



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, SEPT 16, 2016**. 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 you brought for the swap meet sale! **Items shown included-** rotary snow plow; tank car; maps; scenery material; passenger car; John Bull set; switcher; 6 pack of hoppers; track cleaning car; building kits; brass trolley; truss bridge; phone system, more rolling stock; PRR passenger car set; kadee couplers; More rolling stock; book; vehicles; and photos.

Current Projects shown included- No current projects.

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

NEXT MEETING - covered hoppers!!

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.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The modeling project for the **SEPT** meeting. The subject will be - locomotives! Must be detailed, weathered, etc... not just out of the box! Let's see some models please!!

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...

SEPTEMBER 2016

Wow... September... that means Autumn is not far away. That means it's model railroading time, as our hobby is mostly a fall, winter and spring hobby, since it's indoors. Local train shows will be starting soon too! It's nice to find a bargain or two, but please don't forget to support your local hobby shop too! **The BIG deal is... the NCX convention is ever so closer! Only about a month away!** Make sure you check out the update, later in this newsletter. 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 VERY good with about 50 members and guests! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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!!!**). This month's winner- Connie Xenikis.

SEC Ed Beamish running in the Det-free press marathon in October, is willing to accept donations for cancer research efforts.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Larry was not present for this meeting! We're looking forward to seeing Larry next month and more modeling tips.

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!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present at the last meeting and had no presentation. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

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- Are **ON HOLD** until after our convention.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present and gave this lesson.. part 2 on Richard Borsos' 48 year career with 3 railroads. He worked about every job on the system. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

NCX-2016 NCR-DIV 6 CONV



Mark these dates - **OCT 6-7-8-9, 2016** for the **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2016!!** Our convention site is Ward Church, west of Haggerty on Six Mile Rd. NCX 2016 is open for registrations! Online registration Is NOW open! Go to

the Div 6 website and access the NCX site from the pull-down menu on the upper right.

UPDATES- VOLUNTEER sign-up!!! Bill went through all of the positions available. HATS... all convention volunteers get a NCX hat!! You are required to wear the hat while working!! All the jobs are easy! **WE NEED YOU!! PLEASE sign-up for one or more jobs!!**

Email or call Bill to get a spot!! We have 36 layouts including up to 6 at the conv site.

We have a full clinic schedule of 33 clinics!

We have one prototype tour and are still working on getting more!! We'll happily accept ANYTHING for the goodie bags, so if you have a favorite local business, ask them for 200 items to put in our bags!

NEW - we're going to make arrangements for a group breakfast at Senate Coney Island on Sunday morning. All are welcome to attend between certain hours.

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 and only 1 month away!

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

We are still planning on hosting our annual FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP in November, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. That date is Nov 27, 2017. We WILL do a **FREE** admission show again. Last time we did that we had great crowds and still made money! Please get this date on your calendar, as we'll need many Div 6 members to have displays and help as possible!

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EVENTS

Sept 17 - Hastings Train Show
Hastings, MI - Barry County Expo
Center Battle Creek Model RR Club

Sept 18 - Fall Train Show
Muskegon, MI - LST 393

Muskegon Railroad Hist Society

Sept 24 - St Louis Men's Club
Train Show Mt Clemens, MI - St
Louis Social Hall and Men's Club

Sept 25 - Train Show Dearborn
Hghts - St Sebastian School Gym
St Sebastian Usher Club

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 talents and knowledge! This month's clinic was the Div 6 summer swap meet. It looks like some deals were made!

NEXT MEETING- dwarf signals on the cheap by Mark Ellis; future-modeling water by Barry Hensel



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Westland, MI 48185
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33350 W Nine Mile Rd
Farmington, MI 48336
248-919-0040

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



**Plymouth
Train Shop**

O Scale - MTH, Lionel, HO, Williams
Dave, Manager

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Livonia, MI 48150
734-453-6250

Mon - Fri 11 - 6
Sat 11 - 4

NCX – Editorial.....

Gentlemen and ladies.... We are just a month away from our 2016 NCX convention, hosted by US... Div 6, the Motorcity Division! We have been giving updates every Div meeting. Last month, Bill gave a great talk on the volunteer situation. Yet, by the end of the evening, only a small handful of members had volunteered. This has me worried. You see.... we must volunteer!! The convention cannot run properly without **YOU**, the Div 6 member. It will be **YOU** that makes or breaks this convention! We need **YOU** to make it run smooth and keep our participants happy! What??... you want to take part in the convention? You want to see clinics and go to layouts? Well... if you volunteer for certain jobs, you will get to do that in some fashion. However, please remember... the rest of the NCR membership are traveling and spending the weekend with **YOU!** They are coming to see what **YOU** have to offer. If **YOU** don't deliver the goods, they will not return for future conventions. PLEASE REMEMBER... each Division of the Region that is capable (has enough members and resources), takes a turn at hosting a convention. This is not an elective process... we each GET a turn and **2016 is OUR turn!!** As a past convention chairman... I implore you to "get onboard" and help make YOUR convention a great one! I believe the rewards of having a great convention for our guests, out-weighs the chance for you to participate yourself.

THANKS.... *Barry Hensel, Editor*