

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 and our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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.

## 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). We needed a new raffle chairman, but Joe Bliss has volunteered!! 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. And as usual, 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!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was at the last meeting, but his history lesson was also his clinic! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

# ON THE RAILS...

SEPTEMBER 2011

Well, Autumn is soon to be upon us. That can be a good thing, model railroad-wise! That means less lawn cutting, more modeling time. Less outside activities, getting too cool for swimming, boating, etc., more modeling time. Less sunshine time, might as well be indoors modeling. Yes, Autumn is upon us!

This also means Train Show "season" is soon here! Check out the listing in the Calendar of Events article. See you there! And of course, the BIG event - the annual Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP! It's time to fill out those show forms to let us know what YOU will be doing for the FS&WSP! We NEED YOU or the event is not a good one. More on the FS&WSP in a minute. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last meeting. However, another "lost soul" has returned - Curt Brown! Glad to see you again! We had another good turnout at the meeting, despite summer and vacations. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## NMRA AWARD PRESENTED

Several of our Div 6 members and a past member, received MORE NMRA Awards at the August meeting.

Awards presented were-

Ken Chick- Assoc volunteer  
Marty LaForte - Assoc volunteer  
Howard Andrews- Assoc Volunteer  
Glenn Joppich - Author

Congratulations to all of our award winners!!

## NEWSLETTER NOTE

THIS IS YOUR LAST MAILED NEWSLETTER - if you have elected to have the newsletter sent to you via email! To get the Newsletter email only- check proper column on the sign-up sheet at the Div 6 meetings and/or email Ed with your request.

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas. This month Bill had no new information to give out. Looking forward to another tool tip next month.  
THANKS Bill!

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## MODELING INFO W/LARRY

**LARRY'S TIPS** for this month were- Organize! Use binders to keep sketches and info in order and neat. Binder titles Larry uses - master layout; model supplies; paint formulas; train concepts- ideas. Mark added an idea to use sheet protectors for decal storage.

Div 6 member Bill Rubarth had a tip on Testors dullcote in the brush-on type. It's very good for using on RR trucks!!

Bill also mentioned a tip originated with Joe Bliss - Use silicon tubing (Du-Bro brand #221) on the tender connector pin to keep drawbar on the engine when engine/tender are picked up and moved off track.

Bill also mentioned using plastic wrap (like cellophane) to wrap loco's/cars for transport in boxes to keep them from getting finger-printed.  
GREAT Tips Bill! We look forward to more questions and/or tips next month!

## PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have a review item, see Howard before the meeting.  
Glenn Joppich had a review for us on a Bar Mills background 3D model. It's close to intermediate skill, nice two buildings, good detail, stick-on roofs, includes signs, good instructions, everything included. Glenn said the total build time was approx. 4 hours. Nice kit!

## LAYOUT TOURS

We have NO tours for September. THANKS to Mike Tranquilla and Paul Omilian for hosting tours last month. We hope you attended. JC tells us that he does have tours through the end of the year - October, November and December! If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.

**NEXT TOURS-** none for September, next tours will be in October!

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was passenger cars. Cars shown were- CGW coach custom painted; motor car/coach; diner; ATSF coach; San Jaun coach; Alaska full dome; N scale 1935 Hiawatha car; FEC obs car; O scale PRR diner; B&M RDC and coach; PRR vista dome; Germany RR coach Marklin; RDG coaches; obs heavy weight C&O; NYC coach; C&O 85' coach; WWII troop sleeper; NMRA obs car; B&M combine; B&M coach- painted- lettered; coach in paint; ATSF coach; Alaska full dome; On30 coaches - relettered; interurban pass cars; MLW Rd Hiawatha full train in N scale; 48 seat diner; MLW lounge car; RPO car; SP diner; Varney Pullman 14 section (1.90 cost 1940's); NYC 80' coach; pass cars from 50's; Amtrak end obs; Lionel pass set; O scale RPO; Spectrum pass car set; collector pass set; L&N sleeper.

### **Current Projects shown included-**

Dining car project; Walthers factory bldg.; signals for PRR layout; day coach project car; We did have some members donate to the caboose, Thanks!

**NEXT MEETING--** Div 6 swap meet!! You can showcase ONE item you have brought to sell

## CLINIC

This months' clinic was by Div 6 member John Bopp and were pictures he took during the NMRA convention when he visited two train museums. Lots of great pictures of some old and saved locos and freight/pass cars. John visited the California State Railroad Museum (Sacramento) and Nevada State Railroad Museum (Carson City). Nice stuff and great presentation!

**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-** DIV 6 SWAP MEET

## 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.

Oct 1 color trip with 1225 in Owasso? No, 1225 is still down for repairs. NKP 765 is due to arrive for a couple of trips. Check the SRI website for info.

Oct 1 color trip to Tecumseh with NRHS Bluewater. See website.

Given NMRA flyer with Mustangs!? What the? Many NMRA's out there- this was the National Mustang Racers Assoc.

John Wissenger gave us a quick movie review on the railroad thriller- Unstoppable! He thought the movie was questionable (yes, lots of real world mistakes), but the extras on the rented dvd showed how movie was made. That part was excellent!

## 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 up. Check it out at- [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## 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!!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday-Sunday, Sept 10-11-**  
"Hobo Days" at Steam Railroading  
Institute, 405 S Washington St  
Owosso, MI 989-725-9464

Website- [www.michigansteamtrain.com](http://www.michigansteamtrain.com)

**Sunday, Sept 25-** St Sebastian  
model RR show

**Sunday, October 30, 2011-**  
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 Fetzer 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)  
Website- [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)  
[www.MichiganRailroadHistory.org](http://www.MichiganRailroadHistory.org)



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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 than one person doing the same demo!!!