



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 and our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012**. 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.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

There was a Product Reviews by Div 6 Member Bill Neale, who talked about MonsterModelWorks.com and the neat detail parts they have. If you have a review item, see Howard before the meeting.

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

**LARRY'S TIPS** for this month were many!! Larry showed a home-made and a purchased sanding block for making sure your cork roadbed was nice and smooth before laying track. He then showed how crepe from shoe cleans sandpaper and is available at wood working stores. Larry mentioned that Hobby Lobby has rare earth magnets that have many uses. He also showed 3 different clamps and their uses. Larry also recommended using a pin vise to mount bolster tubes on rolling stock. Lastly, Larry mentioned 2x and 3x cable cutters work very well for cutting seizer rope.

TIP from member Paul Omilian, who says that using heat shrink tubing over couplers to lash loco's together when your track is a bit uneven.

We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

## DIV 6 REWARDS

REMEMBER- When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Division #6" member, or customer #1066 and they will apply your purchase to the Division 6 Bonus Plan. Our plan total is at \$300! Let's keep buying and adding to that total. This will go toward items for the Fall Show raffle!

# ON THE RAILS...

### MAY 2012

Well I hope your last Div 6 meeting was a good time. I can tell you that this F.O.B did his job and we had a great wedding! THANKS ED, for taking notes! The 2012 NMRA National convention is fast approaching - July 29-Aug 4! As the ads say- "are you goin'?" The sponsoring group needs your help. See the article later in this newsletter for more info. May is here! 2012 is a 1/3 complete. The weather is improving and model railroading is still OUR hobby - what could be better? Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had three new members at the last meeting. Welcome to Keith Lap, Paul Atkins and Mike O'Rielly. Glad you could join us and we hope you'll return for many years to come! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was not at the last meeting and thus we had no history lesson. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

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## LAYOUT TOURS

Thanks to Ed Beamish N scale and Henry Ford Village Model RR Club for opening their layouts for tours in April! I hope you had the chance to get to these great layouts.

If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.

**NEXT TOURS-** none for May

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas. This month Bill showed a pliers holder he made from wood - neat! He also showed off a car card holder he made, based on other one's that are available. Bill mentioned that mustache scissors work great for decal work and to seek out **allelectronics.com** for low prices on rare earth magnets, LED strip lights and SIP sockets. Lastly, Bill mentioned C&L Fine Scale Co and their website that shows very fine detail track. Interesting! Looking forward to another tool tip next month. THANKS Bill!

## CLINIC

This months' clinic was another video from the MR Dream - Plan - Build series. While Ed took very good notes, there was so much on this video that we do not have the space here to cover it all. Kind-a a "you had to be there" type of thing... sorry! What we will say is that this video covered just about all aspects of model railroad layout building. The video talked about night-time railroading, lights and backdrops, modeling water, simple trees for backgrounds and using cardboard strips for scenery making. It also had a section on prototype railroading, talking about UP Baily Yard - largest rail yard in the world and a section on motorcars. Guess you had to be there.

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call Joe Bliss.

**NEXT MEETING-** signals by Joe Bliss

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Get Well and Best Wishes to Div 6 member Bob McKibben, who is in the hospital with cancer difficulties.

There is a "steamer" group forming on Yahoo. Log-in and search for steamers. They are offering the Railway Prototype Encyclopedia for \$24 and Pennsy X29 and X28 box car kits.

Central Valley has 3 new bridge girders sets, just announced on their website.

## PAST MEMBER PROJECT

It's sad when we lose Div 6 members. We're looking for photos, stories of our passed members to keep as a history of members and to give a copy to the passed members families. Send any/all materials to Ed Beamish. We will copy it and return the originals to you.

## 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 where you can bring in items for sale.

## NMRA NATIONAL CONV '12

The NMRA National Convention - Grand Rails '12, will be held on Sunday, July 29- Saturday, August 4, 2012. The convention and National Train Show will be held at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and the Convention Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The sponsoring club - Grand Rapids Model Railroad Historical Society. THEY are looking for HELP!! They have been told that they need to provide for some jobs/people that they had not anticipated. If you can volunteer, please contact Mark Baldwin, Volunteer Coordinator at 248-362-1067. Jobs needing help are Contest Room Security, Silent Auction set-up and distribution and registration table on Sunday and Monday. There is the possibility of free or low cost rooms available to the volunteers. There is also the chance that some convention profits will be directed to the NCR if volunteers help. Please call soon!! The Grand Rails 2012 website is- [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org).

## NMRA AWARDS GIVEN!

This month we had two Div 6 members obtain several NMRA Certificates. Congratulations to Ken Chick for Master Builder Cars and Bill Neale for Master Builder Locomotives. PLUS, BOTH Ken and Bill received the "big one" - Master Model Railroader!! Ken is now MMR #476 and Bill is MMR #480. A HUGE Congratulations to both of these great guys!!

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MAY - NOVEMBER 2012** Great Lakes Live Steamers run on the First weekend of each month in Royal Oak, third weekend in Southgate. 12 noon to 4pm Rides are FREE - donations appreciated.

**MAY - NOVEMBER 2012** 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. Opening day is MAY 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Website-

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

**Sunday-Saturday, July 29 - August 4, 2012** - GRAND RAILS 2012  
77th NMRA National Convention

**Friday-Sunday, August 3-5, 2012**  
GRAND RAILS 2012 National Train Show

All the details are available on the website- [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org)

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was model figures - one or a whole crowd!

### **Figures shown were-**

In HO scale- girl in red dress and cape; blast furnace crew; cattle; Navy Seals & bathing beauties; woodsman; welders; mailman; Santa & helpers; engineers & wedding party; passengers & workmen; divers; bull; box of misc people; people in a '44 convertible and passengers in a railcar. In N scale we had girls in bathing suits. In S scale a hobo with crooked hat and sagging pants. In O scale, we had sea monsters! And in G scale, a bikini clad girl!

### **Current Projects shown included-**

Scratch-built building w/figures; station platforms; bridge plans; scratch-built turnout; resin box car kit and an O scale gon with auto frames load.

We had a few members that donated to the caboosie - THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING--** railroad signals, either track or highway.

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