



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

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2018

Hot... Hot... HOT!!!! That's what it's been around here lately! Nice to go to the COOOOL basement and work on model railroading. A highly suggested activity! If you are outside... maybe railfanning.. keep hydrated and in the shade as much as possible! Have fun, be safe!!

NOTE- as you will soon read, we have decided on a new date for the annual Fall Show & Workshop for this year. It will be the weekend AFTER Thanksgiving - Sunday, Dec 2nd. Make a note of this!!

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 no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was good with about 46 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King and Jim Zinser. 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, JULY 20, 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 something RR related, that you have never brought in, because it never fit a category.

Items shown included- HO scale lighted and motorized semi-truck; inspection car; Kadee wheel cleaner tool; building kit; Tyco Old Spice boxcar; Am Flyer flag!; HO scale birds!; HO scale woman "posing"!; scratch built yard light tower; real ticket punch; Matchbox and HO Mercedes vehicles; drone picture of railroad; Walthers traffic lights; Pullman napkin; food boxcar; Trains magazine boxcar; kitbashed Galloping Goose; HO forklift; NYC books on steam engines; HO classic and muscle cars 1970 or earlier; Book of advertising- Dodge pick-up ads on the Durango & Silverton!; grain blower/dryer; log/pipe loaders; real stop/maintenance sign; turntable kit; brass loco decoration; scratch built crane on a barge; Santa Fe hard hat; Northville depot picture 1919; EMD water bottle from LaGrange open house; headrest napkin; hand carved conductor figure 2' tall; UP route USA map; book of RR songs; 1997 NYC steam loco book; narrow ga auto boxcar; Baldwin prairie logo number board; Lionel watch; RR timetable and waybills; N scale poultry cars; tree stump mold; sound circuit boards.

Current Projects shown included- House building in progress; 2-bay ribside hoppers in progress; apt bulding structure; lighting vehicles!; C&O water tower;

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

NEXT MEETING - railroad art or photos

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, gives us a report on new items that are coming out. Russ mentioned the Intermountain "actual" HO ball bearing wheel sets and a BXPA-1 Digatrak reversing unit. We look forward to another report next month 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. Proposal is to move one week after, to Dec 2nd. Motion made, seconded and voted on with approval!!

ONE DAY CONVENTION!!

Div 6 will be hosting a one day event... not really a convention, but styled after a convention, in the Spring of 2019. The membership voted and agreed to this new event! We do need a chairperson and help with registrations, etc... looking for volunteers. 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!!

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!

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- July, no tours planned

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting and had a few new tool tips for us...
Outlet plugs that use a remote to turn on/off! - good for that master layout power control!
Package of foam brushes - 24 for \$5 and plastic gloves; acid brushes (aluminum handle) - use as brushes, cutoff head and use handle as pipe load, all available at Harbor freight. Compartment boxes good for small tools to take with you. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

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!!

NMRA AWARDS!

Ken Chick, our Division AP coordinator, presented the Golden Spike Award to Div 6 members Norm Logan, Bill Deeter and Joe Bliss! 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!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting! The history lesson was from RailRoad magazine - 1939 Sept (part 1) "Timing the fast one's" trip in May 1939; NYC Train - the Mercury, between Detroit and Cleveland. Cars were rebuilt like new with all new design of tomorrow; 2 hrs 50 minutes was the time to beat! Part 2 next meeting! THANKS John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

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- Dave Kuntz! Congratulations!

Glenn Joppich is in the hospital with a heart infection and valve replacement. He will be there for awhile... prayers and good thoughts to Glenn and his family!!

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!!

July 14 - is the grand opening of the new Nankin Hobby in Southgate!

Henry Ford Village model RR group is moving to a larger room!! That means a bigger layout!!! Neil Allen had picture book of what was and things to come!

LANSING LEGACIES CONV

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

<https://nmranrcrdiv5.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 more round-table discussions.

Presenting were-

Erik Hjelmberg pigments/paints
Rich Kubick lighting
Mark Ellis - trackwork
John Gravasso - steam locomotives

NEXT MEETING- round-table discussions. We have 3 moderators,
Erik H - painting-weathering
JC Paschal - airbrushing
Steve Gladstien - electric meters
Aug - Joe Bliss - benchwork

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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
rustyrails@woh.rr.com

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

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....





Nankin Hobby

35101 Ford Rd
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1480 Washtenaw Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-961-7575


12020 Fort St
Southgate, MI 48195
734-250-7382

Daves Hobby & TV

Stop here for all your hobby needs.

29026 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185
734-422-4464





PLYMOUTH TRAIN SHOP



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

37980 Ann Arbor Rd
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Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4



Here are some of the Show & Tell items on display at the June Div 6 meeting!



CONGRATULATIONS to Norm, Bill and Joe for receiving their Golden Spike Awards!!

