

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

## ON THE RAILS...

### OCTOBER 2012

WOW, Autumn is HERE! Since we had a HOT summer, the cool weather is a nice change. Soon, the fall colors will be all around us too - nice time of year. Of course, what Autumn really means is - model railroad season!! While many of us do modeling all year round, it is primarily a indoor, winter hobby. And this time of year is when we start to get back involved more, since the outdoor activities are winding down. One of those indoor activities is train shows! And of course, our own show, the 34<sup>th</sup> (!!)

annual Fall Model Railroad Show & Workshop! As the saying goes - WE NEED YOU!! See the Show article for all of the latest info. It will be here sooner than you think!! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had four new member at the last meeting. Please welcome- Henry Burger, Nikolas Nagrant, Robert Reiner & Ron Corrigan. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

### RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was at the last meeting but had no history lesson. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

### 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 17, 2012**. 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 covered hoppers, the most common freight car today! Those shown were- SH&W (Redford club RR); Cargill; MI Corn Growers Assoc; Tyco brand; RDG; DT&I; O scale PRR; O scale NYC; ALLG Central; Southern; B&O box into hpr; AA; O scale cyl CN; EL; N&W; Borg-Warner; SP; OMWA; Varney; Sn3 box car w/hatches CS; AHM belonged to father; EL; TSB; P&LE; N scale Milw Rd; GN; Midwestern;

**Current Projects shown included-** Scratch built turnouts!; pictures of town to be modeled; merry-go-round kit; We had a few members that donated to the caboose - THANKS!!  
**NEXT MEETING--** switcher locomotives

### BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter showed us some of his latest tools. Using a Micro Mark round track cleaner plus a rabbit ear antenna, makes a track cleaner similar to the new Woodland Scenics type. Handle lets you reach tight places. Can also use a pink pearl or ink eraser! Your wife's zipper make-up set case - great for your track tools and NMRA gauge! Looking forward to another tool tip next month.

### DIV 6 REWARDS

REMEMBER- When you shop at either Nankin Store and tell them you're a "Division 6" member, or customer #1066 and they will apply your purchase to the Div 6 Bonus Plan. Thanks for your purchases.

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## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

GLLS - Great Lakes Live Steamers  
still running 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends.

Good luck Joe Kocis on up-coming knee surgery! Hope you have plenty of kits at your side while you recoup!

Please remember that Ed (our Div 6 Secretary) is running in a 1/2 marathon on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> to benefit cancer research. Please consider donating to the American Cancer Society and support his cause at the following website.

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/phenixblade> Thanks and GO ED!!!

## 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

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe. The clinic for this past meeting was part 1, backdrop painting, by Norm Logan! WOW!! It just seems so easy! Basic blue, white and some mixes of other colors and you have a backdrop! Well, OK, it's not quite that easy, but Norm's explanation and demonstrating were "spot on". Sorry to say, this is one clinic that I cannot describe here in the newsletter. It is one of those, "you had to be there". Thanks Norm, looking forward to part 2!

**NEXT MEETING-** Div 6 member Norm Logan doing backdrops part 2

**Future-** the November clinic will be on contest models and how to enter contests. By Larry W & Jim Z

## CHANGING GEARS - MCC

At the Albert Lorenzo Cultural Center at Macomb Community College, there is an exciting exhibit and seminars through October and into November. The focus is on the industrial revolution and a few of the programs touch on railroading. Of special note are-

**Oct 13 1pm** The Machine that changed everything is about steam engines of all types;

**Oct 17 11am** George Westinghouse is all about the many inventions of this man including many in railroading;

**Oct 19 11am & 1pm** Uniting America - the Transcontinental Railroad;

**Nov 4 2pm** Early Streetcars of Detroit & the Interurban Railway System discusses the early days of rail transportation in our area. There are others you may be interested in - logging, iron industry, etc. Go to-

[www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com](http://www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com)

for more information and to register for the seminars you wish to attend.

## FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP!!

The annual, **34th FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP** will be held the Sunday after Thanksgiving. That's Sunday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. Show time is 11am-4pm.

It's time to start thinking what YOU can present! **WE NEED YOU!** We also need some serious help please - **We NEED a COOK!! HELP!! We NEED a raffle Chairman!!**

Joe Bliss is the raffle chairman. **We NEED a SIGN CHAIRMAN!!**

Dave Jakubiec is sign man. Ed Beamish is the contest chairman and Norm is on the show publicity. Doug Malaznik is heading-up the Boy Scouts kit building activity. We also need donations for the raffle - NEW items please!! But, as always mentioned - **WE NEED YOU** to give a demo on anything model railroading related! Decaling, building rolling stock, trees or structures! How about wiring, basic scenery, benchwork or track laying. How about a display of your proto-type? All of these are acceptable displays and will add to the fun and value of our event to the paying public! REMEMBER - if the public does not feel they saw their monies worth, they will not return!! **WE NEED DISPLAYS!!!!**

We will also need "general" help - people to run the door, help with the raffle, set-up and tear-down, the Boy Scouts program, kitchen help, etc. So we do have something for everyone - sign-up soon!! The official sign-up form is in this newsletter and at the next meeting.

YES, we'll be doing the Boy Scouts program again! We will need several people to help with the kit building. We also need those that have certain displays to also help, such as the scales/gauges, types of rolling stock, etc...

Jim Sieradzinski needs help with his modular layout! He is nice enough to bring this to our show, but needs help with set-up, tear-down and to RUN it!!

Well, there you have it. It's all pretty much the same as before and the success of the event is in YOUR hands!! Will you help make it great?

## LAYOUT TOURS

We had a tour in September, THANKS Ken Chick for having your N scale layout open! We do have tours for October! See the map enclosed in this newsletter! Also need November and December is all set! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.

**NEXT TOURS-** Doug & Hank Meyer and Bill Neale will host the layout tours on Sunday October 21, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

## 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.

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

**LARRY'S TIPS** for this month were- Larry showed about 25 cars that he built over the last month! Larry showed flat car loads with magnets, so that they adhere to flat cars with steel weights! Created brass tubing tool for aiding in kadee #5 coupler installs. We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

## NEW SPEAKER FOR MTG

For those that are hearing impaired, you should be able to **hear us now** at the next Div 6 meeting! Just bought a portable speaker/amp system from Costco that will blast compared to that little, worn-out amp we have been using! It's cool... has a 12 hour battery, am/fm receiver, iPod dock and mic! Plus it is on wheels and a collapsible handle like a suitcase!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday - Oct 14; Nov 11, 2012**

TTOS Wolverine Div Toy Train Show  
United Food & Commercial Workers  
Hall 876 Horace Brown Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
10 AM - 2 PM \$3 per person  
Contact Info - Bob Burgee (586)  
662-0225 Website -

<http://ttoswolverine.org>

**Sunday - Oct 21, 2012** 1st

Annual Model Train Show-Swap Meet  
Lorain Party Center 2501 Leavitt  
Rd (OH Rt. 58) Lorain, OH 44052  
10AM-3PM Ages 10 and over- \$5  
Contact Info - N&W RR PO Box 938  
Norwalk, OH 44857 419-706-8038  
Website -

<http://norwalkandwesternrr.com>

**Sunday, October 28, 2012 -**

Trainorama 2012 Presented by  
the Redford Model Railroad Club  
Costick Community Center 28600  
11 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI  
10am-4pm \$5, under 12 free  
Contact Information- Pierre  
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**Saturday-Sunday Nov 3-4, 2012**

Gratiot Valley Train Show & Sale  
Presented by Macomb Gratiot Valley  
Model Engineers, Inc.  
Gibraltar Trade Center North 237  
N. River Road Mount Clemens, MI  
Saturday- Noon - 5 PM and  
Sunday- 10 AM - 4 PM  
Admission \$6 12 & under FREE  
Admission Good for both days!  
Contact Info - Discount Coupon,  
Show Flyer, Dealer Information  
Package and Table Application  
Available On Our Website, or call  
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# ***DIVISION 6***

## ***LAYOUT TOURS***

### **Sunday, OCT 21, 2012**

### **1pm-4pm**

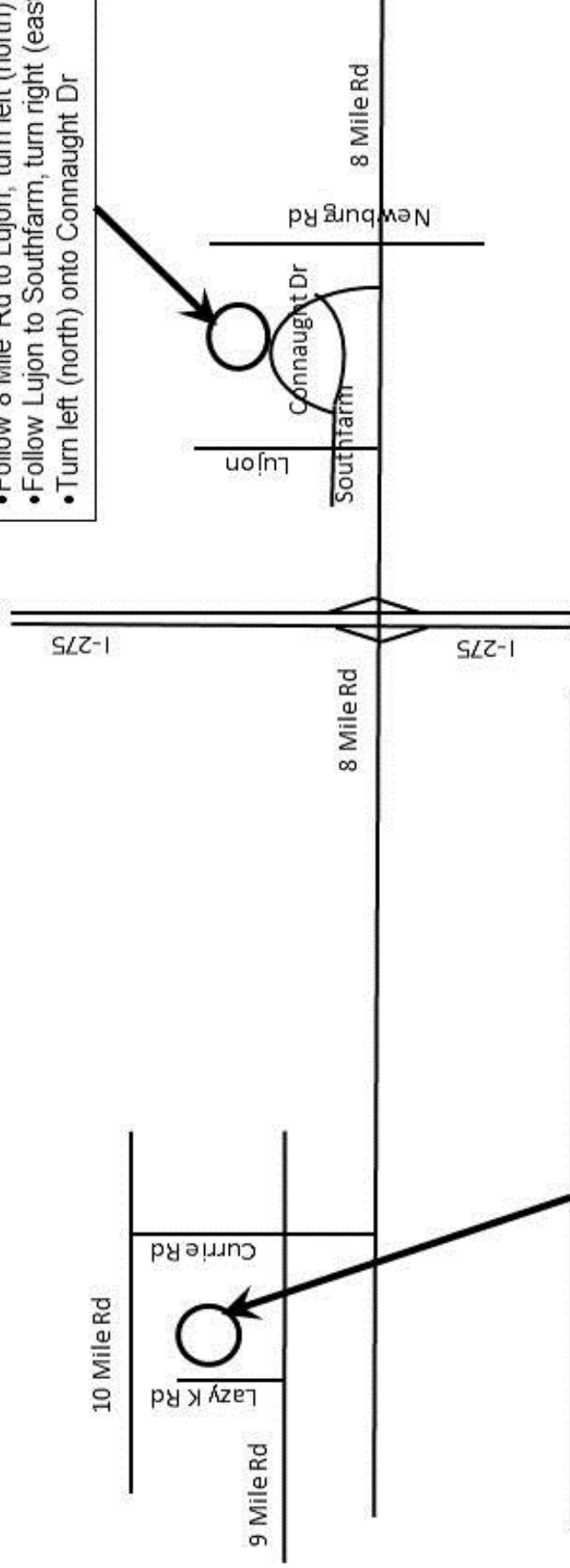
Bill Neale

38126 Connaught Dr  
Northville, Mich. 48168  
Open: Sunday 1:00-4:00

HO Standard Gauge

An all steam layout of the Pennsylvania Railroad moving steel & coal over their Panhandle Division. Scenery is 60-70% completed and is controlled by a DCC System. Many scratch built or kit bashed structures. All equipment is weathered.

- Follow I-275 north to 8 Mile Rd, turn right (east)
- Follow 8 Mile Rd to Lujon, turn left (north)
- Follow Lujon to Southfarm, turn right (east)
- Turn left (north) onto Connaught Dr



- Follow I-275 north to 8 Mile Rd, exit westbound, turn left (west)
- Follow 8 Mile Rd west "many" miles to Currie Rd, turn right (north)
- Follow Currie Rd to 9 Mile Rd and turn left (west)
- Follow 9 Mile Rd to Lazy K Rd and turn right (north)

Hank & Doug Meyer

22592 Lazy K Rd

South Lyon, Mich. 48178

Open: Sunday 1:00 – 4:00

HO Standard Gauge

Large basement empire of the C&O, running Easy DCC