

MOTOR CITY DIVISION

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 20, 2016**. 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 railroad memorabilia! **Items shown included-** B&O 1957 Freight Agent manual; New Zealand RR hat; "grandfather" of DCC - Astrak system and decoder; Santa Fe RR poster/signs; Penn Central lock & date nails; lantern; stock certificate; Erie lantern; Toledo Shore Line watch; C&O-B&O operation rules books; Erie stock certificate; Rock Island lock & key; RDG dinner plates and silverware; Soo Line centennial hat; Pitts RR token; modern lantern blue light; trolley hand strap; GN paperwork in frame; PRR ticket holder envelope from 1943; OPS Rules for many western RR's 1989; Cass Scenic RR souvenirs; L&PS RR marker lantern; RR spike; Erie conductor watch; Detroit United Lines trolley flyer; Yukon RR engineers hat; conductor hat; another spike; Dave's name on block as Yardmaster for assignment board; REA sign/ticket; another spike; advertising books by western railroads; UP postcard with turbine loco; lantern;

Current Projects shown included- Passenger train set converted to Kadee couplers; UP vista dome car; model RR blueprints; O scale GN GP9 We had some members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - X line cars... these are private owned - non-railroad owned freight cars. Example- Detroit Edison hopper is DEEX reporting marks.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

ON THE RAILS...

MAY 2016

YEAH!!! Good weather is finally here! That means less model railroad time for most of us. However... please remember, our convention is only 5 months away! We need your layout on tour!

I'm glad Division 6 - the Motor City Division, meets all year long! It helps keep that model railroading interest alive! Here's hoping you will attend our meetings all summer long! 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 a GREAT with about 45 members and guests! 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.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present at the last meeting but he didn't have any new tools to present. Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The next modeling project will be due **THIS MONTH** and the subject will be passenger depots, loading platforms, etc.... get modeling!! Let's see some models please!!

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 - John Grundson!

We have been very delinquent in wishing Lucy of Dave's Hobby a huge get well wish!! She has been in and out of the hospital recently. She is now home but still battling illnesses with Dave at her side. ALL at Div 6 wish Lucy the very best in her continued recovery!!

Former Div 6 member Rich Borsos, passed away last month after suffering a stroke. Sympathies to his family and friends!

The Plymouth Train Store has moved! Dave has moved the store from downtown Plymouth to the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Rd. He is located in the Saxon's store, next to Dollar Tree.

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Here is the information you have been waiting for... how to order a Division 6 polo shirt! Our shirt color will remain GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand. 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 by either seeing him, email or phone.

Orders will be taken until May meeting, delivery at June meeting Name Badges... still working on those.

DIVISION 6 SYMPATHIES

Division members extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Jim Sieradzinski, who passed away on Friday, April 15th. Friends went to Jim's for a work night and saw newspapers and mail had piled-up. After calling 911 the police broke in and found Jim passed away in bed. Jim was 71. Jim was not a Div 6 regular, but was a great friend, as he brought his portable HO layout to our Fall Show for many years! He also sold DCC items at many local train shows. He will be missed.



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!

DIV 6 NAME???

We have a winner.... **Motor City Division** is the new "nick-name" for Division 6. We're working on adding this to our Div 6 logo and will appear on our new shirts. We'll have samples of the logo at the next **Motor City Division** meeting in May!

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

Mark these dates - **OCT 6-7-8-9, 2016** for the **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS**



2016!! Our convention site is Ward Church, west of Haggerty on Six Mile Rd. NCX 2016 is open for registrations! Online registration is NOW open! Go to the Div 6 website and access the NCX site from the pull-down menu on the upper right.

Those hosting tours should have received a letter to fill out and mail back. Please do so as soon as possible, so we can start coordinating the tour times. **VOLUNTEERS!!** We will be showing what jobs need done, in the May-June time frame. **WE NEED YOU!!** We also have set the clinic schedule and clinicians have been notified to approve their day and time.

Here's the Conv Planning Team...

Chairman - Norm Logan
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Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger
Website - Ed Beamish
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Publicity - Barry Hensel
Volunteers - Bill McMillan
Advisor - Howard Andrews

The **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way and only 7 months away!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, but we were running a bit short on time, so we sent the lesson on a siding for access later. THANKS John! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present for this meeting so we're looking forward to seeing Larry next month and more modeling tips.

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 talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was by Div 6 member Rich Kubic on lightning, DCC and servo motors.

Rich had an extensive hand-out, containing lots of information on his subject matter. Lightning! Dangerous! Deadly! To both life & limb and your model RR equipment! A lightning strike can fry your electronics! A surge protector is always recommended to protect your system! Rich also talked about "noisy" electricity. This is electricity that fluctuates in power ratings. This can be "cleaned-up" with power conditioners.

Last, Rich talked about servo motors... usually used in the RC hobby, but we can use them for movement control of many things. Many feel this is a better way to control turnouts. Rich had a nice demo unit to show how they work! Thanks for the very interesting information Richard!

NEXT MEETING-

Div 6 member Rich Kubic returns for a clinic on power tools that are a must for building a layout!

June - Div 6 member Jim Zinser, MMR on railroads in Australia and New Zealand

EVENTS

Sunday, May 15, 2016 - 34th Durand Union Station Train Show
Durand Middle School 9550 E. Lansing Rd, Durand, MI 48429
11 AM to 3 PM \$5.00 Adults, Children 10 and Under FREE
Operating Layouts-Food and Drinks-Great Gift Ideas-Vendor Tables - Free Depot Shuttle
For More Info, Call Joe Rathbun 989-723-1398 rrathbun@gmail.com

May 21-22 Weathering Clinic by Div 8... same group that did clinic in Fort Wayne. Most supplies provided, but bring your own cars ... see flyer \$20

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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 to Doug Malaznik and Mark Ellis for hosting last month. We hear they had good turnouts!

NEXT TOURS- Are **ON HOLD** until after our convention. With summer weather and the need to work on our layouts to get them ready for the convention, we are suspending tours for now.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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



Nankin Hardware & Hobby

**35101 Ford Rd
Westland, MI 48185
734-722-5700**

Nankin Hobby
**33350 W Nine Mile Rd
Farmington, MI 48336
248-919-0040**

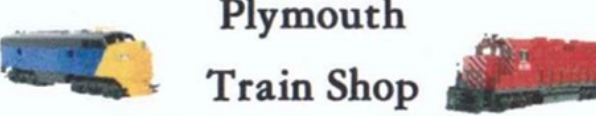
Nankin Hobby
**1480 Washtenaw Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-961-7575**



Daves Hobby & TV

Stop here for all your hobby needs.

29026 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185
734-422-4464



Plymouth Train Shop

O Scale - MTH, Lionel, HO, Williams
Dave, Manager

**37980 Ann Arbor Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
734-453-6250**

Mon - Fri 11 - 6
Sat 11 - 4

NMRA Clinton River Division
Weathering Workshop
May 21 and 22, 2016

Make your shiny new rolling stock look like it's REALLY been out on the railroad earning money for years!

Bring several of your own freight cars and weather them under the guidance of tutors and mentors **Alan Bell** and **Jeff Youst**, leaders of the Weathering Workshop at the NCR Convention in Ft. Wayne last October.

Provided:

- Dullcoat
- Weathering Powders
- Spray booth
- Guidance
- Practice car bodies (maybe)
- Snacks
- Weathering "library"

Bring:

- New-looking cars (& practice ones)
- Prototype photos
- Your ideas
- A few tools and brushes
- Weathering supplies and tricks you'd like to try

Alan and Jeff will be present and teaching all day Saturday. On Sunday we will continue weathering cars and applying their training, as well as viewing weathering clinic presentations and videos, and sharing techniques, tricks, and ideas.

The workshop will be held at the Rochester Hills Museum, Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills, just off Tienken east of Rochester Road from 10 am to 6 pm Saturday May 21 and 11 am to 5 pm Sunday May 22.

Registrants may come and go as they please during the workshop hours, so attend as much as you can. Don't let a conflict keep you away!.

Workshop cost is only \$20.

Please reserve your spot and then pay fee upon arrival. Please also pay the regular museum entry fee of \$5 on Saturday only.

Workshop is open to NMRA Members only. Seats are limited, so please reserve yours by calling 248-375-2513.