

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, MAY 15, 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 Nick Nagrant. THANKS Nankin Hobby!!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, so we did have a history lesson. Yeah! His lesson was reading from a book from 1842, as Charles Dickens traveled through the US - "American Notes for General Circulation" Chapter 4 had Dickens in Boston going to Lowell, Mass. Quite the description of train travel in that day age! Looking forward to the lesson soon.

## 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!

# ON THE RAILS...

### MAY 2015

Model railroading... winter hobby or year round? I think for most of us, it is a year round hobby, but the warmer weather does take away time we would spend on our hobby. Outdoor chores and activities are also important, so yes our hobby will take that "hit". I know I am extra guilty, as my Camaro club activities start to take on more importance and time. But I enjoy them both and it's just a matter of making them balance out. I hope you can do the same. To help, we have Div 6 meetings year round, so get at least a monthly dose of model railroading, by attending the meetings every month. Hope to see you soon! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 1 new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Roger Austin. Meeting attendance was good with about 41 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)

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was present and showed us at least a dozen cars that have been totally redone... wheels, weight, couplers, even air hoses with angle cocks. Larry also showed tool blocks... blocks of wood with holes to hold tools! Larry made a tool from a file handle and brass tubing. This is to help push truck washers over the car journals. Always good stuff! We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was passenger cars! **Items shown included-** Pullman heavy weight; Lionel alum UP dome car; PCC car on flat car; HO scale monorail and Amtrak turbo train; HOn3 passenger cars; Varney B&O coach; Vir & Truckee club car; Amtrak coach; MoPac arch roof car; O scale HW coach; brass New Orleans street car; Amtrak end car; O scale PRR diner & baggage-RPO; HW observation from wife's father; RDG HW observation; B&M coach & Budd RDC; G scale!! Coach; SP business coach in Daylight colors; Marklin observation wagon Auss Shitz; GN Empire Builder end observation; B&O slumber coach; Am Flyer NH coach; Erie coach; CN RPO; magazine; HW end observation; 1800's passenger car set; pass/RPO/baggage combo car; old time passenger car; N scale Pere Marquette baggage; O scale UP 80' coach; UP end observation

**Current Projects shown included-** HFVillage scenery updates; We had several members that donated to THE caboose. THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING -** tank cars

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

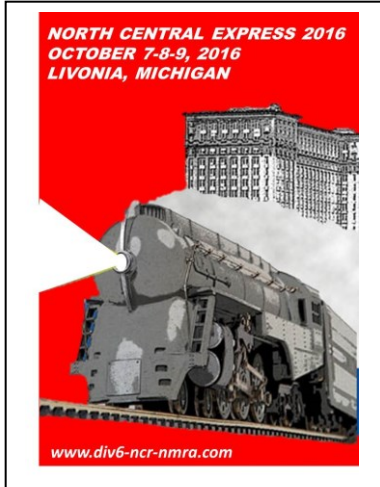
THIS MONTH - flat cars with loads. We had 8 entries of various scales. Your winner of modeling bragging rights is- Bill McMillan His model was G scale and the load was an Army tank. Nice!! Our next modeling contest subject is due in July. The subject is the oil industry. This could be structures or cars. We are looking forward to seeing your modeling project!

## NMRA

NMRA VP Dave Thornton lost the recent NMRA election. His term ends at the National Convention Board meeting. THANKS for serving our membership and the NMRA!

## 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 booked this location for a VERY good rate. There are several hotels within 1-2 miles of the church,

if participants need a room. 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. We also decided that our last convention logo and name was still a great fit for this event, so we're reusing them with slight modifications. As you can see, our color will be red for 2016! Here is your Convention Planning Team....

Chairman - Norm Logan  
Asst. Chairman - Mark Ellis  
Registrar - Howard Andrews  
Treasurer - Larry Wolohon  
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Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger  
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Volunteers - Bill McMillan  
Advisor - Howard Andrews

The **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way!

## 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 depressed center flat cars with loads by Mark Ellis. A great presentation on these unique cars and the transformer loads they carry. Mark had lots of pictures of cars with loads plus detail photos that help in modeling. Mark also showed a transformer load he had constructed and how it was done. Good stuff!! Thanks Mark, for a great clinic!

**NEXT MEETING-** Div 6 member Paul Omilian on coal loading facilities

## LAYOUT TOURS

Contact Hocky if you are available for a Layout Tour! We had several tours for April! THANKS to Doug, Mark and the Henry Ford Village club! 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-** There are no Div 6 tours for May! In June we have 2 tours- Norm Logan and Scott Kremer. Sunday, June 14 from 1pm-4pm see attached map.

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter showed us a Puritan Pride brand supplement bottles that have a hinged cap, which allows for easy storage of used sharp objects. Based on Bill's comments last month, he opened the floor to tool discussions and several members volunteered information on their favorite or useful tools. Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

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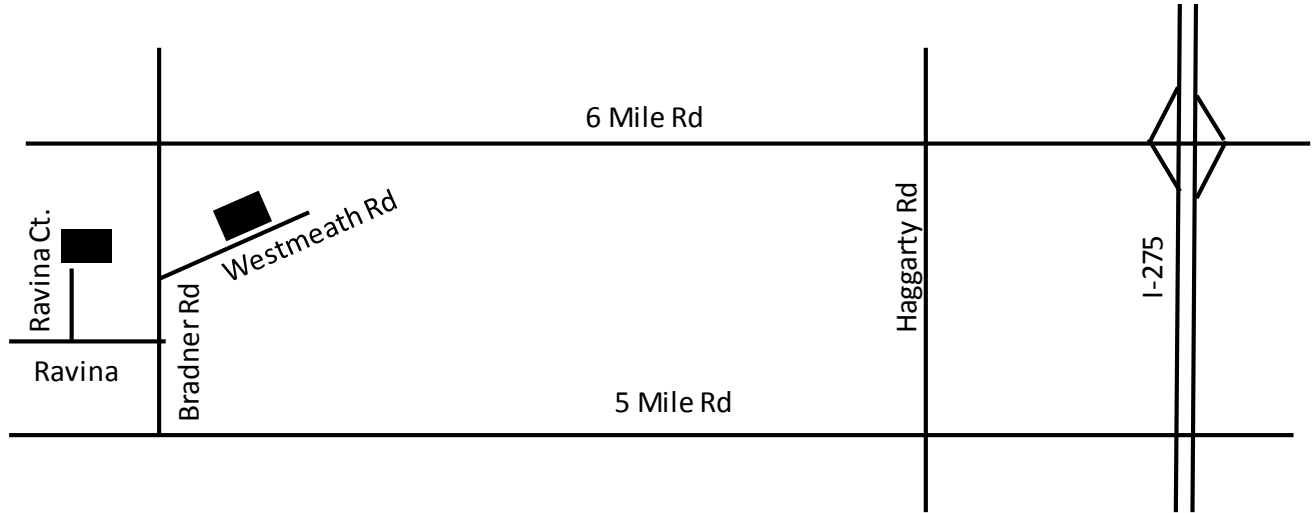


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**Division 6 Layout Tours    Sunday, June 14   1pm-4pm**

<p>Scott Kremer 42490 Ravina Ct Northville, Mich. 48167 Open: Sunday 1pm – 4pm</p>	<p>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.</p>
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<p>Norm Logan 42306 Westmeath Rd Northville, Mich. 48168-2058 Open: Sunday 1pm – 4pm</p>	<p>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</p>
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