

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 20, 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 something scenery related.

Items shown included- We had many different buildings in all scales, and quite a few members brought trees, so many trees!

Current Projects shown included- 1/24th scale diorama with an old pickup truck and race car on a trailer and the front half of a garage building. Turned the diorama around and showed that the interior of the building was fully detailed out! Discussed using details to bring out the realistic aspect of the scene; double crossover using pre-made switches and an 1890's reefer car.

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

NEXT MEETING - structures!!

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.

ON THE RAILS...

OCTOBER 2017

OK Guys... ONE month to go until our annual **FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP!!** Will you be helping and participating?? See the article a bit later in this *ON THE RAILS*.

Well... you missed a great NCR convention, if you did not go to Grand Rapids last month. Many Div 6 members did attend and had a great time. Clinics, OPS and layout tours were the order of the weekend. The 2018 NCR convention will be in Lansing, which is closer. Maybe more will attend there. Thanks Div 4 for a good convention!

It is FALL now... that means a bit less outdoor stuff and more indoor stuff... like model railroading!! I know that being retired, I am looking forward to doing more than ever!! Progress on your layout and modeling projects is always good... and FUN!! Here is the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Doug Scott Meeting attendance was a bit light with about 40 members present. To all Div 6 members,
WELCOME ABOARD!

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- Doug Scott (the new guy!) Congratulations!

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

Russ from Nankin Hobby sent an email saying the 2018 Walthers catalogs are IN!!

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.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting and presented a history lesson, the highlights or lowlights of the career of Ann Arbor No.4, one of the AA's Lake Michigan car ferries. Launched in 1906, No.4 managed to run aground, capsize, and sink more often than any other boat in the AA's fleet. She was eventually sold to the State of Michigan in 1937, renamed City of Cheboygan, and refitted to carry vehicle traffic across the Straits of Mackinac. After the opening of the Mackinac bridge, she was sold in 1958 to Edward Anderson and used as a floating factory for potato processing. This information is from George W. Hilton's book The Great Lakes Car Ferries. Thanks John, we're looking forward to another lesson soon.

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

OK... this isn't going to work!!! We needed Div 6 members to volunteer to go to some local train shows and only 1 or 2 took flyers and did that. We will not get spectators, if we don't advertise and flyers at train shows is one of the BEST ways!! You don't even have to attend the show... just go and drop off the flyers!!!



The next shows that we need flyers at are-
Sunday, October 8, Wolverine Train Club Show
United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horce Brown Madison Heights, MI 48071 10am-2pm
Sunday, October 15 - 10th annual Lincoln Park RR Club train show
JFK Memorial Bldg 3240 Ferris Lincoln Park, MI 11am - 3pm
CALL MARK or BILL if you can do these shows!!

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!

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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 video documenting the most popular railfan steam locomotives. (*I'm sure the "Steam Bigot" was in full glory!*) Videos are nice... but if you want LIVE talks... VOLUNTEER!!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Glenn Joppich on painting and weathering structures.

NOV - roundtable discussions!!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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 October! Yeah!! These are on 2 different days!! See maps!!

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! We will also discuss this at the OCT meeting!!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting and had a new tool for us. Bill showed how he made a square hole in a piece of aluminum, shoved a bunch of alum. foil into the hole, packed in down and popped it out. TA-DA!... scrap steel cubes for loading in your gons and around the scrap yards on your layout! The form can be made of any hard, thick material (about 1/4" thick) so you get a 1/4" cube of material! COOL!! We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.



Nankin Hardware & Hobby
35101 Ford Rd
Westland, MI 48185
734-722-5700

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33350 W Nine Mile Rd
Farmington, MI 48336
248-919-0040

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1480 Washtenaw Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-961-7575

LOCAL RR EVENTS

**Sunday, October 8, 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

Saturday, October, 14, 2017 -
Train Show Grand River Valley RR
Club Wyoming, MI

Sunday, October 29, 2017 -
38th Annual Train Show and Sale
Kalamazoo Model RR Hist Society
Expo Center Building on the
Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds
10AM to 3PM cost - \$6 adults
Kids under 10 Free with paid adult
Contact Information- David
Hayes-Moats 269-344-0906

kaltrainshow@kalnet.net

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
Morley 989-723-2870

DJMorley0604@hotmail.com

**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

webmaster@dmrrc.org

Chris Stark 2567 Alden Ct. West Bloomfield, MI 48324

LAST RUN!!!

N Standard Gauge

The Colorado and Seattle Railroad
is a fictional line that ran from
Denver to Seattle. It ceased
operation in the 1930s although its
right of way was purchased and
preserved by an investment group
headed by Chris Stark. C & S
investment has leased trackage
rights to all the railroads that the
former C & S crossed. My model is
going to eventually cover 750 square
feet on two decks plus staging.
There are 450 square feet under
construction. It has an 18" minimum
radius and 16+ feet passing sidings.
The first part that is being modeled
is Denver. This equates to 50 car +/-
trains.



NOTE - map is NOT to scale!!!



**PLYMOUTH
TRAIN SHOP**

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

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Livonia, MI 48150
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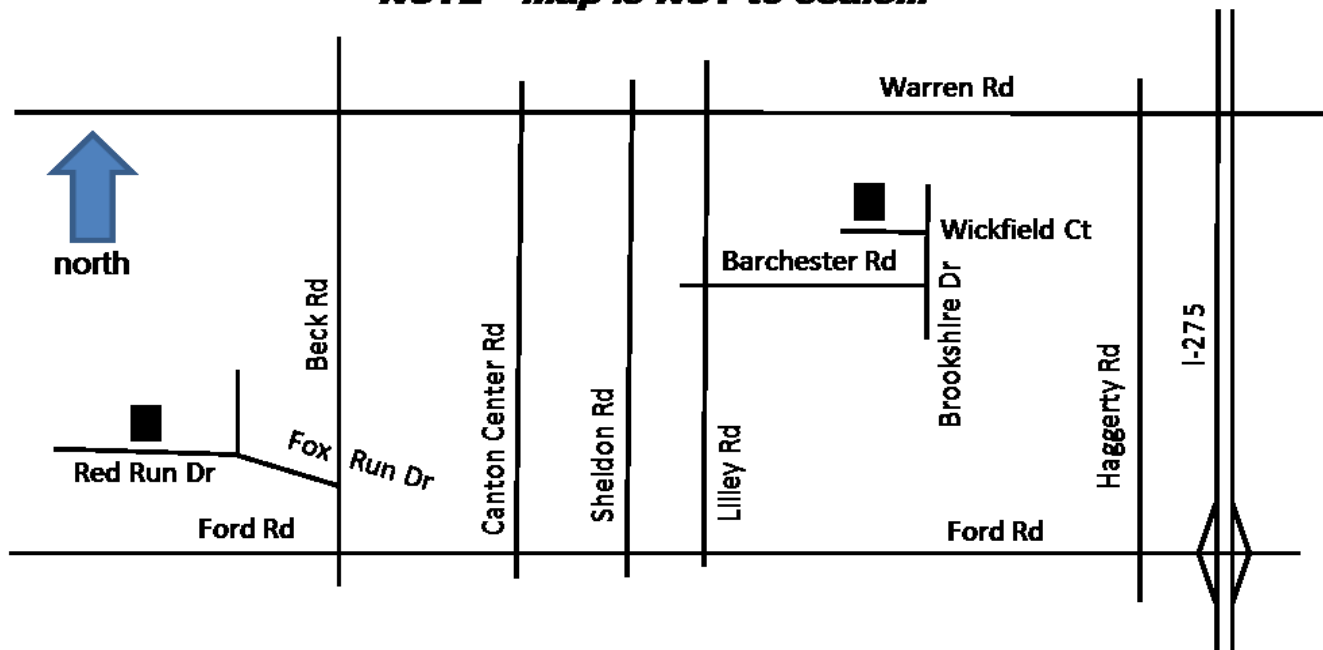
29026 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185
734-422-4464

Division 6 Layout Tours

Sunday, October 22, 2017

<p>John Emley 48142 Red Run Drive Canton, 48187</p> <p>Open: Sunday 1pm - 5pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge The Latta Sub is based on the Soo Line's Latta Subdivision in southern Indiana in the early 1990s. Seriously, the Soo Line served southern Indiana? Yes it actually did after it took over the Milwaukee. This is a secondary main line whose primary purpose is hauling coal and bridge traffic. The modeled section is Latta Yard and Jasonville north to Lewis. The mainline is fifty feet long with temporary automated return loops at each end. The signature structures are scratchbuilt with kits filling in the rest. Scenery is 95% complete.</p>
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<p>Richard Murphy 42250 Wickfield Ct. Canton, Mich. 48187</p> <p>Open: Sunday 12noon-4pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge Canton Western Railroad - It is a medium small layout completely free-lanced and keeping in line prior to 1920 era. About 98% of everything is scratch built, some with interior detailing along with lighting in and out, and the layout is currently about 25% complete. Due to construction, operating of any trains will probably not be possible during the tour.</p>
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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 * 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.....

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| *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!