

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

ON THE RAILS...

MARCH 2018

Well, that was quite a February! Lots of snow and some cold... but there were a few good days too! After all, we're in Michigan!

A reminder that the NCR convention is in Lansing, hosted by Div 5. LANSING LEGACIES will be held on October 11-14, 2018. Check the **HotBox** for all of the info and a registration form! Or you can go to their website -

<https://nmrncrdiv5.com/>

If you have paid for a subscription for the NCR **HotBox** quarterly magazine, it will be at your door VERY soon! This is a good issue (if I say so...) as it has 2 how-to-do articles, great photo tour, good history stories and so much more! If you have not paid for a subscription... this issue will be in hobby stores about mid-month! Only \$3! Here is the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had three new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Eddie Williams, Matt Nowak and Scott Bufe'. Three others also signed the new member page - John Church, Don Libke, Matt Hautteman. Meeting attendance was good with about 46 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, MARCH 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 open gon and flat car loads!

Items shown included- flat w/no load?, flat w/bridge, gon w/girders, flat w/tractors, Lionel gon w/dunnage, box of auto frames, flat w/tractors, gon w/pipes, center beam flat w/lumber, flat w/misc load, flat w/girders, flat w/pipes, flat w/sq metal load, gon w/pipes, flat w/loco engine, gon w/scrap, flat w/dozers, flat w/pipes, gon w/scrap, depressed center flat w/transformer, gon w/lumber, bulkhead flat w/lumber, gon w/scrap, well flat w/transformer, O scale flat with trailer, flat w/scrap cars, gon w/pipes, flat w/log skidder, gon w/scrap, spline car w/lumber, 3 set flats w/gun load, G scale flat w/army tank, flat w/trailer

Current Projects shown included- E6 Atlantic loco that won contest in 1939 from father, GN switcher, gauge separation hand-made turnout, box car body to fit on Centerline track cleaner,

We had some members that donated to the cabooses, THANKS!

NEXT MEETING - weathered cabooses

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

NCR NEWS-

Scott Kremer, NCR President, reported that the first meeting of a National convention committee has taken place. Scott also asked people to sign a petition of support. Still, lots of work to do!!

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the next modeling project did get discussed/chosen. New subject will be -

Passenger depots/stations

We will present your models at the May 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!

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

If you are working on a NMRA Achievement Program certificate, please see/contact Ken Chick to schedule your judging and for help with filling out the forms!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not present at the meeting as he is still recovering. Best wishes John! However... Tom Kosta gave a report in place of John. The history lesson was from the White Pass & Yukon Historical Society... In 1896, the big story was of gold found in Alaska, the Klondike Gold Rush! A new pass to the gold fields and camps was found and named the White Pass. In the fall of 1897 a toll road was built through the pass but not used. Finally in 1898 the WP&Y RR was started! 2-6-0 #2 loco was the first ever to arrive in Alaska. 1000-2000 men were employed to build the RR. It started at sea level in Skagway, then reached 2915' elevation at White pass. Grades reached 3.9% in some spots. Up to 12 trains operated per day. In 1899 the first passenger train made the entire route. The railroad was a 3' gauge on 10' wide roadbed and cost 10 million to build. It is now a main tourist attraction in the area! THANKS Tom and John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, will give us a report on new items that are coming out. Russ reported that the Chinese new year celebration is over. This has shut down everything, so now supplies will be more available!! UPS trucks are coming and UPS shipping building, LOTS of new stuff coming out... too much to list!! THANKS Russ for the great hobby news!!

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!!!**). Our winner this month was- Tom Kosta! Congratulations!

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

Speaking of Nankin Hobby... they are opening a 4th store! This new store is in the downriver area and expected to open in March.

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- We have 3 tours scheduled for March!! See the map! Sunday, March 25th!!!

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THE NCR CABOOSE MODELING CHALLENGE

Rich Mahaney, NCR Director-At-Large, challenged all of the NCR members to design and build a small diorama involving "a caboose in a second life of service".

Cabooses are used for businesses, motels and storage, cabooses are used as information booths, and cabooses are used in parks, by train stations and in railroad related museums. The diorama should be 12x12 inches and any scale. Besides displaying at a Division meeting, Rich is hoping these will be brought to the Lansing 2018 NCR convention! Are you building yours? **Div 6 will do our member display in 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! Last month's clinic the 2nd edition of roundtable discussions involving scrapbook cutter, Basic layout design and Electrical basics. THANKS to our moderators Bill Neale, Eric Helmborg and Barry Hensel. Everyone enjoyed the discussions and hopefully, we all learned something new!

NEXT MEETING- Joe Bliss on benchwork basics

Future clinics- roundtables in April, looking for volunteers and subjects.



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734-722-5700

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Farmington, MI 48336
248-919-0040

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

12020 Fort St
Southgate, MI 48195

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting and reported on a Model RRer article on shingles.... talks about tool of 2 razor blades, Bill gave some extra tips on helping make this cutting tool. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

March 07 - Slide program by David Jakubiec.
Meetings are held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich.
Meeting starts at 7pm with program starting around 7:30pm.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Mid Michigan Train Show
Mount Pleasant, MI - Finch Field House CMU Saginaw River Valley RR Club and DOG TAILS, inc.
10am till 3pm. \$ 5.00 for anyone over 13 years of age - 12 and under FREE

Info: Terry Ewing 989-777-2046

Sunday, March 11, 2018 -

Greater Toledo Train & Toy Show
Owens Community College/SHAC Bldg.
30335 Oregon Rd Perrysburg, OH
11am - 3pm/Early Birds 9am
\$6.00 Early Birds: \$10.00
Children 12 and under free with paid adult Wheelchair Accessible
Website- <http://toymasters.org>
Info: Toledo Toymasters Randy Ramsey
trainmasters@bex.net

Sunday, March 11 and April 8,

Wolverine Train Club Show
United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horce Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
10 AM-3:30 PM \$3.00 per person
Info- Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

Saturday, March 31, 2018 -

Grand Rapids Model RR Historical Society Train Show/sale
The 4 Mile Showplace 1025 4 Mile Rd NW Grand Rapids, MI
10 am to 3 pm Adults - \$5
Kids under 12 free w/adult
Info: Mark Baldwin 616-437-9851
mbaldwin@taskadvisors.com

Saturday, April 7, 2018 -

Spring Swap Meet Kalamazoo Model RR Hist. Society
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds EXPO SOUTH 2900 Lake St Kalamazoo, MI
10am - 3pm \$3 admission, under 10 free with paid adult
Info- 269-344-0906
kaltrainshow@kalnet.net

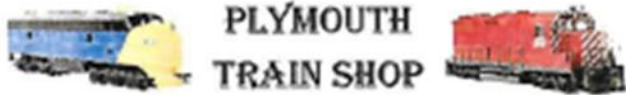
DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running! The newsletter is posted and available online. Check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

DIV 6-RR HUMOR

The ON THE RAILS reporter forgot to take pictures of the Show & Tell models on display this past meeting. To make-up for that, here is some humor that has been found-





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Lionel, O-Scale – MTH, HO, Williams
Dave, manager

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734-454-7337

Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4

Dave's Hobby & TV

Stop here for all your hobby needs.

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734-422-4464



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Bill Neale, MMR
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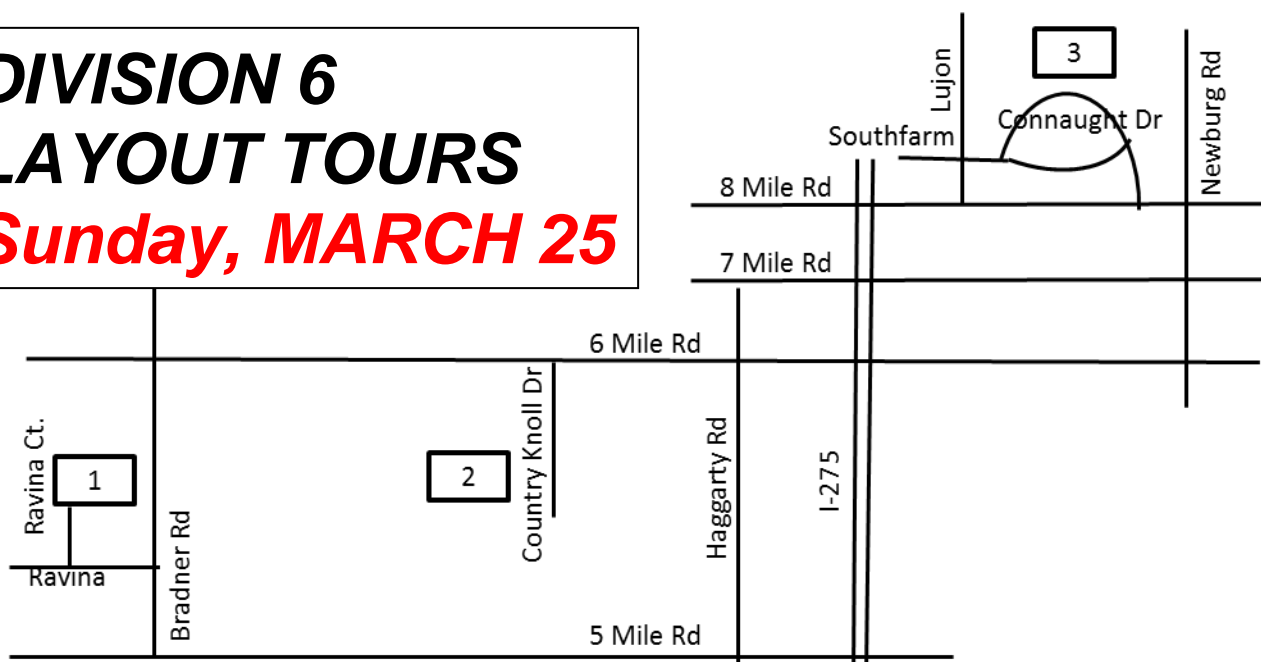
Sunday 1pm – 4pm

HO Standard Gauge

The layout depicts the PRR Panhandle Division as it was in September 1939, from mile post 25 to milepost 50 as the Pennsy went west from Pittsburgh toward Columbus, through some rugged terrain. Bill's layout features highly detailed prototype scenes modeled from photographs. The railroad and equipment is designed to focus on operations using 100% DCC sound equipped steam locomotives for motive power

DIVISION 6 LAYOUT TOURS

Sunday, MARCH 25



1
Scott Kremer
42490 Ravina Ct
Northville, MI 48167

Sunday 1pm – 4pm

HO Standard Gauge

My layout is based on the Great Northern Railway between Skykomish and Wenatchee over Stevens Pass in Washington in October 1955. The layout is in a basement of approximately 1400 square feet. The track is complete and scenery about 99%. The mainline is 480 feet staging to staging. Operation of the layout is Time Table, Train Order with a Dispatcher and an Agent/Operator.

2
Ken Chick, MMR
16657 Country Knoll Dr
Northville, MI 48167

Sunday 1pm – 4pm

N Standard Gauge

Danforth Hadley & Northern, The DH & N is a large point-to-point railroad designed for operation with two large yards and a large engine facility. It features long runs through beautiful scenery and 12 cities on a 400' main line. Based on the Northern Pacific Montana Division operating between Huntley and Garrison, MT.