



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, JANUARY 17, 2020**. 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 vehicles - something made of wood, structure or rolling stock

Items shown included- N scale Bollen truss bridge!; bldg. kit; GN Caboose; N scale gon; BTS Coal Co bldg.; PRR refer; water tank & engine facility by Ed Black; BTS saw mill office; warehouse; outhouses; S scale section house; fire house; remove-able layout section; AM Flyer car with logs; small loco with wood in tender; snow plow car; PRR XB boxcar; Soo caboose; FSM engine house; laser kit house; small store; MI Sou boxcar; stock car; ice house; SF station; Aurora steam loco kit!; plywood car; large outhouse; N scale warehouse; country supply store; O scale interlocking tower

Current Projects shown included- N scale Bronco vehicle; T-Track module; different materials study for roads

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

NEXT MEETING - your railroading Christmas present!

DIV 6 PIZZA NIGHT!!

We did it last year... time to do it again! In honor of what was a great Fall Show and your great participation all year long, Div 6 will be buying the pizza! Come to the Div 6 January meeting at 6pm and we'll serve-up some pizza and refreshments! This is our way of saying THANKS to all of our Div 6 members, for helping through-out the past year!

ON THE RAILS...

JANUARY 2020!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Here's hoping your holiday season was a joyful one with family and friends.

As the new year starts, Div 6 is embarking on several projects! Our **MODEL RAILROADING BASICS 101** starts at our January meeting and continues through August! Also introduced and (hopefully) inspiring other members to join in, is our HO T-Track layout project. We hope that all Div 6 members will embrace and support these ideas and projects!

Thanks to those that attending the recent Layout Tours in December. Good to see you!

At the last meeting, Elections were mentioned, to take place in January. However, we have another year to go on the present BoD terms. Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members and a returning member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Frank Traum & Ben DeSantis and returning past Superintendent Jack Watson! Meeting attendance was good with about 40 members present. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King, Jim Zinser, Bill Neale and Larry Wolohon. To all Div 6 members,
WELCOME ABOARD!

DIV 6 T-TRACK LAYOUT

At the December Div 6 meeting, Barry Hensel presented an idea that has been mentioned before, but this time, he had "proof" of how it can be done! The idea is to have Div 6 members build a T-Track module. T-Track stands for TABLE-Track, as these modules simply sit on a table and connect together using EZ track sections. Barry showed a standard 18" wide module and the possibilities it presents. The base module standards will be posted on our Div 6 website and sent to members via email. Please let us know if you will be joining in the fun of building a module!



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 Tom Kosta, Phyllis LaForte and Barry Hensel for the tours in December!

NEXT TOURS- There will be NO tours for January. Looking for volunteers for February!

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject for our next contest is MoW or offline equipment. This due THIS month! We hope to see many models presented for popular voting and bragging rights!

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 Div 6 members Pierre Willermet and Steve Gladstein presenting "Arduino controls for people who don't think they can create Arduino controllers". Pierre gave an overview of the how and why these handy gadgets are great for our hobby and what they can be used for. Steve followed up with more info and a live demo of how easy these can be to use and program. Our youngest Div 6 member also chimed in that "Tinker-Cad" software can be used with the Arduino applications! WOW! This was a very interesting clinic with great info and showing the possibilities of new technology in our already great hobby! Thanks guys for a great clinic!!

NEXT MEETING- January - round table discussions! Subjects to be talked about - common track problems, turnouts, shorts, etc by Mark Ellis; layout design OOPS and a 3rd subject. (sorry, notes are fuzzy on who and what....)

For February, John Bopp talk on machinist tools for model building, i.e. hand & measuring tools, etc.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is 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

2020 NCR REGIONAL CONV

The 2020 NCR convention - **BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION** will be hosted by Div 1 in Toledo on October 15-18, 2020. Registration is now open! www.Divisiononecr.com/2020

MODEL RR BASICS 101

Starting at the January Div 6 meeting, we will host presentations of the basics of model railroading. These are aimed at new members and those new to the hobby. We will be promoting these presentations at local train shows and the local hobby shops. We are also hoping to get flyers and announcements in the local schools! These do NOT replace our regular clinics, but are a new, limited extra presentation that lasts only 20 (or so) minutes. Barry Hensel will give the first and we're hoping other Div 6 members will sign-on to give some of the others. Here is the schedule of the presentations-

January 17 - design & benchwork

February 21 - track

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If you are willing to help, please contact Barry as soon as possible.

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



PRODUCT REVIEW

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

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting and gave us part one of an interesting history lesson - from the Brooklyn Eagle newspaper of 1901 is the story of a reporter riding on a Long Island RR camelback locomotive! It was on Train 109 and the reporters description of the loco was quite illuminating! In case you didn't know... a camelback loco was a design by the Reading RR. Because the firebox was extra-large to burn anthracite coal, the cab was in the middle of the loco, straddling the boiler! We're looking forward to Part 2 next meeting!

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DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Remember... if you bring in an item for Show -n- Tell, you get a raffle ticket for a donated \$10 gift card from Nankin RR Hobby Shop (**THANKS!!!**). Our winner this month was- Jack Watson! Congratulations!

We have LABELS!! If you are going to donate RR magazines, we have some Div 6 stickers that you can place on them to help people find us and our meetings! Please get some of these from Bill!

A very nice letter to the Div 6 membership was written by Rich Murphy and read by Mark Elis at the meeting. Rich just moved to Kentucky in December.

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!!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present, but did not have a tool tip to share. We're looking forward to more tips soon.

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!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

January 08, 2020

Brad Noyles "New England Holiday"

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 **ken49146@aol.com**

Sunday, January 19, 2020 -

A Train Show

Avondale High School 2800 Waukegan Auburn Hills, Michigan 10am-3pm \$4 13 & over 12 & under FREE Contact Info: Frank E. Lams 248-537-6008

frank.lams@avondale.k12.mi.us

Saturday, January 25, 2020 2nd

annual Ole Toy & Train Show Monaghan KofC 19801 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 48152 11am to 3pm. \$3/person \$6/family \$10/early birds (10:30am) Contact Information: Brian Klotzer 313-255-0466 7pm-9pm only please

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Lansing Model Railroad Club Open House 5309 Old Lansing Road Lansing, MI **<http://www.lmrc.org>** Noon to 5pm Free (donation suggested) The layout is housed in the former Grand Trunk Western Millett Depot. Parking is limited on grass or snow-covered surface. Wheelchair Accessible Contact Info Michael Frezell at 517-281-2544 lmrc1953@lmrc.org

Saturday-Sunday, February 16-17,

48th Annual Train Show and Sale Saline Middle School 7190 N. Maple Road Saline, MI 48176 Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-3pm Adults - \$6 Under 10, Free with paid Adult Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club and the Huron Valley Railroad Historical Society. 400 tables of merchandise & displays. Food service will be available. Wheelchair Accessible Contact Info: AA Model RR Club 3487 Broad Street Dexter, MI 48103 Phone: 734-426-5100-Wed Evenings **<http://a2trainshow.com>**



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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!

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!



**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

Division 6 – the Motor City Division,
(part of the North Central Region, National Model Railroad Association)
Presents.....



MODEL RAILROAD BASICS 101!!

Come and learn EVERYTHING about building a model railroad! YOU CAN do it!!

For the next 8 months, at our monthly Division 6 meetings, we'll be including a segment on Model Railroading Basics! Here is what YOU will learn.....

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Here are some of the wood models shown at the last Division 6 meeting. Nice stuff!!

