

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

ON THE RAILS...

JUNE 2024

Hello and welcome to Division 6!
FIRST... our sincerest apologies to the membership on not having a zoom link for the May meeting. Paul is dealing with some health issues and was just not able to get that scheduled and posted. Sorry!! We'll try to do better from now on.

NEXT... we have several great opportunities for some of you to get involved in the MI-Track layout! Please check out that article for the important info!

NEXT... I made what could be called a startling announcement at the last meeting, concerning my railroad. I am pleased to say, the announcement was premature! **I will be staying in my house** and the Reading Lines - Central Division will not be dismantled! This means there will NOT be a "last run" this month.

LAST... Plans for the 4th Div 6 Model RR Sale are underway! See the article for details!

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 good meeting turn-out with 36 attending! Sorry, no zoom last month. We had one new guest, please welcome Jeanine Chumielewski. MMR's present were Larry Wolohon, Ken Chick, Scott Kremer and Ron King. 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, JUNE 21, 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 May is-
Beginning balance \$5,348.08
Debits for May = -\$64.29
April ending balance \$5,283.79
A full report of Checks/Debits and deposits/Credit will be at the next Div 6 meeting.
Thanks, Terry

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is now UPDATED!! 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

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!

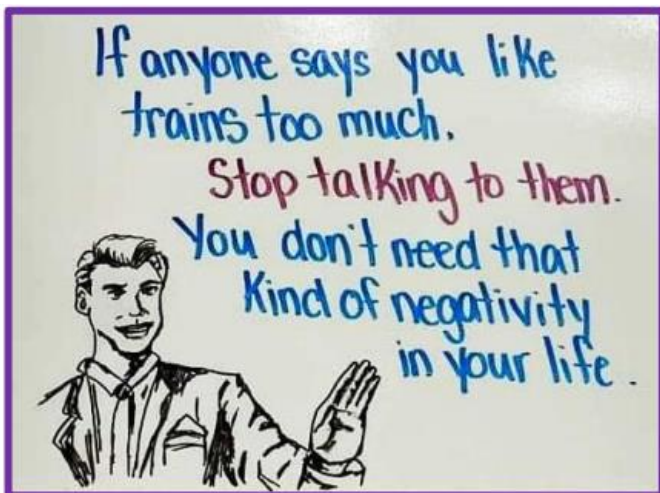
DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

The Division 6 Mi-Track modular layout is likely to return to the Southern Michigan RR Days, which has been changed to September! The new date is Saturday, Sept 7th. We need to know who can attend this event! **PLEASE RSVP TO BARRY ASAP!!** Other events we may take part in are our own NCX Convention at Ward Church, the National Train Show during the 2025 National Convention and the Novi Great American Train Show in January.

NOW... some BIG news and opportunities... We have two 3' modules with track that are available for FREE!! No scenery done, so it's all up to you to make it how you want it. **NEXT**, we have a corner module and a 18" module FOR SALE. These were built by Bruce Wolff and he needs to sell these ASAP as he is no longer able to participate. Contact Bruce for the price - 947-216-9250 or brucewolff@yahoo.com. These also have track and no scenery. Please contact BARRY if you are interested in any of these! The corner piece is VERY important, as we don't have a complete layout without it!!

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 **BOXCARS!** Here's what was shared - GT 50'; B&O outside braced; CN wood sided; 40' Gibraltar RR (Milt Moore car); 34" boxcar; Sandhill & Western boxcar (Redford Club); N scale Rock, Munsey & Western; Southern 40' wood; 50' RDG banner boxcar; 40' Virginia & Ohio; O scale Gibraltar boxcar; SP boxcar; Varney Buffalo Creek; N scale exploding boxcar; NP N scale boxcar; Atlas O scale; Weaver O scale PSI; all door boxcar; Erie boxcar; Dominio Sugar boxcar; G scale DT&I; 36' wood Zenith Milling; B&O with hatches for cement; Burlington Pacific boxcar; Pere Marquette auto box; MOW wood boxcar.

Current projects - none shown

The winner of the Nankin Hobby gift card was - Scott Kremer, MMR

NEXT MEETING - line-side structures, railroad owned or otherwise!

DIV 6 - NCR CONV 2024 !!!

The NCX24 Regional Convention is Thursday night to Sunday afternoon, Oct 10-13, 2024. We are OPEN for registrations! You can fill out a form and mail it in, or go to the website and do it all ONLINE! Here's the website -

www.ncx24.ncrnmra.org

Go to the website to see our plans and lots of great information!

NEW NEWS - The Planning Team will have a meeting at Ward Church to go over all the rooms and arrangements we'll be using. That will get plans pretty firmly in place! Watch for volunteer job forms to start appearing at our Div 6 meetings. **WE NEED YOU**

PLEASE!! This convention will not happen without your help! Lots of fun and easy jobs to do!

We are 4.5 months away from NCX - 2024!! Norm Logan - Event Chairman
nlogan114@wowway.com



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!

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AP CERTIFICATES

Ken Chick, our AP coordinator, was present at the last meeting but had no updates on any certificates to be awarded. Please keep working on your Certificates!

CLINIC

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

The clinic this past month was Larry Wolohon, MMR on the history of Boxcars! Larry had a great presentation showing how they started, improvements over the years, history of different types of boxcars and lots of pictures showing these different types and the railroads that used them. Good stuff!! THANKS Larry!!

WE NEED CLINICS!

NEXT MEETING- NCR President Rich Mahaney on *Understanding how stuff is made, how the railroad supports that with car placement, just in time deliveries, modeling industries and operations.*

This clinic deals with industry design and operations. Model railroaders need to do research into the industries and products they want to model.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the March meeting and gave an interesting history lesson on the Caboose! The caboose has a unique place in railroad history and lore. It is the most beloved car on the tracks, well, maybe except for the locomotive. There are many names for the caboose - hack, cabin car, crummy, way car and a few others, depending on the railroad. The origins of the caboose are lost to history but it seems likely that the first cabooses appeared in the 1840s. They were probably make-shift boxcar conversions, hastily assembled to provide an office for the conductor and a place to keep necessary tools at the ready. From there the caboose slowly evolved into the familiar form of its later years. Good stuff!! THANKS John, we're looking forward to another lesson soon!

2025 NMRA NATIONAL

STATION No.VI
90th NMRA National Convention
July 14-19, 2025
Novi, Michigan, USA

All of the Divisions in the NCR will be contributing to this effort. The website for the convention is active -

www.nmra2025.com

Check it out!

UPDATE - We are now about 13 months from the start of Station No. VI, 2025. A full report on progress is in the June HotBox, so check it out for many more details.

STATION No.VI CALLING ALL MODULAR LAYOUTS!

The Station No VI NMRA National Convention is coming in July of 2025. We are looking for Modular and Sectional layouts to display at the National Train Show. This is a 2-3-day event, Friday through Sunday with set up on Thursday. If your group is interested in participating, contact John Young at cdjhyoung@yahoo.com for further information.

STATION No.VI CALLING ALL

CLINICIANS! The Station No. VI 2025 NMRA Convention, Clinic Committee is looking for clinicians that would like to participate in clinic presentations during the National Convention. If you would like to join us, please contact Andrew Keeney at hunter48820@yahoo.com Got questions? Please contact Scott - skremer@wideopenwest.com

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!! We need volunteers for all of 2024 so please consider hosting a layout tour! It's also a good trial for being on the NCX convention tour list!

NEXT TOURS- next tours are TBD



SUPERINDEPENDENT CORNER

As I am writing this column, there are two important things happening. The first is the 80th anniversary of "D-day." An event so critical that it spurred the defeat of the Nazi regime in Europe. We pause a bit and remember those that gave their lives fighting for freedom.

The second event is the grand reopening of the Michigan Central railroad station. Thankfully the Ford family saw fit to invest 1 Billion dollars in this 6 year renovation/restoration project to allow future generations of Michigan and beyond to enjoy the beautiful architectural artistry that is so special to this "train station!"

These two events are paired together when we stop to realize that many service members either left for their deployment or returned home from the Michigan Central. This is an important contribution to our country's history.

Unfortunately due to some health issues, I was not able to be at the May meeting so I am not aware of the June topic for Show & Tell or what the clinic will be, but I am sure it is elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope to see you at our next meeting. You can also email me at Plichau@yahoo.com with any thoughts. Paul

4th DIV 6 MODEL RR SALE

The Div 6 annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE plans have begun. We looked at 2 other locations, with no success. The plan was to get a facility with one large room and increase our number of tables for vendors. The costs out-weigh any advantage of changing locations. We have contacted Farmington Hills to use the Costick Center again. Our planned date is Sunday, January 26, 2025. This be the week after the Novi train show. Plans are for all prices to remain the same. Mark your calendars! We'll need you to help make this another success!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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.

THE OBSERVATION CAR

I was reading an article in Railroad Model Craftsman the other day that definitely struck home. It was about how we in the hobby commonly find ourselves collecting "things", i.e. stuff we must have, and plan to use "someday". These are things we picked up and have not actually put on our layout years after we got them.

I'll bet if you look under your layout, in your workshop, or elsewhere in your basement, you could fill a skid with all the "had to have" stuff just sitting around.

Which had me thinking of three key questions in my case: 1. Just when do you think you are actually and finally going to use these things? 2. Are you keeping them JUST for the memories associated with them? 3. Exactly what will trigger you actually getting rid of them.

For #1, if you still have no answer after all this time, you have to tell yourself this is precisely the best time to get rid of them, because somebody else probably can use them for something faster than you can.

For #2. Time for a trip to Michaels to buy shadow boxes and finding that right spot in your stairway gallery for that Athearn Hustler from your childhood.

For #3. If you can't answer this question, that tells you that time is right now - nothing likely will change down the road!

Sounds like a quick weekend project to me!
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DIV 6 MISC 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!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23, 2024 - 2024 Rail Festival at Carillon Park Dayton, Ohio
1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, Ohio, 45409. Sat 9:30am-5pm Sun 11am-4pm admission \$14 Adult 18-59, \$12 Senior 60+, \$10 Child 3-17, 2 and under free Live steam engines, model train displays, historical exhibits, rail vendors - fun for all ages! Check out www.railfestival.com or call 937-293-2841

Saturday-Sunday, July 27-28, 2024 - 21st Van Wert Railroad Heritage Weekend Show & Swap. Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S Washington St., Van Wert, OH. Sponsored by The Van Wert County Historical Society. Saturday 10-4 & Sunday 10-3. Adults \$6 Scouts in uniform and Children 12 & under: FREE. Two day admission available for \$8 Over 250 Vendor tables last year. All Gauges & Scales. Railroad Memorabilia and Railfan items. Four buildings, with about 40,000 sq. ft., Free Parking. Handicap Accessible. Info: Chuck White - 260-760-1666 railcarman@frontier.com
Web Site: <https://www.vwrrhw.com>

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NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024



A MODEL RAILROAD WEEKEND CONVENTION!

**THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10-11-12-13, 2024
NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN, USA**

WELCOME to the NCR Model Railroad Convention, **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024!** The convention is being hosted by DIVISION SIX, located in Wayne and Washtenaw counties. We are planning a great weekend of model and prototype railroading, just for YOU! Please access our website for all of the important information you need to help you to decide to attend this event. As you'll soon read, we're concentrating on having fun and learning all about model railroading! All you need to do is fill out the registration page, send it in with your registration fees and you'll be part of one of the greatest model railroad events in Michigan! Visit us online and register there using your credit card and PayPal security services! Come and join us for the **MAXIMUM** model railroad **FUN**, all in one weekend!

Open to ALL model railroaders! You DO NOT have to be an NMRA member to attend!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE-

- * Event site – Ward Church, Northville, MI
- * Event shirts available pre-order only
- * Special DAY PASS entry available!
- * Online Registration available on website!
- * Banquet Dinner on Saturday evening
- * Clinics on Friday and Saturday
- * Operation sessions available Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- * NO model contest – MODEL SHOWCASE – show off your work!!
- * Get a discount for participating in the Model Showcase!!
- * Model layouts to visit on Friday and Saturday
- * Prototype tours on Friday (if available)
- * Yard Sale of new/used model railroad equipment
- * Ask the Experts (MMR's) table
- * EVERYONE welcome to attend!

For more information or questions answered, contact -
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visit our web pages at- ncx24.ncmmra.org



NCX - NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024 REGISTRATION FORM & INFORMATION

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Name		Spouse	
Address			
City		State	
Phone		Zip	
email			
NMRA No.	Region	Div	MMR

REGISTRATION FEES

on or before September 25, 2024 - NMRA member	\$65	how many	
on or before September 25, 2024 - NON NMRA member	\$75		
after September 25, 2024 - NMRA member	\$75		
after September 25, 2024 - NON NMRA member	\$85		
on or before October 13, 2024	One Day Pass = \$40		

REGISTRATION - is per person for anyone over 18 years old that will be participating in the convention activities. Spouse is free if ONLY attending layout tours and/or dinner. Children under 18 years old are free for the weekend and welcome to attend convention activities with a paid adult.

Dinner - SPAGHETTI DINNER!! Everyone (including children under 18) must pay for dinner if you are attending. This also includes our Keynote Speaker and Awards presentation. **NOTE- cut-off date for dinner is October 1, 2024.**

Event Sweat shirts are cotton/poly blend, green in color with the NCX logo embroidered in color on the left side

Event polo shirts are 35-65% cotton-poly no pocket shirts, green in color with the NCX logo embroidered in color on the left side **NOTE- cut-off date for ordering shirts is September 10, 2024. There will be NO shirts available at the convention!**

Model Showcase Discount!

If you bring a model to display in the Showcase room, we will give you a \$5 discount on your entry to NCX-24! NOTE - you do NOT get \$5 per model!! Only ONE discount per person no matter how many models you bring. Discount to be given at Registration!

ONE DAY PASS - is for Saturday only and includes all the clinics that day and 5 layout tours.

EXTRA BOARD

			how many
Dinner per person		\$25	
sweat shirt	small	\$34	
	medium	\$34	
	large	\$34	
	X-large	\$34	
	2X-large	\$34	
	3X-large	\$34	
polo shirt	small	\$32	
	medium	\$32	
	large	\$32	
	X-large	\$32	
	2X-large	\$32	
	3X-large	\$32	
	4X-large	\$32	

TOTAL

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Payment to be check or money order made out to- **NMRA DIVISION 6**

Send registration form with payment by October 1, 2024 to-
NCX Registrar 35684 Camden Ct Farmington Hills, MI 48335
 ON-LINE registration available until October 7, 2024 at ncx24.ncmmra.org





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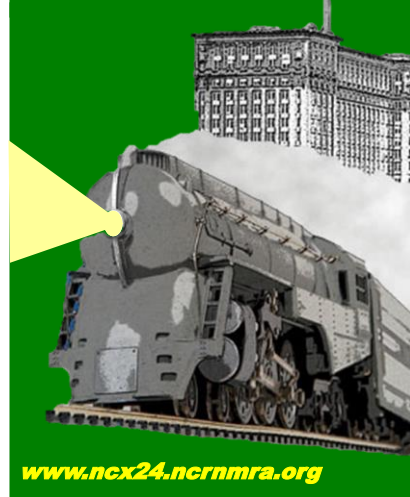
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Division 6 and it's membership wishes to extend a big THANK-YOU to Nankin Hobby for their continued support!

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