



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, SEPTEMBER 15, 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 you brought to sell.

Items shown included- Red Caboose Cars; trucks-trailers; 2-10-0 Bachman; 1946 Strohs truck; stock car; Kadee sprung trucks; ATSF GP35; bank building; fishing boat; 86' box car; 0 scale box car; Bowser diesel loco; bridge kit; Atlas track kit; picture of Fort St yard in Detroit; brass loco; tank cars; Kadee couplers and 0 scale cats/dogs!

Current Projects shown included- Trees from weeds; ATSF B-unit build; wire tree forms; Menard's Factory bldg.; 1955 Ford Crown Vic

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

NEXT MEETING - Scenery items!

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!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was a bit light with about 33 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting, but had no new news for us. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

ON THE RAILS...

SEPTEMBER 2017

There was a concern at the last Div 6 meeting. Here is a message from Mark, your Superintendent -

I would like to apologize to the entire Division 6 membership of the NMRA, for failing to stand up to one member insulting another member. As Superintendent it is my job to protect each member from insults and false statements. We do live in a country with free speech but, as part of an organization we must provide a safe environment for people to talk, discuss and meet. My failure to call out immediately when someone makes a false statement, was inexcusable, I am sorry for the pain it caused. These events can lead to loss of members and divisiveness. I cannot allow this to happen at our meetings, so I must encourage everyone to do the same when false or misleading statements are made by one member against another member. The parties involved have been contacted, apologized to and we are on good terms again!

Sincerely, Mark Ellis
Division 6 Superintendent

Here is the rest of your Div 6 news-

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.

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

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

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

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!!!**). We did not have a card this past month.

The 2017 NCR convention will be hosted by Div 4 - the Grand Rails Division, in Grand Rapids. More info in the September HotBox. The dates are September 14-17, 2017

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

Go to the NMRA website and login to the Members Section... **NMRA Partnership Program**, the new NMRA member discounts are now in effect and you can get a list of all of the businesses that are giving member discounts! COOL!!

The Hobby Shop at the JV Railroad near Flint, will be closing at the end of October. Sad....

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the next modeling project did not get discussed or chosen. We'll try to do this next meeting!

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

It is time to start the planning of the annual Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP! Your Chairman will be Superintendent Mark. 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. This has usually given us a bigger public turnout!

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!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp presented a story from a book on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, titled "Speed Runs". This was a story of how the railroads were competing for the fastest average speeds! The British were tops with 65 mph, but the LS&MS had gotten close with 62 mph. Another part of the story was that a stock broker was late for an apt. in NY and had a chase with the 20th Century Limited and caught it in time to arrive in NY as needed! Thanks John, we're looking forward to another lesson 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! THANKS to Jay and Brook Qualman for letting us attend your open house in August!

NEXT TOURS- There are no tours for September, due to the NCR convention. Attend that event to see many layouts!!

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PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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! We did not have a clinic last month, as it was our annual Div 6 Swap Meet night. We hope you found a few bargains or sold a few items!

NEXT MEETING- video on scenery methods

October - Div 6 member Glenn Joppich on more scenery techniques

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!



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Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Thursday-Sunday, September 14-17, 2017 - Grand Rails 2017 NCR Convention Grand Rapids, MI - Delta By Marriott NMRA NCR Div 4

Saturday, September 16, 2017
4th annual Hastings Train Show by the Battle Creek Model RR Club & Iron Rails Model Railroad Club
Barry Expo Center 1350 N M-37 Hwy Hastings, MI 49058
10am-3:30pm \$5 under 12 free
Contact info- Brad Miles 269-953-9171 magichb@aol.com
www.bcmrrc.net

Saturday, September 23, 2017-
7th annual Mt. Clemens Michigan Train Show St. Louis Social Hall 39140 Ormsby St. Mt. Clemens, MI 48036
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

Sunday, September 24, 2017-
John Sanchez/Ford Model Railroad Club Train Show
St. Sebastian School Gym 3850 Merrick, S. Drbrn Hgts, MI 48125
11am to 4pm \$3 person, \$6 family
Contact Information - John Sanchez 313-268-8598 sanchezart@aol.com

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

DIV 6 SYMPATHIES

We regret to inform you that a fellow model railroader has passed away unexpectedly. We know he came to some meetings and he attended almost every train show in the area. Guessing many Div 6 members knew him...
Popek, Gary J Age 66 a lifelong resident of Dearborn passed away on August 8, 2017. Survived by his brother Bruce (Mary Jo) Popek, niece Carolyn Popek, nephew Brian (Cassandra) Popek, and great nephew Brayden. Preceded in death by his loving parents Cass and Sophie Popek. He enjoyed model railroading, the Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings, but mostly he enjoyed the company of friends and meeting new people. Gary was an active member in the Ford Model Railroad Club and a volunteer at The Henry Ford and Dearborn Historical Museum.





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Westland, MI 48185
734-722-5700

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Farmington, MI 48336
248-919-0040

Nankin Hobby
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Ypsilanti, MI 48197
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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.....

- *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!