



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

ON THE RAILS...

SEPTEMBER 2019

Summer is pretty much over. That means that outdoor activities wind down and our model railroading activities can/will increase! Being a retired person now (2.5 years!) I really look forward to "switching gears" in my activities. As I mentioned last month, it's nice to meet every month and being in a round-robin group also helps keep the hobby spark active! Looking forward to Fall and even winter (just a bit) so that model railroading comes back into full swing! I hope this is true for you too!

The FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP sign-up forms are in this newsletter again.

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. Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Gary Kudron and John Racey! Meeting attendance was a OK with about 37 members present. MMR's present were Ron King and Larry Wolohon. 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, SEPTEMBER 20, 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 the Div 6 swap meet night!

Items shown included- Globe tank car kit; building kits; vehicles; PRR hopper; decoder pro; peco turnouts; BWLTD inspection vehicle; NCE decoder; RG GP40; SD9 Alaska Lionel; freight house; bridge piers; AHM work shed; house; oil tank kit; fire house; more vehicles; auto frame load; brass 0 scale boxcar; Fast Track jigs; 0 scale milk car; water tank kit; sand-gravel kit; free magazines and scotch pads!

Current Projects shown included- 3D printed Traction Engine with Bowser drive for Ill Terminal Service; N scale café' building based on HO version

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

NEXT MEETING - beer cars and/or reefers

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

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting but had no new tool tips to give. We're looking forward to more tips soon.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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!

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! We will look into sharing tour info with other divisions and perhaps we can visit their tours too.

NEXT TOURS- Accepting volunteers for October!!

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 FALL SHOW!!

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'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!

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 another ballast spreader tool from the same company from Turkey, Proses. This one is electronic... uses track power to open/close the hopper doors and you pull it along the track with a loco to spread the ballast!

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 our annual Div 6 Swap Meet Night!! Lots of items were brought and many sales were made! We hope you had success in finding a gem, or selling a few!

NEXT MEETING- Bruce Wolff and Larry Wolohon on narrow gauge railroads

Oct - Special guest - America by Rail excursions presentation

Nov - roundtable discussions

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

An email was sent out on Sunday afternoon, September 1st,

concerning the sad news that former Div 6 Superintendent DON BARRON had passed that morning. Don was battling bone cancer and had been in the hospital/rehab for nearly 2

months. Don was our leader from 2000-2002 and had been a Div 6 member for many years before that! Don was one of our senior members, passing at the age of 89. Deepest sympathies to Don's wife Pat and the entire Barron family. A service will be scheduled for October to honor Don's life. Rest well Don... you will be missed!



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- one of our new guests! 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!!

We've lost another hobby store! Empire Hobbies, formerly Merri-7 Hobbies, closed its doors at the end of July. They were located in Troy, but served hobbyists from all over. The owners have retired and the store inventory was all sold to an out-of-state company.

The Gratiot Valley Model RR Club will NOT be holding a fall train show! Venues at reasonable costs are getting hard to find, so they have shelved the show for now, but it could return in the future. Instead, they were holding a raffle and Doug Kass was present at our meeting to sell tickets.



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TRAIN SHOP**

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RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting and gave this lesson... From a 1954 issue of Railroad Magazine - Cowtown Carnival, by L.Beebe. The author is a well-known journalist that wrote many RR books. Most of his books were not good for reference material, but certainly entertained! This story is about Abilene Texas and how the railroads made this town. They filled the town with business and people, mostly based on the cattle industry and drives. Thanks John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

THIS MONTH!!! The subject for our next contest is a bar, taven, any structure that served alcohol! Bring in your structure to try for those great bragging rights!!

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.....



LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

October 02, 2019 - Charlie Whipp with a program from the Duluth area.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. NOTE - **MEETING LOCATION CHANGE** - 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, Sept.14-15,2019

Blissfield Model Railroad Club
Open House 109 E. Adrian St.
(US 223) Blissfield, MI 49228
11 am to 4 pm FREE!. Wheelchair Accessible Website:
<http://www.bmrr.org>

Saturday, September 28, 2019 -
Mt Clemens Train Show St. Louis Social Hall 39140 Ormsby St.
Mt. Clemens, MI 48036 10am to 3pm \$3 per person, \$5 per family, children under 12 free
Food & Refreshments on site, Barrier Free Access, Free Parking, Door Prizes, Operating Layouts
Contact Information - Carl Hikade 586-463-5184 cdhikade@juno.com or Joe Hiestand 586-924-0499



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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 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!!!

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