

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 16, 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.

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was something steam powered! (steam locos, stand-alone steam power, steam tractors, etc.)

**Items shown included-** Tichey steam powered crane; brass loco 4-6-0 bought in 1987; Bowser PCC street car? (electricity by steam generator plant?); RDG T1 4-8-4; C&O streamlined L-1 4-6-4 new by Broadway; Atlantic loco 4-4-0; 4-4-0 Cary/Mantua updated!; 0-4-0 dockside in cast metal; Thomas engine; PRR M1a loco; 2-8-0 PRR; PRR yard goat; Varney Dockside; 4-6-2 PRR Tyco loco; Marx plastic shell loco 0-4-0; Lionel mid-1980's loco with plastic shell; #1225 Pere Marquette 2-8-4; FP7 with steam generators?; PS4 Southern loco by PFM; N scale Berkshire 2-8-4; 0-6-0 switcher; steam donkey engine; 2-8-0 Aristocrat; photo of S scale loco; 2-8-0 B&M; Keystone Shay model; Roundhouse Shay detailed/kit-bashed; G scale Climax loco; book on Baldwin Loco shops; HO Shay and steam donkey

**Current Projects shown included-** Horse barn structure; crane conversation; backdrop painting gone awry...

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

**NEXT MEETING** - tank cars

## 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. Let's see yours!!

# ON THE RAILS...

## JUNE 2017

HI!! WOW... June!! 2017 is near 1/2 over already. But not to fret as there is another half to go and that means lots more model railroading to do!! I hope you get your share done... I'm certainly going to try!!

With summer upon us it's that annual time to remind you of the smart way to do some rail-fanning! Stay off of RR property and/or get permission if you can. Keep an eye out... expect trains from any direction and any time. With welded rail, trains are near silent until they are upon you!

Of course, with summer is usually a downturn in model RR activities... but you can fight that!! DO model railroading! 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 42 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## 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 SYMPATHIES

We were going to report that longtime Div 6 member Larry Wright was ill and going to hospice care, as reported at the Div 6 meeting. However, Larry passed on the Sunday after our meeting. Larry has been a part of Div 6 from the mid 1980's as he participated in the Plymouth '84 convention. From there he joined a round-robin group based with Div 6 members and soon was excelling in his model railroad activities. In 1988, with his background in the newspaper business, he was asked and accepted the Editor position of the NCR magazine, the HotBox. Larry was editor for 18 years! He brought the magazine from a newsletter type publication to the magazine format that still exists today. In case you didn't know, besides being a very nice guy and model railroader, Larry is world known for his published cartoons, locally in the Free Press and Detroit News! Larry last participated in the Div 6 2010 NCR convention and even held an OPS session the week before he passed, for his group of friends. Larry will be greatly missed. Div 6 extends our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of Larry Wright.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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)

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting and had TWO great tips!! The first is a pack of GUM soft picks. (made by Sunstar) These are soft tooth picks that look just like road signs! With the pick end being tapered, they would mount nicely into Styrofoam scenery! 80 picks for about \$5! Tip no. 2 is the dishes from a Healthy Choice Single Serving Meal. The bottom is a regular dish, but the inside is a small strainer used to "steam" your meal in the microwave. Together, the strainer and bowl make a nice, cheap parts cleaner system!! COOL! 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.

## 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 Joe Kubinski!

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.

FREE NCR patch was given to all members at the meeting! These have been in storage at the NCR for some time and it was time to clean out the closet!! THANKS!!

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Well... that went EXTREMELY well!! Instead of a clinic, we broke into 4 groups to discuss various topics. The 4 tables and their moderators were-

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

We were hoping to allow switching to other tables, but the discussions at each table were intense and left no break. A members questions were answered, plus the moderators offered some of their own advice. Discussions after the meeting were all positive! We will be doing this again... just not sure how soon, how often and what the subjects will be.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp presented a story called- **HE MOUNTED TO THE CABIN** ... was about the development of steam locomotives. 1849 was first Stevenson designed loco test! Quite the beast with two 8' dia drivers! More of the story was on the Camden and Ambroid RR, it's routes and size during the mid-1800's as one of America's first railroads. Thanks John, we're looking forward to another lesson soon.

## 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 the round table discussions!! This was neat!! See the separate article on this new way to share information.

**NEXT MEETING-** Bill Rubarth and the Solano SP ferry history!

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

### MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB PROGRAM

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017**

Gerald Grossman with a program on Railroad Station Part 2.

**Wednesday, July 5, 2017**

Jim Bradford with a DVD of his films of Cass Scenic Railroad in 2002. Plenty of steam with shay locomotives.

Meetings are held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at 7 pm with program starting around 7:30 pm. We must be out of the library by 9 pm. I like to have a "Newsreel" before the main program so if YOU have slides, video, digital of a current event (from a month or two ago) why not share it with other members. Contact: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

**Saturday, June 17, 2017 -**

1225 book talk, Kevin Keefe, former editor of TRAINS will discuss his new book "Twelve Twenty-Five The Life and Times of a Steam Locomotive" at 2 pm at the Howell District Library, 3141 W. Grand River, Howell, MI

**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)

## 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-** See map!!

12noon-2:30pm Fox Run open house every Sunday in June, location is at Madison Green-T42. The Ford Motor Co layout is June 2-4 in the Belmont Living Room at Fox Run.

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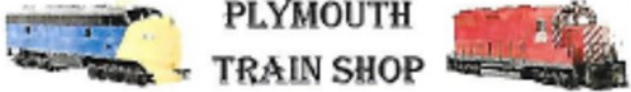
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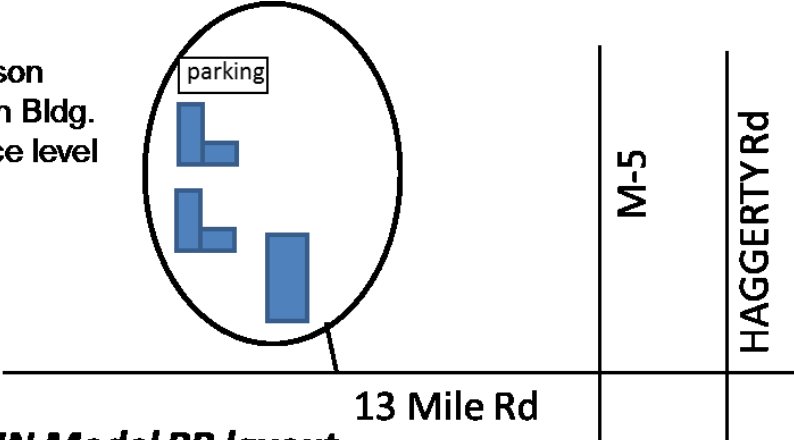


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**FOX RUN Model RR layout**  
**Every Sunday in June – 12noon-2:30pm**

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