept/October meeting and we'll pick the subject at the next 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!

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting, but had no new news for us. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

## DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color will remain GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand polo shirt. 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.

# ON THE RAILS...

## JULY 2017

HOT, hot, hot!! The summer weather arrived a bit early and it's been HOT!! I'll use that to remind you that it is nice and COOL... in your basement... where your layout is! It is nice to do model railroading ALL year long!!

We've had some very nice turnouts at the recent Div 6 meetings... thanks to all that attend and contribute!

OK, time for a change!! Your **ON THE RAILS** will now be delivered via email, to all that have an email address. This will save us time and money!! More info later in this issue... Here is the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was good with about 45 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

We are discontinuing this notice, as no one ever places an ad! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting.

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site - [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was tank cars!!

**Items shown included-** Texaco Sn30 narrow ga; single dome; 1900's tank cars from LaBelle; old time car; Texaco single dome; Dow chemical; Spartan Oil single dome; O scale Ford Motor car; Lionel 2 dome car; rocket fuel car; O scale flat with a M1 tank!; 1934 framed ad from Gulf oil with RR tank cars and Atlas car to match ad!; N scale tank car; N scale MOW water car; BW acid car; metal 6 dome HO car (for wine); O scale PRR 3 dome; single dome car; tank-train set; 3 dome GATX car; RDG company tank car; DOD 3 car set by Athearn; Gulf cars oil and LP gas; Sinclair car; 36' tank car; DuPont single dome; Sunoco Lionel 2 dome x 2; Dow chemical car; Shell N scale car; Allied Chemical car; Wolfe Head single dome; flat car with barrels (tanks); box car with barrel tanks; 3 dome car; BN fuel tender tank car; US Army tank cars; O scale ACF-7 tank car; N scale Gulf car; G scale 3 dome car; 16K gal single dome; Varney single dome!

**Current Projects shown included-** B&O E8 in O scale; G scale tower; AHM B&O box car updated; edited Wikipedia article on John VanDyke and tank car designs;

We had a few of members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING** - ANYTHING... railroad related!!

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present for the last meeting! We're looking forward to seeing Larry next month and more modeling tips.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## 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 Ed Beamish!

The 2017 NCR convention will be hosted by Div 4 - the Grand Rails Division, in Grand Rapids. More info in the December HotBox. The dates are September 14-17, 2017

If you want a name badge... see Mark!! A new order list has been started for another shirt order.

Our new electronics stuff will be ordered VERY soon. Ed was putting in the order but Amazon was out of an item or two. Worked out OK, as now they are in stock and the prices have been lowered a bit! Also, the Livonia Senior Center will not allow us to keep a cabinet on site. Darn!! We'll get a nice carrying case/cart to assist in moving these new items.

## DIV 6 NEWS EMAILED!

The Div 6 newsletter will now be delivered to all members via email! Those without an email address will still get the newsletter via US Mail. This was proposed and approved by the membership at the June meeting. This will save us money and time!! You can ask the Board to still receive a printed copy, even if you have an email address, but we'd like to keep that to a minimum please. One other reason to get the newsletter via email or online... PICTURES!! We'll be adding at least one page (maybe 2) of photos. This page will not be in the printed version. THANKS for your support!

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

We are planning on the roundtable discussions again in July! We are hoping the same moderators will be available -

basic scenery/Barry Hensel  
basic weathering/Glenn Joppich  
DCC system basics/Joe Bliss  
basic OPS/Mike Tranquilla

By repeating these subjects, you now have the opportunity to sit in on a different discussion and learn more! If you have a subject you want covered, drop MARK or BARRY an email with your suggestion.

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp presented a story on Tank Cars! Brooklyn Eagle newspaper May 1902 - Sheraton, PA gas explosion- over 100 dead and 300 injured; Railroad wreck of tank cars with 36" main under wreckage - worried pipe will rupture and cause bigger explosion. Tank cars being switched in the yard when one exploded. Other cars also caught fire! Also a station caught fire. All told, 3 different explosions took place with these railroad cars. With the 3rd one, the hillsides caught fire, where townsfolk were watching the original fires... this is where many were lost. This event helped get tank car standards revised and better! Thanks John, we're looking forward to another lesson 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! THANKS Barry Hensel and Tom Kosta for the tours this past month!!

**NEXT TOURS-** There are NO tours planned for July. Any volunteers for August??

## CLINIC

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, LET US KNOW! Contact Clinic Chairman Byrne Blumenstein to get your clinic scheduled! PLEASE share your talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was Bill Rubarth and the Solano SP ferry history! WOW!! Before Bill and his brother got involved, almost no one remembered what the Solano was! It was real detective work to find pictures and information, but it was well worth it! We didn't have time to go through many of the pictures that Bill had... but the model is very precise and wonderful! The information Bill shared makes the model so much more impressive and needed to remember a great part of railroading History!! THANKS for sharing Bill!!

**NEXT MEETING-** repeat of the round table discussions!!

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

### MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB PROGRAM

**July 5, 2017** Jim Bradford with a DVD of his films of Cass Scenic Railroad in 2002. Plenty of steam with shay locomotives.

**August 02, 2017** Mark Hinsdale from Chicago will present a program titled "A Midwestern Alphabet." It will consist of 40 minutes or so of images, mostly taken during the 70's, of railroading in the Midwest, there should be a little something of interest to most everyone.

**Sunday July 23th, 2017 -** Lakeshore Garden Railway Club 12th Annual Open House 10am - 4pm various locations in SE Michigan and near the Michigan/Ohio border Visit SIX outdoor G-Scale Train Layouts! It's FREE fun for the whole family! Go to our website to download a map to the layout locations - [www.lakeshoregrc.org](http://www.lakeshoregrc.org)

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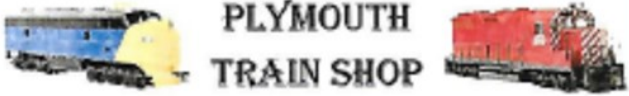
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Pictures from the June Division 6 meeting - TANK CARS and modeling Project

