

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, NOVEMBER 15, 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 passenger cars!

**Items shown included-** MLW combine- US mail/coach; SantaFe dome; old time shorty combine; SantaFe baggage; RDC; talgo SP tavern cars; Amtrak dinette; PRR cars with sound; AM Flyer combine; Great Smokey Mountain car; GN Empire Builder RPO and observation cars; Reading coaches; White Pass & Yukon car; Lackawanna open platform coach kit; B&M coach; Massabbe Western RR coach; Alleghany Central coach (from wife's grandfather!); Erie coach w/interiors; N scale PRR RPO combine; N scale coach DH&N; N scale C&O coach; baggage car to MoW; GN sleeper; MLW coach; Soo RPO car; Lackawanna dining car; Budd Amtrak commuter car; O scale UP coach; Lionel Amtrak; Lionel UP vista dome; Southern RR coach; San Juan HOn3 coach; coach with interior; On30 coaches Hancock and Calumet; G scale CN coach; N scale bi-level commuter car; O scale Harriman coach

**Current Projects shown included-** Map of the Alleghany Portage RR in central PA; NYC flatcar detailed with a lumber load

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

**NEXT MEETING** - vehicles!! Cars, trucks, etc.....

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject for our next contest is MoW or offline equipment. This will be due in January. Start modeling!!

# ON THE RAILS...

### NOVEMBER 2019

WELL... that happened fast... got cooler outside, making it much easier to stay indoors... and work on model railroading! Did you??

IT IS TIME!!! The NCR fall convention for 2019 is the **NORTH CENTRAL CROSSING**, on November 7-10, 2019. This event is hosted by Div 8 and will be held in Troy. Did you sign-up yet?? DO IT!!

The Div 6 annual **FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP** is coming up fast! Only ONE month 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! Sign-up forms were at the last meeting - WE NEED YOU!!! Let's go!!!

WOW... I got to see and touch the NS Reading Lines Heritage loco #1067!! Special THANKS to a friend for letting me know it was in town and to Conrail and NS personal for allowing me to see, touch and even get in the cab!! COOL!!! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Mark Charles and John Michels! Meeting attendance was good with about 41 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King, Jim Zinser and Larry Wolohon. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## DIV 6 FALL SHOW!!

IT'S ALMOST HERE!!.....

**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! Here is the day's schedule.....

**6am...** breakfast at Leo's Coney on Haggerty Rd, N of 6 mile

**7am...** set-up at Ward Church use door 4 or 5!

**11am-4pm...** public hours!!

**4pm-6pm...** tear-down/clean-up!

NOTE - we are BACK in the food business! SO we need some help!!

As long as we don't use the kitchen, (and we never did at Livonia) we are able to do our own food. Since we use portable broilers, etc... this will work!!

We'd like 100% participation in this year's 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! We **NEED** and **WANT** all Division members to do a display or help out at the door or with the raffle. **PLEASE HELP!!!** We **NEED YOUR HELP!!** We need YOU to **PROMOTE** this event to all of your friends and neighbors!! We need a GREAT turnout of people!! We hope you took some flyers and are passing them out at church, work, senior center, school, everywhere!

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting but had no new tool tips to give. He did have some blanks for making the steel cubes that he showed several months ago (and an article in the HotBox!). Bill also had a box of grape vine pieces that make good looking log loads or dead fall for scenery. 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-** For November go to the NCR Convention! Div 6 tours for December will be Tom Kosta, Phyllis LaForte and Barry Hensel on Sunday, December 8th

## 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!

## 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 - Barry Hensel showed off a new FOAM LOADS product by his own company, MTP - Model Train Products. This is a "rougner" foam material, so it looks more like a non-processed coal load! \$6 each

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## 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 to be by America by Rail Excursions! OOPs... they cancelled! Larry Wolohon presented his clinic on the Durango & Silverton that he visited this past summer. Larry grew up in Denver, so this was a homecoming of sorts and was also a 30th anniversary trip!

The D&S is located 6500 to 9000 feet above sea level and is a narrow gauge railroad. The rails are only 3 feet apart. The D&S was founded in 1882! Larry showed slides from the trip, starting in Chicago and onward. The D&S follows the Animas River and provides great scenic vistas! Larry's trip was in May 2019. It snowed!! Larry and his wife also visited the Colorado RR museum and the Forney Museum, which has cars and trains! Looks like it was a great trip!! THANKS Larry for sharing your vacation with us!

**NEXT MEETING-** roundtable discussions - Larry Wolohon is talking about the NMRA gauge, couplers & wheels, John Bopp on machinist tools for model building (hand tools, measuring tools) and Mike Tranquilla on unique tools and techniques.

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting and gave this lesson... Peninsular Car Company, part 2... founded in 1879; 1884 downturn of business; also had a foundry fire; worker strike in 1884. Built another plant further in Detroit and in 1890 had 1359 employed; 1892 - consolidation with the Michigan Car Co., Detroit Wheel and Detroit foundry! They were putting out 100 cars per day. 1896 had another fire, but kept running. 1899 final consolidation with 13 other companies. Thanks John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

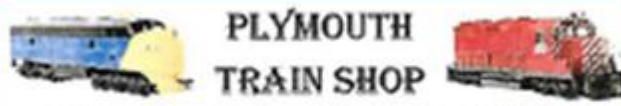
## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

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 Thornton! 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!!

The ChiTown Station layout opens on Nov 1st. There is a charge to view this massive O scale layout! It is pretty neat!!



**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 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!

## DIVISION 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## 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)

## 2019 NCR REGIONAL CONV



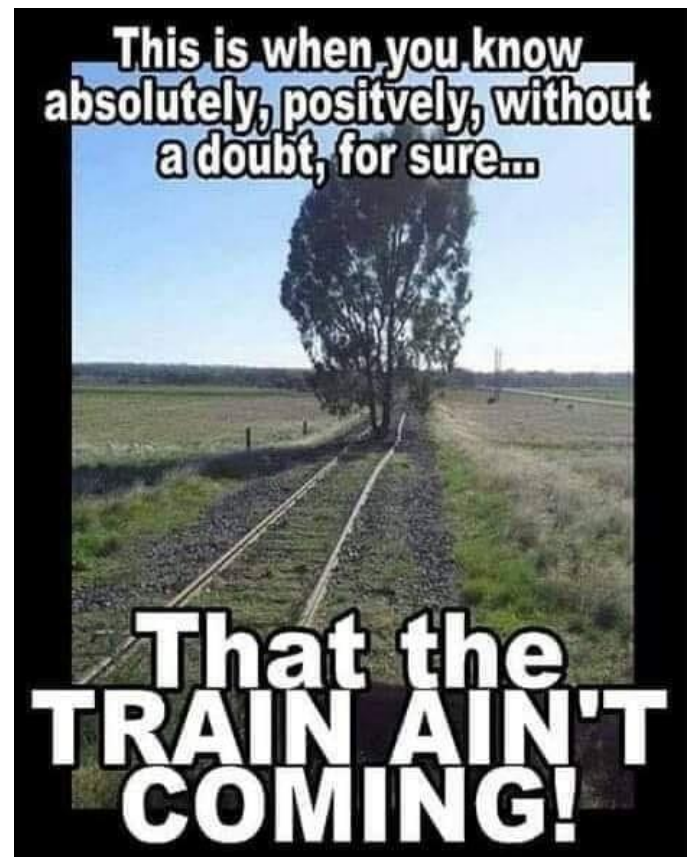
The 2019 NCR convention - **NORTH CENTRAL CROSSING** is hosted by Div 8 in Troy, Michigan. The event is November 7-10, 2019 and held at the Troy Community Center.

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.....



## 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**

**Saturday-Sunday, 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>**

**Sunday, 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

**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

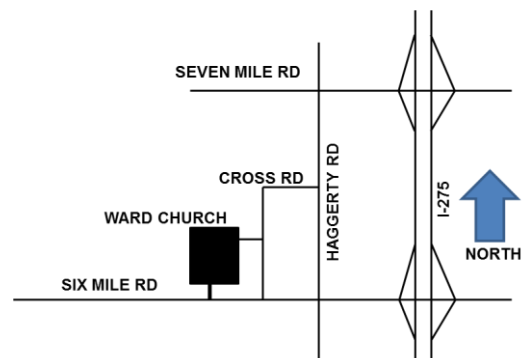


***GREAT FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! STOP BY  
FOR A VISIT, ASK QUESTIONS, GET ANSWERS!***

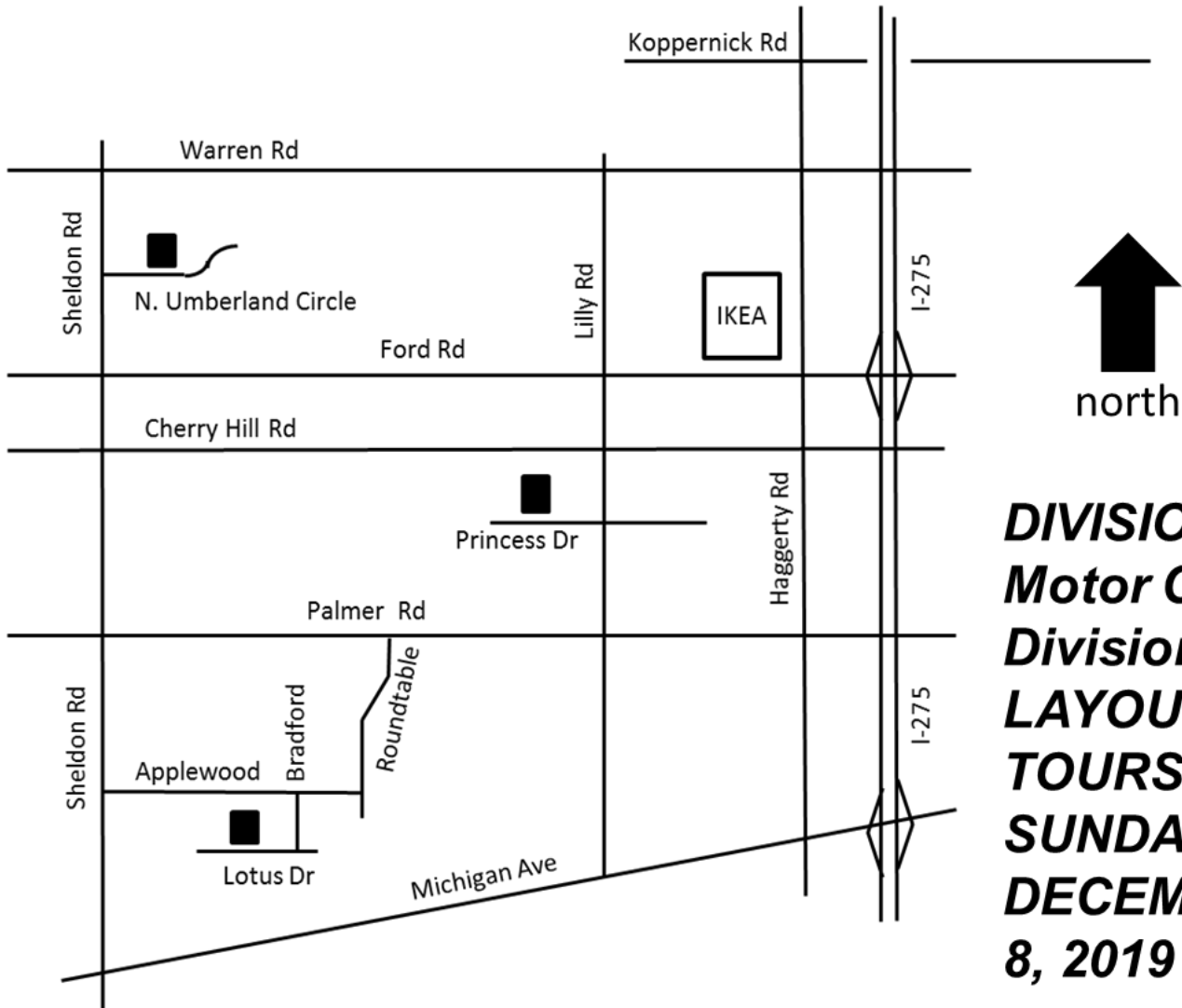
## **MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP**

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

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



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  
8, 2019**

Tom Kosta 959 Princess Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 12pm – 4pm	<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 – 4pm	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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Here are some of the passenger cars that were shown for the Show & Tell part of the meeting! Sweet!!

