



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

# ON THE RAILS...

#### SEPTEMBER 2015

It's time!! The Division 6 annual FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP will soon be here!! The Fall Show and Workshop is on Sunday, November 29. Sign up form in newsletter is later in this newsletter! USE IT!!

The NCR Convention in Fort Wayne, hosted by Div 3 is also fast approaching. Please register ASAP! Autumn is a few weeks away, which signals "our" time of the year, as model railroading is mostly an indoor, cooler weather activity. Let's get railroading!! Here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Steve Waterstrap and John Church. It was nice to see Guy quick III again. Meeting attendance was good with about 50 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 WEBSITE**

The Div 6 website is up and running, check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

#### **DIV 6 MEETINGS**

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 something with a DCC decoder! *Items shown included*—included everything from brass locos to books to uncoupling tools. Many members brought at least one item to try to sell at the annual Div 6 Swap meet night. Good stuff!

Current Projects shown included-Cleaning track to check if items they have, runs.

We had a few members that donated to the caboose. THANKS!!

**NEXT MEETING** - brass locomotive or rolling stock

### **DIV 6 MISC NEWS**

Chuck White from Div 3 was here to talk about the fall convention. He showed a video that told of all of the convention features. NCR 2015 convention is in Fort Wayne, Ind by Div 3. Dates are Thursday-Sunday, October 29-31 & Nov 1. Thanks for attending Chuck! Registration info is on their website-

http://fortwaynerails2015.ncrnmra.org/

We did not do a Nankin Hobby \$10 gift card at the last meeting.

On Sunday, Oct 18th a trip on the Blissfield Dinner Train is being planned. Jim Tilley is the coordinator of this event. \$80 per person, but if we can book 40 people, there is a \$7 discount per ticket! Please let Jim know if you need a reservation. This is from 2pm-5pm. HOJIM@comcast.net

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## **MODELING INFO W/LARRY**

Larry was present for the last meeting. So good to see him again and glad he is recovering from recent illnesses. Larry did not have one of his presentations, but he did offer this advice...

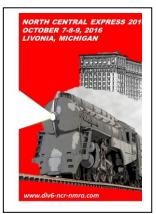
Use Pledge spray polish to keep brass engines or rolling stock looking good and shiny!

### **DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT**

The next modeling project will be due at the October meeting and the subject is the grain industry! We are looking forward to seeing your modeling project!

#### 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 in progress. The event flyer and registration form is also near complete. 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 Fall 2015 HotBox. Here is your Convention 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

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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!

#### 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 and layouts please!

**NEXT TOURS-** For September, we have no tours planned. We are working on tours for October, November and December.

#### **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.

#### RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present, so we did have a history lesson. John read excerpts from the autobiography by Walter p Chrysler... Worked for railroads until 36 years old, then started automotive business. He had many interesting adventures and was a near soft-taught engineer. Interesting!! Looking forward to another lesson soon.

#### **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

Division 6 and all of its members wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Mark Ellis and family on the recent passing of his brother-in-law.

#### **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 our annual swap meet night. There seemed to be quite a bit of buying!! Hope you found something you needed!

NEXT MEETING- "Importing Brass
Imports", by Mr. George Kohs
OCT - Mark Ellis on air brushing
basics

#### **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

Saturday, September 19, October 3 & 10, 2015 Redford Model RR Club OPEN HOUSE 27316 Michigan Avenue Inkster, Michigan 48141 (East of Inkster Rd.)
12 NOON TO 4 PM FREE admission Contact Information -

www.redfordmodelrailroadclub.com
 Saturday, September 19, 2015 OPEN HOUSE at the Grand Rapids
Model Railroad Historical Society
4040 Leland Ave NW Comstock
Park, MI 49321 11am-4pm free

admission contact us at: grmrhs@gmail.com 616-784-0859 Sunday, September 19, 2015 -2nd annual Hastings Train Show Barry Expo Center 1350 N M-37 Hwy Hastings, MI 49058 Contact - Brad Miles 269-953-9171 magichb@aol.com www.bcmrrc.net Sunday, September 20, 2015-Trains in the Park St. Robert Bellarmine 27201 West Chicago Road Redford, MI 48239 11am -3pm \$3 per person, \$6 per family vendors tables \$12 Contact Information - Brain Klotzer 313-255-0466 7pm-9pm Sunday, September 20, 2015-Monroe Train Show MBT Expo Center 3775 Custer Rd. (M-50) Monroe, MI 48161 Early Admission 9am-3pm \$10 Regular Admission 10am-3pm \$6 Children 12 and under free with adult Contact Information- Al Mitchell Friend of Model Railroader (FOMRR) PO Box 1259 Adrian, MI 49221

#### info@modelrailstuff.com

Ph. 517-264-5705

Saturday, September 26, 2015-6th annual Mt. Clemens Michigan Train Show St. Louis Social Hall 39140 Ormsby St. Mt. Clemens, MI 10am to 3pm \$3 per person, \$5 per family, children under 12 free Contact Information - Carl Hikade 586-463-5184 cdhikade@juno.com or Joe Hiestand 586-924-0499

e-mail-

Sunday, September 27, 2015- Ford Model Railroad Club Train Show St. Sebastian School Gym 3850 Merrick, S. Dearborn Hgts., MI 11am-4pm \$3 per person, \$6 family Contact Information - John Sanchez 313-268-8598 sanchezart@aol.com

Saturday, September 26, 2015 NCR Division 4 Special Event, Open
Invitation to Model Railroaders
General Purpose Room, Byron Center
Twnshp Offices 8085 Byron Center
Ave, SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

10:00am-12noon A 2-hour fast-moving all-color large-screen power-point presentation by Dr. Bruce Chubb, MMR covering "Understanding the Sunset Valley Oregon System" 1:00pm-6:00pm "An SVOS Open House Tour and Operations"

#### **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 yote and hold office in Div 6!

#### **BILL'S TOOL TIME**

Div 6 member Bill Deeter, was present, but did not have a presentation for us at the last meeting. Looking forward to another tool tip soon.



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

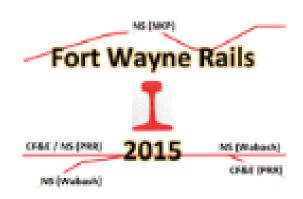
Nankin Hobby 1480 Washtenaw Ave Ypsilanti, MI 48197 734-961-7575

#### **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. We will have flyers at the next meeting for you to take and start promoting our event. 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 on the next page, fill it out and turn it in ASAP!! Let's have the best show ever!! Howard Andrews is your Show Chairman!







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# 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:	nme: Phone Number:					
EMAIL:						
Volunteering to (						
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Demonstrate:						
Take Flyers to	:					
Other:						
Number of tables needed (Based on a 6 foot table size) Need Electric Yes No						
Display working layout						
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Help with Scouts program- I will do - (circle one!)						
* types of freight cars						
*railroad history *people painting *track laying basics *benchwork basics *			iling making S systems ography erent scales	*decaling/dry transfer *scenery basics *wiring basics *computers in model rr'ing *classic toy trains		
and YES, we can have more than one person doing the same demo!!!						