

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, AUGUST 16, 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 lumber/log cars - cars for finished lumber product cars.

Items shown included-

Bernhart log loader car w/loaded bulkhead flat; all door boxcar; gon w/lumber load; Lionel dumping log car; newsprint boxcar; lumber yard building; Southern all door boxcar; spline car w/lumber load; spline log car; lumber co. boxcar; Dbl door boxcar; pulpwood car and loader; RDG boxcar; bulkhead flat car w/pulpwood load; flat car with telegraph pole load; flat car with logging crane; N scale log cars; N scale flat with wrapped lumber load; O scale PRR gon w/lumber load; 50' high cube boxcar; bulkhead flat; dbl door boxcar; book on lumber cars; AmFlyer loading lumber car; HOn30 boxcar; On30 pulpwood car; log buggy car; gon w/lumber load; McMillan all door boxcar; BC all door boxcar; N scale bulkhead flat w/load;

Current Projects shown included-

3 Lumber yard kits for kitbash; O scale B&O E unit; O scale 4 truck flat w/pipe load

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

NEXT MEETING - one item that you brought to sell at the Div 6 swap meet!!

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

ON THE RAILS...

AUGUST 2019

That was HOT!! The weather and the last Div 6 meeting. The weather was simply a Michigan mid-summer day(s) in the low 90's. The Div 6 meeting was HOT because we had a good turnout and everyone had a great time!! That is why we meet all year long... to keep the hobby of model railroading alive each month of the year! I know I'm happy we meet all year long. I hope you are too! Here's hoping we see you at a meeting soon.

The FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP sign-up forms are in this newsletter again. Please fill one out and turn it in to let us know what you will be doing to help out!

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 good with about 49 members present. MMR's present were Jim Zinser, Larry Wolohon and Ken Chick. To all Div 6 members,

WELCOME ABOARD!

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 and reported on Dollar store finds - tool box, very small clothes pins for clamps, superglue, very small blade screw driver set, tacky glue and picture hanging wire for misc uses. ALL for \$1 each!! GOOD stuff and cheap!! 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! June tours were VERY lightly attended, so there will be NO TOURS in August. In fact, Div 6 held a vote and there will be no more tours during the summer months of June-July-August!! We will look into sharing tour info with other divisions and perhaps we can visit their tours too.

NEXT TOURS- Accepting volunteers for September!!

PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have an item to review, see Bill before the meeting. Joe Bliss did a product review on a Bowser DS4-4-1000 Baldwin switcher - DC and DCC w/without sound. Lots of details!! Diecast frame, LED lights and more! Retail for \$189-299 Good detail, great runners!!

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!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting and gave this lesson... From May 1950 issue of Railroad Magazine - story of a guy and his intro to railroad work! During 1943, the draft board decided that 43 years old was too old to serve actively, so they recommended a service job - on the RR. The story conveyed this gents trials and tribulations of being a new fireman! Oh MY!! What he had to go through! Thanks John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

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 ballast spreader tool and a glue spreader tool, same company from Turkey, Proses. Ed Beamish showed some ground foliage he made from an old dried out cleaning sponge. Free is good!! Bern Blumenstien reported on Electro-magnetic switches for turnout controls by Berrett Hill Co! Attach to back of layout diagram and just touching the glass makes them work! See youtube video!! www.touchtoggle.com

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 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!

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 Bill Deeter on making trees from wire armatures! Bill had 30 kits for most people to have and try to build a tree. Barry Hensel also gave an overview on tree making for pine trees from artificial Christmas tree material, trees from dried flower materials and from Sedum flowers. Bill then took over with his tree armatures from wire. After some technical difficulties, we got the Div 6 camera working so all could see while Bill instructed us through the building of a tree! NEAT!! Bill also gave out a full copy of the clinic materials and only asked that if you kept the enclosed pliers, you donated to the Division hopper! Great hands on clinic!! THANKS Bill!!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 swap meet night! Bring stuff to sell!!

Sept - Bruce Wolff and Larry Murphy on narrow gauge railroading

Oct - Roundtable discussions

We need presenter volunteers!!

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

At the July Division 6 meeting, we learned of the passing of Frank Spadafore. Frank had been a member for many years, maybe 15 or more! He had been missing recent meetings due to health concerns.

Frank usually had a table of train items for sale too. The funeral was the Monday after the Div 6 meeting.

Frank will be missed! Deepest sympathies to Frank's son and the entire Spadafore family.



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- Tom Kosta! 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!!

There were FREE magazines at the meeting, by Jim Zinser. Thanks!!

Prayers are needed for Don Barron, who is in the hospital. He has been told he has bone cancer and it's not looking very good. He's at Henry Ford downtown... give him a call!! Room 281 west wing.

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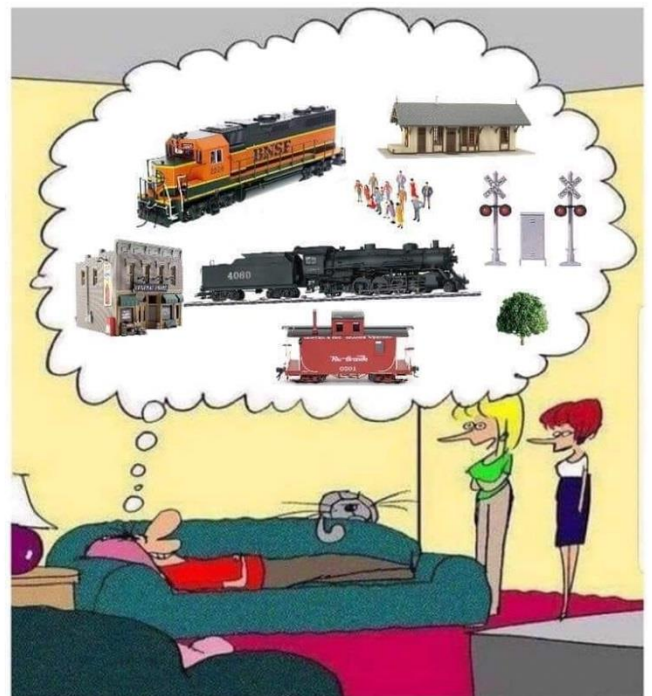
2019 NCR REGIONAL CONV



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. **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

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



"How sweet, he's smiling. He must be dreaming about me."



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.

September 04, 2019 - Matt

Anderson with a program on the DT&I and FOMOCO RR.

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

Saturday-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



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

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Farmington, MI 48336
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12020 Fort St
Southgate, MI 48195
734-250-7382

MODEL TRAIN

SALE!!

Mostly HO scale items!!

**** lots of rolling stock –
Athearn, Roundhouse,
more....**

**** track and turnouts**

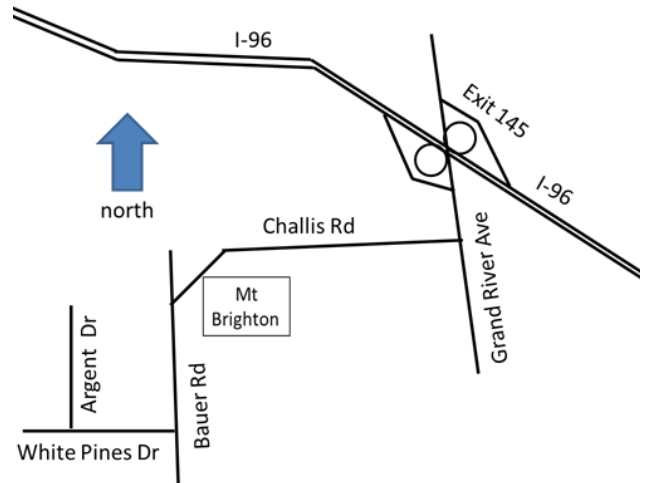
**** unbuilt structure kits**

***GOOD STUFF at
GREAT PRICES!!***

**Friday – Saturday – Sunday
August 23-24-25, 2019
10am-5pm each day**

Sale location –

**4422 Argenta Dr
Brighton, MI**



Sale presented by-



**MTP - Model Train Products
Barry Hensel 734-649-3026
barry76Lt@wowway.com**

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!)

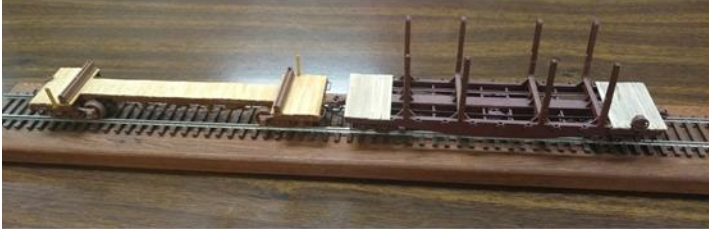
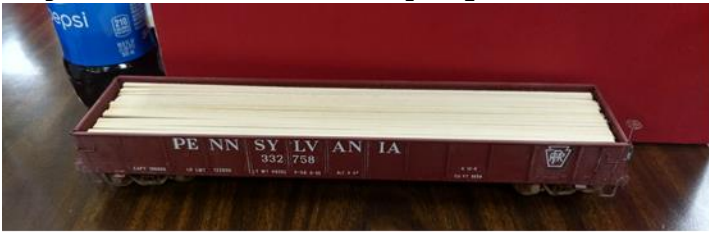
- * types of freight cars * different railroads and where they are/were
- * design a model railroad * railroad departments and support industries
- * diesel loco types and operation * Amtrak history and transit lines
- * railroad signals * Operation Lifesaver * all aspects of railroad safety
- * what/how/why 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 logging/lumber cars, a current project and tree kit bags that were on display at the meeting in July.... nice stuff!!



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