

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, MARCH 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.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was most unusual piece of RR equipment on your layout, or that your prototype used/had.

Items shown included- Baldwin switcher highly modified!; fire fighting car; pickle tank car; derick flat car; 0-4-0 switcher (run backward for a cab-forward!); train shape humidifier; transfer caboose; NYC flat w/construction equipt; NYC Marx crane; flat car w/turbine; Thomas tank engine; MoW tool car; Russel snow plow for private road; diecast depressed center flat car; Schnabel car; Oscar Myer wiener car; CMX track cleaner car; RDG 4 trk HD flat car; SD50 modeled as a wreck; sand house; newspaper stand; DH&N doodle bug & trailer N scale; GE loco with first crew cab; burger stand O scale; gas-electric motor car; pickle car; spring water tank car; MoW camera car; RGS galloping Goose; bunk car kit bash N scale; logging tractor; blacksmith shop; 1932 flatbed truck rail car; NCR Region box car 1946! O scale city jail; N scale timesaver with a toggle switch throttle!

Current Projects shown included- FSM engine house; Red Caboose flat car build; S scale Alco PA-F units in NYC; NYC wood caboose kit; F&C wood braced hopper car; scratch built mine; live steam stationary motor; flat car detailing; Several members did not bring a model and donated to the caboose, THANKS!

NEXT MEETING - RR photos/pictures

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

ON THE RAILS...

MARCH 2019

HELLO once again!! It seems that winter IS finally here, but that didn't stop the Div 6 membership from attending our February meeting. Nice showing!! Thanks for attending and we hope you had an enjoyable and informative evening!

Since it is lousy weather outside, we're hoping you are making great progress on your layouts and models while inside! Try to keep motivated!! Being in a group helps and we have several groups in Div 6. If memberships are not available, try starting your own group! There are many members who are not in a group!

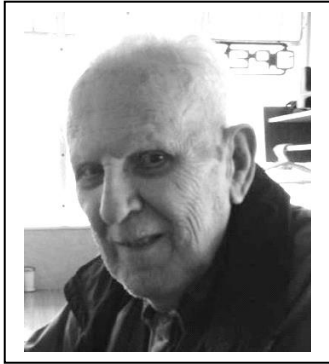
NCR EXTRA 2019 is "rolling along"! See the report later on, for more details. Another event that you should attend is the NCR convention being hosted by Div 8 in November. See the details on the **NORTH CENTRAL CROSSING 2019**. Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Bob Griffith! Meeting attendance was very good with about 52 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Joe Kocis, Ron King and Larry Wolohon. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 SYMPATHIES

We have received the sad news that long time Div 6 member ROY JONES passed away on Saturday night, Feb 23. Roy was living with his grandson in Virginia Beach after having a fall at home here. This meant he could no longer live alone. We have missed seeing Roy at the Div 6 meetings and a Tuesday Night OPS group has greatly missed him too and running his layout. Roy was our "senior" member of Div 6, he was 95 when he passed. Roy was always a joy to be with and fun at the meetings. He always took a good ribbing on his age and gave it right back too. A memorial service is being planned for May. Division 6 wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to Roy's family and friends. Rest well and in peace our dear friend!!



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!!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting but did have some new tool tips to share. Shopping at Harbor Freight deals (sale on till March 31) - square file, wire brush set, diamond file set; 2 screwdriver sets; 20 pocket tool carrier! Also dollar Tree pliers; coat hangers made into T pins for scenery; circuit checker. Cool! We are looking forward to more tips soon.

NCR EXTRA 2019

Here are the important facts on this event....

NCR EXTRA 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019
WARD CHURCH, Northville, MI
Clinics AM, tours and OPS in the afternoon and evening
LOW cost for this ONE day event
The Planning Team has come-up with a nice plan for those that are contributing to the event...
Clinicians = free entry
Layout Tours = 1/2 off entry
OPS layouts = free entry
We hope this will be a way of saying THANKS to those that are going above and beyond for this event!

Ed has the NCR EXTRA up and running on our Div 6 website. You can now register online, using paypal or any major credit card!!

Byrne has done a fantastic job of lining up the clinics YOU said were of interest to you (and hopefully others!!)!! The clinic list is complete!

Layout tour and OPS layout owners have been contacted and the list for tours and OPS sessions is growing very well!

We still need a few members to do general help. Please use the form in this newsletter and return it to Barry, Mark or Bill. We actually have six registrations already!! COOL!! Thanks to those that have filled out a form and have signed-up to help!

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! A big THANKS To Walt Plentis and Ted Pilchek for hosting tours in February! Great layouts! Very sorry for the wrong address to Walt's, but everyone made it!

NEXT TOURS- we have 2 tours planned for March! Sunday, March 31st will have Jay & Brook Qualman and Ed Joppich open from 1pm-4pm. Let's give them a big turnout!!

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 another M&MT roundtable on weathering powders (pan pastels, Tamiya weathering master sets, eye shadow etc). Eric Hjelmberg, Glenn Joppich and Norm Logan all hosted tables to demonstrate weathering on freight cars. LOTS of discussion and information!! This was a huge success!! THANKS Guys!!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Matt Letts on western railroad RR photos he took on several trips.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not at the meeting, so Tom Kosta filled in for the History Lesson. It was a story from the Aug 2006 Trains magazine - **COLORFUL CABOOSE** The 1980's were the last years for mainline cabooses, but were still used in some switching areas. The first caboose was on the C&NW and was a box car with a box and barrel for desk/chair. On another train the used box car had a hole in roof, giving the conductor a view over train as he sat on a stack of boxes. When back at the shops, he suggested a cover be made and the CNW was the first to have cabooses with couplas! The caboose was the train's office for the conductor and brakeman. After WWI - steel cabooses were then made to help protect crews. Milwaukee Rd and B&O were first to have bay window cabooses. Higher freight cars, like autoracks and high cube boxcars, did not allow crewmen to view the train anymore and began the downfall of the caboose. FEC used the first EOT device and thus the caboose became obsolete. Crew size reduction also played a factor. THANKS Tom for filling in! 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- Ken Borg! 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!

Lynn Wells is home and doing very well in his recovery! Prayers and continued good wishes to Lynn and his family, while he recovers.

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!!

Dave Kuntz would like some help in getting his layout cleaned and running! How would you like to work in O scale? Contact Dave at 734-453-4330

DIV 6 MOVING??

At this time, we are not so sure. Members of the BoD have been searching other locations, since we were informed that the prices were going up. Most of the places found have drawbacks- rooms too small, wrong hours/day and cost as much or more! We will continue to look and if any members know of a location, please let us know!! In the meantime... a donation bucket will be located at the door and it is hoped that members will donate \$1 for each meeting. A suggestion was made to make the donations a raffle - 90/10? 90% to the Div and 10% to a winner! We'll take that suggestion under consideration!

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

Our next contest for bragging rights will be in April and the subject is Depots! Start modeling!

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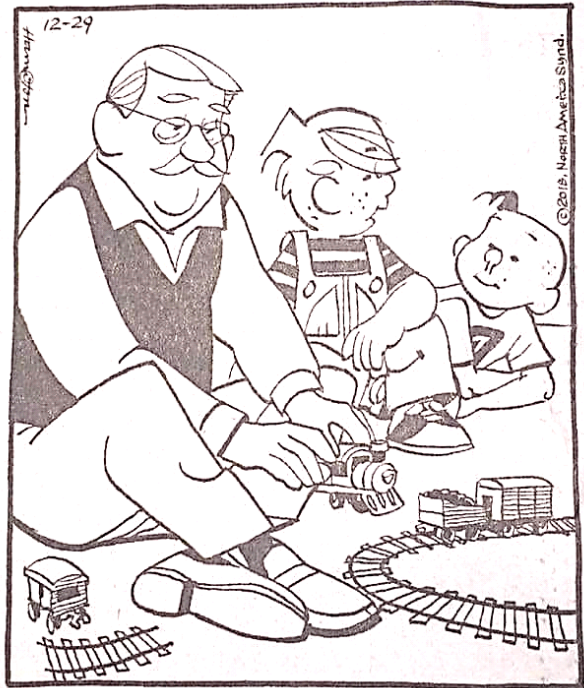
Div 6 Fall Show- Mark Ellis
734-421-2673 emark@sbcglobal.net

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DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....

DENNIS THE MENACE



"SEE, JOEY, YOU CAN STILL BE A KID...
EVEN WHEN YOU'RE OLD."

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was at the meeting, but had no report. We look forward to another report on new hobby items soon!


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

ALSO... Div 6 now has a Facebook page! Anyone can join our page, just ask and you'll get approved.

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!



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

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

Wed March 06, 2019 - Dean Pryers from the Steam Railroad Institute on ex-CNW 175 that was recently acquired. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI. Meeting at 7pm with program at 7:30pm. Contact Info: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

Saturday, March 2, 2019

3rd ALL Scale Model Train Show - SONS United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horce Brown Drive Madison Heights, MI 48071 10am-4pm \$5 per person under 12 is free Contact Information: Shawn Barrick 810-444-5238

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Greater Toledo Train & Toy Show Owens Community College/SHAC Bldg. 30335 Oregon Road Perrysburg, OH 11am - 3pm/Early Birds 9am \$6.00 Early Birds: \$10.00 Children 12 and under free Wheelchair Accessible Website- <http://toymasters.org>

Contact Information: Toledo Toymasters/Randy Ramsey 419-215-4181 trainmasters@bex.net

Sunday, March 10 and April 14, 2019

Wolverine Train Club Show United Food & Commercial Workers Hall 876 Horce Brown Drive Madison Heights, MI 48071 10AM-3:30PM \$3 per person Contact Information- Bob Burgee 586-662-0225

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Mid Michigan Train Show Mount Pleasant, MI - Finch Field House CMU Saginaw River Valley RR Club and DOG TAILS, inc. 10am-3pm \$5 - 12 and under FREE Contact Info: Ron Picardi 989-751-0022

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Grand Rapids Model RR Historical Society Train Show/sale The 4 Mile Showplace 1025 4 Mile Rd NW Grand Rapids, MI 10am-3pm Adults \$5 under 12 free Modular layouts, vendors, food. Contact Info: Thom Post 616-531-1865

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. See the Div 8 website for online registration -

www.div8.ncr-nmra.org

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

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

**1480 Washtenaw Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-961-7575**

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

NCR EXTRA 2019 - Volunteer Form

Please fill in the following and return to **BARRY HENSEL, MARK ELLIS** or **BILL McMILLAN** at the next meeting. You can also contact them at these locations –

Barry – 734-649-3056 *barry76Lt@wowway.com*

Mark - 734-765-2729 *emark@sbcglobal.net*

Bill - 248-349-7456 *wmcmillan7456@gmail.com*

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMAIL: _____

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

CLINIC – (free entry) – topic _____

LAYOUT TOUR - Layout Name: _____

Requested time for your tour? _____ Scale: _____

OPS session - Layout Name: _____

Requested time for your tour? _____ Scale: _____

Assist with morning registration (only need 4 people)

Clinic Room Host
(only need 6-9 people)

Division Six, the Motor City Division
of the NCR- North Central Region
of the NMRA- National Model Railroad
Association presents-



North Central Region ONE day model railroading event

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE-

- * Operation sessions available
- * Many model layouts to visit
- * Event site- Livonia Senior Center, Livonia, MI
- * Clinics/Workshops
- * Online Registration available, see website!
- * EVERYONE welcome to attend!

For more information or questions answered, visit our web pages at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com or contact -
Barry Hensel, Chairman – 734-649-3056 barry76Lt@wowway.com
Mark Ellis, Asst. Chairman - 734-421-2673 emark@sbcglobal.net

Open to ALL model railroaders! You do not have to be a NMRA member to attend!

Here is our schedule for the **NCR EXTRA 2019!** - **SATURDAY, APRIL 27**
 Registration 7:30am-12 noon Clinics/Workshops from 8am-1pm
 Layout Tours starting at 1pm Operating Sessions starting at 1pm by pre-register only
 To participate in all of this, just fill out the registration form, send it in with your fees and you will have a great time! A pre-event info package with the final schedules, clinic schedule and topics and any other late information will be mailed/emailed to you starting early April. You can also get updates on our website!!

NCR EXTRA 2019 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT the information below and mail with proper fees to:

NCR EXTRA 2019
30040 Lyndon Livonia, MI 48154

A confirmation letter with your official entry number and event outline, will be mailed or emailed to you in early April 2019. All entries MUST be postmarked by April 15, 2019.



NAME _____ NMRA Number _____

ADDRESS _____

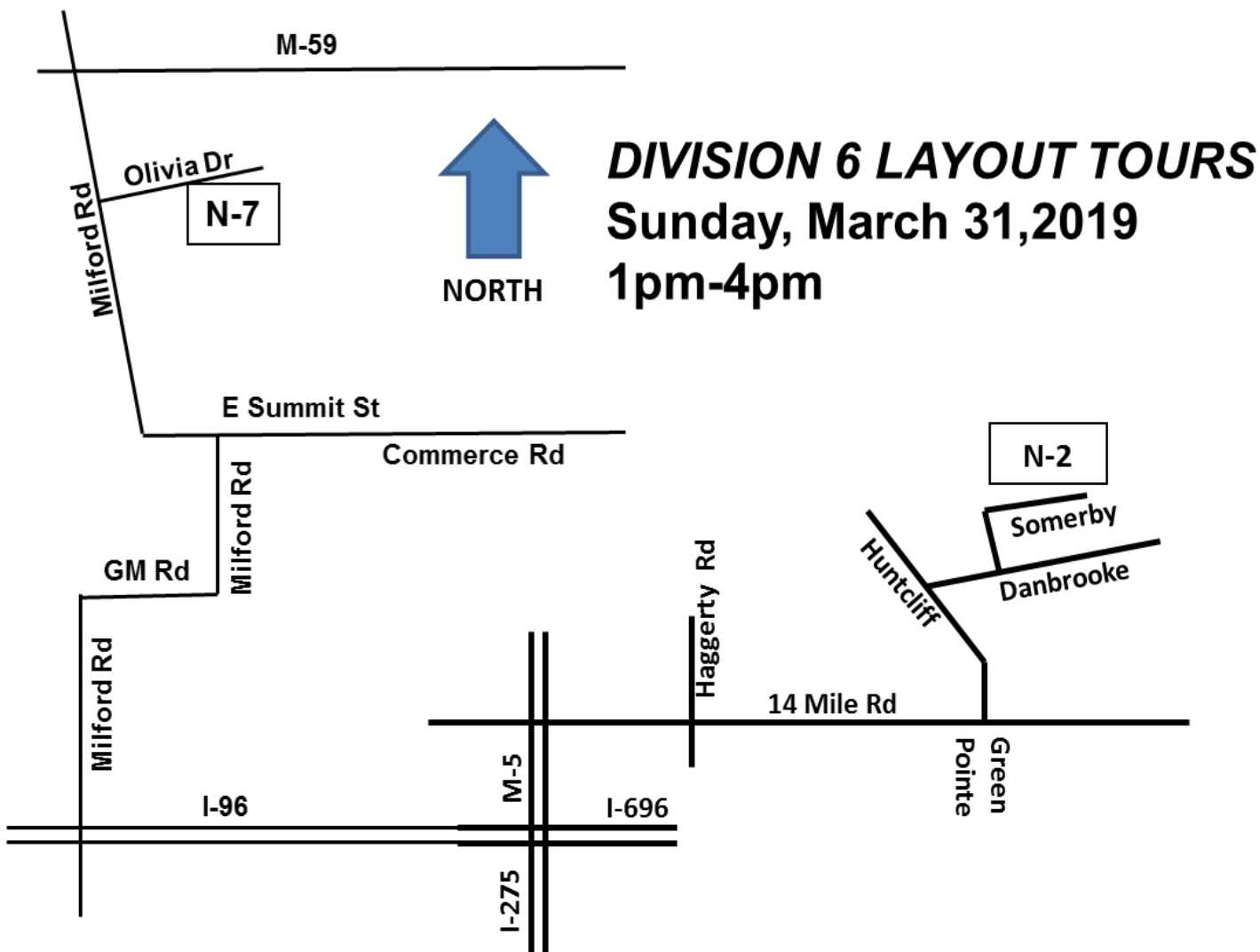
CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTRY _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (_____) - _____ EMAIL _____

Please make checks and/or money orders payable in US FUNDS to: **NMRA - NCR – DIVISION 6**

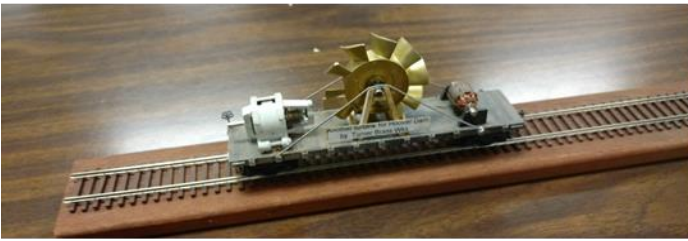
NMRA MEMBER ENTRY FEE- \$20 NON-NMRA MEMBER ENTRY FEE- \$30
ATTEND PLUS A 9 MONTH NMRA MEMBERSHIP - \$40

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| <p>N-7 Jay & Brook Qualman 508 Olivia Dr Milford, Mich 48381</p> <p>Open: Sunday 12noon - 4pm</p> | HO Standard Gauge Michigan Lines - Jay and Brook Qualman's 3000-square-foot HO Michigan Lines railroad overlooks the Pere Marquette (now CSX) north-south mainline. The prototype-based layout depicts the railroads radiating from Detroit during the early 1950s. A dozen interesting junctions have resulted from the comingled trackage of the PM, NYC, GTW, and Wabash railroads. Key features are UniStrut steel benchwork, coved wall corners, seamless fascia, five aisle lift bridges, sunset lighting, and illuminated buildings. |
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| <p>N-2 Ed Joppich 7259 Somerby W. Bloomfield, Mich. 48322 Open: Sunday 1pm – 4pm</p> | HO Standard Gauge Mid 1950's Erie railroad with steam and some diesels. The layout is around the wall with 2 peninsulas in a 16' x 18' room. Track work and buildings are completed and scenery has been started |
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Photos of some models shown and the hands-on clinic at the February meeting!



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