

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, JUNE 19, 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.

## 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

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 Dave Jakubiec. THANKS Nankin Hobby!!

Frank Spadafore was back to the Div 6 meeting after near a year! Welcome Back!!

Best wishes to Joe Bliss, out with a sprained ankle.

From Neil.... We made the Dearborn Press and Guide with our HFV layout. Thanks, Brian. Great Job! (FYI, Mike Guariento, Joe Kubinski, and John Grunstrum DIV 6 members who live in the neighborhood have joined us as volunteers. At least two are potential HFV residents. )  
<http://www.pressandguide.com/articles/2015/05/20/news/doc555b9fdece1f8692362712.txt>

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

# ON THE RAILS...

### JUNE 2015

Welcome summer... almost! (a bit later this month) Here's your reminder to BE AWARE if you are going track-side to watch or photograph trains! Also, stay off of the railroad property unless you get permission. Have fun and share those photos! With summer approaching, that means it's NMRA National convention time. This year it's in Portland, OR. For some of us, summer also means a conflict in hobbies. Once the weather warms, it's cruis'in time in the classic cars & trucks. Several of us Div 6 members also share this hobby too. Happy cruising and I hope to see you on the road. Don't forget about the Div 6 layout tours!! 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 good with about 40 members! 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](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

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## **BILL'S TOOL TIME**

Div 6 member Bill Deeter, while present, did not have any new tools to discuss or present. 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 not present, so we did not have a history lesson. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

## **SHOW AND TELL**

The subject for the last meeting was tank cars! **Items shown included-** On30 tank car; fire fighting tank car; Ambroid tank car; roundhouse tank car; Nn3 tank and Grantline narrow ga tank; tyco tank car; UTLX tank car; trolley sprinkler car; K-Line Ford tank car; O gauge tank car; RDG company tank car; Walthers tank car; Walthers SUNOCO tank car; MDC 6000gal tank car; tank car that was a present; roundhouse tank car; O gauge brass tank car; SP tank car; G scale Citi service tank car; Athearn 3 dome tank car; Bachmann tank cars; Athearn tank car; Thomas metal tank car; Lionel Sunoco tank car; MI Alkaline tank car; Globe tank car kit; Heinz wood tank on flat car; box car with tank inside; A.E.Saly tank car; Lionel 2 dome tank car; Athearn Hercules tank car; Red Caboose STD Oil tank car; O scale tank car; tank car book!; N scale intermountain tank car; UTLX Athearn tank cars; Union oil tank car - good stuff by all!

**Current Projects shown included-** Modern billboard with cousin's picture on it as gift; kitbashing diesel loco full scale and appeared on rear cover of Trains magazine.

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

**NEXT MEETING** - gondolas with scrap loads

## **MODELING INFO W/LARRY**

Larry was not present so we'll look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

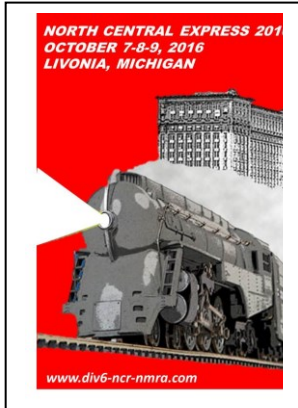
## **NMRA**

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](http://www.nmra2015portland.org)

## 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

Asst. Chairman - Mark Ellis

Registrar - Howard Andrews

Treasurer - Larry Wolohon

Clinics - Ron King/John Bopp

Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger

Website - Ed Beamish

Program/printing - Barry Hensel

Prototype Tours - Doug Malaznik

Publicity - Barry Hensel

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 June we have 2 tours- Norm Logan and Scott Kremer. Sunday, June 14 from 1pm-4pm see attached map.

## 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 Paul Omilian and was on animation for your railroad. Paul's layout is the Geriville Railroad. Paul has loading and unloading of coal, automated passing sidings and working grade crossing gates. He uses photo cells mounted track side and painted to match scenery in most cases. For coal loading, Paul scratch built his own hopper with micro-processor controls that act like the real deal! A chute lowers and a valve opens to allow coal to flow into a hopper as it's pulled through. The sensors detect the car edges and raise/lower the chute and open/close the valve. To unload, Paul uses a Walthers rotary dump kit that he modified and motorized. Paul then showed a video of his passing sidings that allow trains to automatically stop and proceed. Last was the crossing gates. These are pretty straight forward, but still take time to get right. Paul also showed one last item... a gas station outside repair hoist that goes up and down by using a push button! Paul also loves electronics, so these animations were right up his alley! Paul's clinic was very well done with lots of photos AND VIDEO of these projects in action. Neat!! Good stuff!! Thanks Paul, for a great clinic!

**NEXT MEETING-** Div 6 member Bob Pizio on scarp yards and detailing

## 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!



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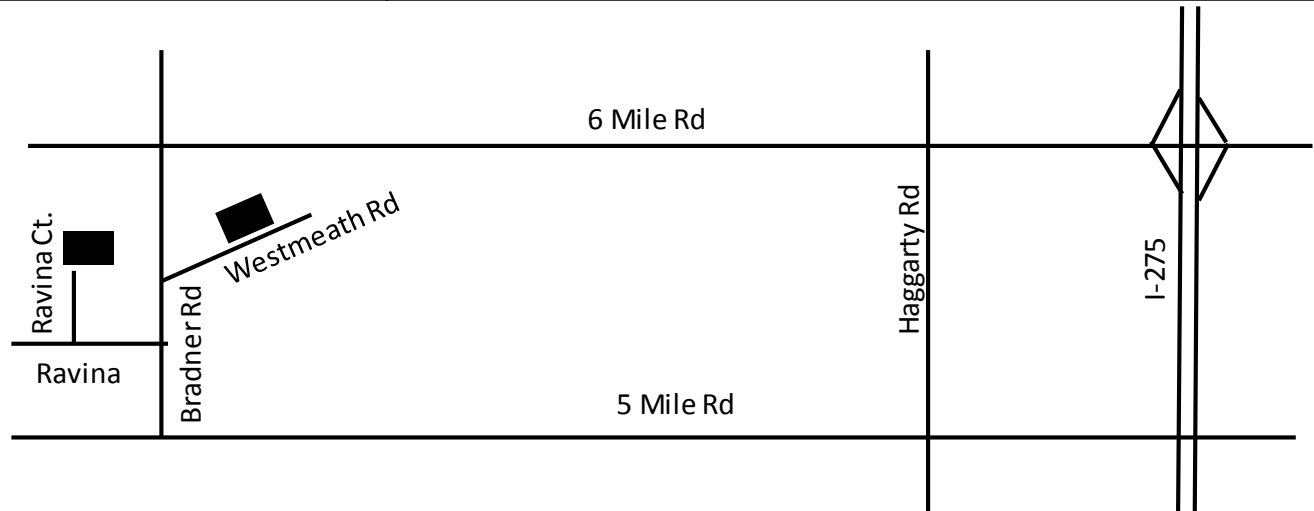
*"Bringing Families Together Through the Magic of Toys and Hobbies!"*

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**734-812-2900**  
**[www.myhobbyplace.com](http://www.myhobbyplace.com)**

**Division 6 Layout Tours Sunday, June 14 1pm-4pm**

Scott Kremer  
 42490 Ravina Ct  
 Northville, Mich. 48167  
 Open: Sunday 1pm – 4pm

HO Standard Gauge  
 Great Northern Railway, 1955, between Skykomish and Wenatchee, Washington, over Stevens Pass. The layout is about 800 sq. ft. , with point to point operation with a provision for continuous running for open houses. All track work is completed, scenery is 85% complete, including scenes that vary from desert to high mountain winter, including 108 ft. of hand painted backdrop. Most structures are scratch built. The layout operates steam, diesel and heavy electrics under catenary. Control is with Digitrax DCC.



Norm Logan  
 42306 Westmeath Rd  
 Northville, Mich. 48168-2058  
 Open: Sunday 1pm – 4pm

HO Standard Gauge  
 The Michigan Southern is a 3 deck free lance layout set in the 1970's. It is a bridge line between Detroit and Louisville with the auto industry as its main customer. DCC, working signals, CTC board with lots of operation, with 26 railroads interchanging with the MS

# MODEL RAILROAD SALE!!



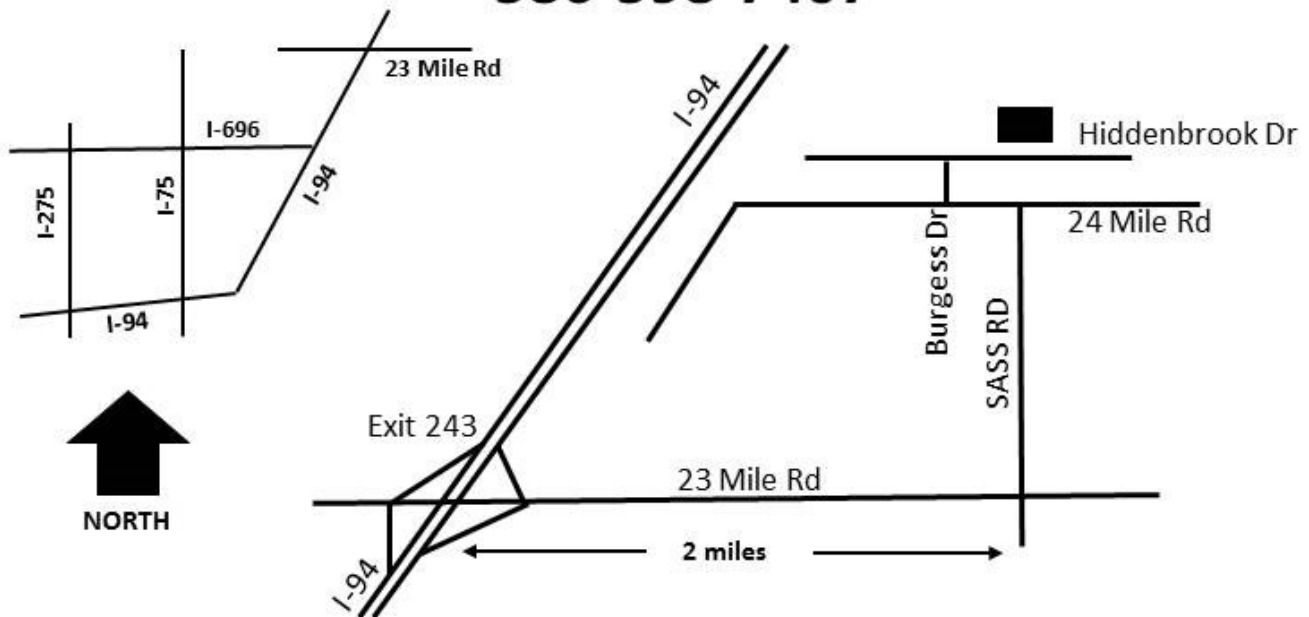
**Jack Watson is moving to sunny Florida! While he is taking some of his model railroad with him, there is MUCH MORE that is not and is now available to YOU!!**

**Saturday & Sunday June 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**31683 Hiddenbrook Drive**

**Chesterfield Township, Michigan 48047**

**586-598-7407**



Items ON SALE include.... artwork, rolling stock, buildings, building kits, engines, passenger equip., track (all code 70 mostly shinohara/some micro engineering, turnouts, benchwork, aluminum backdrop, toggle switches, scenery items and the CVP-Easy DCC operating system

**All items will be priced to make them MOVE!!!**

**CA\$H only – all sales final.**