

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DIVISION SIX OF THE
NORTH CENTRAL REGION
OF THE NATIONAL MODEL
RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2019

Well... finally... sorry for the lateness of this newsletter. I have been a bit busy with the Camaro show duties - 500 cars!!

Summer sees a lower attendance at model railroad events... let's not forget our Div 6 meetings. A great way to get that "fix" for model railroading when lots of other activities are also taking up our time. Hope to see you soon!

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 very light with about 32 members present. Many Board members also absent, but Bill gets a pass - was his 50th wedding anniversary! MMR's present were Ron King, Jim Zinser, Joe Kocis, Larry Wolohon and Ken Chick. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, JULY 19, 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 MoW cars. **Items shown included-** Crew quarters box car; Santa Fe box car; picture of MoW in Trenton; eng tool car; crane car; (coffee cup with Solano ferry!); MoW car; snow plow; work caboose; crane support car; N scale water (tank) car; N scale ice breaker car; Lionel bumper car; NY subway MoW cars; loco lifts for in engine repair facilities; trencher car to clean ballast; drop bottom gon for ballast; water car (track cleaner); 250 ton steam crane; dyno car; book on snow plows and MoW stuff; rotary plow

Current Projects shown included- structure buildings; Alco century diesel detailing; Rix uncoupling tool

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

NEXT MEETING - lumber/log cars - cars for finished lumber products

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 not at the last meeting. 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! THANKS to Ron King and Joe Kocis for hosting tours last month. These were lightly attended.

NEXT TOURS- we have NO tours planned for July. Accepting volunteers for August!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not at the meeting so Tom Kosta stepped in with a lesson. From Civil Eng magazine, June 2012, article by Jeff Brown **Howe Truss Bridge - Timber to Iron** Timber trusses started in 5th century Rome! But it took until the 19th century to get them incorporated in bridges. 1839 was the first built truss bridge. In 1845 the first all iron truss bridge was built for the P&R! (*that's READING!!*) A truss bridge was also involved in one of the most deadly RR accidents. 1870's bridge in Ashtabula, Ohio gave way with a passenger train on it, killing 90 and injuring another 60. Thanks Tom/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

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

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

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! Rich Kubic showed a unique track cleaning car from Proses company in Turkey!

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 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!

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 TRAIN TRIVIA! We had 9-10 teams of 2-3 people. Many questions were quite hard (for your editor at least!) The winning Team was #4 consisting of Scott Kramer, Ken Chick and Dave Jucubiac! Congrats!!

NEXT MEETING-

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

AUGUST - Div 6 swap meet night!

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- John Ford! 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!!

Roy Jones' friends had a private dinner in his honor and his layout is now torn down. The house is also sold.

The UP Big Boy is to be in the Chicago area in late August. Go to UP website for information.

FOR FREE!! - Larry Wolohon has some extra lumber he is willing to give away for FREE!! All you have to do is pick it up! Contact Larry for details!!

NCR REPORT

NCR President Scott Kramer mentioned Jim Zinser's article in the NMRA magazine on business cards and how they ARE effective in membership recruiting! This was about US!! Get some cards and please use them!

Jim Zinser gave a talk on the North Central Crossing, the NCR convention this fall, hosted by Div 8. NEW NEWS - if you have never attended a regional convention, you can go this year for 1/2 price!!

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PRODUCT REVIEW

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



**PLYMOUTH
TRAIN SHOP**



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

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**Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4**

2019 NCR REGIONAL CONV

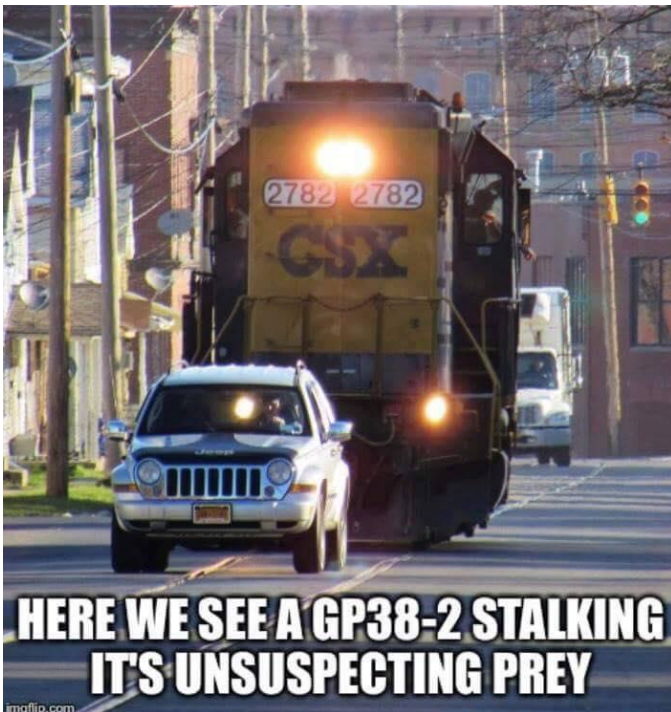


The 2019 NCR convention - **NORTH CENTRAL CROSSING** is hosted by Div 8 in Troy, Michigan. The event is November 7-10, 2019 and held at the Troy Community Center. Clinics, prototype tour, layout tours, OPS sessions, door prizes and a lunch on Saturday are all part of the convention plans. See the Div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

www.div8.ncr-nmra.org

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

August 07, 2019 - Traction program by Ken Schramm

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. NOTE - **MEETING LOCATION CHANGE** - 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, July 27-28, 2019 - 17th Van Wert Railroad Heritage Weekend Show & Swap. Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S Washington St., Van Wert, OH. Saturday 10-4 & Sunday 10-3. Admission \$6, two day \$8. Scouts in uniform and Children 12 & under Free. Over 200 Vendor tables last year. All Gauges & Scales. Railroad Memorabilia and Railfan items. Free Parking. Handicap Accessible. INFO: Jan Dunlap Snapshotjan@hotmail.com
Tables: Chuck White - 260-760-1666 railcarman@frontier.com
Web Site: <https://www.vwrrhw.com>

Sat-Sunday, August 3-4, 2019 - Crossroad's Village Railfans Weekend Genessee County, MI - Huckleberry Railroad
616-396-6492 mrhc2019@gmail.com
Saturday, August 17, 2019 - Alden Depot Train Show
Alden, MI - Alden Depot Museum
Paul Delange 231-377-7333



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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 Food 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!!!

Here are some of the MoW cars that were on display at the meeting in June.... nice stuff!!

