

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, DECEMBER 21, 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. **For December ONLY - pizza at 6pm!!**

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your favorite piece of rolling stock! **Items shown included-** ref car Simpsons; 100t depressed flat w/transformer; Hon3 drop bottom gons; Soo boxcar (wood); RDG hopper O scale; AP ref milk car O scale; center beam flats w/ lumber loads; SH&W boxcar; PRR cvd hopper O scale; NYC caboose Lionel; boxcar track cleaner; Atlas track cleaner; 65' gon kitbash w/pipe load; NP boxcar; poultry car N scale; Erie flat; 900 series trolley New Orleans (St car names desire); Campbell cvd hopper Beans; boxcar; flat with prime mover engine; RDG hoppers HO; FEC boxcar; RailBox boxcar; M&I boxcar (Muncie & Indiana); NYC coke car; SP passenger car; SF Jordan spreader; GM&O FA1; Penn Salt Tank car Scale; GB&W C430/C242; DT&S Boxcar; IDP boxcar; LE&F boxcar; Erie gon; CP/Via dome/observation; PM baggage car N scale; NYC gon O scale

**Current Projects shown included-** Bar Mills warehouse; Kato RS2 N scale; box of freebies!; Thomas Tank engine repairs; building added LED lights

We had very few members that donated to the caboose, THANKS!

**NEXT MEETING** - favorite RR apparel - hat, shirt, coat, etc.

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website has been improved! Check out the new pages! The newsletter is posted and available online (in COLOR!). Check out- [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

# ON THE RAILS...

## DECEMBER 2018

WOW... another year is soon to close on us. Here is hoping that 2018 was a good year for you and your family. And here is also hoping that 2019 will be as good or perhaps better! **MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Our FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is happening as you read this, or has happened. Thanks to all that have helped make this event a success!

Plans for the NCR EXTRA 2019 will really begin after the first of the year. Will you help out?

For me, your Editor, 2018 was a good year! Still retired and doing more model railroading than ever before! Also more playing with my Camaro during the summer. COOL!! This is what I envisioned my retirement would be like! Doing the things I like and with great people! 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 very good with about 43 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King, Bill Neale and Larry Wolohon. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## DIV 6 PIZZA NIGHT!!

We did it a few years ago... time to do it again! In honor of what is hopefully a great Fall Show and our elections of officers, Div 6 will be buying the pizza! Come to the Div 6 December meeting at 6pm and we'll serve-up some pizza and refreshments! This is our way of saying THANKS to all of our Div 6 members, for helping through-out the past year!

## DIV 6 BOARD ELECTIONS

It is THAT time again... elections for Board members of Division 6! Nominations are....

Superintendent - Bill McMillan  
Asst Super - Byrne Blumenstein  
Secretary - Ed Beamish  
Treasurer - Larry Wolohon

At the next, December, meeting we will have the vote! Good Luck to all!!

## FALL WORKSHOP/SHOW

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!!!** As of the November Div 6 meeting, we had 7 layouts attending and 10 display tables. At the end of the meeting, there were many more forms filled out, so it was looking good for participation! We will probably NOT do the Scouts program, mostly because we are out of kits for the Scouts to build.

**LET'S GO GUYS AND GALS!!**

THANKS to ALL Div 6 members that helped out for the day!!

## 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!

## NCR EXTRA 2019

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 for this ONE day event

Event flyers are done and out!! Ed is working on the webpage for this event and online registration. We hope to have that by January 1st. If you are willing to give a clinic or have a tour or OPS session, please let BARRY or BILL know! AND/OR... use the form in this newsletter and return it to Barry, Mark or Bill. We actually have ONE registration already!! COOL!! Thanks to those that have filled out a form and have signed-up to help!

## NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was at the meeting and reported -

New 2019 Walthers catalog is out. InterMountain has selected 4 USA suppliers and expects products to start arriving soon. Atlas has announced a new Signal control system for all scales. Walthers is releasing many new accessories (lights, switches, etc) for their switch machine system.

Also reporting was Rich Kubec - Walthers released a horizontal switch machine in their new system. We look forward to another report next month on new hobby items soon!

## 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 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- Glenn Joppich! 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, 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 have a display banner!! To help advertise Div 6 and our Fall Show and NCR Extra, a retractable banner was made to display at local train shows. The Rails on Wheels show on the Sunday after Thanksgiving was the first time it was used. THANKS to Dave, Mark, Bruce and Doug for manning the table. We'll be looking for Div 6 members to man a table at other local train shows!

Chi-Town RR is now open every weekend through the end of the year and maybe into January. Cost is \$5 per person. Chi-Town is located in Commerce Township.

## 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-** annual December tours for Tom Kosta, Phyllis LaForte and Barry Hensel will be on Sunday, December 9th. See map!!

## 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 by NCR Director Rich Mahaney on prototype accessories to buildings. Rich had a presentation that showed some unusual items, like large animals used for advertising, walls painted as murals, water tanks painted like products. All very interesting items that would give any layout something unique! THANKS Rich for stopping by and sharing your clinic with Div 6!

**NEXT MEETING-** December is another roundtable month! So far- Air brushing by Eric; track cleaners by Rich Kubik and ??? still looking for a 3rd presenter!

January - Rich Mahaney returns - "smells" of model railroading


February- M&MT roundtable sessions

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting and had these tips - Dry cleaner plastic bags... good for drop cloths on your layouts as you are working on projects. Also... wood box with screen for making chalk dust for weathering!! THANKS! We are looking forward to more tips soon.

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

Our next contest for bragging rights will be in January. The subject will be RR owned online structures! Start modeling!!!

**PLYMOUTH  
TRAIN SHOP**

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

**37980 Ann Arbor Rd**  
**Livonia, MI 48150**  
**734-454-7337**

**Mon-Fri 11-6**  
**Sat 11-4**

## MERIT AWARD GIVEN!!

At the November meeting, AP director for Div 6, Ken Chick, gave out a Merit Award to Div 6 member Dan Kemp! The merit award was for a firehouse structure that Dan built and earned over 87.5 points in judging. CONGRATULATIONS to Dan for his achievement!



## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting! The history lesson was from RR magazine May 1947 - Test Run, by RB Nixon. This was the story of the Northern Pacific RR first diesel run with no change of locomotive en-route, with dyno car, several coaches and a few more cars. The loco was No. 754, an EMD three unit demonstrator. Only EMD and a few RR people were allowed to ride the train. The run was from St. Paul to Seattle and the train ran on schedule with an hour stop at several stations. Word of this special train got out and large crowds met the train at several stops. The diesel powered train ran in the 80-90 mph range! It hit and ran through the 2% Rocky Mountain grades with ease. The total time of the run, 33 hours and 56 minutes! THANKS John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

Marianne Nagrant's cousin and his wife, Nick and Renee Masney, own ITLA Scale Models, Inc. They sell precision laser cut wood scale model products in N, HO, S, and O scales including elevated railway structures, wood & masonry building kits, and detail parts. Their designs feature modular wall components to make kit-bashing easy. They also have shallow relief kits for backdrops with depths from .05" to 1.5". Their website [www.itlascalemodels.com](http://www.itlascalemodels.com) has more details. Their phone is 1-404-IMAGINE (462-4463).

## DIVISION 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### OTHER PEOPLE WHO DO STUFF

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734-266-2301 nedbeam@provide.net

Div 6 Fall Show- Mark Ellis  
734-421-2673 emark@sbcglobal.net

Meeting Coffee- Bill Deeter  
734-425-3377 billydeeter@att.net

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

**December 5, 2018** - Christmas program by Steve Sobel. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting at 7pm with program at 7:30pm.

Contact Info: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

### **Saturday-Sunday, Dec 8-9, 2018**

Detroit Model RR Club Open House  
104 North Saginaw St. Holly, MI  
Noon - 5PM Adults - \$5, Seniors (65+) - \$4, Children (5-18) - \$2, Children under 5 - Free

Contact Info: 248-634-5811

[webmaster@dmrrc.org](mailto:webmaster@dmrrc.org)

**Sunday, December 9, 2018** Trains & Trade Show  
Beacon Hill Golf Course, Commerce Township, MI  
10am-3pm \$3 per person under 12 free  
Food & Refreshments avail, Door Prizes  
Contact info- Brian McKee 248-698-3961

### **Saturday-Sunday, December 8-9 and 15-16, 2018; Jan 12-13, 2019**

Blissfield Model RR Club Open House  
109 E. Adrian St. (US 223) Blissfield, MI 49228

11AM to 4PM both Saturday and Sunday  
No admission charge  
Large layout with 3,000 feet of mainline track  
Wheelchair Accessible  
Contact Info 419 486-0404  
Website- <http://bmrr.org>

### **Saturday, December 15, 2018**

1st annual Ole Toy & Train Show (formerly St Bellarmine)  
Monaghan KofC 19801 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 48152  
11am to 3pm. \$3/person \$6/family \$10/early birds (10:30am)  
Operating layouts, Video movies, trains tested, Free Parking, Food available. Handicap accessible.  
Contact Info: Brian Klotzer 313-255-0466 7pm-9pm only please or Greg - [club2690@gmail.com](mailto:club2690@gmail.com)

**Sunday, December 16, 2018; Jan 13, 2019;** Wolverine Toy Train Club Show  
United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horce Brown Dr  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
10am-2pm \$3 per person under 12 free  
Door Prizes Every Hour, Free Parking, All Gauges of Trains, Food and Refreshments

Available Website-  
[www.ttoswolverine.org](http://www.ttoswolverine.org)  
Food service provided by The Madison Height Lions Club  
Contact Info: Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

### **Sunday, January 20, 2019 -**

A Train Show Avondale High School  
2800 Waukegan Auburn Hills, Michigan, MI 48326

10am-3pm \$4 13 & over/under 12 FREE  
Wheelchair Accessible, Michigan's largest one-day train show. 385+ tables (ALL railroad related) Operating layouts, door prizes, LIVE displays, Raffle prizes!  
Contact Info: Frank E. Lams 248-537-6008

[frank.lams@avondale.k12.mi.us](mailto:frank.lams@avondale.k12.mi.us)

## DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



# NCR EXTRA 2019 - Volunteer Form

Please fill in the following and return to **BARRY HENSEL**, **MARK ELLIS** or **BILL McMILLAN** at the next meeting. You can also contact them at these locations –

Barry – 734-649-3056 [barry76Lt@wowway.com](mailto:barry76Lt@wowway.com)

Mark - 734-765-2729 [emark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:emark@sbcglobal.net)

Bill - 248-349-7456 [wcmillan7456@gmail.com](mailto:wcmillan7456@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Volunteering to.... (circle as many as apply)*

CLINIC – (free entry) – topic \_\_\_\_\_

LAYOUT TOUR - Layout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested time for your tour? \_\_\_\_\_ Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

OPS session - Layout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested time for your tour? \_\_\_\_\_ Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Assist with morning registration (only need 4 people)

Clinic Room Host  
(only need 6-9 people)



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



North Central Region ONE day model railroading event

# SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

## 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](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com) or contact -  
Barry Hensel, Chairman – 734-649-3056 [barry76Lt@wowway.com](mailto:barry76Lt@wowway.com)  
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**Open to ALL model railroaders! You do not have to be a NMRA member to attend!**

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/emailed to you starting early April. You can also get updates on our website!!

## **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 \_\_\_\_\_

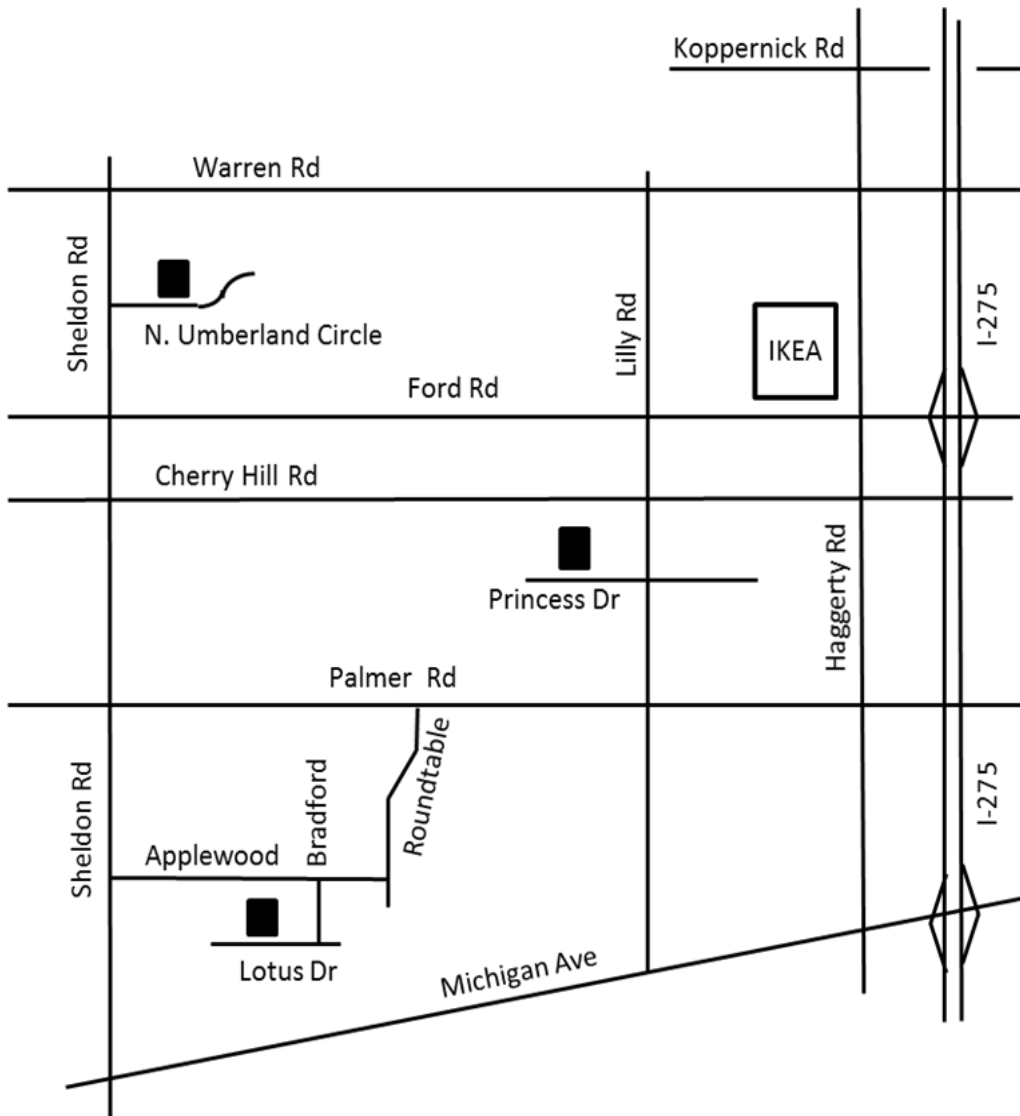
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TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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**

Phyllis (Marty) LaForte 44370 N. Umberland Circle Canton, Mich. 48187 12pm – 4pm	HO Standard Gauge <b>The Burlington Northern - Spartan Division</b> - is set in the current time, It is located mostly in Eastern Nebraska with lines to Long Beach and Portland. The BNSD has two hundred feet of dual mainline, wrapping around the basement. DCC Digitrax. Scenery is approximately 80% complete.
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**DIVISION 6 -  
 Motor City  
 Division  
 LAYOUT  
 TOURS  
 SUNDAY,  
 DECEMBER  
 9, 2018**

Tom Kosta 959 Princess Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 12pm – 5pm	<b>Great Northern Empire</b> is circa 1974 running the GN and CB&Q from Chicago to Seattle. It has two main tracks of about 150 feet. The Chicago station yard is a 9 track stub end yard with 5 passenger and 4 classification tracks.
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Barry Hensel 43642 Lotus Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 12pm – 5pm	HO Standard Gauge <b>The Reading Lines - Central Division</b> - set in 1970 and completely operational. The RDG Lines is a 2 track mainline with continuous running and is operated with Easy DCC. Scenery is 90% complete with basic scenery forms in place in other areas.
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