



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 17, 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 structures.

Items shown included- N scale tower; flour mill; church; O scale shed; house with full interior; S scale eating house; supermarket scratch built; factory building; model of Dad's gas station; store and water tower; scratch built freight house & platform; N scale factory; GN small station; RDG Tamaqua station kitbash; machine shop kitbash; store kit; DPM store; Menards power plant; 3 stall engine house; metal structure kit; square foot with water tower and repair shop; watchman shanty; yard shed; Lionel building - weathered & detailed!; church; small factory; water tank w/tool shed; lumber yard bldg.; farm house; cardboard café from 1970; scratch built car wash; scratch built factory building; O scale laser-cut small store; wood kit freight house.

Current Projects shown included- Pictures of track laying on layout; older cake supports used as bridge supports; wire trees from EMD traction motor wire! (given out free); McKean motor car project; Gilbert HO steam loco rebuild;

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

NEXT MEETING - favorite or unique tool

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the next modeling project did get discussed/chosen.

SMALL LINESIDE INDUSTRIES

The contest will be at the January 2018 meeting, not December because of the holidays.

ON THE RAILS...

NOVEMBER 2017

OK Guys... THIS IS the month for our annual **FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP!!** Will you be participating and helping?? I certainly hope so!! See the article for all of the latest info and schedule.

The weather is turning... it's getting darker earlier which means it's time for model railroading! (actually, ANY time is good for model railroading) Our hobby does ramp-UP this time of year, so get IN and enjoy it!!

Yes... November is OUR month - it's National Model Railroad Month! Will you be helping promote our hobby this month? Of course, you can do that by working the Fall Show & Workshop! But by also talking up our hobby to any and all friends and shopping at local hobby shops! Let's all do our part! Here is the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had several new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Jim & Diane Policelli; Dave Abbott, Dave & Barbra Foster and Richard Bucannon. Meeting attendance was really good with about 54 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

NMRA NEWS

Scott Kremer, our NCR President was at the Div 6 meeting and gave us a great report on Regional and National happenings.... Divisions in the NCR cover all but approx. 15 people! NEW RailPass through NMRA - changed to \$19.99 for 9 months including magazine. NCR and local Divisions are to sponsor NEW members by splitting that cost. This will take time to approve, but are hoping this will start ASAP. The NMRA has asked the NCR to bid on the National Convention for 2023. Biggest thing for this - need a chairman, but there is someone who is interested in that position! NCR trying to start one day conventions. Larry Wolohon is stepping down from the Achievement Program Director for the NCR. Skip Lulyk from Div 4 will be NCR Director and Ken Chick will be our Div 6 rep. THANKS Larry for your years of dedicated service! There will be MORE info in the next HotBox!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting but had nothing new to report on. We are looking forward to another tool tip 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!

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 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running! The newsletter is posted and available online. Check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

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!!!**). Our winner this month was- JC Paschal. Congratulations!

If you want a name badge... see Mark!! A new order list has been started for another shirt order.

Idea - have Div 6 business cards made for members to hand out at any time. Also, a sign out front of our building and at road to say the meeting is tonight!

Livonia Library looking for a 1 day railroad day display/talk. This will happen in the spring of 2018. Let Mark know if you are interested in helping this event.

A HUGE Congratulations to Div 6 member Ken Chick, MMR on the article of his layout in the recent Great Model Railroads by Kalmbach! COOL!!!

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

We have a new meeting report that will take place from now on, or as often as possible. As you see from the title of this article, Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, will give us a report on items that are coming out. Here is what he told us about this past meeting... Atlas- HO scale- utility trailer, new names for F150 pick-up, centerflow covered hopper N- GP39-2, flat cars, 50' box car O- containers 20' and Walthers- E8, 1937 boxcars, 50' box cars and detail parts, servo style turnout motors plug n play! THANKS Russ for the great hobby news!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting and presented a history lesson. From the RR magazine 1939- How the MKT got its trademark. Many shady businesses were calling themselves as associated with the railroad. In 1899, the railroad contracted with Rand McNally (the map people) for a logo that would distinguish itself. The MKT large initial logo was used, just as it still is today! IN part 2 of John's lesson he reports that a naming contest for a train in Sweden was completed. The winning name- Trainy McTrainface!(yikles!) Thanks John, we're looking forward to another lesson soon.

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

Not many sign-up sheets... com'on guys!!! Let's get these in ASAP!!
Schedule - set-up on Sunday starts at 8am. Show opens from 11am-4pm. The event will be our usual, Sunday after Thanksgiving - November 26th! Time will be 11am-4pm with set-up starting at 8am. We will be doing the show again for FREE - no cost to get in.
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS and we NEED DISPLAYS!! Our event is based on showing how to do model railroading. Without YOU, doing a display and doing the showing... we have no event! Everyone is good enough to show how to do something!! And the bonus... depending on what you are showing, you can get something done for your layout! We also need NEW (not used) items for our raffle! This has been a good money maker for the event. If you have some new items you could donate - GREAT!! See the sign-up form in this newsletter. Fill it out, bring it to the next Div 6 meeting, or mail it to Mark!

PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have an item to review, see Mark before the 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! Contact Clinic Chairman Byrne Blumenstein to get your clinic scheduled! PLEASE share your talents and knowledge! Last month's clinic was a Div 6 member Glenn Joppich on weathering technics for structures. Glenn uses paints and washes, all applied in several steps one after the other. Glenn showed videos of him doing the work and a slide presentation. It looks easy and the biggest advice - try, try try! THANKS Glenn for an informative clinic!

NEXT MEETING- 3-4 roundtable discussions!!

Dec Clinic: Joe Bliss - Benchwork

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- There are **THREE** tours for December 10th! Maps will be in the next newsletter and at the Fall Show.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

We will have our next ROUNDTABLE discussions in November! Thus, we are looking for volunteers to be moderators and the subject they will be discussing. Please email or call BYRNE, our Clinic Chairman, if you are interested! People and subjects for Nov -

Mark Ellis - DCC troubleshooting and issues

Bill Neal - Layout Design

Erik H. Helmsberg - Computerized scrape book cutter

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We could use a 4th volunteer!

THE NCR CABOOSE MODELLING CHALLENGE

On September 17, 2017, Rich Mahaney, NCR Director-At-Large, gave the breakfast banquet presentation at the NCR Convention in Grand Rapids, MI. His topic was the second lives of cabooses. Rich using lots of slides illustrated how old cabooses had found "second lives and uses". Looking at caboose images from across the United States, Rich illustrated how old cabooses are still in railroad service, how cabooses are used for businesses, motels and storage, how cabooses are used as information booths, and how cabooses are used in parks, by train stations and in railroad related museums.

At the end of Rich's interesting presentation, Rich challenged all of the NCR members to design and build a small diorama involving "a caboose in a second life of service". These dioramas would be built over the winter and spring

months and then brought in for a "show and tell" session at the Division level and then brought to Lansing, MI for the NCR Convention to be displayed in October 2018. Rich's rules were very simple:

1. Select an old caboose or purchase a caboose for the challenge, it does not matter what scale the caboose is.

2. Create a diorama that is 12" by 12" or so. The diorama could be bigger if needed based on your design.

3. Select a modelling plan for the caboose in its second life and get started.

4. Each NCR Division needs to set a deadline and date to show off the complicated diorama at the Division level meeting.

5. There are no rules, no judging, and no competition!!

6. If the modeler wants the diorama judged for MMR points or an award, that is up to the individual modeler and their division.

7. Have fun, be creative and enjoy the modeling challenge!!

8. Some ideas: caboose in a park on display, on display next to a train station, as a ticket stand, as an office, as an ice cream stand, as an information booth, as a kid's playhouse, as a railroad crew office in a yard, on display in a railroad museum, as a motel room or bed and breakfast or as a camp bunkhouse, as a storage building, holding a model railroad layout, attached to another building for a specific use, etc.

We did not get a chance to discuss this at the last Div 6 meeting, but will at the November meeting. We'll pick a month on when these are to be completed. Thanks Rich for a great modeling project idea!



LOCAL RR EVENTS

Sunday, November 4, December 17, 2017

Wolverine Train Club Show
United Food & Commercial Workers
Hall 876 Horce Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
10am-2pm \$3 per person under 12 is
free Website-
www.ttoswolverine.org
Contact Information - Bob Burgee
586-662-0225

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Gratiot Valley Train Show & Sale
Mt Clemens High School
155 Cass Ave Mt Clemens, MI
NEW LOCATION!!

10 AM - 4 PM Admission \$6
kids 12 & under FREE with adult
Discount Coupon at www.gvrr.org
Contact Info - call 586-468-4877.
Website - <http://www.gvrr.org>

Sunday, November 5, 2017

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

10 am to 4 pm \$6 adults, free
children under 12 yrs and scouts
in uniform. Contact Info- Dennis
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**Saturday-Sunday, November 11-12,
Thanksgiving weekend Nov 24-26;
December 2-3, 9-10 2017**

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
Contact Info: 248-634-5811

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS.....

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

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



**Photos
from the
Div 6
meeting**



Photos from the Div 6 Layout Tours

