

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DIVISION SIX OF THE
NORTH CENTRAL REGION
OF THE NATIONAL MODEL
RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ON THE RAILS...

NOVEMBER 2016

OK, out of the fryin' pan and into the fire... as the saying goes... The NCX convention is complete! And it was great! Now, it's time to talk Fall Show & Workshop! It **IS** time to get those forms in to Howard so we know what type of display you are doing!! See the FALL SHOW article for more info.

Back to the convention... all went very well with only minor hiccups in layout scheduling. See the wrap-up article for more info.

With the change in weather and lack of sunshine... now is the time for model railroading! Let's get to work on your layout and then schedule a Div 6 layout tour!

While it's also train show "season" let's not forget our local hobby shops too! Please support them as much as possible! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 2 new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Dave and Barb Foster from old Div 9 in Washtenaw county and Rich Pryor. Meeting attendance was a VERY good with about 50 members and guests! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, NOV 18, 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 rolling stock or loco of a model railroad that is NOT your own railroad! **Items shown included-** Cvd Hpr; Ridgeway & Midland RR boxcar; West Branch & Ohio caboose; Gibraltar RR N scale boxcar; Straight Line RR consolidation logo; Detroit Pontiac & Mackinaw cvd hpr; BNSF car; Gorre & Dephieted boxcar x2; Gratiot Valley RR boxcar x2; Central MI Varney 4-6-0 Casey Jones loco; CSX engine; Canyon States RR boxcar; Michigan Southern boxcar; Bender Feeds boxcar; Dairyman's League refer; NMRA cvd hpr; Eva Mountain car; Bent Spaghetti Lines car; DRG boxcar; EBT M1 loco; Varney refer car; N scale NYC F unit loco; Ohio Southern hopper

Current Projects shown included- PRR GP7; ILL Terminal loco; fall show display flat car; PRR gon with sound; BN loco project; Sperry car; UP-RG Heritage unit

We had some members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING - oldest piece of model RR equipment you own

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 WEBSITE

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

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the NEXT modeling project for the **FEB** meeting is yet to be decided. We forgot to do this at the last meeting, so will try again in November.

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.

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 Bopp!

Word is that Caboose Hobbies of Denver, will reopen in a new location!

The 2017 NCR convention will be hosted by Div 4 - the Grand Rails Division, in Grand Rapids. More info in the next HotBox.

On Dec 20, the Livonia Sanford Library is having model train display and live reindeer!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present and gave this lesson.. part 3 on Richard Borsos' 48 year career with 3 railroads. He worked about every job on the system. Looking forward to another 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!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present at the last meeting and mentioned a recent Micro Mark catalog... pencil shaped dremel tool - careful of the collet size! Otherwise looks good! We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

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! **NEXT TOURS-** are BACK!! First layouts to be open are Tom Koska, Marty/Phyllis LaForte, Dave Kuntz and Barry Hensel - Sunday, Dec 11th see map for times

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

Approx. 172 registered, near \$4500 profit, approx. 70 models on display, and rave reviews by many attending. We'd say that the NCX-2016 was a huge success! The Planning Team wishes to express our THANKS to all of the Div 6 member volunteers! YOU helped make the NCX a success! We also say THANKS to the Planning Team, for doing great work behind the scenes, to make the NCX run smoothly and be a fun event. To help celebrate our success, there will be a pizza dinner before the JANUARY Div 6 meeting. Pizza, pop and perhaps some salad will be on hand starting at 6:30pm. CONGRATULATIONS to all Div 6 members for a job well done on NCX-2017!!!

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

We are still planning on hosting our annual FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP in November, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. That date is Nov 27, 2017. We will do a **FREE** admission show again. Last time we did that we had great crowds and still made money! Please get this date on your calendar, as we'll need many Div 6 members to have displays and help! See the sign-up sheet in this newsletter. Now... FILL IT OUT and bring it to the meeting or mail it in as shown.

WE NEED YOU!! WE NEED DISPLAYS!!

Remember... without displays the public will feel cheated (even though they are not paying). They are attending to SEE YOU and how you do model railroading!! Remember too... the display you do can help your layout, by working on a project you would be doing at home! Please sign-up!!! There will be NO Scouts program this year. We will still have the raffle (donations welcomed!) and the model and photo contest.

WE NEED YOU!! WE NEED DISPLAYS!!

The show is in LESS than one month!! Please sign-up for a display of ANY kind!! We can have more than one person doing the same thing! How about a display of RR history of your favorite railroad? GREAT... we'll take them all! Please do a display of your skills!! Everyone has a skill, so please show it off!! A BIG THANKS to Norm Logan for doing a "hobby shop" run and taking show flyers to all of the hobby shops in the metro area!

With anticipation of a great event... we will have a pizza dinner before the JANUARY meeting!

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CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!

If you are willing to do a clinic, please, LET US KNOW! Joe resigning as clinic chairman, so NEED someone to volunteer by January!! PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic, share your talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was by Div 6 member Barry Hensel on modeling water. Barry covered different materials used, good/bad points of each and showed a typical water installation. Thanks for the information and volunteering!

NEXT MEETING- dwarf signals on the cheap by Mark Ellis; future- a report on the M-1 Rail project!



EVENTS

Sat-Sunday, November 5-6, 2016

Gratiot Valley 2-Day Train Show & Sale
Gibraltar Trade Center North
237 N. River Rd Mount Clemens, MI
Saturday and Sunday- 10 AM - 4 PM
Admission \$6 Children 12 & under
FREE with an adult admission.
Discount Coupon at www.gvrr.org
Contact Info - call 586-468-4877.
Website - <http://www.gvrr.org>

Saturday, November 12, 2016-

Trains in the Park
St. Robert Bellarmine School Gym
27201 West Chicago Road
Redford, MI 48239 11am -3pm
\$3 per person, \$6 per family
Contact Information - Brain
Klotzer 313-255-0466 7pm-9pm

Saturday-Sunday, November 12-13,

Thanksgiving weekend Nov 25-27;

December 3-4, 10-11 2016

Detroit Model Railroad Club Open
House 104 North Saginaw St.
Holly, MI 48442
Noon - 5PM Adults - \$5, Seniors
(65+) - \$4, 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 13, 2016

Lansing Model Train Show and Sale
Hosted by Lansing Model RR Club
Michigan State University Pavilion
4301 Farm Lane East Lansing, MI
48824 www.lmrc.org

10am to 4pm \$6 adults, free
children under 12 yrs and scouts
in uniform. Wheelchair Accessible
over 500 tables of model trains,
railroad collectibles, toys,
operating layouts, how-to
demonstrations, and more! Contact
Info- Dennis Morley 989-723-2870
DJMorley0604@hotmail.com

Sunday, November 27, 2016-

Railroadiana Toys & Trains
SS. Simon & Jude Church Hall
32500 Palmer Rd Westland, MI 48186
Noon-4pm \$2 per person, \$4 family,
Early Bird \$15 per person after
11am Food & Drink available
Contact Information - Norm Swope
734-595-8327

Sunday- November 27, 2016

38th 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!! Power systems,
scenery, kit building, railroad
history, operating layouts, Boy
Scouts Merit Badge program, food-
refreshments available; raffles
every 45 minutes, model contest!
Come and get your model
railroading questions answered!

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

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

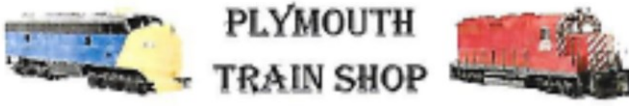


Nankin Hardware & Hobby

**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**



PLYMOUTH TRAIN SHOP

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

37980 Ann Arbor Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
734-454-7337

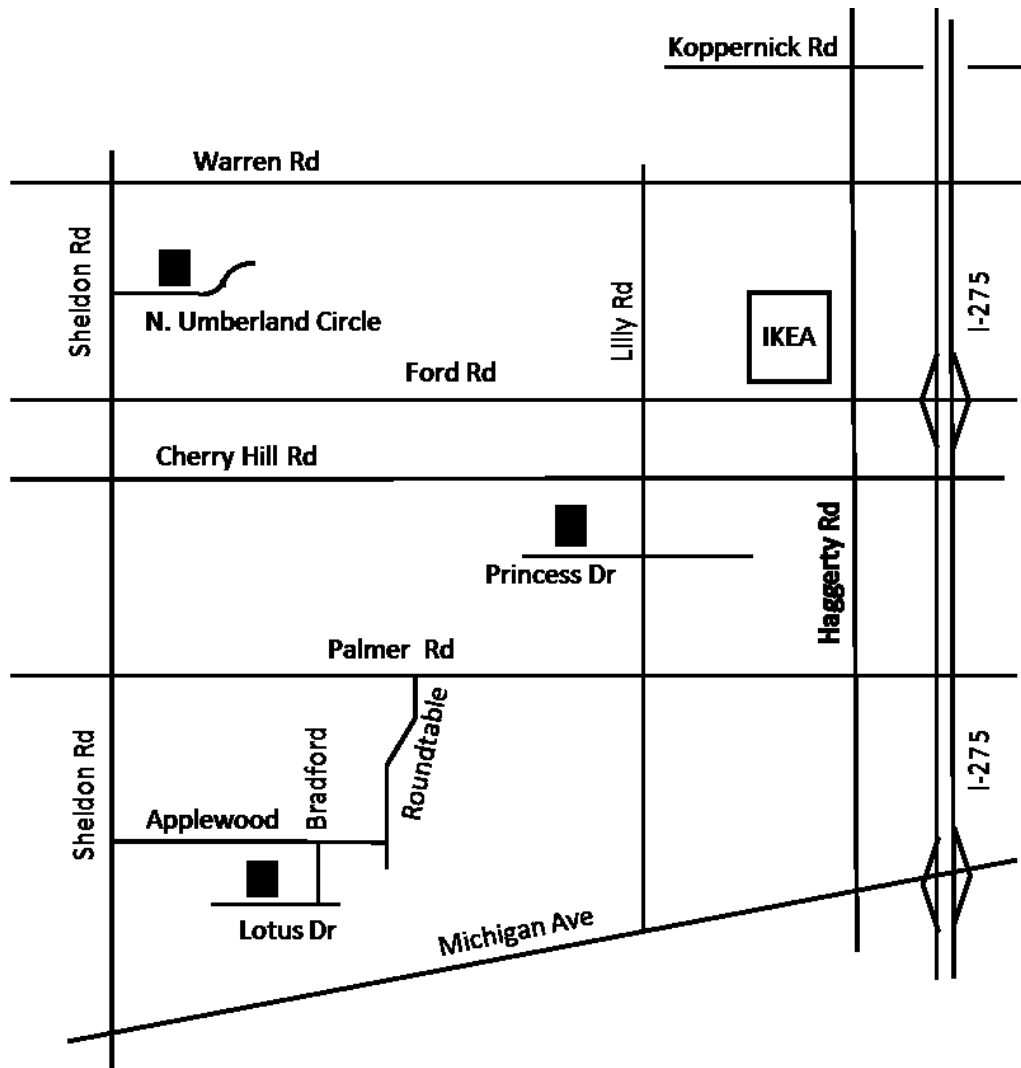
Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4

Marty LaForte
 44370 N. Umberland Circle
 Canton, Mich. 48187
 1pm – 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.

Dave Kunz
 39665 Koppernick Rd
 Canton, Mich. 48187
 1pm – 4pm

O Standard Gauge
 The layout in the upstairs of a 40 x 72 climate controlled barn and models the Pennsylvania Railroad Middle Division in 1955. It is 2 rail hand laid tracks and ties. Also includes an extensive On30 railroad.



DIVISION 6 -
Motor City
Division
LAYOUT
TOURS
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER
11, 2016

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.

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 85% complete with basic scenery forms in place in other areas.

Div 6 Annual Fall Show & Workshop Volunteer form

Please fill in the following and return to HOWARD ANDREWS at the next meeting or mail it to- **46221 Forestwood Dr. Plymouth, MI 48170**

You can also contact Howard at 734-728-4697 or email- *hwandrews@wowway.com*

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!