

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

ON THE RAILS...

DECEMBER 2024

Hello and welcome to Division 6! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Here's wishing all Division 6 members a great holiday season!

REMEMBER!!! - we'll be serving pizza and refreshments at the DECEMBER meeting. We'll also be having our elections! Doors open at 6:30pm.

Our next big events are back-to-back... the annual Novi Train Show is January 18-19. Our part there is promotion of the hobby, Division 6 and the NMRA convention. Plus, we should have our MI-Trak layout there for display and fun. NEXT is our own Model RR Sale on January 25th at our new location in Brighton. See the report on the next page....

It was good to see Paul on the zoom meeting this past month. He's looking OK and still has some recovery time to do, but expects to be at the December meeting!

REMEMBER - the December meeting is a bit more important (not because of the pizza) But we'll be holding our elections that night!

Please keep in contact with your family and your model railroading friends! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had great meeting turn-out with 37 attending in person and 4 on zoom! We had no new guests. MMR's present were Jim Zinser, Scott Kremer, Ken Chick, Ron King, Brook Qualman (online) and Larry Wolohon. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the THIRD Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024**. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center Senior Center in Livonia, at 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. **The meeting is from 7pm-10pm**. We will broadcast the meeting LIVE on zoom! The link will be emailed a few days before the meeting.

DIV 6 TREASURY REPORT

The Treasure Report for October is-

Thanks, *Terry*

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

The Division 6 Mi-Track modular layout's next event should be the Great Train Show at the Suburban Showplace on January 18-19, 2025. We'll call and see if we can have space for the layout and a table to promote Div 6, the NCR and Station No. VI! Please keep working on your modules! Please... let BARRY know if you can bring your modules to Novi.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Terry Kosmas will coordinate tips from the membership. If you have a tool tip to give, please contact Terry and he'll get you scheduled. We're looking for more tips soon.

4th DIV 6 MODEL RR SALE

The Div 6 annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE IS ON! **SATURDAY, January 25, 2025 10am-3pm 242 Church Brighton** Table sales have started coming in nicely! We are now OVER 1/2 sold out! With other shows starting, we'll be covering those with flyers and talking with other vendors to get them to our sale! Take a few flyers at the meeting and post at your school, work, church, gym... anywhere you can! We still need some more volunteers! 22 are needed and we have 13 signed up so far. We need NINE more please! Work is easy, only 2-3 hours and you get in the show for free!

AP CERTIFICATES

Ken Chick, our AP coordinator, was not present at the last meeting. Please keep working on your Certificates!

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

Here's some model railroad humor-



NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg sends info on new items to share. The best way to contact Russ is by email: Russatnankin@yahoo.com

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **SOMETHING MILITARY RELATED**

Here's what was shared- RDG boxcar & cvd hopper with Savings Bond logo and hopper of coal for the war effort; M47 Sherman tanks/cannon on flat cars; pictures of armored train of CN to look for subs; GP38 veterans unit; covered equipt on flat car and troop car; "tank" cars?; Army book on how to transport troops; Menards O scale Quonset hut; Corgi O scale jeep & trailer; Marklin army train; trees and decoder install in Thomas; CVR gon with war bond logo; Lionel Air Force rocket boxcar; O scale flat cars with large cannon barrel; book on rr's during the war; B&O Mikado USRA; SP diesel from Germany; M60 Patton Tank on NYC flat car in G scale!; HO scale army truck;

Current projects - early tank cars frameless; grade crossing lights for GLS southgate park - made from plumbing supplies; N scale tank car loading facility 3D printed!; background building;

The winner of the Nankin Hobby gift card was - Matt Letts

NEXT MEETING - snow plows or snow removal equipment

LAYOUT TOURS

Larry Wolohon is our layout tour chairman! If you want to schedule a tour of your layout, give Larry a call or email! We NEED layouts please!!

NEXT TOURS- Sunday, Dec 8th we will have FOUR tours - Rick Neibert 1pm-5pm, Tom Kosta 1pm-4pm, John Emley 12 noon-4pm and Barry Hensel 12 noon-4pm See map a few pages away....

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the last meeting but we did not have time for a history lesson! We're looking forward to another lesson soon!

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Meeting Coffee- Matt Letts
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2024 CONV Chairman - Norm Logan
248-348-2473 nlogan114@wowway.com

DIV 6 ELECTIONS

Div 6 needs to do elections this fall! All positions are up for election. Your FINAL Nominations are -

Superintendent

Bill McMillan

Asst. Superintendent

Byrne Blumenstein

Secretary

Matt Letts

Recording Secretary

Bruce Wolff

Treasurer

Terry Kosmas

Elections take place at the December 20th meeting!

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! To all Div 6 members, PLEASE share your talents and knowledge!

Our clinic this past month was a video called "Loaded For War" made by the Santa Fe RR. It showed many scenes of steam and diesel loco powered trains, gearing up for WW2 and how the railroads played such a big part of the war effort. This video is on youtube so you can watch it again if you wish -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggVR4nZ6OeY> Thanks Bill for finding this interesting video to share! **WE NEED CLINICS!**

NEXT MEETING- TBD

2025 NMRA NATIONAL

STATION No.VI

90th NMRA National Convention

July 14-19, 2025

Novi, Michigan, USA

All Divisions in the NCR will be contributing to this effort. The website is - www.nmra2025.com Check it out!

Registration IS

OPEN!! UPDATE -

Registration

continues well,

we're past 250! Most layouts and

clinics have been scheduled. The

non-rail program is almost

complete. December magazines

should see several layout

articles. Prototype tours are

shaping up nicely. We are "on

track"! There is a BIG report in

the new HotBox! Got questions?

Please contact Scott -

skremer@wideopenwest.com



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

The shirts are a Port Authority brand polo shirt. Prices have increased and are now- small-XL w/logo \$34 logo/pocket \$37 logo/name \$40 logo/pocket/name \$45 XXL +\$8, XXXL +\$10 XXXXL +\$12 Shipping will be divided among those ordering. Mark is taking orders... either see him at a meeting, email or phone. ALSO - If you want a name badge... see Mark!

DIV 6 STANDARD NEWS

WE HAVE CARDS! Paul has a supply of Div 6 business cards so that all members can have some of these to pass them out at shows, while at hobby shops or where-ever! COOL! Let's promote Division 6!

REMEMBER!!... when shopping at Nankin Hobby, tell them before your purchase is rung-up, that you are a Div 6 member! We get a share of your purchase price that we can spend for great raffle items for the Fall Show! Help Div 6 when shopping!! THANKS Nankin Hobby!! We're told this will work for ANY purchase at any Nankin store!!

We have LABELS!! If you are going to donate RR magazines, we have some Div 6 stickers that you can place on them to help people find us and our meetings! Please get some of these from Paul!

DIV 6 - NCR CONV 2024 !!!

The NCX24 Regional Convention is history!!! Congratulations!! And once again - THANK-YOU to all Div 6 members!! Great job!!

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is **UP-TO-DATE!** If you want your layout featured, email ED your pictures and a small write-up!! Also, some clinics are posted on the website! Check it out at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 MISC NEW NEWS

We have a few DIV 6 hats left over from the NCX convention. These are on sale for only \$15 each.

There was a question on if NCX shirts could still be ordered. We can, but the cost will be more! For an order of up to 10: Polo- \$40 each, Sweatshirt- \$42 each. For an order of 12+: Polo- \$33 each, Sweatshirt- \$35 each Sizes 2XL & Up are addl. If you want to order a shirt, please let BARRY know!

SUPERINDEPENDENT CORNER

As you know, Paul was in the hospital during the NCX convention.

THE OBSERVATION CAR

"Railroadania" That's an interesting term that we don't very often speak about.

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, Thanksgiving weekend Dec. 7-8, Dec. 14-15, 2024

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 See several O scale trains in operation, over a 350 foot double track mainline and several branch lines. Info: 248-634-5811 webmaster@dmrrc.org

Saturday's - Dec 14, 28, 2024; Jan 11, 25 - Redford Model RR Club Open House 27316 Michigan Ave Inkster, MI 11am-5pm FREE - donations accepted Accepting new members! HO scale 56'x26' layout, DCC, single and double track mainlines info: www.redfordmrrc.org

Saturday & Sunday - Dec. 14-15, 2024, Jan. 18-19 - Blissfield Model RR Club Open House 109 E Adrian St, Blissfield, MI 49228 517-486-0404 <https://bmrr.org> 10am-3pm both days LARGE HO scale layout!! admission FREE (donations welcomed)

December - 2*, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30** - Stoney Creek Model RR Layout Display Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm 1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI \$5 Adults, \$3 Children and Seniors Museum Members - Free! *Visitors must pre-register to see Santa and Mrs. Claus **Old-Fashioned Christmas Day - \$10 for non-members, \$8 for members Info - www.scmrrc.org www.rochesterhills.org/museum/

Saturday, December 7, 2024 - Gratiot Valley Railroad Club Open House 281 North Avenue Mt. Clemens, MI 10am-3pm Contact Info - William Jacobs wmjacobsjr@gmail.com 586-770-4422 Website: www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075512602838

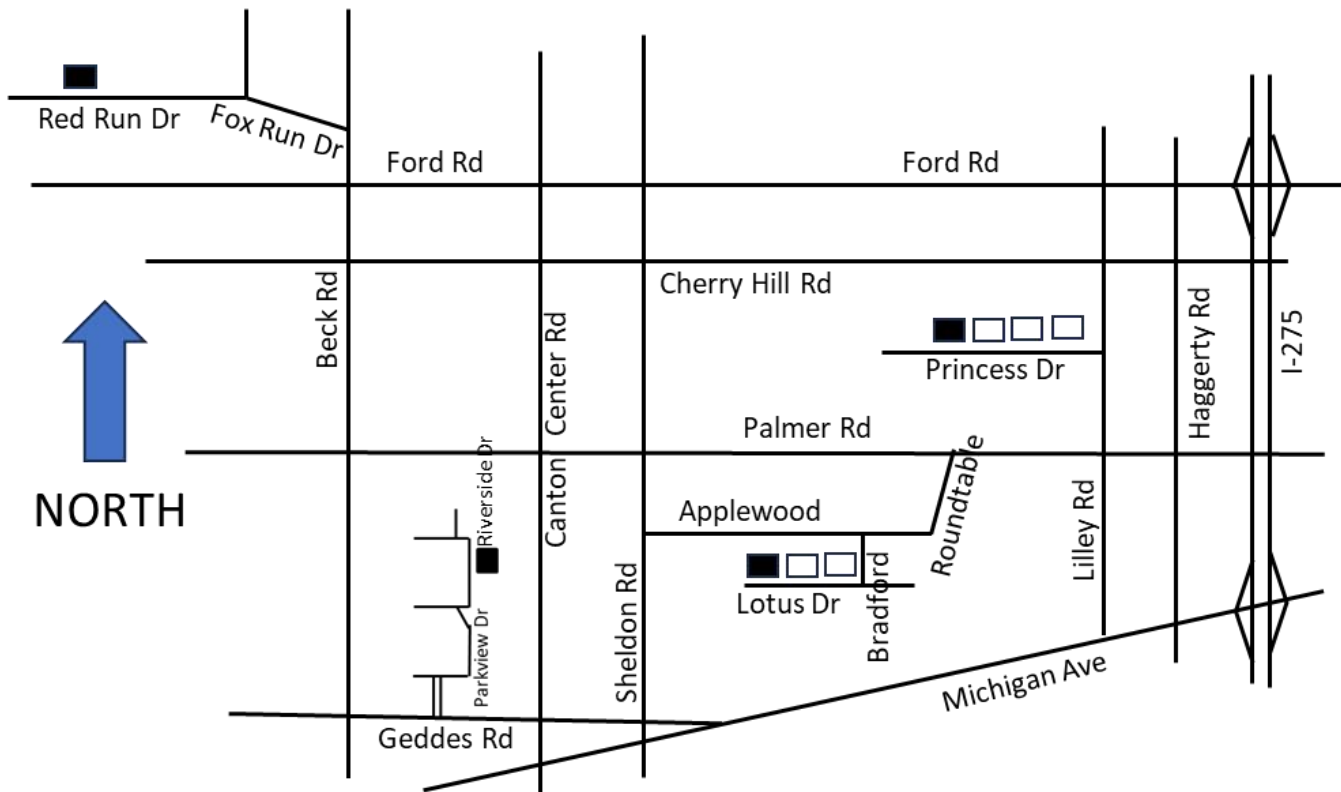
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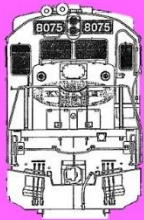
LAYOUT TOURS

Sunday, December 8, 2024

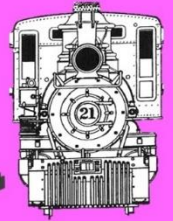


12 noon-4pm John Emley 48142 Red Run Dr Canton
1pm-5pm Rick Neibert 3317 Riverside Dr Canton
12 noon-4pm Barry Hensel 43642 Lotus Dr Canton
1pm-4pm Tom Kosta 959 Princess Drive Canton





4th Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE!



Hosted by Division 6

North Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

SATURDAY – JANUARY 25, 2025 10am - 3pm



2142 Community Center

7526 Grand River Ave, Brighton, MI 48114

**NEW Location!!
MORE Tables!!**

189 Tables of model railroad items - ALL scales!
Door Prizes Awarded every 45 minutes! (must be present to win)
Food available – FREE parking

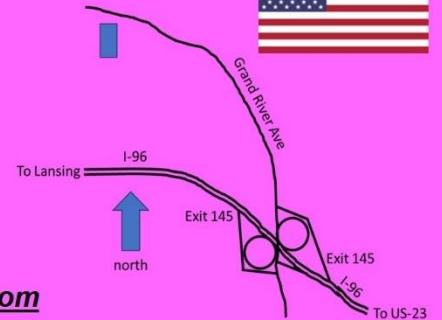
Admission –

\$5 per person over 18 years old (spouses/children under 18 = FREE!)

\$10 per person Early Bird entry at 9am

VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS FREE (WITH ID)

Information – Barry 734-649-3056 (6pm-9pm) div6trainshow@gmail.com



4th Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE!

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SATURDAY – JANUARY 25, 2025 10am - 3pm

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VENDOR INFORMATION..... HELLO!! Welcome to the 3rd Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE, hosted by Division 6 of the NCR/NMRA.

Here is the info you need to be a vendor at our event....

- * Vendor tables are \$25 each. Tables size is 30" x 8' long. There is no limit to how many tables you can buy. **We now have 189 tables!!**
- * Tables are assigned locations on a first registered-first get system. Please note any special requests below and we will do our best to accommodate you.
- * Set-up will start at 7:15am on Saturday, January 25, 2025. * All vendors will sell from behind your table.
- * There will be one chair per table. Extra chairs may be available. * There will be FREE donuts and coffee for vendors only, from 7:30am-9:30am
- * We are doing an Early-Bird sale at 9am-10am for the public. You are free to sell at that time, or not. Doors open to the rest of the public at 10am-3pm.
- * **NEW!!!** – Vendors are **NOT** allowed to have **ANY food** at their tables!! Food must be consumed at tables just off to the side of the sales area. Water is OK. This new policy will be STRICTLY enforced. Violation will result in not being allowed to return to this event!!
- You are still allowed to bring your own food, but you CANNOT eat at your table!!!
- * There is a café/deli on the upper floor of the building for food purchases.
- * Cancellations for table fee refunds must be given by Wednesday, January 15, 2025. No refunds if notified after that date, unless we can resell your tables.

Please send this form with your payment, check or US Postal money order.

Make out to – **DIV 6 NCR NMRA** Send to – **Div 6 Model Railroad Sale 43642 Lotus Dr Canton, MI 48188**

EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT – Vendors will be responsible for any injuries or loss to themselves or their property. They expressly release DIVISION 6 and it's members from any liability and agree to indemnify and hold DIVISION 6 and it's members harmless. Signing this agreement means you have read all of the facts above and agree to them. If for any reason the SALE is cancelled, refunds will be issued asap. Electricity yes no

SIGNED- _____ Date _____

Name/Company _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS



35101 Ford Rd
Westland, MI 48185
734-722-5700

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

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

12020 Fort St
Southgate, MI 48195
734-250-7382

Division 6 and it's membership wishes to extend a big THANK-YOU to Nankin Hobby for their continued support!



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North Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

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