

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

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are now ONLINE only. We are using ZOOM to conduct our monthly meetings. Download ZOOM on your computer, tablet or phone to join in.

We are doing TWO meetings! This is so that we can have the FULL meeting content - show & tell, event discussions, history, tool tips and a full clinic! The online process is a bit slower and longer, so we're breaking it up into TWO meetings.

Thus, we are now on the **FIRST and THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meetings will be on **FRIDAY, OCT 2 and FRIDAY, OCT 16, 2020**. Meetings start at 7:30pm. The meeting content will be as follows....

Friday, OCT 2 - show & tell, events, history, tool tips, misc business

Friday, OCT 16 - old/new business, model RR 101, clinic(s) WATCH your email... the meeting link and info will be emailed 3 days before the meeting! We hope to see YOU there!

MEETING RULES!!! Using ZOOM has a few drawbacks and we're trying to mitigate those. Please go to the Div 6 website to view these rules! Thanks!!

2020 DIV 6 FALL SHOW

The **2020 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP** will be on Saturday, November 21. This is the same day we were on last year - the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Our event will be **VIRTUAL**, not an in-person event like in the past. We are checking on using Zoom, Youtube and/or facebook live for the event format. We're hoping to have many presentations and perhaps some LIVE layout tours! Stay tuned....

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.

ON THE RAILS...

OCTOBER 2020

HELLO!! Welcome to Autumn!! The temps have been going crazy... high one week, low the next! Hoping you can plan accordingly.

Well... last newsletter we said that most train shows had cancelled. Now we can sadly report that all shows in our area have cancelled through Jan 1. Bummer!

Sorry this newsletter is late! I was very busy with two weekend events and these double meetings don't leave me much time.

Please keep in contact with your family and your model railroading friends! It does help!! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 32/34 members at the last zoom Div 6 meetings! We also had no new members. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Ron King and Jim Zinser. We hope more will join us this month! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **MOST RECENTLY BUILT KIT**. Here's what was shared- Tichy crane & flat car; Silver Streak wood ref car; N scale Tichy crane; flatcar w/troop carrier; signal bridge; O scale NH boxcar; Faller bridge; Bar Mills tire stop; GN dbl sheathed boxcar; Sunshine kit; Walthers Goodyear factory; wood flatcar kit; steam loco modified; Central Valley truss bridge; Woodland Scenics gas station; AHM station; Kibri transformer; Athearn C&O caboose; Redford Club commemorative boxcar; mules; Walthers storage shed; Walthers ash pit conveyor; baggage car; electronic oscilloscope (for use with Arduino); tank car kit; Athearn SP F unit detailing; gas distributor depot; Walthers Ford dealer; G scale coal truck kitbash

Current Projects shared were... Scratch built Hershey factory; track diagrams for OPS; freight car painting
Everyone had something to share!
NICE!!

NEXT MEETING - something you have soldered

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- There are NO tours for the foreseeable future. Perhaps these can be started in the Fall. However.... At the recent Reading RR Modelers MEET VIII, they did virtual layout tours that went very well! We'll look into the possibility of doing these!

DIV 6 T-TRACK LAYOUT

The orders for modules is all done, but we just don't know how soon we can get these to those that ordered. Hang in there... or feel free to build one on your own! The module standards are posted on our Div 6 website.

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!

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! Our clinic this past month was by member Ken Chick, MMR, doing a live demo on soldering techniques. Ken did a great job showing how to solder joints on a brass model, how to solder feeder drops to your track, and how to solder wires together. He also gave great tips on which solder and flux to use for the particular job. He showed and discussed the use of different soldering irons and cleaning of the tips. GOOD stuff Ken!! THANKS!

NEXT MEETING- Greg Rich on foam scenery sculpting.
November is Norm Logan on painting and composition of scenes.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not at the meeting so Tom Kosta filled in for him. Tom read a story of railroading in the every early days in the west. The big RR battles between RR tycoons Harriman, Strayhorn and Hill! Very interesting information and times! Looking forward to another history lesson 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!

FOR SALE

2 pieces of sheet aluminum - 24"x24.5 feet \$40 and 24"x11 feet \$20 or both for \$50! Barry - 734-649-3056 Barry76Lt@wowway.com

MODEL RR BASICS 101

We are continuing these presentations so that any beginners can be helped in getting their layouts started! Here is the NEW schedule of the presentations-

October 16 - structures

November 20 - operations!

December 18 - weathering

This past month, we did not have a presentation, as no one volunteered in time and Barry was busy with another event on our meeting night. The next session on Structures will be done by Bill McMillan. If you are willing to help, please contact Barry as soon as possible.

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



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!

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The Modeling Project is on hold until we can meet again in person - OR - a new subject will be selected and we can try to do this online in the near future. Bragging rights are on the line!

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

It has been reported that Div 6 member and MMR Bill Neale is doing very well after extensive back surgery. Great to hear!!

COOL! - Div 6 member Jim Zinser, MMR, was recently on the podcast "What's New with Ken Patterson". These can be viewed on Facebook and youtube. Jim was talking about the NMRA and its benefits!

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!

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!!

NMRA VIRTUAL EVENTS

Check the NMRA website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.... there have been many NMRA-X events. These are all day clinic sessions that are happening almost every other week on Saturdays. Up to 12 hours of information!!

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DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The entire membership of Div 6 wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Glen Duke, past Div 6 member who passed away last month. At one time he was living in Taylor where he built a room on the back of the house and knocked out a wall to the connecting bedroom to expand the railroad area. In this "room" he modeled N, HO and O Scale!

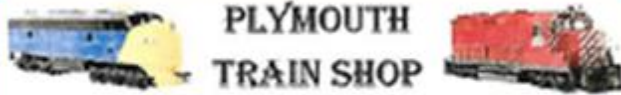
LOCAL RR EVENTS

ALL events have been cancelled, pending current restrictions and guidelines.

Saturday, Nov 21 DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP - VIRTUAL!!

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The website is improved! 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



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