

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

## ON THE RAILS...

### JUNE 2011

WOW... you've had it made recently, if you're a duck! Hopefully it starts to get better, warmer and drier! While that doesn't directly relate to model railroading, it can indirectly because you should have had more time indoors to do model railroading!

Once again, congratulations to the new Division 6 Board of Directors. This is the month they now take over. Will there be changes in our future? I have no idea, but we'll all go down those tracks together! Please remember to consider attending the 2011 NCR convention - Lansing Legacies. It's on the first weekend in November and more information on this is later in the newsletter. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had a returning new member at the last meeting. Please welcome Dave Berzsenyi, a new/old member! We also had about 50 members present at the meeting - good turnout! To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

### DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website is up. Check it out at- [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

### 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, JUNE 17, 2011**. 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 until 10pm.

### LAYOUT TOURS

Our new Layout Chairman, JC Paschel has been busy already and has arranged two tours for us in June. On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> Div 6 resumes our layout tours! Thanks JC! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.

**NEXT TOURS-** JUNE 26 - Hank & Doug Meyer 12 noon-4pm and Larry Wolohon 1pm-5pm, see map in this newsletter

### DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WKSHP

The 2011 Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. Need someone to handle auction! Mark Ellis is show chairman, contact him to help!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday-Saturday, July 3-9-** NMRA National Convention Sacramento, CA "The Unconventional Convention"

Website- <http://www.x2011west.org/>

**Starting April 2 - November 5, 2011-** Saginaw Railway Museum - Saginaw Valley Railroad Historical Society 900 Maple St. PO Box 20454 Saginaw, MI 48602 989-790-7994 Open the First and Third Saturday of each month from 1pm-4pm. Closed holidays. Website-

[www.saginawrailwaymuseum.org](http://www.saginawrailwaymuseum.org)

**Saturday-Sunday, June 4-5-** Tours and miniature train rides at SRI during Owosso Curwood Festival

**Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21-** Diesel powered excursions during the Howell Melon Festival

**Saturday-Sunday, Sept 10-11-** "Hobo Days" at Steam Railroading Institute, 405 S Washington St Owosso, MI 989-725-9464

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## TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas- This month he was not present. Looking forward to another tool tip next month. THANKS Bill!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was at the last meeting, thus we had no history lesson.  
NYC fun facts- from NYC historical society- origins back to early 1800's; 1857 started "vanderbuilt era" and expansions; many rr's were absorbed!; 20<sup>th</sup> cent limited 16 hour schedule NY to Chicago; started 1902-1967; merger with PRR to become Penn Central in late 60's - disaster!! Finally became part of Conrail.  
Looking forward to another lesson soon.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was NYC rolling stock. Items shown were- gon w/Chooch load; steel braced gon; structure lumber yard?; observation; baggage mail car; diner; sleeper (all 20<sup>th</sup> century); FA; rpo; 20<sup>th</sup> cent book; Southern hopper?; IHC Mikado; sleeper; H1644 road diesel; atlas caboose; hopper; N scale F3 w/box car and caboose; single door box; 50' boxcar (\$1.99 org box); details west 60' boxcar; GP7 atlas, aar 40' boxcar; 2 NY quarters; Pacemaker PS1 boxcar; MiCentral refer w/NYC marks; Varney gon; 4-4-0 #999 (bought 40 years ago \$42); Tichy boxcar; A-A Baldwin shark nose w/boxcar; Lionel gon; Pacemaker boxcar; Intermt boxcar; boxcar; coach heavyweight

**Current Projects shown included-** diesel repaint; nick-knack steam engine; New Orleans street car ready for paint.

We did have some members donate to the caboose, Thanks!

**NEXT MEETING--** anything brightly colored!!

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Here are **LARRY's TIPS** for this month- through gun hobby of melting lead for black powder balls, can be used for making weights for model RR cars. Make form of 3 pieces of wood, one in center cut with notches when clamped together makes mold for weights. Melt lead and pour into mold! Cheaper! Use double sided carpet tape, or foam backed double side tape to hold in car; use small scale for weighing cars; showed car inspection track with kadee gauges which is also marked for car lengths and weights - place car on track, check length and marks show how much it should weigh! To melt lead, buy an electric smelter - about \$30. DO NOT use flame/torch, etc... unsafe and toxic! Gun shops sell these. We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

## LANSING LEGACIES 2011

Will be held on Thursday-Sunday, Nov 3-6, 2011. Clinics, layout tours, ops sessions, proto-type tours, Saturday night dinner are the plans for the convention.

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Great Lakes Live Steamers will resume running in April, weather permitting. First weekend of the month in Royal Oak, third weekend and special events at the Southgate site. Rides are free, donations requested/welcomed.

Norm reported on a conv. that he and Rich went to in Iowa; good people, good time, but noticed the details that WE did and they did not, mostly in conv. book - no clinic descriptions or info on presenters, bad maps. We did SO good - thanks!! One highlight was that guest speaker, MR Editor Neil Besougloff mentioned an interview with Russ Larson, editor of MR in the 60's, was that model RRing could/would only last 10 years due to slot cars, etc... but, that some people were starting to do serious operations and that "may" help! Very interesting!!

John Wissenger reported on a conv. held east of Cleveland- good clinics/subjects, but program was extremely poor and even changing the schedule during the conv! Again, kudo's to our convention Team.

Mi Bluewater NRHS boat tours on the Detroit river- Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - space limited to 80, so call for seats!! Going to lower river, starts 9am in Wyandotte, \$45 for 4 hours, 248-541-1000 or 800-594-5162

Bill Deeter has idea - take old train magazines and put tag on it saying where we meet, times, etc... and place these at local Doctor offices! Everyone liked this! Howard will make tags, bring in some magazines next meeting. Then we need help distributing them.

## CLINIC

This months' clinic was by Rich Borsos on anything-everything railroading. Rich was a real engineer, supervisor and even Trainmaster in Buffalo, Michigan and the Detroit area. He had 48 years with the railroad. Actually worked for 3 railroads - C&O, NS and Penn-Central. Also worked in engine servicing for many years. Railroads set the standards for/in standardization! Rich told us many different stories of his experiences on the railroad. Very interesting stuff! Squeaky wheels - oiler walked train with 5 gal can of grease - what a job, walking a mile long train - both sides! When he was Shop Foreman, his shop/yard never had "hotboxes"! Excellent clinic and great information!

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call or see Howard or Mark at the meetings and share your thoughts. We DO need a new Clinic Chairman, since Howard is to be our new Superintendent and Mark is busy with the Fall Show! Please consider volunteering!!!

**NEXT MEETING- ????**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

We are happy to place classified ads for Div 6 members. Donations to the Div of \$2 per ad is requested! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting where you can bring in items for sale.

## SPECIAL PROJECT CLINIC

Static grass applicator- First build session went well, did take a good 3-4 hours! Was well attended. Looking forward to next session. We are using Nankin Hobby Farmington hobby room at the store. THANKS!!

# NMRA - North Central Region - Division 6

## Layout Tours

### Sunday June 26, 2011

Hank & Doug Meyer  
22592 Lazy K Rd South Lyon, Mich. 48178  
Open: Sunday 12:00 – 4:00

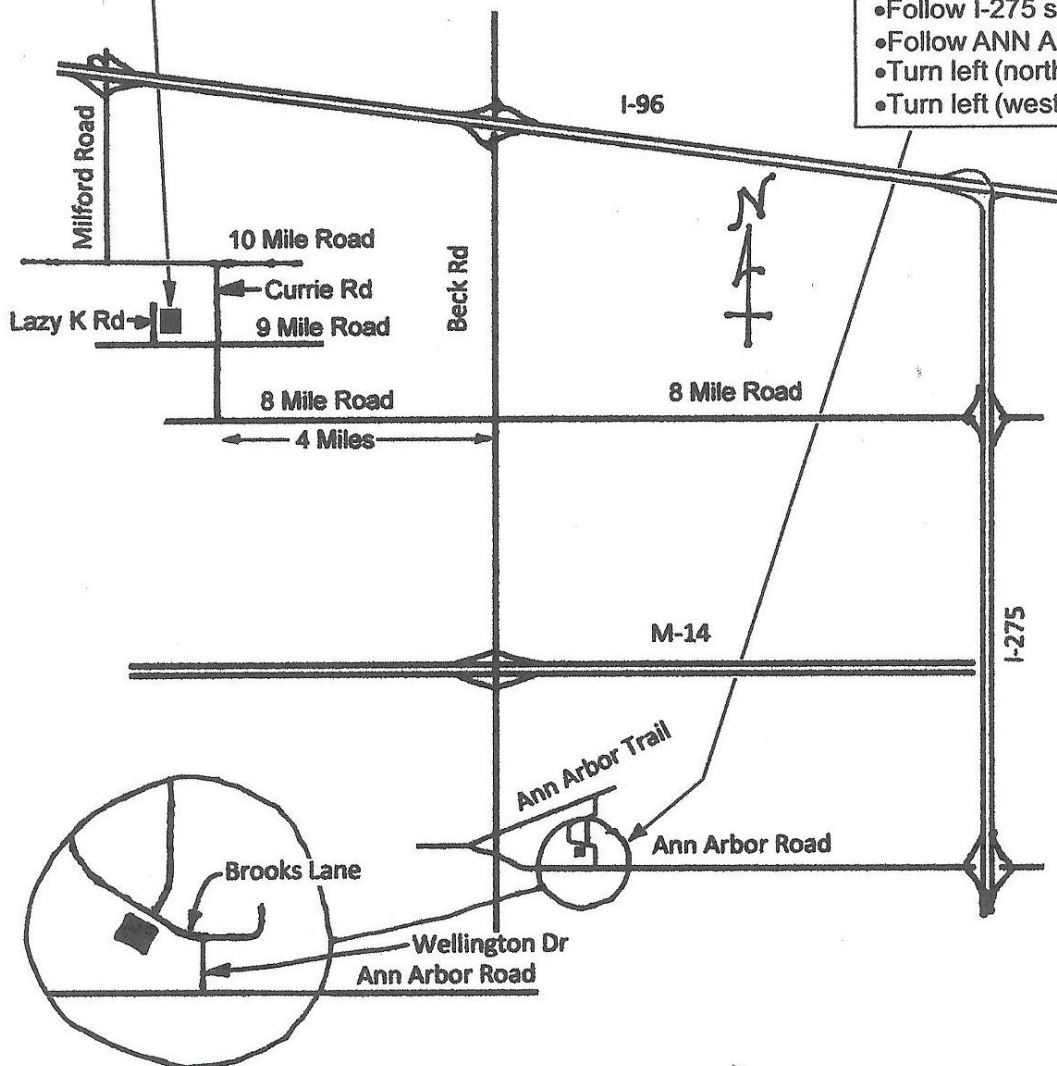
HO Standard Gauge  
Large basement empire of the C&O, running  
Easy DCC

- Follow Beck north to 8 Mile Rd, turn left (west)
- Follow 8 Mile Rd west 4 miles to Currie Rd, turn right (north)
- Follow Currie Rd to 9 Mile Rd and turn left (west)
- Follow 9 Mile Rd to Lazy K Rd and turn right (north)

Larry Wolohon  
46963 Brooks Lane  
Plymouth, Mich. 48170-3479  
Open: Sunday 1:00 – 5:00

HO Standard Gauge  
The layout is continuous operation, modeled after the  
Great Northern Railroad's Marias Pass area of northern  
Montana in the 1940's.

- Follow I-275 south to ANN ARBOR RD
- Follow ANN ARBOR RD
- Turn left (north) onto Wellington Dr
- Turn left (west) onto Brooks Lane



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