



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 18, 2019**. 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. A \$1 donation is requested.

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was reefer cars!

**Items shown included-** 36' boxcars; Stroh's reefer; Agar Packing reefer; Greenburg & Western insul boxcar; Stroh's delivery trucks; Coor's reefer, Blatz reefer; weathered mechanical reefer; Gobel reefer; Century Brewing reefer; CN reefers; 1992 convention car for brewing company; Budweiser reefer; brass PRR reefer; Black Label reefer; Schlitz reefer; Colorado National reefer; Hardy Creamery car; West India Fruit reefer; Bud & Coors reefers

**Current Projects shown included-** Tavern building

Several members did not bring a model to display and donated to the caboose, THANKS!

**NEXT MEETING** - passenger cars

## DIV 6 FALL SHOW!!

Here's what we have...

**2019 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP**

**Ward Church - Knox Hall**

**SATURDAY, Nov 23, 2019**

**11am - 4pm public hours**

**\$3 per person or \$5 per family**

Knox Hall is Ward Church's gym. This means the entire show will be in ONE room! We'd like 100% participation in this years' event! Do a display, help at the door or raffle table - do something! (a display is best!) The volunteer sign-up form is in this newsletter. Mark your calendars now! Flyers will be available at the next Div 6 meeting! (sorry these are late!)

# ON THE RAILS...

## OCTOBER 2019

Happy Autumn!! Right after the last Div 6 meeting, it officially turned into Autumn. Some cooler days and nights and outdoor activities are slowing down. Time to get modeling!!! I hope you will have or find the time to do some model railroading.

THANKS to Div 6 Secretary Ed, for taking notes for me at the last meeting, so I can write your newsletter! I had a wedding to attend that night. Thanks Ed!

The NCR full convention for 2019 is the **NORTH CENTRAL CROSSING**, slated for November 7-10, 2019. This event is hosted by Div 8 and will be held in Troy.

The Div 6 annual **FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP** is coming up fast! Only 1.5 months away! Remember, we have a new location and date! We have LOTS of room, so we want ALL Div 6 members to think about doing a display this year! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Chuck Wendt! Meeting attendance was a OK with about 39 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King and Bill Neale. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website has been improved! Check out the new pages! If you want your layout featured on the website, email ED your pictures and a small write-up!! Check it out at- [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting but had no new tool tips to give. We're looking forward to more tips 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!

## 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! We will look into sharing tour info with other divisions and perhaps we can visit their tours too.

**NEXT TOURS-** Sorry... no volunteers for October have come forward. For November go to the NCR Convention! Div 6 tours for December will be Tom Kosta, Phyllis LaForte and Barry Hensel

## 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 MODEL PROJECT

We had a nice gathering of pubs for the quarterly modeling challenge contest. Of the entries displayed and after the votes were counted, RICH MURPHY has the bragging rights for the next few months! Congratulations! See the photo page to see Rich's model. The subject for our next contest is MoW or offline equipment. This will be due in January. Start modeling!!

## NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting. We look forward to another report on new hobby items soon! Other reports are - check out Netflix or YouTube for "Virtual Railfan" these are live camera's all around the country that you can watch trains on!! Looking for details and other plastic parts? Check out Shapeways.com for all kinds of 3D printed items for your model railroad! RB Digital app for your phone/tablet allows you to link to your local library to view all the latest issues of many magazines, for FREE! You must have a library card in order to access your library.

## 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 Bruce Wolff on Swiss narrow gauge railroads. Bruce talked about and showed many pictures of the different types and lines. He shared many first-hand experiences and antidotes! It was a very good presentation!! Larry Wolohon was to talk on western US narrow gauge railroads, but was not present to do so.

**NEXT MEETING-** Special guest - America by Rail excursions presentation

Nov - roundtable discussions  
We need a few table coordinators!

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Another Div 6 member has been lost. The on September 20, Neil Allen passed at the age of 84. Neil has been a Div 6 member for many years and always helped at the Fall Show! He has also been very instrumental in the Henry Ford Village model railroad club, helping with the layout and scheduling open houses there. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Chapel at Henry Ford Village 15101 Ford Rd Dearborn, MI In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Neil's name to the Henry Ford Village Model Railroad Club, or to the Dearborn Rotary Club. Deepest Sympathies to his wife Jean and the entire Allen family. Neil will be missed!!





## 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- Mike Tranquilla! Congratulations!

WE HAVE CARDS!! Bill has a supply of Div 6 business cards 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 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're told this will work for ANY purchase at a Nankin store!!

**PLYMOUTH  
TRAIN SHOP**

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

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## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting and gave this lesson... From a 1885 Free Press article... Before Detroit was known for autos, we were known for railroad cars! Peninsular Car Company had over 700 employees and was building 15-20 cars a day when it started in 1885! Boxcars, flatcars, stock cars cabooses and others were all built here. These cars were made for many of the major railroads in the area and country. The factory did all of their own work - forging, casting and stamping besides the assembly of the cars. The factory buildings were designed for a straight line assembly process and also had advanced water systems for fire fighting. The company was part of a merger in 1899 forming AFC - American Car and Foundry Company. Thanks John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

## 2019 NCR REGIONAL CONV

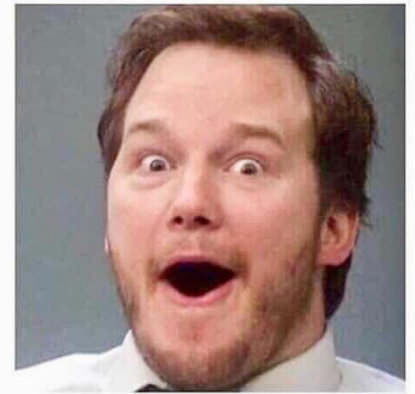


The 2019 NCR convention - **NORTH CENTRAL CROSSING** is hosted by Div 8 in Troy, Michigan. The event is November 7-10, 2019 and held at the Troy Community Center. Clinics, prototype tour, layout tours, OPS sessions, door prizes and a lunch on Saturday are all part of the convention plans. Brook Qualman is the keynote speaker!  
**NEW NEWS** - if you have never been to a regional convention, you can attend the North Central Crossing for 1/2 price!! See the Div 8 website for online registration or a form for mail-in registration-  
[www.div8.ncr-nmra.org](http://www.div8.ncr-nmra.org)

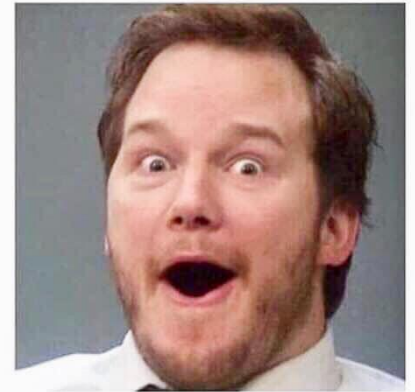
## DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....

**When  
you buy  
your 1st  
train.**



**When  
you buy  
your  
237th  
train.**



## DIV 6 ACHIEVEMENT PROG

Our Division 6 Achievement Program coordinator, Ken Chick, MMR wants to remind all Div 6 members... if you need or want help on your AP certificate work... just give Ken a call! Or even an email! Ken is more than willing to advise and help direct you to getting your certificates!

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

**November 06, 2019** - Open projector night. People can bring a short (8 minute or less) program to show. Must contact Kenneth Borg to get on schedule

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. NOTE - **MEETING LOCATION CHANGE** - we will be meeting at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 158001 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, Club Room #1. Meeting at 7pm with program at 7:30pm. Contact Info: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124 [ken49146@aol.com](mailto:ken49146@aol.com)

**Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 12-13, Nov. 9-10, 23-24**, 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, October 12, 2019** - The Greater Grand Rapids Fall Train Show Grand River Valley RR Club Home School Bldg Wyoming, MI Ken Skopp 616-667-9680 Don Kiel 616-304-5443

**Saturday, October 12, 2019** - Downriver Toy & Train Show Woodhaven, MI Twin Oaks Christian Church Contact Info- Conan Brooks 313-673-8472

**Sunday, October 13, November 10**, Wolverine Train Club Show United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horce Brown Drive Madison Heights, MI 48071 10am-2pm \$3 under 12 free Website- [www.ttoswolverine.org](http://www.ttoswolverine.org) Info - Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

**Saturday, October 19, 2019** - Model Train & Toy Show and Sale Ft Wayne, IN - 2000 N. Wells [info@RxRmania.com](mailto:info@RxRmania.com)

**Sunday, October 20, 2019** - Lincoln Park Train Club's Annual Train Show Lincoln Park, MI - J.F.K Memorial Building Darrell Hicks (734) 624-1462

**Sunday, October 27, 2019** - 39th Annual Gigantic Train Show and Sale Kalamazoo Model RR Hist Soc

Expo Center Building on the Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds 10AM to 3PM \$6 adults Kids under 10 Free with paid adult admission. Contact Information- David Hayes-Moats 269-344-0906

[kaltrainshow@kalnet.net](mailto:kaltrainshow@kalnet.net)

**Sunday, November 10, 2019** - 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](http://www.lmrc.org) 10 am to 4 pm \$6 adults, free under 12 yrs & scouts in uniform. Contact Info- [www.lmrc.org](http://www.lmrc.org) or call Ron St.Laurent 517-256-3588

**Saturday-Sunday, November 9-10, Thanksgiving weekend Nov 29-30** 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 [webmaster@dmrrc.org](mailto:webmaster@dmrrc.org)



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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 **BRUCE WOLFF** or **MARK ELLIS** at the next meeting or mail it to- 31286 Morlock St Livonia, MI 48152 You can also contact Bruce at 248-478-4104 ***brucewolff@yahoo.com*** and Mark at 734-765-2729 or email to- ***emark@sbcglobal.net***

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

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

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

Set-up    Take-down    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 6 and invited guests of the  
NORTH CENTRAL REGION of the  
NATIONAL MODEL RR ASSOCIATION  
PRESENT-*



**41st ANNUAL!**

# ***MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP***

**11am- 4pm Saturday  
November 23, 2019**

***NEW DAY!!  
NEW LOCATION!!***

***LEARN HOW TO DO & ENJOY MODEL RAILROADING!  
This is NOT a sale or swap meet!***

***SEE DEMONSTRATIONS*** on power systems, scenery, kit building, structure building, backdrops, wiring, track laying tips, & basic building techniques.

***ALSO SEE*** video presentations, historical displays and operating model railroad layouts! Refreshments available.

***ASK QUESTIONS*** of National Model Railroad Assoc. Master Model Railroaders – we have FIVE!! Get answers to your modeling questions!

***PARTICIPATE IN*** a raffle for many prizes of model railroad items and an open model railroad model & photo contest

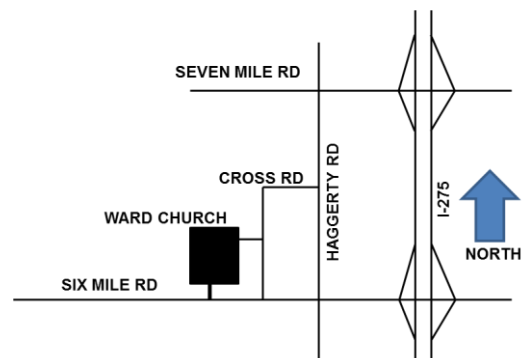


***GREAT FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! STOP BY  
FOR A VISIT, ASK QUESTIONS, GET ANSWERS!***

## **MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP**

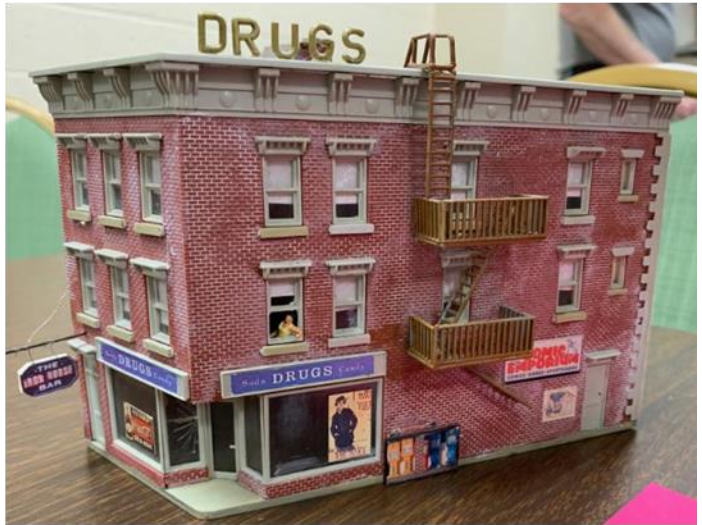
is located at **WARD CHURCH**  
40000 Six Mile Rd Northville, MI. 48168

**ENTRY FARE: \$3 per person  
\$5 per family  
under 16 is FREE!**



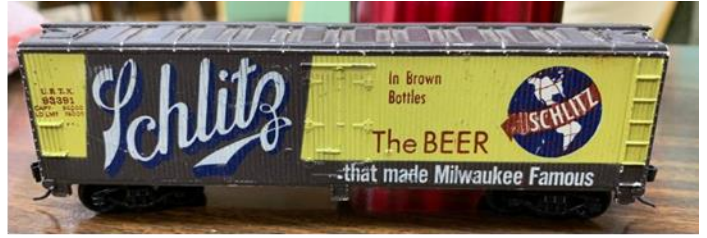
# MODELING CONTEST WINNER – ENTRIES!

Here is your Modeling Contest Winner – the **LOST LADY SALOON!!** This was built by Rich Murphy, shown below, talking about his model! Also shown are the other entries – all nice models too!





Here are some of the reefers that were shown for the Show & Tell part of the meeting! Sweet!!



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