



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, MAY 17, 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 anything railroad depot related. **Items shown included-** Jordan baggage cart kit; passenger car set; HO telephone booth; RR guide book 1929 June; MR article on Gettysburg station - going to build; HO suitcases and garbage can; train orders from station attic; CN envelope from depot; HO step boxes for passenger cars; detailed passenger car; NYC guide timetable; piggy bank replica of FEC depot; NYC station made of 3x5 cards!; HO Gettysburg station; Tyco station kit bought for \$1; Peco station kit weathered; Waterloo station; RDG Pottstown station; HO luggage tow carts; Picture of Fort St Detroit station; Rubber stamp from GN depot; April Model Craftsman article on stations; station platform with moving people; pictures of MI Central Depot; depot grandfather built; ad for St Louis world's fair from depot; AA RR timetable; blueprints of stations to be built; Tomar train order board kit; picture of Windsor CN station; print of MI Central depot; mock-up of the Detroit Fort St station; book on Great American RR stations

Current Projects shown included- Atlas turntable reworked to look GREAT!!; textured rolling pins to make roads!; wiring diagram for a double cross-over; Several members did not bring a depot related item and donated to the caboose, THANKS!

NEXT MEETING - flatcars with loads

ON THE RAILS...

MAY 2019

Well... **NCR EXTRA 2019** is complete! See the report on the event and how we did, later in the newsletter. We did good!! THANKS!!

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. Time to sign-up and enjoy a weekend of model railroading!!

I am still doing well... losing weight and exercising to get back in shape. Thanks again for your thoughts and prayers!!

The weather, sooner or later, will turn warmer and our inside hobby will take a hit in activity. It doesn't have to and Div 6 does meet all year long, so return each month for that model railroading "fix"!! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Jeff Wallace and John Ford!

Meeting attendance was good with about 49 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King, Bill Neale, Larry Wolohon and Jim Zinser. To all Div 6 members,

WELCOME ABOARD!

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject is Railroad Depots! We had 4 entries and the winner was Bill Rubarth!! Bill showed a station from the docks of the RR car ferry Solano at Port Costa! The station was scratch-built! Our next contest for bragging rights will be due in September - bar, taven, any structure that served alcohol!

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 not have any new tool tips to share. We're looking forward to more tips soon.

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 ALL of those members who had their layouts open for tours or OPS at the NCR EXTRA!! For those that missed the EXTRA... we'll try to get some of these layouts open again in the next few months.

NEXT TOURS- we have no tours planned for May, let's give our guys a break after the NCR EXTRA

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting, but did not have a History Lesson. Thanks anyway John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

NCR EXTRA 2019

WE DID GOOD!!!!!! You should be proud that Div 6 has once again, set the bar HIGH for future one-day events within the NCR! Here's how the event shaped-up....

59 pre-registered participants
82 total participants
13 clinics - 16 layout tours
3 OPS layouts (one got cancelled)

We took in \$1400. Expenses were \$770, so we made a profit of \$630! Yes, this is a bit lower than we had hoped for, but the event staff are all VERY pleased with these results!! The event ran well... on time, clinics full and on time and we heard no detracting comments!! WE DID GOOD!!!! Thanks to all that helped and attended!!

NCR EXTRA THANK-YOU'S The NCR EXTRA was blessed with help from many different people. Here is a special THANK-YOU to the following people-

STAFF - Barry Hensel, Chairman; Bill McMillan, layouts; Byrne Blumenstein, clinics; Mark Ellis, Registrar & Co-Chairman

CLINIC PRESENTERS- Greg Rich, Glen Joppich, Bill Neale, Barry Hensel, Norm Logan, Erik Hjelmberg, Bill McMillan, Fritz Milhaupt and Rich Mahaney

LAYOUT OWNERS- Scott Kremer, Norm Logan, Ken Chick, Doug Malaznik, Mark Ellis, Ron King, Neil Allen/Henry Ford Village, Bill Deeter, Richard Murphy, Phyllis LaForte, Tom Kosta, Barry Hensel, Joe Kocsis, Jim Zinser, Paul Omillian, Ed Beamish

OPS SESSION LAYOUT OWNERS- Ken Chick, Scott Kremer, Norm Logan, Pierre Willermet

GENERAL HELP - John Bopp, Bruce Wolff, Ed Joppich, Brook Qualman, Ed Beamish (website), Matt Letts

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

DIV 6 FALL SHOW!!

Hard to believe we are already talking about the Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP! Thanks to the Div 6 membership for their understanding and voting on a new location and date. 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 showed the hall to a few members during the NCR Extra... their reaction was - WOW! The other difference to this year's show will be the food sales. Instead of us doing food, we're going to offer it to the Ward Church Youth Group. They will do the work and keep those profits. Mark your calendars now!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

NCR NEWS

The NCR Board of Directors met for a spring meeting on May 4th. The highlights of that meeting are -

- ** The NCR has removed itself as a possible location for the 2023 National convention!

- ** The NCR will purchase up to 3 projectors for use at NCR convention and events.

- ** The 2019 NCR Convention is hosted by Div 8 and will be held in Troy. The 2020 convention will be by Div 1 and held in Toledo.

- The 2021 convention will be held in Fort Wayne and hosted by Div 3.
- ** The NCR Board also approved a design for a standard cross-buck sign for layout tours. See the June HotBox for the design, or go to the NCR website.

- ** The NCR is still working on a tri-Regional convention in 2022.

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 Mike Hodges, author of the book **Michigan's Historic Railroad Stations**. Mike took all the pictures in the book and it took about 3 years to compete. While Mike's presentation was more on the architectural aspects of the stations, it was still filled with great information and was very well presented. Mike did a great job of giving information and entertaining us!! This was a great clinic!!

NEXT MEETING-

MAY - Roundtables:

Irwin Knox - Dry transfers

Richard Kubeck - Electronics and track cleaning

Bill Neale & Mark Ellis - Track problems and improvements

JUNE - M&MT session and alternate table for collectors or general discussions. June M&MT will be about structure material creation.

JULY - Bill Deeter will have 30 tree kits to give out and demonstrate how to make trees from wire

AUGUST - we may be playing "TRAIN TRIVIA!" more details to follow

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 DIRECTORY UPDATE

NMRA says NO... not allowed. What is being discussed is a web based directory that gives name and email address only. More info to follow.....

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- Ron King, MMR! 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!!

Here's a nice story by Brian Rogers on the recent Henry Ford Village RR weekend that was held in conjunction with the NCR Extra! Thanks Neil for passing this along http://www.pressandguide.com/news/henry-ford-village-residents-enjoy-model-railroad-open-house/article_cdae6c6e-6a94-11e9-9808-17935728b6fd.html

OPERATIONS WEEKEND!

2019 SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN OPERATIONS WEEKEND sponsored by the Clinton River Division - 8, NCR, NMRA. The date for this event is **May 17-19, 2019**. At least THREE days of operations, on as many as 4 layouts. This event is open to ALL, operators do not need to be members of the NMRA. However, preferences, as to layout selections, will be given to NMRA members first. To register send an email to Chuck White. Chuck White, Coordinator, 2019 SE MI OPS Weekend

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Our apologies for getting this information out late!!

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DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



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

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was at the meeting, and mentioned these items - AK Interactive has watercolor pencils for detailing. Avail at Michigan Toy Soldier Shop. Rich Kubeck also mentioned Walthers has control boards for stall motor switch machines with a cable for tortoise machines. We look forward to another report on new hobby items soon!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

Wed June 05, 2019 - "Looking Back at Conrail" by Anthony Rzucidlo

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-Sunday May 4-5, 11-12, 2019 Day Out with Thomas!!

Greenfield Village Dearborn, MI
Tickets on sale March 7th

www.thehenryford.org/thomas

Saturday, May 4, 2019 -
12th Annual National Train Day
Toledo, OH - Toledo Amtrak Station
Contact Information - Bill Gill,
419-241-9155 x134

Saturday-Sunday, May 4-5, 2019-
Tunnel City Railway Train Show
Blue Water Convention Center 500
Thomas Edison Pkwy Port Huron, MI
10am - 4pm \$5 admission, kids
10 and under are free

Contact Information - Chad
Thompson 810-984-4134

www.bluewaterconventioncenter.com

Sunday, May 19, 2019
Durand Model Train Show
Durand, MI - Durand Middle School
Contact Information - Tim Colton
810-845-4908



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Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4

Here are your entries and the winner of the recent Div 6 Modeling Challenge! Your winner is - Bill Rubarth!!

