



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

## ON THE RAILS...

OCTOBER 2011

OK, now it IS Fall. Here's hoping it's a nice one with good cool weather and lots of colors! This does signal "our" time - model railroading is a mostly Fall-Winter hobby. It's time when outdoor activities come to an end and we spend more time indoors, which means time on our models and layouts, hopefully! And part of that being more active in the hobby, is promoting the hobby. That can be accomplished by being active in the Div 6 Fall Show & Workshop! See the article on the plans and current news on this yearly event. There are TWO more ways to be active and Div 6 needs YOU to consider these big-time! They are hosting a layout tour and giving a clinic at a meeting. These are both needed badly, especially the clinic. Please consider these!! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last meeting. We had another good turnout at the meeting, approx. 45 attended. To all Div 6 members,  
**WELCOME ABOARD!**

## DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month and our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011**. 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.

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas. This month Bill showed us several items- Scissors that make patterns when cutting - good for shingles or scalloped siding; mini razor knife that folds; slotted punches!; pipette- good for scenery gluing; punches made from nails (for leather) but could also be used for thin plastic. Can use drill press as an arbor press for punches! COOL stuff! Looking forward to another tool tip next month. THANKS Bill!

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## DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WKSHP

The 2011 Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is Sunday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. Mark Ellis is show chairman, contact him to help! Walt needs help with Kitchen (looking for someone to take over the following year). The new raffle chairman is Joe Bliss. The yearly Sign-up sheet is in this newsletter. Please **FILL IT OUT** and bring it to the next meeting, or email-mail to Mark. NEW NEWS for the Fall Show- we had 3 members that signed up at last meeting and more did sign-up tonight. GREAT! Keep 'em coming! We will happily accept donations of food to keep costs down - see Walt! We will also need donations to the raffle - see Joe. These MUST be NEW items! Our event has been listed in magazines and on websites. A suggestion was made to buy 10 NMRA 6 month memberships to raffle or simply give away to public for free. This was voted on and approved. We will probably add photos in the model contest! Another suggestion was made to have some mini-clinics and MR-101 from the NCX convention. Here's the pitch for YOU to do a display or demo...

A) By doing a demo/display you give the paying public something to see and learn from, which is our stated purpose!

B) By doing a demo/display you can get something done for your own layout!

C) By doing a demo/display you have fun for an afternoon with many friends!

D) By doing a demo/display you help make the show a success! What can be a display/demo? Painting figures, painting structures, building structures, building rolling stock, making trees, historical display on your prototype railroad, display of your model railroad; a portable layout, how to cast parts, how to do scenery, how to lay track, how to make benchwork, how to do basic wiring. Please realize that 90% of what you do at home can be demo'ed at the show! Let's get those forms filled out NOW! Get involved!

## DIV 6 REWARDS

Attention Division 6 Members, Help your Division when you purchase your hobby products. Shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a Division 6 member, and they will apply your purchase to the Division 6 Bonus Plan. When our bonus pot grows to \$400 we'll have \$20 we can use to purchase items for the Division. Or plan is to use this credit to obtain prizes for the fall show. If you shop at the Westland store all your purchases including hardware is eligible for this program.

## RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was at the last meeting, but his history lesson was accidentally left at home - OOPS! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

## NMRA AWARD PRESENTED

Another Div 6 member received another NMRA Award at the Sept. meeting. The Award presented was- Howard Andrews - assoc volunteer! Congratulations to all of our recent award winners!!

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

**LARRY'S TIPS** for this month were- His tool boxes of wood, with lots of tools. He showed one that had used dental tools, gotten for free from his dentist. Tools can only be sharpened so many times and then must be tossed - good for model railroading! Can be used for scribing, carving and holding coupler springs.

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

## LAYOUT TOURS

We have tours for October. JC does have some set for November and December! There is also MANY tours at the NCR convention, Nov 4-5-6! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.

**NEXT TOURS-** November 13 - Bill Neale's PRR and Norm Logan's Michigan Southern

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

Jim Hockenberger mentioned a website from Germany that has printable containers! Print on card stock! [www.igshansa.de](http://www.igshansa.de) or [www.igshansa.org.mht](http://www.igshansa.org.mht)

Jim also told of the Yahoo group for car-cards - can join and print off blank cards. A huge holder Jim showed (holds 100 cards) can be bought at a teachers store. Also has switch list items. Check out- [Yahoocarcards.com](http://Yahoocarcards.com)

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was one item you brought to sell at the Div 6 swap meet night.

Items for sale were-

Steam logo decanter; NP bilevel autorack; diesel fuel rack kit; gravel/sand facility; DVD; Stewert F3; Roundhouse kit; Virg elect shell; 2-8-0 spectrum loco; fountain brewery kit; ref cars; RR signs; JL Inv milk platform; KaDee trucks; 50' box car; Independence Hall; engines; 2-8-4 with sound Bachman; undec GP7; Pullman car; Atlas track; old time 2-8-0 kit; new Cox rr cars!; bldg. flat; bldgs; lumber co; Atlas FP7; bldg.; backshop kit; free display shelf!; and aN scale gon w/load.

**Current Projects shown included-** DTI GP35 bought tonight!

We did have some members donate to the caboose, Thanks!

**NEXT MEETING--** something scratch-built

## CLASSIFIED ADS

We are happy to place classified ads for Div 6 members. Donations to the Div of \$2 per ad is requested! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting where you can bring in items for sale.

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is COOL! Check it out at- [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## CLINIC

This months' clinic was the Div 6 swap meet. Many people brought many items for sale. Hope you found a bargain!

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call or see Howard or Mark at the meetings. **We DO need a new Clinic Chairman**, since Howard is our new Superintendent and Mark is busy with the Fall Show and Vice-Super! Please consider volunteering!!!

**NEXT MEETING--** using CAD program for model railroading by Div 6 member Erik Hjelmberg

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Great Lakes Live Steamers running the first weekend of the month in Royal Oak, third weekend and special events at the Southgate site. Rides are free, donations requested/welcomed. Halloween run will be in Southgate on the weekend of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, running after dark! Dec 2-3 is Christmas run at Southgate location.

Glenn Joppich brought free magazines to the meeting!

Riders Hobby in Ypsi. didn't close they moved!! The new location is- 2611 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor In the Traver Village Shopping Center. This is on the north side of Plymouth Rd, approx. 1 mile west of US-23. Their new number is- 734-971-6116

## LANSING LEGACIES 2011

Will be held on Thursday-Sunday, Nov 3-6, 2011. Clinics, layout tours, ops sessions, proto-type tours, Saturday night dinner are the plans for the convention. See the application/registration form and lots MORE information in the August 2011 HotBox! Or go online at- [www.lansinglegacies2011.org](http://www.lansinglegacies2011.org) Lots of room - sign-up soon!! Website has been updated with more layout info. OCT first is the deadline for saving on entry fee costs.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Sunday, October 30 -**

Southwest Michigan Train show & sale Hazel Grey Building, Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds 10am to 3pm \$5.00 10 and over, Kids under 10 Free with paid adult Website- [www.kmrhs.org](http://www.kmrhs.org)

### **Sunday, Oct 30 - Trainorama**

2011 Redford Model Railroad Club Costick Community Center 28600 11 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 10am-4pm \$5 per person, children under 12 free with paid adult

### **Saturday, November 5, 2011-**

11th Michigan Railroad History Conf Fetzner Center on Western Michigan University campus, Kalamazoo, MI

### **Thursday-Sunday, November 3-6-**

Lansing Legacies 2011 NCR Convention Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center 7501 West Saginaw Highway Lansing, MI 48917 Phone: 517-627-3211

hosted by NCR Division 5 Website- [www.lansinglegacies2011.org](http://www.lansinglegacies2011.org)

### **Sunday, November 6, 2011-**

Gratiot Valley Train Show & Sale Gibraltar Trade Center of Mt. Clemens, Michigan 10 am to 4 pm Admission \$6 ~ 12 & under FREE ~ Discount Coupon at [www.gvrr.org](http://www.gvrr.org)

### **Sunday, November 20, 2011-**

Lansing Model Railroad Club Train Show & Sale MSU Pavilion 10am to 4pm \$6 under 12 free. Website- [www.lmrc.org](http://www.lmrc.org)

### **Sunday, November 27, 2011- St.**

Simon & Jude Toy Train Show Westland, MI Noon to 4pm \$2.00 per person, \$4.00 family, \$15.00 early bird after 11:00 a.m.

### **Sunday, November 27, 2011-**

**NMRA-NCR-Div 6 Fall Model Railroad Show & Workshop**

Livonia Senior Center Five Mile and Farmington Rds Livonia, MI 11am-4pm \$4 under 16 free! NOT a sale or swap meet!! Come and get your model railroading questions answered. See demonstrations on all facets of model railroading. Hourly raffles for prizes and model contests. Snacks- refreshments available. Barrier Free building!

Website- [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## DIV 6 NEWSLETTER NOTE!!

OK, you get ONE more chance!! If you would like to have the newsletter sent to you via email, saving Div 6 postage and printing costs, PLEASE indicate this on the meeting sign-up sheet at the next Div 6 meeting. You can also call or email Ed with your request. PLEASE DO THIS ASAP!!!!

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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 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

### ***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 then one person doing the same demo!!!*