



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, OCTOBER 16, 2015**. 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 a brass locomotive or rolling stock! **Items shown included-** included HO brass track; old time passenger cars; RDG 4-4-0 loco; V&T #26 4-6-0 loco; Mack rail bus narrow gauge; O scale PRR diner; crvd hoppers with ss walkways; Southern 2-8-0 pacific locos; Ill Term class C loco interurban 4 truck; brass track cleaning car; B&O bay window caboose; Chessie caboose; Detroit Term transfer caboose; 2-2-2 1839 era European loco; Atlantic loco; CSX brass belt buckle!; NW caboose; gon with brass tubing load; brass oil storage tank from a WWII Italian shell!; O scale PRR gon with container; another brass track cleaner car.

**Current Projects shown included-** Covered hoppers painted for private railroad; We had a many members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING** - anything you have air brushed to paint!

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The next modeling project will be due **THIS MONTH** at the October meeting and the subject is the grain industry! We are looking forward to seeing your modeling project! Bragging rights are up for grabs!!

## 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.

# ON THE RAILS...

## OCTOBER 2015

HELLO... it's Autumn and things are changing. Weather, TV shows and car models... all are new for this time of year. But, some things stay the same too... like our Division 6 annual FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP! It will be here soon!! The Fall Show and Workshop is on Sunday, November 29. Sign up form is later in this newsletter! USE IT!! Another thing that stays the same is train show "season". Several were in September already, and more to come this month and next! Attend if you can to support the local clubs that produce these for our benefit! Speaking of next month, November... remember that it is "our" month! November is National Model Railroading Month! Do something to promote your hobby! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was a bit low with about 34 members and guests! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

NCR 2015 convention is in Fort Wayne, Ind by Div 3. Dates are Thursday-Sunday, October 29-31 & Nov 1. Registration info is on their website-  
<http://fortwaynerails2015.ncr-nmra.org/>

Larry Williams won the Nankin Hobby \$10 gift certificate!

On Sunday, Oct 18th a trip on the Blissfield Dinner Train is being planned. 2pm-5pm Jim Tilley is the coordinator of this event. Don't know if you can still get a reservation - contact Jim asap! 734-459-8308 [HOJIM@comcast.net](mailto:HOJIM@comcast.net)

My Hobby Place & Toys on Plymouth Rd in Livonia is/has closed. That does not leave many hobby shops in our area!!

## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was present for the last meeting and showed some cars he has recently completed. Larry also told a story about brass engines... at one time while he was hospitalized, he was broken in to and 400+ brass loco's were taken. They did not know what they were doing, as they took many locos, but left the tenders! Thus, Larry became "leary" of brass engines. However, he just had to have a narrow gauge diesel switcher and has kept it running for many years. Larry also talked about making your own cradle for working on cars/locos, from foam pieces. Helps hold the car in place, as you glue together or add details.

## 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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site -  
[www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## 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-** Sunday, OCT 18 1pm-4pm  
John and Tanya Emley in Canton  
See map  
Need volunteers for November.  
December tours are all set.

## NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV

Mark these dates - OCT 6-7-8-9, 2016!! That is the date for the NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016!!



Our convention site is Ward Church, just west of Haggerty on Six Mile Rd. Our promo video is almost completed. The event flyer and registration form is done and at the printer. All will be ready in time for the Fall

convention in Fort Wayne. There, Norm will talk about our convention and the plans we have. Our convention information will also appear in the Winter 2015 HotBox. We will not have a HQ hotel, so guests can stay wherever they can get a great deal! Here's the Conv Planning Team...

Chairman - Norm Logan  
Asst. Chairman - Mark Ellis  
Registrar - Howard Andrews  
Treasurer - Larry Wolohon  
Clinics - Ron King/John Bopp  
Layout Tours - Jim Hockenberger  
Website - Ed Beamish  
Program/printing - Barry Hensel  
Prototype Tours - Doug Malaznik  
Publicity - Barry Hensel  
Volunteers - Bill McMillan  
Advisor - Howard Andrews

The **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016** is under-way!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, so we did have a history lesson. John read more excerpts from the book on Walter P Chrysler and his railroad career, before he became an auto magnet. For 13 years he moved around the plain states, working at various jobs and positions. He got married and started a family. Walter also played the tuba in local town bands as he traveled. He finally ended up in Flint Michigan, working for Buick for awhile. Very interesting!! THANKS John! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

## CLINIC

**WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings!** If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail/call Joe Bliss!! PLEASE volunteer to present a LIVE clinic, share your knowledge and talents! The clinic for this month was "Importing Brass Imports", by Mr. George Kohs. George just doesn't import brass models, but has been involved in producing models! Has been at this for 30+ years. Japan was first producer, then Korea and now it's soon becoming questionable where future loco will be made. Current models are produced from cad drawings, including 3D solid modeling models. The process is more difficult, due to the technology and skill level for detailing and assembling the locos. Some projects have included several hundred drawings of prototypes to make a good model. It takes 4-5 years to gather the information to just start a project locomotive. Produces locos and rolling stock in O scale. Customer base is in 27 countries and of many/all types of people.

**[www.kohs.com](http://www.kohs.com)**

Great information and a wonderful man to know!

**NEXT MEETING-** Div 6 Super. Mark Ellis on air brushing basics

## FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

Set your calendars!! Sunday, November 29th from 11am-4pm is our next, 37th annual Fall Show & Workshop!! As usual, this is the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Flyers have gone out to all local hobby shops! Full page flyers are available for all members to take and post! Post these at work, church... everywhere! **WE NEED YOU!!** We will need every Div 6 member to step-up and help out for this event. It is this event that keeps Div 6 dues free! See the form, fill it out and turn it in ASAP!! We'll be trying to do a Scouts program again!! Let's have the best show ever!! Howard Andrews is your Show Chairman!

## EVENTS

**October 07, 2015** MICHIGAN RAILROAD CLUB PROGRAM - Julien Wolf on Japan. Meetings are held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at 7 pm Contact: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

**Sunday, October 11, 2015** - Holland Train Show  
Holland Civic Center 150 West 8th Street, Holland MI 49423  
10am-3pm Entry Fare: \$ 5 each, under 12, free w/ Adult Contact Information- Mark Baldwin 616-437-9851 baldwinmw82@gmail.com

[www.grmrhs.org](http://www.grmrhs.org)

**Sunday, October 11, November 8,** 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](http://www.ttoswolverine.org)

Info- Bob Burgee 586-662-0225  
**Saturday, October 17, 2015** - 13th MI RR History Conference  
Lansing Community College West Campus 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI

**Sunday, October 25, 2015-** Trainorama - Redford Model RR Club  
Costick Community Center 28600 11 Mile Rd Farmington Hills, MI  
10 AM to 4 PM \$5 Adult Free - under 12 yrs old with adult  
Contact Information -  
Pierre Willermet 36123 Roycroft Street Livonia, MI 48154 734-953-2546 or [pwillermet@gmail.com](mailto:pwillermet@gmail.com)

**Saturday-Sunday, October 31-November 1, 2015** Gratiot Valley 2-Day Train Show & Sale  
Gibraltar Trade Center North 237 N. River Road 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](http://www.gvrr.org)  
Admission Good for both Saturday and Sunday Wheelchair Accessible  
Contact Info - call 586-468-4877.  
Website - <http://www.gvrr.org>

**Sunday, November 15, 2015**  
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](http://www.lmrc.org)  
10am to 4pm \$6 adults, free children under 12 yrs and scouts in uniform. Wheelchair Accessible  
Contact Info- Dennis Morley 989-723-2870 [DJMorley0604@hotmail.com](mailto:DJMorley0604@hotmail.com)

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter, was present and talked about a tool from Micro-Mark. The END NIPPER seems to present an interesting way to cut parts and shapes. Also... Kroger Private Selection lunch meat containers make good storage bins and they have a tab on them that allows them to be hung up! Looking forward to another tool tip soon.



**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**



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29026 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185  
734-422-4464

# 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- **2650 Hannah Rd Canton, Mi 48188**

You can also contact Mark at 734-765-2729 or email to- **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

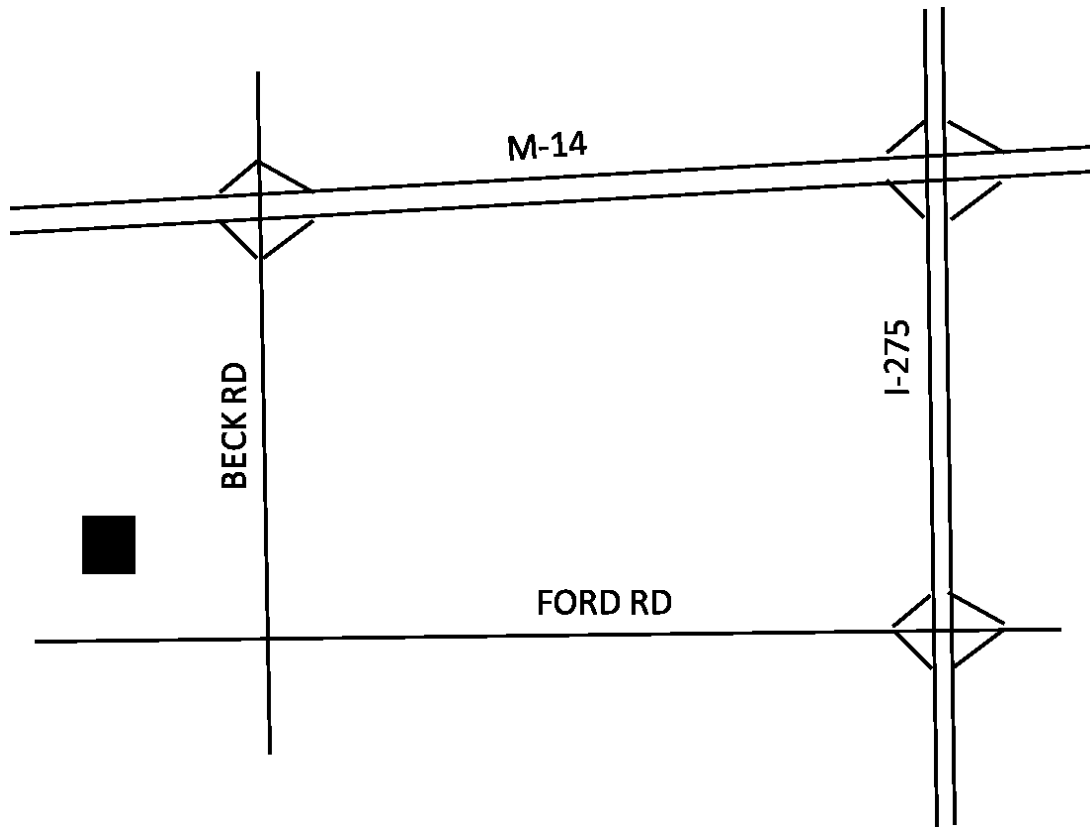
Help with Scouts program- I will do - (circle one!)

- \* 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!!!



## ***DIVISION 6 LAYOUT TOUR***

Sunday, OCT 18 1pm-4pm

48142 Red Run Drive, Canton, Michigan

