

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

## ON THE RAILS...

### SEPTEMBER 2018

OH MY... summer is just about over! In fact, our next Div 6 meeting is just days away from the first day of Autumn! It seemed like it was never going to get here... then it's gone in no time! I have a feeling it's an "older person" thing!! Well... that usually means that our hobby will be on the up-swing! Fall, Winter and into spring are model railroading "season"! Here's hoping your season starts off good and continues for a long time!

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

Don't forget the **LANSING LASH-UP** is coming soon!! Get yourself registered NOW!!

We have approx. 8 months to the first NCR one-day event, hosted by us - Div 6. Let's make this event good!! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Brian Federoff and Gordy Conley! Meeting attendance was good with about 44 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon and Ron King. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 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.

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was the oldest piece of RR equipment you had as a child.

### **Items shown included-**

1951 Lionel Scout engine; O scale "All Nation" brand box car; Blatz box car 1960; Revell cabooses; Mantua engine kit; Athearn Hustler 49yrs old rubber band power; B&O gon; Mantua Atlantic in RDG!; Box car; 1955 AM Flyer NKP switcher; O scale Marx wind-up loco; O scale Plasticville pond; Revell pickle car 1956; Alrich triple hopper; ConCor N scale Berkshire; Tyco 0-4-0 dockside; Lionel 2-6-4; Mantua US Navy flatcar; Athearn F7's; Athearn GP9 rubber band drive; Tyco Plym switcher; Lionel Hudson 4-6-4; 1957 tank car; Lionel "Flying Yankee" 80 yrs old!; Lionel operating milk car; Tyco GP20; power pack from original HO set; 027 tank car; AM Flyer crossing gate; Lionel F unit; 1926 Lionel boxcab; Lionel stamped metal flat car; Aztrac command control system; 1957 Bingly Models all wood flat car; Lionel track wire connector

### **Current Projects shown included-**

Used car lot bldg. converted to ice cream shop; C420 loco redo's; Bar Mills kit build.

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

**NEXT MEETING** - covered hoppers!!

## NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting. We look forward to another report next month on new hobby items soon!

## 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!!! You have 3 months to start thinking and working on a display to show off!! Show flyers will be made and available at the September meeting. 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!!

## 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. Barry Hensel has volunteered to be chairman of this new event. THANKS!! Barry needs a core Team of 3 members to assist, plus some volunteers will be needed at the event. If you are interested, please contact BARRY! No date has been set yet, but we're looking at late April or Early May. 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! There will be an admission charge, which should be very affordable and we expect to make a profit at this event for Div 6. We're also looking for a name.... it's NOT a convention because it's only a one day event. If you think of one, let Barry know! Most likely, we'll use the Senior Center for the event. It's ONE day of model railroading fun and information!!

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## 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](http://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!

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was not at the last meeting. 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 had 3 entries and the vote has given Bill McMillan the bragging rights for a few month! Congratulations!! (although we wonder the fairness of this as Bill models in G scale.. LOL!) We hope these will be taken to the Lansing Lash-up convention in October!! We'll look into and discuss a new modeling project at the next 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!!

## 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- Ken Chick! Congratulations! A Bonus drawing was won by Glenn Joppich, for a book.

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!!

Marty LaForte has been in the hospital dealing with an infection and some extra fluids that needed to be drained. Please kepe him and Phyllis in your thoughts and prayers!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting! The history lesson was from Trains Magazine March 1965 - *WHERE 19TH CENTURY RAIL CAR FERRIES ARE!* The Lansdown - side paddle wheeler ferry 1884 built. Steel hull with wood super-structure. Operates 7-9 months per year. The Huron, another ferry built in 1875 works when the Lansdown is in service and off season. Built in England, disassembled and reassembled in Ontario, opposite Port Huron. Lansdown had a historical society formed! Both ships were reaching their 100 year anniversaries at the time of the article! Foot note - the Lansdown became a "floating" restaurant, moored along the Detroit River for many years and used several rail passenger cars for the actual restaurant! (including a Hiawatha observation car.) 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 by Div 6 member Joe Bliss on benchwork basics, specifically L-Girder benchwork. Using some images of benchwork and a real section of benchwork, Joe showed and talked about the pro's and con's of the L-Girder system. It's flexible, sturdy and easy to build. If you are starting a layout, this was a very timely clinic to help get you started! THANKS Joe!

**NEXT MEETING-** September marks our first M&MT (Materials & Modeling Techniques) Roundtable hands-on workshop. We'll have three M&MT sessions - play with the material of Acrylic washes, one to try basic DCC installs and one table for those not interested making things for a layout.

The M&MT Roundtables are similar to the roundtable discussions we have been having, but the main difference is - these are HANDS-ON!! Now, you will get to try a technique and/or discuss more in-depth, different materials that can be used in model railroading! We encourage you to bring in YOUR models to work on!! However, the moderators will have some items to work on and demonstrate the materials and techniques that they will be demonstrating. We hope you like this new addition to our meetings. Regular roundtable discussions will still continue too!

## LANSING LEGACIES CONV

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

<https://nmranrdiv5.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

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## 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-** See the map for the  
location of layout tours for  
September - Fred Ottusth, garden  
layout and  
Sunday, September 30th noon-4pm

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

**September 05, 2018** - Mr.  
William Raul Meetings are held  
at the Henry Ford Centennial  
Library, 16301 Michigan Ave,  
Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at  
7pm with program starts at 7:30pm.

**Saturday, September 8, 2018** -  
Willard Train Fest  
Willard, OH - Willard High School  
& Willard Depot Contact info-  
Jim Heffley 419-935-0495

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**  
5th annual Hastings Train Show  
by the Battle Creek Model RR Club  
& Iron Rails Model Railroad Club  
Barry Expo Center 1350 N M-37  
Hwy Hastings, MI 49058  
10am-3:30pm \$5 under 12 free  
Contact info- Brad Miles 269-953-  
9171 **magichb@aol.com**

**www.bcmrrc.net**

**Saturday-Sunday, September 15-16**  
Blissfield Model Railroad Club  
Open House 109 E. Adrian St. (US  
223) Blissfield, MI 49228  
11 am to 4 pm FREE! Wheelchair  
Accessible Website:

**http://www.bmrr.org**

**Saturday, September 22, 2018** -  
Mt Clemens Train Show  
St. Louis Social Hall 39140  
Ormsby St. Mt. Clemens, MI 48036  
10am to 3pm \$3 per person, \$5  
per family, children under 12 free  
Contact Information - Carl Hikade  
586-463-5184 **cdhikade@juno.com** or  
Joe Hiestand 586-924-0499

**Saturday, September 22, 2018** -  
Canfield Train & Toy Show  
Canfield, OH - Canfield  
Fairgrounds Contact info -  
Elwood Woolman, 330-651-1042

**Friday-Saturday, September 21-22**  
Modeling Like a Pro 2 day workshop  
South Bend, IN - Notre Dame  
KcKenna Hall Conference Center  
Contact information - NMRA  
Michiana Division 574-286-0309



# DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



**Nankin**  
*Hobby*

35101 Ford Rd  
Westland, MI 48185  
734-722-5700

33350 W Nine Mile Rd  
Farmington, MI 48336  
248-919-0040

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
734-961-7575

12020 Fort St  
Southgate, MI 48195  
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## DIV 6 LAYOUT TOURS

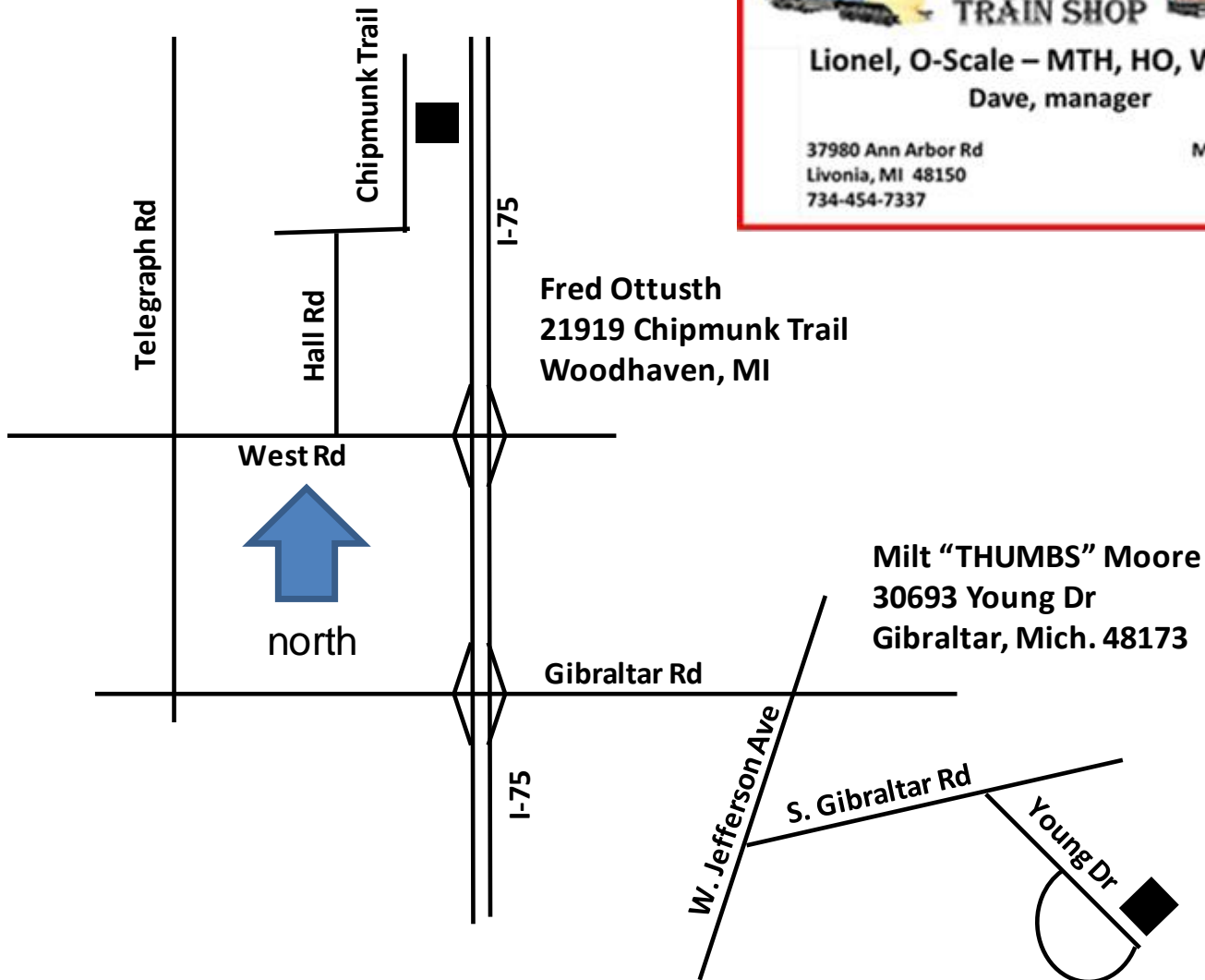
Sunday, Sept 30 12noon-4pm

**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



# 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!!!



Div 6 August 2018  
Show & Tell  
Oldest item you own.....  
and current projects....





Div 6 Modeling Project – the NCR Caboose Challenge!  
Modeling a caboose in a “second life” We had 3 entries..... Asst-Superintendent Bill McMillan was the chosen winner!

