

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, OCTOBER 19, 2018**. 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 covered hoppers!!

Items shown included- roadnames CB&Q, Rock Island, Lake Erie & Clarion, Santa Fe, C&O, Colorado & Southern, B&O, Northern Pacific, NYC, PRR, CN, CNW, Florida Tile Co, DTI, BN, Southern, Corning Glass Works and Penn Central. Scales presented ranged from N to G! Several cars were Bowser, Kato, Atlas, Athearn and even Tyco brands.

Current Projects shown included- Henry Ford Village layout update, compressed air locomotive painting, fire fighting car

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

NEXT MEETING - your favorite locomotive

FALL WORKSHOP/SHOW

We're all set.... the 2018 Fall Show & Workshop will be on **Sunday, Dec 2, 2018**. This is the week AFTER Thanksgiving, taking us away from a few other local train shows. We'll do free admission again, as that gives us the biggest crowds. **WE NEED YOU!!!** Each Div 6 member needs to step-it-up and volunteer for a display of some sort, or at least help at the door, raffle or in the "dining car"! We NEED more participation please!!! We also NEED someone to take over the kitchen duties!! PLEASE Volunteer!!!

Show flyers are now available! We will need help getting these to local train shows and posting them anywhere possible! Sign-up sheet is in this newsletter!! Please USE it!! **LET'S GO GUYS AND GALS!!**

ON THE RAILS...

OCTOBER 2018

Autumn is here! That means train show "season" is also here. There are many shows in our area, even though we have lost a few. While it is nice to find a bargain at a show, let's not forget to support our local hobby shops too!!

The Div 6 **FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP** is on the schedule! Let's get started on your display!!

With Autumn here and winter approaching, the model railroad hobby can take off in activity! Since we are a mostly indoor activity, now is the time for modeling, tours, ops sessions and shows. Here's hoping your model railroad season is a good one!

We have approx. 7 months to the first NCR one-day event, hosted by us - Div 6. Let's make this event good!!

THANKS to Ed for taking meeting notes for me and the Div 6 Board for their input for this newsletter! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was fair with about 36 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick and Larry Wolohon. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmsberg, from Nankin Hobby, was at the meeting, but had no report. We look forward to another report next month on new hobby items soon!

NCR EXTRA 2019

As you can see... we have a name for our new event - as picked by you, the Division 6 membership! Here are the important facts on this event....

NCR EXTRA 2019
Saturday, April 27, 2019
Livonia Senior Center
Clinics AM, tours and OPS in the afternoon and evening
LOW cost to attend this ONE day event!

So far, Barry, Mark Ellis and Bill McMillian are on the planning Team. Several emails have been passed about and we have a flyer for the event! These will be printed in time for the Lansing Lash-up convention. Plus, like the Fall Show flyers, these will need to get out at train shows, hobby shops and anywhere else. We'll also give some to each Division for their meetings. We'll target online registration to start on Jan 1. If you are willing to give a clinic or have a tour or OPS session, please let BARRY or BILL know! Mark will be the event Registrar! THANKS Team!!

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running! The newsletter is posted and available online (in COLOR!). Check out the site - 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 BOARD ELECTIONS

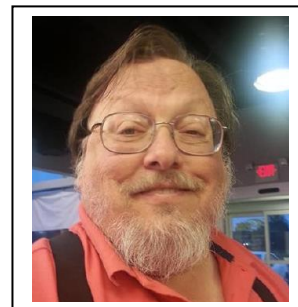
It is THAT time again... elections for Board members of Division 6! At the next, October, meeting we will discuss nominations for the positions. We will then have 2 months to consider these nominations and perhaps even make a few additional ones. Voting will take place at the December meeting. Good Luck to all!!

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.
ALSO - If you want a name badge... see Mark!!

DIV 6 SYMPATHIES

It is with deepest sympathies that all of the membership of Division 6 wishes to convey to Phyllis LaForte and family, on the passing of Marty LaForte in



September. Marty could just not recover from his latest health concerns. Several Div 6 members paid their respects as we tried to get the word out as best as possible, through our emails. Phyllis has mentioned that the BN-SD layout will keep going and we'll see her at a few Div 6 meetings too! We will all miss Marty at meetings and gatherings. It was interesting to see that covered hoppers was the show & tell subject this past month, Marty's favorite subject! Marty served on the Div 6 Board, several convention Teams and even the NCR Region Board. He was also an original member of the Rail Gang and the Car Knockers groups. Rest well our friend!

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!!!**). Our winner this month was- John Gavasso! Congratulations!

WE HAVE CARDS!! Mark had business cards made up 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 all promote Division 6!!

REMEMBER!!... when shopping at Nankin Hobby stores, tell them before your purchase is rung-up, that you are a Div 6 member! We get a share of your purchase price toward an account that we can spend for great raffle items for the Fall Show! Help Div 6 when shopping!! THANKS Nankin Hobby!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting! The history lesson was on MAIL TRAINS between Detroit and Chicago! Mail trains were fully running in 1881 and the special RPO - rail post office cars were owned by the Post Office, not the railroads! On one of the car were up to 81 compartments for sorting mail. The other said had rows of mail bags where the sorted mail went and was brought in. The rest of the car was for the workers and larger packages and boxes being shipped. Time was the king in this business, with mail traveling over 100 miles in order to get to a destination, even if it was only 25 miles away (as the crow flies). Many packages would ride over several railroads to reach their destinations. Because this was US mail... which had to be protected, the workers in the RPO, which were Post Office workers, were armed! It is also noted that in 1881, when the RPO was introduced on the Detroit-Chicago routes, over 9 million more items were mailed! THANKS John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! Please contact Clinic Chairman Byrne Blumenstein to get your clinic scheduled! PLEASE share your talents and knowledge! Last month's clinic was the M&MT session led by Erik, Glenn, Ken and the team went extremely well. We had quite a few tables filled with folks interested in the hands on session, and at times you could hear a pin drop, everyone was so focused on learning and trying the techniques out. Not to say that there wasn't a LOT of running discussion going on right up until we had to, grudgingly, leave. Just about everyone wanted to compare what they knew, or just wanted to try out what they learned. The first M&MT session was a HUGE success! Lots of raves on how helpful the M&MT session was. We'll do more soon, ideally in January. Larry volunteered to do an alternate discussion session for those not interested in M&MT, on his recent Amtrak travel experience. There was an additional session with a last minute volunteer, Russ, discussing getting RTR cars to run proper. THANKS Guys!!

NEXT MEETING- air brushing basics by Ken Chick

NOVEMBER - NCR Director Rich Mahaney on prototype accessories to buildings

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting, but did not have a new 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- Please attend the Lansing Lash-up convention for some great layout tours!!

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DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

Our next contest for bragging rights will be - ????? We'll look into and discuss a new modeling project at the next meeting.

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

November 7, 2018 - Open projector night. People can bring a short (8 minutes) of their own material to show. Slides, DVD, video. Please let program director know what you are bringing BEFORE the meeting.

Sunday, October 14, November 11, 2018 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 Contact Info - Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

Website www.ttoswolverine.org

Thursday-Sunday, October 11-14, 2018 - "LANSING LASHUP 2018"

2018 NMRA North Central Division Convention, hosted by The Capital Division (Div 5)

Ramada Lansing Hotel & Conference Center See website -

www.nmranrcrdiv5.com

Saturday, October 13, 2018 -

Downriver Toy & Train Show
Woodhaven, MI Twin Oaks Christian Church Contact Info- Conan Brooks 313-673-8472

Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 39th

Annual Gigantic Train Show and Sale Kalamazoo Model RR Hist Society Expo Center Building on the Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds

10AM to 3PM cost - \$6 adults Children 12 & under FREE

Contact Info- David Hayes-Moats 269-344-0906

kaltrainshow@kalnet.net

Sunday, November 3-4, 2018

Gratiot Valley Train Show & Sale Mt Clemens High School 155 Cass Ave Mt Clemens, MI **NEW LOCATION!**

10 AM - 4 PM Admission \$6 Children 12 & under FREE

Discount Coupon at www.gvrr.org
Contact Info - call 586-468-4877.

Website - <http://www.gvrr.org>

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Lansing Model Train Show and Sale Hosted by Lansing Model RR Club Michigan State University Pavilion 4301 Farm Lane East Lansing, MI 48824

www.lmrc.org
10am to 4pm \$6 adults, under 12 yrs free and scouts in uniform

Contact Info- Dennis Morley 989-723-2870 DJMorley0604@hotmail.com

Saturday-Sunday, November 10-11, Thanksgiving weekend Nov 23-24-25;

December 1-2, 9 8-2018

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

Contact Info: 248-634-5811

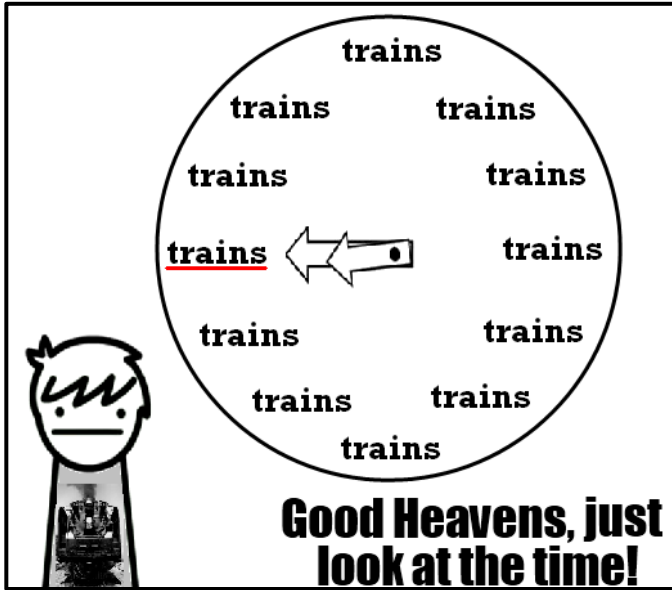
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PRODUCT REVIEW

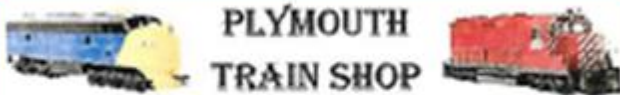
If you have an item to review, see Mark before the meeting.

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



How I sleep knowing a model railroad is never finished so there is no point in worrying



**PLYMOUTH
TRAIN SHOP**

Lionel, O-Scale – MTH, HO, Williams
Dave, manager

37980 Ann Arbor Rd Mon-Fri 11-6
Livonia, MI 48150 Sat 11-4
734-454-7337



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

Div 6 Annual Fall Show & Workshop Volunteer form

Please fill in the following and return to **MARK ELLIS** or **GLENN JOPPICH** at the next meeting or mail it to- 30040 Lyndon Livonia, MI 48154 You can also contact Mark at 734-765-2729 or email to- **emark@sbcglobal.net** You can contact Glenn at 734-464-6004 or email to- **steambigot@yahoo.com**

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!!!

Division Six, the Motor City Division of the
NCR- North Central Region of the
NMRA- National Model Railroad Association presents-



**NCR
EXTRA
2019**

North Central Region ONE day model railroading event

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

WELCOME to **NCR EXTRA 2019**, a one day model railroading event! This event has been organized, so that YOU can enjoy the comradery of fellow model railroaders, take part in many clinics to learn new skills or other useful information for your modeling efforts, see amazing local model railroads and even operate some of these model railroads! Please read through this flyer-application for all of the important information you need to help you to decide to attend this event. All you need to do is fill out the registration page, send it in with your registration fees, OR visit us online and register there using your credit card and PayPal security services!

Open to ALL model railroaders! You do not have to be a NMRA member to attend!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE-

- * Operation sessions available
- * Many model layouts to visit
- * Event site- Livonia Senior Center, Livonia, MI
- * Clinics/Workshops
- * Online Registration available, see website!
- * **EVERYONE** welcome to attend!

For more information or questions answered, visit our web pages at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com or contact -
Barry Hensel, Chairman – 734-649-3056 barry76Lt@wowway.com
Mark Ellis, Asst. Chairman - 734-421-2673 emark@sbcglobal.net

THE SITE

For the **NCR EXTRA 2019** we will be at the “home” of Division 6, the Livonia Senior Center. We are located at the corner of Farmington Rd and Five Mile Rd in Livonia, just one mile north of the I-96 Jefferies freeway. The official address is – **Livonia Senior Center 15218 Farmington Rd Livonia, MI 48154**

While we are a ONE day event, if you feel you are in need of a hotel room, here are the hotels that are closest to the Livonia Senior Center - Marriott Livonia 734-462-3100; Best Western 734-464-0050

Note- we have NOT reserved any special prices or room packages at any local hotels.

NCR EXTRA 2019 PRE-EVENT INFO PACKAGE

For the **NCR EXTRA 2019** event, we will be mailing/emailing all pre-registered participants a PRE-EVENT INFO PACKAGE in early April 2019. This will have the schedules for the clinics and operating sessions. A form will be included for you to fill out and send back in order to register for the operating sessions.

ALL ABOARD! THE SCHEDULE

Here is our schedule for the **NCR EXTRA 2019!** - **SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

Registration 7:30am-12 noon

Clinics/Workshops from 8am-1pm

Layout Tours starting at 1pm

Operating Sessions starting at 1pm by pre-register only

To participate in all of this, just fill out the registration form, send it in with your fees and you will have a great time! A pre-event info package with the final schedules, clinic schedule and topics and any other late information will be mailed/mailed to you starting early April. You can also get updates on our website!!

CLINICS/WORKSHOPS

We are planning on a full morning of clinics and workshops at the **NCR EXTRA 2019!** Clinics will run from 8am through 1pm and we will have 3 clinics running at the same time, meaning we should have at least 9 clinics for the event. We're working very hard to get you the best and most interesting clinics/workshops we can! A final schedule of the clinics/workshops will be posted on our website and be included in your pre-event info package, when you pre-register for **NCR EXTRA 2019!**

OPERATING SESSIONS

At the **NCR EXTRA 2019**, we will be providing a schedule of layouts that will be available for OPS Sessions, in your pre-event info package. Then you will have to pre-register for the session(s) you wish to attend. Send in right away as space will be limited. OPS sessions will take place at the Layout Owners discretion.

LAYOUT TOURS

The Detroit area is a hotbed of model railroad activity and we have some of the best layouts anywhere! We should be covering all the major scales and maybe even a few obscure ones! The layouts presented for the day range from completed to just under construction. This will allow you to view all phases of layout construction and to learn as you ask the owners questions about their layouts. Our website will be listing some of the available layouts as we confirm them - **www.div6-ncr-nmra.com**. A complete event booklet with all the layout locations and open times will be given to you when you check in at our registration desk, when you arrive for the **NCR EXTRA 2019!**

NCR EXTRA 2019 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT the information below and mail with proper fees to:

NCR EXTRA 2019

30040 Lyndon Livonia, MI 48154

A confirmation letter with your official entry number and event outline, will be mailed or emailed to you in early April 2019. All entries MUST be postmarked by April 15, 2019.

NAME _____ NMRA Number _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTRY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (_____) - _____ EMAIL _____

Please make checks and/or money orders payable in US FUNDS to: **NMRA - NCR - DIVISION 6**

NMRA MEMBER ENTRY FEE- \$20

NON-NMRA MEMBER ENTRY FEE- \$30

ATTEND PLUS A 9 MONTH NMRA MEMBERSHIP - \$40