

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 19, 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 freight car loads from everyday materials

Items shown included- cars w/lumber loads; straws as pipe load; gon w/pulp load; twigs as pulp load; copper pipe fittings as concrete pipe loads; AM Flyer flat w/load; twigs as logs on flat; pipe load made from straws; machine load made from Lego's; rain gutter nail sleeves made large pipe loads; wood covered with plastic bags to look like tarped loads; bottle tops with match sticks for hwy signs in a gon; pickle on a flat; flat car with M47 tanks; pencil shavings for scrap alum; gears from toy for flat load; pipes from straws; Lionel dump car with wood dowel "logs"; quilting spool for machine load; oil tanks on a flat car; toy dino's on flat car; Railroad encyclopedia book on how to secure flat car loads; real rust from truck for scrap metal loads; flat car with giant strawberries from a postcard photo;

Current Projects shown included- West-coast tractor/trailer; Walthers wood shed kit; headend car from last month; Bachman GP7 detailed;

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

NEXT MEETING - something steam powered! (steam locos, stand-alone steam power, steam tractors, etc.)

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.

ON THE RAILS...

MAY 2017

Hello... glad you could join us for another month of model railroading with Division 6 - the Motor City Division, of the North Central Region, of the National Model Railroad Association! That can be a mouthful... but it is who we are! Be proud that we are all of that and that we have great meetings with fun and information! Hopefully, you do promote us to other model railroaders you may know or meet. We are open to all!

OH BOY...! It's been 2 months into my retirement and I've gotten more model railroading done that in near a year! (or at least it seems that way) So very glad I was able to retire at this time! Here is the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome John Church and Paul Libke. Meeting attendance was good with about 40 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.

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!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting, but had no new reports to give. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

Norm Logan previewed a project, homemade lighted uncoupler tool, using a small LED flashlight, add a length of piano wire on it... it works!! Flashlights available at Harbor Freight, Walgreens and other stores. Only \$3-4 for 2-3 flashlights!

Richard Kubac also showed new micro motors for turnouts... 12v ac/dc motors, hook-up like any other turnout motors, do not draw power once turnout is thrown. 2 sizes available \$13-\$16 each.

www.modelrailroadcontrolsystems.com
m Thanks for the tips!!

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 the Redford Club, Ford Motor Co employee group, Henry Ford Village club and Roy Jones for the tours this past month!!

NEXT TOURS- See map for times!!

May 21 Barry Hensel and Tom Kosta for a redo of December tours

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site -

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

DIV 6 FUNDS DONATION

The membership agreed to spend \$1000 for equipment for Div 6. Secretary Ed gave another report on items he found...

Laptop approx... \$550

Software... \$150

Webcam... \$100

Tripod... \$20

Wireless hands free mic... \$100

Total... \$920

The membership voted on this and it was unanimously approved! Items will be ordered and hopefully be at the next meeting! One more proposal was made, get a lockable file cabinet to store these items in, to be kept at the Center! We have to check with Livonia officials to see if we can keep a cabinet there.

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 Jon Waltz!

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.

A REMINDER!! Keep your kids OFF the tracks when taking photos for graduation, etc...!!! Dangerous and illegal! Also remind them of grade crossing dangers!!! **STOP, LOOK & LISTEN!!**

Div 6 has been invited to have a display at the Detroit Library in conjunction to the opening of the Q-Line system. We'll try to get something together... We'll also link our websites to the Q-Line website. May 12th is the first day of running of the Q-Line!

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

While we did not get a chance at the last meeting to further discuss the idea of Roundtable Discussions, we did say we wanted to give this idea a try at the May meeting. We will have table moderators on 4 different subjects and they will be-

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

Instead of formal clinic, after the meeting break, we will gather some tables in 4 different areas and those wishing to sit-in on a discussion, just take a seat! Your questions will be answered, plus the moderators will offer some of their advice. We are not sure how often we'll do these discussions instead of a formal clinic... but here is the first try, at the next meeting!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp presented a story called- **DOCTORS DERAILED**. It is a fact that 1 out of 399 railroad employees/patrons died on the RR in 1900. Railroads started looking into medical care "on the road", as passengers and employees suffered many problems and injuries while riding the rails. Doctors were soon located near depots and whole hospitals were sponsored by the railroads. The railroads were first to offer employee health care, now an industry/work standard! They also pioneered trauma care, as employees needed quick and good care when injured. Quite an interesting piece of RR history! Story was read by John, but supplied by Marianne Nagrant. Thanks John and Marianne... we're looking forward to another lesson soon.

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.

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, LET US KNOW! **We have a new Clinic Chairman!**

BYRNE BLUMENSTEIN has volunteered to be our new clinic chairman! THANKS!! PLEASE share your talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was by MMR Bill Neale on Modeling & Operating a Large Steam Roster. It was a great presentation and Bill hit on a variety of points! Bill also noted that model RRers are really RE-ENACTING the real railroads of any given time! When you do this re-enactment, or have an OPS session, you will need lots of engines! Basic maintenance requires lube - clean - wheels in gauge and basic inspection of the loco for loose parts! Bill also suggested that you keep loco maintenance records! The last part of the clinic had Bill talking about pusher service operations! THANKS Bill for the great info!!!

NEXT MEETING- ??????

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday May 6-7 and 13-14, 2017

Day Out with Thomas!!
Greenfield Village Dearborn, MI
www.thehenryford.org/thomas

Saturday, June 3, 2017 -
Lansing Model RR Club Open House
5309 Old Lansing Road Lansing, MI 48917 10am to 5pm Free (donation suggested) for club only. <http://www.lmrc.org>
Contact Information: e-mail lmrc1953@lmrc.org or call Michael Frezell at 517-281-2544

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

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DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

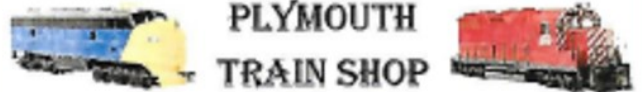
Our shirt color will remain GRAY.
The shirts are a Port Authority
brand polo shirt. Prices are-
small-XL w/logo \$19
logo/pocket \$22 logo/name \$25
logo/pocket/name \$25
XXL +\$5, XXXL +\$7 XXXXL +\$9
Mark is taking orders... either
see him, email or phone.



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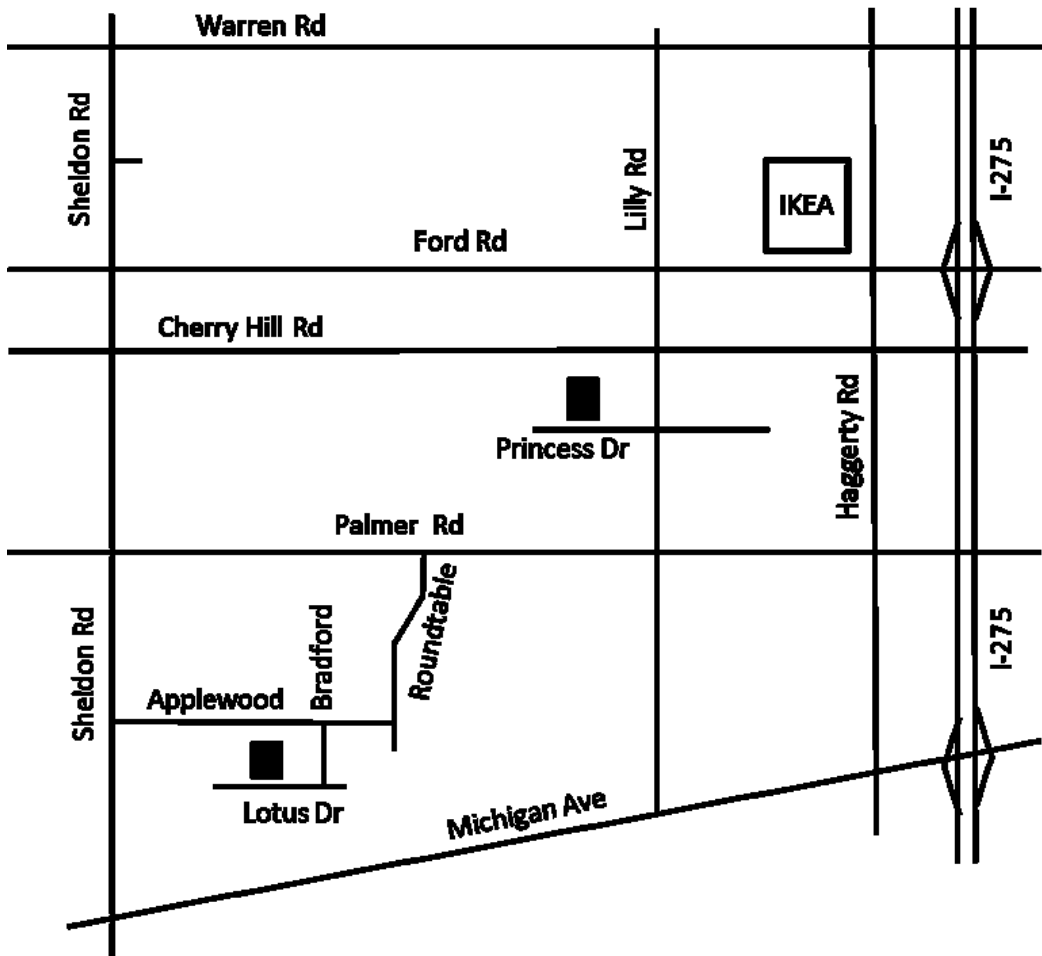
Stop here for all your hobby needs.

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734-422-4464



Tom Kosta
 959 Princess Dr
 Canton, Mich. 48188
 1pm – 5pm

Great Northern Empire is circa 1974 running the GN and CB & Q from Chicago to Seattle. It has two main tracks of about 150 feet. The Chicago station yard is a 9 track stub end yard with 5 passenger and 4 classification tracks.



**DIVISION 6 -
 Motor City
 Division
 LAYOUT
 TOURS
 SUNDAY,
 MAY 21,
 2017**

Barry Hensel
 43642 Lotus Dr
 Canton, Mich. 48188
 1pm – 5pm

HO Standard Gauge
The Reading Lines - Central Division - set in 1970 and completely operational. The RDG Lines is a 2 track mainline with continuous running and is operated with Easy DCC. Scenery is 85% complete with basic scenery forms in place in other areas.