

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, JUNE 21, 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 flatcars with loads. **Items shown included-** flat car w/steam donkey engine in HOn3; flat car w/copper chunks in Sn3; C&O flat car with scrap autos in N; CNW TOFC; B&M flat car w/tractors; flat car w/John Deere tractors; flat car w/machine load; PRR TOFC; flat car w/railroad trucks; GN flat car w/pipe; SP flat car w/burro crane; LS&MS flat car w/pipe load; flat car w/prime mover; RDG flat car w/pipes; flat car w/auto part load; flat car w/alum billets; concrete pipes w/out a flat car!; flat car w/logs; Bulk flat w/lumber; PFF flat car w/crates in O; flat car w/scratch-built pipe load in G; depressed center flat car w/wire coil in N

**Current Projects shown included-** scratch built double crossover; passenger coach rework/detailing

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

**NEXT MEETING** - maintenance of way equipment

## 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!!

# ON THE RAILS...

## JUNE 2019

Well... finally... the weather is now "spring-like"! As mentioned before, that will or can create a lull in our hobby. Model railroading is an indoor affair, so being out of the nicer weather is not something most of us like to do for too long. We've waited all winter for nice weather and now that it's here, in a way, it becomes an obstacle in our great hobby. I'm hoping you can overcome this obstacle and continue your modeling! Round-robin groups help and even our summer Div 6 meetings can help boost your modeling interests during these spring and summer months.

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!!

Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Meeting attendance was a bit light with about 32 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon and Joe Kocis. To all Div 6 members,

**WELCOME ABOARD!**

## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting and had a new tool tip to share. Harbor Freight special - mini corded "dremmel" tool by their own Drill-Master brand, for \$10. Includes LOTS of accessories - over 80!! You must have a coupon to get this special price. 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!  
**NEXT TOURS-** we have tours for June June 23 - Joe Kocsis 1-4pm and Ron King 1-4pm - see map!!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting and gave a History Lesson. From RR Magazine - Aug 1954, The 6264 comes through!  
Story of a train with a diesel helper, could the diesel handle the load? The train had a steam engine on the front with a 77 car load. Diesel helper was EMD FT's 4 units rated at 6000 HP total. They hook on and start shoving... 2-3 of the diesel units quit, but the last one still worked the train up the hill!! Diesels seem here to stay!  
Thanks John! We're looking forward to another lesson 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](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject for our next contest for bragging rights that will be due in September is a bar, taven, any structure that served alcohol!

## DIV 6 FALL SHOW!!

Hard to believe we are already talking about the Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP! 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! We'd really like 100% participation in this year's event! Do a display, help at the door or raffle table - do something!! (a display is best!!) We'll get a sign-up form in this newsletter in August. Mark your calendars now!

## 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 were the Roundtables discussions:

Irwin Knox - Dry transfers

Richard Kubeck - Electronics and track cleaning

Pierre Willermet on structure Lighting

These were great discussions!! Thanks guys for hosting a table!!

### **NEXT MEETING-**

**JUNE** - playing "TRAIN TRIVIA!"

We'll divide people up into ten teams by handing out numbers (1 through 10) during the Show & Tell. The discussions among each team as to the correct answer will make it more fun than having each individual competing silently. There won't be a prize, other than bragging rights.

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

**AUGUST** - Div 6 swap meet night!

## 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 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- Pierre Willermet! 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!!

Div 6 member Don Barron has been in/out of the hospital this past month and continues to return for treatments related to heart conditions. He's doing well! Prayers and best wishes for a full recovery!

## 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!

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## DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



## 2019 NCR REGIONAL CONV



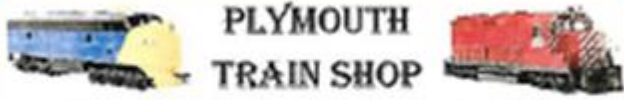
The 2019 NCR convention - **NORTH CENTRAL CROSSING** is hosted by Div 8 in Troy, Michigan. The event is November 7-10, 2019 and held at the Troy Community Center. Clinics, prototype tour, layout tours, OPS sessions, door prizes and a lunch on Saturday are all part of the convention plans. See the Div 8 website for online registration or a form for mail-in registration-  
[www.div8.ncr-nmra.org](http://www.div8.ncr-nmra.org)

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

LED strip lighting is now overheating on flammable items like curtains, etc.... now recommended to mount the strips on an aluminum heat sink.

Menard's selling new very low profile LED spot lights that include controllers.



**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, July 03, 2010** - "NKP 587 in Indiana" by Jim Bradford  
Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. NOTE - *MEETING LOCATION CHANGE* - June, July, August and September 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

**Sat-Sunday, June 22 & 23, 2019** - 2019 Rail Festival in Carillon Park Dayton, Ohio  
Live steam engines, model train displays, vendors, free train rides, history displays and more!  
There is a cost to attend this event. Check out  
[www.railfestival.com](http://www.railfestival.com)



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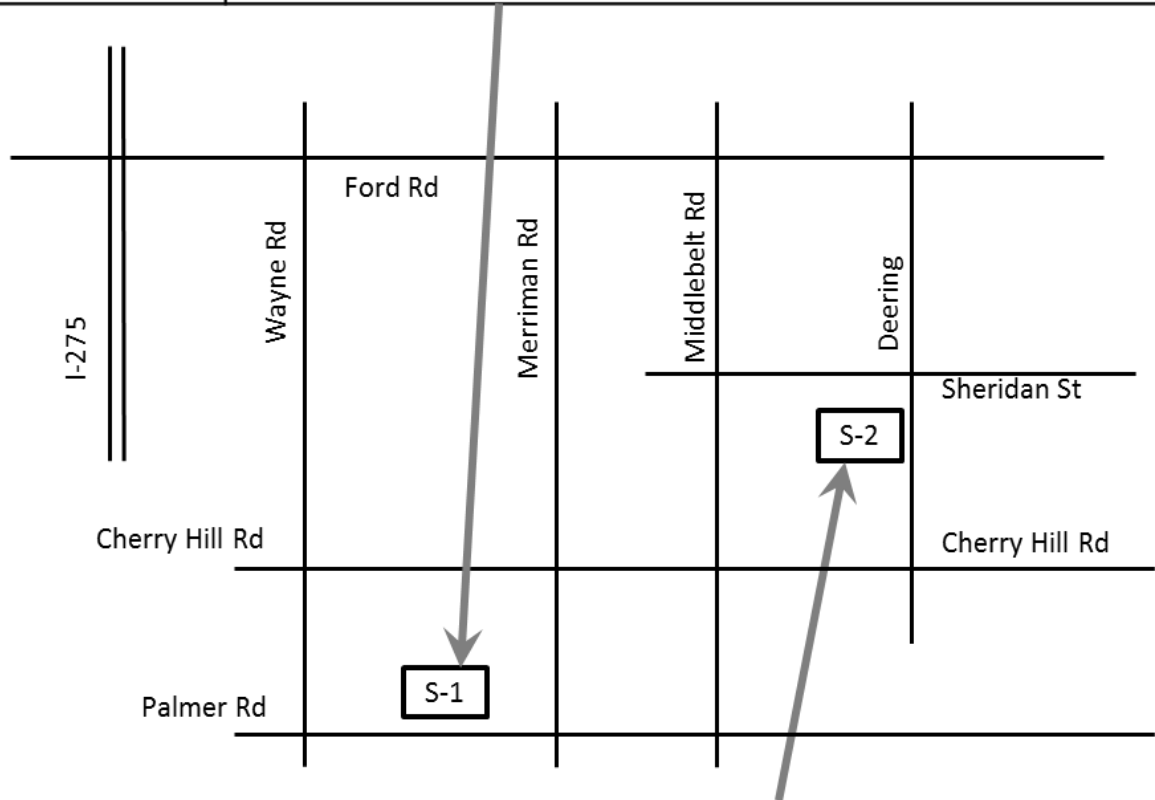
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## DIVISION 6 LAYOUT TOURS – Sunday, June 23

<p><b>S-1</b>          Joe Kocsis          32164 Palmer Rd          Westland, MI 48186</p> <p>Open:          Tour 1pm-4pm</p>	<p>HO Standard - Boston &amp; Maine RR          Joe's layout represents New England in about 1935 - 1943 and is a true example of scenery techniques taken to the ultimate. The layout is around the wall type with approx. 200 ft. of code 70 track and many scratch built structures &amp; prize winning models &amp; bridges of which Joe's swing bridge that took 1st place at National Convention in Denver in 1977</p> <p>MORE parking in church lot, west of the house.</p>
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<p><b>S-2</b>          Ron King          809 Deering St          Garden City, Mich. 48135</p> <p>Open:          Tour 1pm-4pm</p>	<p>HO Standard          Set in the transition era, both steam and diesels wind their way through this recreation of the Erie Railroad. The layout features many scratch built and kit bashed contest-quality structures, and spectacular autumn scenery. Large industrial areas and a major yard dominate the layout. Reliable and derailment free operation is important. The layout is controlled with walk around DCC and a centralized dispatching panel, and is completely signaled. Aisles are tight, but the scenery is beautiful. Don't miss the Susquehanna interchange.</p>
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Here are some of the Flatcars with loads that were on display at the meeting in May.... nice stuff!!

