

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

ON THE RAILS...

JUNE 2018

Cool... or actually hot? Yes, the weather has finally settled down a bit. As usual, that means more outdoor activities take more of our time. Time, away from model railroading. Hopefully... you can avoid that pitfall and keep model railroading! That is one reason that Division 6 has meetings all year long. To help you keep your modeling interest going... all year long!

Don't forget the **LANSING LASH-UP** is coming soon!! Get yourself registered soon!! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had several new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Jim McMuldroch, Dennis Kropinak and John Beres. Meeting attendance was GREAT with about 52 members present. MMR's present were Larry Wolohon, Ken Chick and Joe Kocis. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running! The newsletter is posted and available online. Check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

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 15, 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 food & beverage cars - billboard reefer, anything labeled for the food industry.

Items shown included-

TM billbrd reefer; 6 dome tank car for wine; billbrd reefer - steaks & beer; Planters cvd hopper; Wonder Bread cvd hopper; O scale Awrey's Bakery boxcar; Baby Ruth reefer; Iron City Beer boxcar; dairy and beer reefer; Heinz 57 reefer; Hardings Butter reefer; ACL watermelon boxcar; dairy and wine reefer; cheese reefer; Quaker Oats car; Swiss Fed RR dining car; Hamms beer reefer; Wonder Bread boxcar; Pepsi 60' boxcar; Stroh's beer truck; dining car; Burlington reefer; Sheffield Milk boxcar; Green Giant boxcar; PFE-UP reefer; St Louis Reefer (Budweiser); Heinz 57 reefer done with 30+ yr old dry transfers; FEC coffee cup??; Bakers Chocolate tank car; Kraft cheese reefer; Wanker Beer reefer; Domino Sugar tank car; Blatz beer reefer; O scale A&P reefer; book on billbrd cars; Swift meat cars; Oscar Myer reefer; A&P reefer.

Current Projects shown included-

No one had a current project, wow!

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

NEXT MEETING - something RR related, that you have never brought in, because it never fit a category. (free for all?)

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, gives us a report on new items that are coming out. Russ was not at the last meeting, so we look forward to another report on new hobby items soon!

FALL WORKSHOP/SHOW

We're starting to think of dates for the Fall Show... our usual day is the Sunday after Thanksgiving, which would be Nov 25th. A lively discussion ensued and our date is now in question, as several members felt a change in date would improve our attendance. The Saline Train show and St. Simon & Jude train show have also been scheduled on "our" date. Please consider this issue and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

ONE DAY CONVENTION?

We are looking at hosting a one day event... not really a convention, but styled after a convention, in the Spring of 2019. The NCR used to have 2 conventions a year, one in Spring, one in the Fall. Attendance has fallen so that holding 2 per year was no longer possible. However, the idea has been presented that a ONE day event, similar to a convention, could be held in the spring to keep our interests up. It would also allow some of our smaller Divisions, to host an event when they cannot do a full convention. Div 1 was going to do this, but must start work on the 2020 NCR convention. Thus, the Div 6 Board thought that we could be the first to start this new NCR program. The event is all about being simple... 3-5 clinics in the morning, 3-6 layout tours in the afternoon and some OPS sessions in the evening. That's it! ONE day of model railroading fun!! Are you on board with this event? More discussions will take place at the next Div 6 meeting.

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!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting and had a few new tool tips for us... outlet plug with an on/off switch on the top! 11-25761-5 \$4-3

Screws with a double head... called "Bear Claw Hangers Kit". These are great for hanging pictures or your AP certificates!

Out of the Deutsche Optik catalog of stuff... interesting items were a chest microphone and a set of old style headphones. Could be used for dispatcher?

Rich showed us a tool of 3 rollers... you pull twisted wire through it and it makes it straight! Used in the jewelry hobby, can be found at Hobby Lobby or Michaels. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the modeling project was passenger stations. We had 7 entries! All were very good! Our winners, based on member voting are-
3rd place- Barry Hensel
2nd place- Bill Rubarth
And your Winner is - Rich Murphy!!
Congratulations Rich!!
Our next contest for bragging rights will be -

NCR CABOOSE CHALLENGE

This is a 12x12 diorama of a caboose having a "second life" as a store, storage shed, vacation cabin, etc.... We will present your models at the AUG meeting.

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!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting! The history lesson was from the 1939 RR Magazine. The story was- Royal Trains sets world record. This was the story of a CP Hudson #2850 pulling a train with the King of England, westward across Canada. 25 engine crews were used to keep this one engine running. A sister engine ran the train eastward also with no problems. These Hudson types had 40 engines similarly built - streamlined with 75" dia driver wheels and 5700 lbs tractive effort. After this trip, they were commonly known as the Royal Hudson's! Additional information from Byrne was that the King had to give permission for the use of the word "royal"! THANKS John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

AGE OF STEAM TOUR

Here is your date - SATURDAY, July 28th, 2018. Here is the plan... we would leave at 6am, stop for lunch about 10:30-ish and then get to the Age of Steam Roundhouse by 11:30 for a 12 noon tour. Tours last about 90 minutes and you walk about a 1/2 mile while on the tour. We would stop for dinner on the way back - or maybe not? The cost - \$20 for the tour per person and ALL are welcome.

UPDATE - We have 35 people on the list. It looks like bus transportation will not happen. Some on our list actually live in Ohio near the AoS. We could rent a van... most likely just car pool. If you are not on the list and wish to be... let BARRY know. I think we'll do a cut-off in 2-3 weeks and then start collecting the fee. A suggestion has been made to visit a local model railroad after the tour. I will send a separate email to those on the list. Stay tuned!!!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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- Barry Hensel! Congratulations!

Bill McMillian is recuperating from a hospital stay for pneumonia. He is home and doing well!! Bill Deeter recently had a stint put in and is doing well!

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!!

On July 27th members of Div 6 are invited to take part in a train excursion from Pontiac to Kalamazoo and back. This would be on Amtrak and cost about \$50.

Nankin Hobby has opened their 4th store! Some building set-backs caused a delay, but the new store in Southgate opened on May 16th.

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! Special THANKS to Mark, Pierre and Mike for opening their layouts for viewing!

NEXT TOURS- June, no tours planned

YOUR LAYOUT PHOTOS

If you would like to have your train layout photos considered for the NANKIN HOBBY website, please send them to the attention of Kelsey Berger at:

photos@nankinhobby.com Kelsey will review them and see which ones we could use. Please feel add any comments or interesting stories on the photos you submit.

THANKS!!.... Nankin Hobby

LANSING LEGACIES CONV

Check out all of the convention info in your NCR HotBox, or go to the website -

<https://nmcrcrdiv5.com/>

To make a hotel reservation, call the hotel direct at 517-627-3211 Let's GO Div 6....!! Convention dates are October 11-14, 2018

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 Div 6 member Bruce Wolff on kitbashing double crossovers!! WOW... double crossover made with a crossing and 4 turnouts, so that it would be proper angle (approx. #8) and fit in a certain space on Redford Club layout. Bruce had a powerpoint presentation on all of the steps he took to create this masterpiece! Bruce had the crossover present for us to see and inspect... and marvel! An interlocking, like a crossover, needs a name for dispatching. The location on the Redford Club layout is now named Wolff Crossing! Great presentation and work! THANKS Bruce!!

NEXT MEETING- round-table discussions. We have 2 moderators, need 2 more!!

John ??? -

Bill Neale -

Steam loco Prototype modeling.

NMRA AWARDS!

Ken Chick, our Division AP coordinator, presented the Golden Spike Award to Div 6 members Ed Beamish, Marty & Phyllis LaForte, Ted Pilchek and Barry Hensel! All are members of the round-robin group, the Rail Gang. The Golden Spike award is usually one of the first to be received, by those working on a layout and other AP Certificates toward being an MMR - Master Model Railroader! CONGRATULATIONS to ALL!!

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LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

July 11, 2018 - Jim Bradford with a pair of DVD's from his movie collection. Meetings are held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at 7pm with program starting at 7:30pm.

Saturday-Sunday, July 28-29, 2018 - Railroad Heritage Weekend Show & Swap (2 Days) Van Wert, OH Van Wert Co. Fairgrounds
Contact information - Jan Dunlap 419-238-4207

SUNDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 5-12, 2018 - **NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION AND TRAIN SHOW** Westin Kansas City at Crown Center - 1 East Pershing Road, Kansas City, MO,
Website: <http://www.kc2018.org/>

Tuesday-Thursday, August 07-09, 2018 Michigan Rail Conference 2018
Saginaw Valley State University
7400 Bay Road University Center, MI 48710
Contact Information- dannelso@mtu.edu David Nelson, 906-487-1734 Website- <http://rail.mtu.edu/mrc2018>

Saturday, August 11, 2018 - SUMMERAIL at Marion
Palace Theater 276 W Center St. Marion, Ohio 43302 937-898-8220
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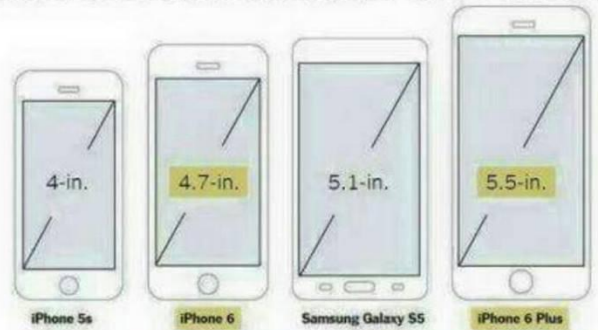
Saturday, August 18, 2018 - Everett's Train Show
Marion, OH - Marion Union Station
Contact info - 740-351-1798

Sunday, August 26, 2018 - Railroad Memorabilia Show
Painesville, OH - Painesville Railroad Museum
Contact info - Tom Pescha 216-470-5780

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some humor that has been found-

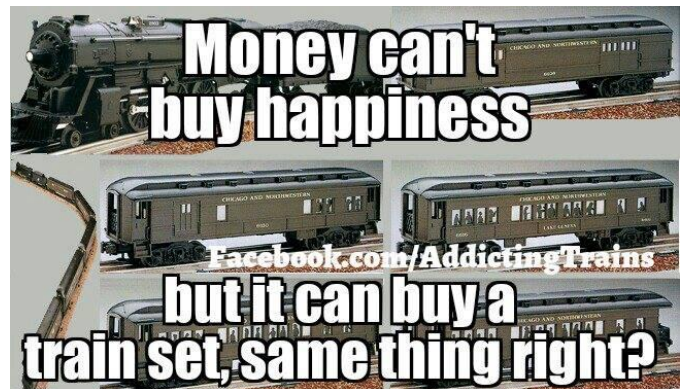
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Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4

Photos from the May Division 6 meeting. CONGRATULATIONS to our recent Golden Spike winners!! Also shown, some of the many Show & Tell items that members displayed! COOL!! We are sorry that we did not get any pictures of the station contest entries or winner. Oops....

