

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, NOVEMBER 21, 2014**. 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.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Great Lakes Live Steamers operations and rides are done for the year, except for their Christmas special, at the Southgate layout. First weekend in December. 5-6

Nankin Hobby will be donating a \$10 gift card to be given away at each meeting. It will be given to the first time, first into the meeting visitor. The first one was given away at the last meeting.

JC Pascal had emergency eye surgery. He's home and doing well. Wishing JC a speedy recovery!

Vector-Cut, maker of interesting items for trains, made a upgrade kit for the Atlas switch Tower. He has these back in stock. See www.vectorcut.com

Div 6 member Don Barron had two announcements - Mr. Chester Hall has reached out for help with his layout. You can reach Chester at 313-687-6902 AND Mr. Jeff Kelly is looking to sell some model RR items - Marklin, Roco, Bachman, most of these are European style trains. 734-770-7057

DIV 6 ELECTION RESULTS!

Your new Div 6 Board is-
Superintendent - Mark Ellis
Asst Super- Marty LaForte
Secretary - Ed Beamish
Treasurer - Larry Wolohon
Member-at-Large - Bill McMillan
The new Board will take their positions in January.

ON THE RAILS...

NOVEMBER 2014

YEAH, November is here!!! Why do I say that? Because November is National Model Railroading Month!! Yes, it's OUR month!! Here's hoping you can help spread the good news of our hobby. One way you can do that - Bring A Train to Work Day! YES... it's real and I get to do it at my office. Myself and about 5 other guys all bring a locomotive, maybe a few cars in and place on our desks. It does what it's supposed to do - start conversations about our hobby. The official day is usually the 3rd Friday of November, but GM has that day off, so we do it on Thursday. If you are working, take a train to work! Don't forget!!!... the FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is less than a month away!! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had three new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Dan Fillmore, Bob Baird and Steven Kreuzinger. Meeting attendance was good with about 43 members! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

FALL SHOW

The Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is less than 30 DAYS AWAY!! Will YOU display?? Will YOU help?? We need YOU!! Here's what we need -

DISPLAYS! do not have enough!

Front door admissions help!

More layouts!!

Set-up & tear down help!

Need donations to the raffle!

Need YOU to tell everyone!

***DISPLAYS** - here is what we have so far - no where near enough!!!

Name	display
Ed Beamish	Stuff/Contest?
Ed Joppich	Rolling Stock Build
David Kunz	O Scale buildings
Larry Wolohon	Decaling & Prototype model
John Grundstrom	Different Scales
Barry Hensel	RR History/freight cars/basic construction
Joe Burchill	Amtrak Schedule
Mr. Brightman	Operation LifeSaver
Connie Xenakis	Display Structures
Robert Pizio	Z Scale Layout
Mark Ellis	Boy Scout Signaling
Howard Andrews	HO Tolley
Jim Sieradzinski	Modular
Bill Rubarth	Solano
Marshall Stull	Free-Mo display
Irwin Knox	Kit Building
Doug Malaznik	Kit building

We need DISPLAYS! ANYTHING is possible to display & demonstrate. The PLUS is that depending on what you demonstrate, it also helps your progress on your layout! Structures, painting people, fixing/upgrading rolling stock; making trees, the list is endless! Let's also not forget historical displays! Show off your proto-type railroad items, books, fact sheets and history. This is a great display that you can put next to your demonstration and do BOTH!

***RAFFLE** - Bill McMillan will be running the raffles, but we NEED donations for the Raffle! **Items MUST be new!** Please bring your donations to the Div 6 meeting or even the day of the show.

***CONTESTS** - We'll have the model and photo contest - how about entering one or both? Ed Beamish is running this activity.

***FOOD** - Norm is heading-up the "dinning car" and is all set with

help too, plus Norm did our publicity!

The sign-up form is in this newsletter!

**LET'S DO GOOD!!! LET'S BE ACTIVE!!
LET'S DO A DISPLAY!!!**

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your favorite model railroading tool.

Items shown included-

Round tooth pick; clamping forceps; Xacto set; self-made wheel puller; digital calipers; skewer stick for uncoupling; scale card (size of credit card); mini crow-bar; toolkit; surgical tools; Kadee spring insert tool; Fast-Trak turnout templates; mach. Pencil; mini table saw; lighted uncoupler tool; crabber tool; Scotch picture putty; multi blade screw driver; paint brush modified for installing field grass; steel angles; journal turner; opti-visor (2); foam cushion/cradle; steel plate work surface; motorized duster; hand-made tool for helping solder overhead wire!

Current Projects shown included-

Detailing Kato/Stewart F units in Southern RR.

We had several members that donated to THE caboos, even though they said that money was their favorite tool! THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - any scenery item including trees

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present, but with tools being our show & tell subject, there was nothing for Bill to talk about! Looking forward to another tool tip soon.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

Our next modeling contest subject will be cabooses. The contest will be at the January meeting.

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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!

DIV 6 DIRECTORY

The Div 6 Directory has been published and handed out to those that are IN the directory.

CLINIC

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

The clinic for this month was on tools by Div 6 member Matt Letts. From a FaceBook group comes this list of essential tools - xacto knives, mini screw drivers, tweezers, pin vise, needle nose pliers, rulers, files, soldering iron, sanding disks, NMRA gauge and magnifiers! Matt suggested, as another primary tool, a good vice or multi-holder. Many have different extensions with clips to hold parts in various positions. Matt showed many of his favorite tools including wire brushes, metal rulers, pliers set; mini files, sprue cutters and many more. Matt claims to be a "tool collector" as he has 12 tool boxes! Matt did a great job discussing and talking about lots of tools, their uses and how he used and enjoyed them all. THANKS!

NEXT MEETING- Norm Logan on tree making!

RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm had a history lesson at the last meeting. He presented a story from Richard Borsos, former Div 6 member who has moved out west. Richard was an employee of the Michigan Central and Conrail in several jobs including engineer and Supervisor.

Coal Strike of 1950 - US had most productive coal mining operations, but also had the highest fatality rate in the world. Most of the story was an account of a run by Richard in 1950 through Michigan. A very good written account of a nights work on the railroad! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was present and showed some unique clamps (keeping with our tool theme) - carbon rod clamps. They come in several sizes and are made by BERNA, distributed by Zona. . These were listed in Model Railroader a bit ago.

Joe mentioned that when you sand/grind down LED lights to make them look flat and/or fit in as headlights, they then show a dull light from the sanding process. Put a drop of Testors gloss coat on the end of the LED and it will now look nice and clear!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB PROGRAMS

November 05, 2014 - Open projector night. This is where YOU bring something to show. Meetings are held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at 7 pm with program starting around 7:30 pm. Contact: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Lansing Model Train Show and Sale Hosted by Lansing Model RR Club Michigan State University Pavilion 4301 Farm Lane East Lansing, MI www.lmrc.org

10am - 4pm \$6 adults, free to children under 12 yrs and scouts in uniform. Wheelchair Accessible Contact Info- Rob Teed 517-648-0628; Dennis Morley 989-723-2870 DJMorley0604@hotmail.com

November 15, 2014- Maumee

Valley RR Club Model RR Show-Swap Coliseum Bingo 911 W. Washington Center Road Fort Wayne, IN 46825 9am to 2pm \$5 Adults, \$7 Families, ages 12 & under free Contact Information - Maumee Valley Railroad Club, Inc. P.O. Box 314 Harlan, IN 46743-0314 Richard Insley 260-482-2203 mvrrc.ri@gmail.com Website- <http://maumeevalleyrailroad.com>

Sunday, November 30, 2014-

Railroadiana Toys & Trains SS. Simon & Jude Church Hall 32500 Palmer Road Westland, MI Noon-4pm \$2 per person, \$4 family Early Bird \$15/person after 11am Food & Drink available Contact Info - Norm Swope 734-595-8327

Sunday, November 30, 2014-

Rails on Wheels' Southeast Michigan Model Train Show and Sale Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road Ann Arbor, MI 48103 10am - 4pm \$4 per person. Children under 12 admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult Wheelchair Accessible Contact Information - Jeff Fryman 734-944-9872 Website- <http://www.railsonwheels.com>

Saturday-Sunday, November 8-9, Thanksgiving weekend Nov 28-29-30; December 6-7, 13-14 2014

Detroit Model RR Club Open House 104 North Saginaw St. Holly, MI Noon - 5PM Adults - \$4, Seniors (65+) - \$3, Children (5-18) - \$2, Children under 5 - Free See O scale trains in operation, over a 350 foot double track mainline and several branch lines. Contact Info: 248-634-5811 webmaster@dmrrc.org

Sunday- November 30, 2014

36th annual Division 6 Fall Model Train Show & Workshop

Livonia Senior Center Five Mile Rd and Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI Website- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com 11am - 4pm \$4 per person over 17 years old, under 17 FREE wheelchair accessible **THIS IS NOT A SWAP MEET - SEE** demonstrations on all aspects of model railroading! food-refreshments available; raffles, model contest! Come and get your model railroading questions answered,

Sunday, December 7, 2014-

St. Mary's Orchard Lake Train Show and Sale Dombrowski Field House, St. Mary's Orchard Lake 3535 Indian Trail Orchard Lake, MI 10am to 3pm Adults \$5 per person, All Children 12 and under \$1, Kids under 5 free Food & Refreshments available, Ample free parking Contact Info - Stan 248-872-5407

LAYOUT TOURS

WE NEED A LAYOUT CHAIRMAN!!

The job is easy... just call a few people and ask them to host a tour. We have the maps from the convention book, so once you get the tours set, all you have to do is report to this Editor and at a Div 6 meeting. **PLEASE HELP!!!**

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/WANT TOURS!! THANKS to Jay Qualman for hosting a tour last month.

NEXT TOURS- no Div 6 tours for November - too many train shows and our own Fall Show. Next tours will be Sunday, December 8th and include Marty LaForte, Tom Costa and Barry Hensel. See map!

NOTE- Div 8 is having tours on Sunday, Nov 23 see map!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

TO ALL Division 6 MEMBERS and FAMILIES!



DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Division 6 membership wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to Div 8 member Bill Gawthrop on the recent loss of his wife at the end of October. Prayers and blessings to Bill, his family and friends.



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www.myhobbyplace.com

Div 6 Annual Fall Show & Workshop Volunteer form

Please fill in the following and return to MARK ELLIS at the next meeting or mail it to-
30040 Lyndon Livonia, Mi 48154

You can also contact Mark at 734-421-2673 or email to- **emark@sbcglobal.net**

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMAIL: _____

Volunteering to.... (circle as many as apply)

Set-up Take-down Food Admissions Raffle Display

Display: _____

Demonstrate: _____

Take Flyers to: _____

Other: _____

Number of tables needed (Based on a 6 foot table size) _____

Need Electric Yes No

Display working layout

Description: _____ Scale: _____

Minimum Size: ____ft X ____ft Prefer Size: ____ft X ____ft

Help with Scouts program- I will do - (circle one!)

- * types of freight cars * different railroads and where they are/were
- * design a model railroad * railroad departments and support industries
- * diesel loco types and operation * Amtrak history and transit lines
- * railroad signals * Operation Lifesaver * all aspects of railroad safety
- * what/how/why of grade crossings * building a model RR kit
- * name the different scales * do switching on a layout

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS.....

- *structure building *kit-bashing *detailing *decaling/dry transfer
- *railroad history *people painting *tree making *scenery basics
- *track laying basics *benchwork basics *DCC systems *wiring basics
- *rolling stock building *layout planning *photography *computers in model rr'ing
- *type of rolling stock *types of locomotives *different scales *classic toy trains

..... and YES, we can have more than one person doing the same demo!!!

NMRA Division 8 Layout Tour

November 23, 2014 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Another chance to visit two of the great layouts featured at the North Central Crossing convention last November.

Rochester & Richmond

George Van Duyne's Rochester & Richmond is a freelanced railroad in Appalachia region in the late steam era, with steam locos the primary power. Double track mainline of about 130 feet with single track branch line to two coal mines. Completed scenery ranges from industrial towns to mountains and includes a winter scene.

5071 Dianna Drive, Bloomfield Hills

Enter around back. Please don't park with wheels on lawn. Thanks.

Central Indiana Railroad

The Central Indiana Railroad of **Master Model Railroader Ed Black** is a free-lanced model of steam operations on a short line railroad in the Hoosier hills in 1917. The track is mostly hand-laid with Code 70 rail. Scenery features scratch-built deciduous trees and many hand cast rock outcroppings. Track work include a double-slip, several three-way turnouts, and a gauge separation switch, all hand crafted. You'll see lots of scratch-built, turn-of-the-last-century structures. The layout features an Indiana limestone quarry, a saw mill, a coal mine, a working oil field and many wooden scratch-built freight cars.

5075 Midmoor, Bloomfield Hills

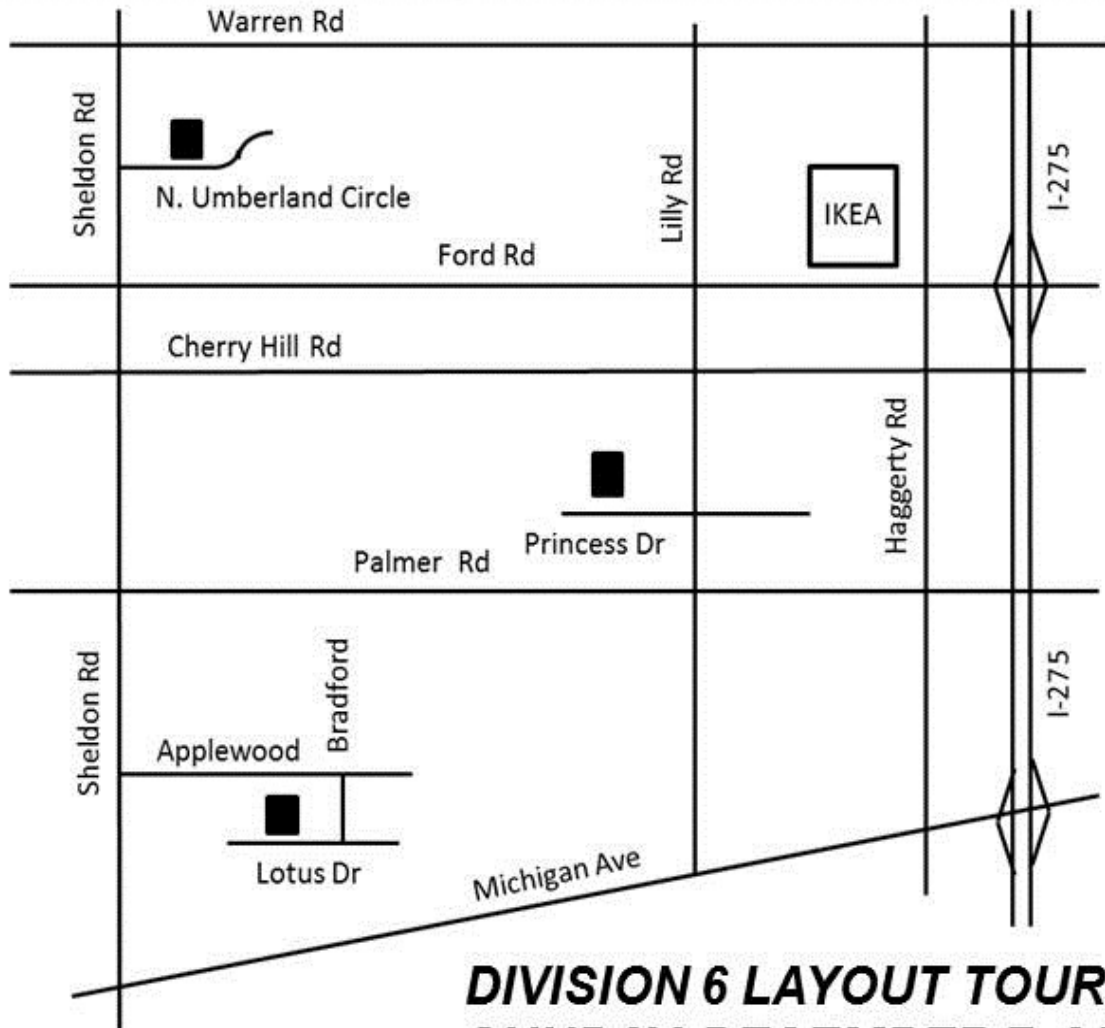
Come see what George has accomplished since the convention!

Come see exquisite modeling by a true master of the art!



Marty LaForte
 44370 N. Umberland Circle
 Canton, Mich. 48187
 12pm – 4pm

HO Standard Gauge
The Burlington Northern - Spartan Division - is set in the current time, it is located mostly in Eastern Nebraska with lines to Long Beach and Portland. The BNSD has two hundred feet of dual mainline, wrapping around the basement. DCC Digitrax. Scenery is approximately 75% complete.



**DIVISION 6 LAYOUT TOURS
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2014**

Tom Kosta
 959 Princess Dr
 Canton, Mich. 48188
 1pm – 4pm

Great Northern Empire is circa 1967 running the GN and CB&Q from Chicago to Seattle. It terminates around Fargo N.D. with a hidden loop continuing on to Seattle. It will have two main tracks of about 150 feet. The bench work is about 95% complete with Chicago station yard, a 9 track stub end yard with 5 passenger and 4 classification tracks.

Barry Hensel
 43642 Lotus Dr
 Canton, Mich. 48188
 12pm – 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 75% complete with basic scenery forms in place in other areas.