



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 and our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2011**. 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 until 10pm.

SPECIAL PROJECT CLINIC

Thanks to Doug and Hockey for building the "kits" that were built. It was reported to be fun and easy to build these static grass applicators!

TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas- This month Bill mentioned- Micro Mark catalog - item 84833 is a radius turning tool, which will make a rounded cut on rod ends and other materials. Cool! ALSO- Medium size screw driver at Lowe's that has a hollow handle for different bits. Handy! Bill also showed off his static grass applicator, made from a flashlight body and plastic butter container. Sweet! Looking forward to another tool tip next month. THANKS Bill!

DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WKSHP

The 2011 Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is Sunday, Nov 27th. **Need someone to handle the auction!** Mark Ellis is show chairman, contact him to help! There was also some discussion on if we will have the Bot Scouts return for this year. Mark will check into this and try to gauge the interest of local troops.

NMRA AWARD PRESENTED

Our past Super. Glenn Joppich received the Achievement Award for Model RR Electrician! This is #4 toward his seven needed for MMR! CONGRATULATIONS!

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2011

OK... summer IS here! We've been through winter, the rainy season and now summer. I don't believe we actually had a "spring season". Time to enjoy the outdoors and do that rail-fanning or trips to the local railroad museums! Plenty around and most within a day's drive, round trip!

But of course, try not to let your model railroading go dry either. When it's hot outside, it's usually nice and cool in the basement. I hope you can find that extra couple of hours a week to do some model railroading.

For me, it's car show season and I've been very busy being chairman of our annual Camaro show again. Of course, once the show is over, I have a HotBox to get out and hopefully follow my own advice from above!

Please don't forget - Div 6 meets year round, just to help you keep the model railroading "juices flowing"! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last meeting. We had a light turnout of about 38 members present at the meeting. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday-Saturday, July 3-9- NMRA National Convention Sacramento, CA "The Unconventional Convention" Website- <http://www.x2011west.org/>
Starting April 2 - November 5, 2011- Saginaw Railway Museum - Saginaw Valley Railroad Historical Society 900 Maple St. PO Box 20454 Saginaw, MI 48602 989-790-7994

Open the First and Third Saturday of each month from 1pm-4pm. Closed holidays. Website-

www.saginawrailwaymuseum.org

Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21-

Diesel powered excursions during the Howell Melon Festival

Saturday-Sunday, Sept 10-11-

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RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was not at the last meeting, thus we had no history lesson. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was UP striped cover hopper; Arthur's Farm service cvd hopper; DTI box car; ICG orange box car; NYC jade green box car; R-W-B Thomas Tank engine with DCC!; RS2 GB&W in bicentennial scheme; Dr Pepper ref'r; circus car coach; GS4 SP daylight; bright train t-shirt; Davies steel gon; A&P ref'r; RGS ref'r; C&S ref'r; 1912 Soo Line timetable (in color); TH&B 40' box car; beer ref'r; creamery ref'r; Life magazine box car; IC box car; Choo-Choo barn box car; trolley; Burlington diesel;

Current Projects shown included- Lighted structure; book; Model A pick-up; book research for layout; We did have some members donate to the caboose, Thanks!

NEXT MEETING-- something dull and weathered!

LANSING LEGACIES 2011

Will be held on Thursday-Sunday, Nov 3-6, 2011. Clinics, layout tours, ops sessions, proto-type tours, Saturday night dinner are the plans for the convention.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Great Lakes Live Steamers running the first weekend of the month in Royal Oak, third weekend and special events at the Southgate site. Rides are free, donations requested/welcomed.

Skip McDonald, owner of hobby shop in Pickney, passed away in early June. Family is looking for a buyer for the business. Our Sympathies to his family.

Aug 13th \$55 bus trip to Clinton, MI and ride on the Southern Michigan RR. Bluewater NRHS.

PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have a review item, see Howard before the meeting.

CLASSIFIED ADS

We are happy to place classified ads for Div 6 members. Donations to the Div of \$2 per ad is requested! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting where you can bring in items for sale.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Even though Larry was present, **LARRY's TIPS** went absent for this month. However, Marty stepped in with this TIP - add electrical wires & alligator clips to test track to power it for cleaning locomotives. Clip to track or transformer! Isolated Kadee height gauges with track gaps or isolator rail joints.

Tim showed how he made a rounded end bridge support out of plaster/hydrocal. He used two flat walls and cast in a support wall between them. Then piled on hydrocal on the end and using a C shaped form, worked the plaster back and forth, shaping into the round end. Once dry, Tim scribed the lines to match the block of the straight walls. Very nice looking! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

CLINIC

This months' clinic was NMRA DVD on Online structures, as we did not have anyone volunteer for a "live" clinic. This was a recorded clinic from the 2004 National convention. Some of the quality was not the best. Clinic showed the construction of some backdrop buildings and detailing tips.

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call or see Howard or Mark at the meetings and share your thoughts. We DO need a new Clinic Chairman, since Howard is to be our new Superintendent and Mark is busy with the Fall Show! Please consider volunteering!!!

NEXT MEETING- ??????

LAYOUT TOURS

THANKS to Hank & Doug Meyer and Larry Wolohon for hosting layout tours in June. Great layouts!! Layout Chairman, JC Paschel will have something for us in August, so take July off and work on your own layout!

If you are interested in hosting a tour, please contact JC.

NEXT TOURS- hopefully in August

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website is up. Check it out at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com



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