

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 using ZOOM. 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, DEC 4 and FRIDAY, DEC 18, 2020**. Meetings start at 7:30pm The meeting content will be as follows....

Friday, Dec 4 - show & tell, events, history, tool tips, misc business

Friday, Dec 18 - 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 MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP** will soon be here - Saturday, December 5. Our event will be **VIRTUAL**, not an in-person event like in the past. We are using Zoom for the event format. We've got the schedule for the event set - see that posted on page 5 of this newsletter. IT'S FREE!! To register, email your name, city, state and email address to chairman Mark Ellis at emark@sbcglobal.net THANKS to our Planning Team of Mark, Bruce, Bill and Barry. THANKS too to all of our clinicians and presenters!!

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...

DECEMBER 2020

HELLO!! Welcome to another near shut-down of our state. Here's hoping this will not last long, that we'll see lower numbers and as we get closer to Christmas, the good Lord shines on us all and gives us some normalcy back! On the bright side (?) this does give us all more model railroading time! And with colder weather coming... it's time to stay indoors anyway. Happy modeling!

It is also that time of the year to say MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year to all of our Division 6 members and their families!! We wish you all the very best possible holiday and new year!! This past year has certainly been trying and in many cases quite miserable... but it looks like we're going to get through it!!

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 33/35 members at the last zoom Div 6 meetings! We also had no new members. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, and Jim Zinser. We hope more will join us this month! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **Your First Train Model!** Here's what was shared- Lionel set catalog picture!; 1956 Fleischman HO flat car; Lionel steam loco; GN Varney F3; 3 cars and loco; 1953 Lionel set/ Pennline switcher & Tyco Dockside; 1st brass loco; Ambroid center flow cvd hopper- first kit built; diecast train; Bachmann HO set; Athearn RDC/ Blatz refer car; Lionel boxcab; Am Flyer RDG steam loco; 1926 std gauge car; Tyco Chattanooga steam loco; Lifelike Rail King set; Kato CP SD40's; Lionel train set; Conrail SD45; Marx wind-up loco; Mothers Day Lionel set; picture of 1971 layout; Campbell Soup train set; Lionel Flying Yankee passenger set; 1956 Athearn set.

Current Projects shared were... Roomette building interiors; ash pit/tower build. Everyone had something to share! NICE!!

NEXT MEETING - your favorite railroad article or book

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 will be three VIRTUAL tours in December! Phyllis LaForte, Tom Kosta and Barry Hensel will host layout tours as part of the Fall Show & Workshop!

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!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

The ordered kits have been delivered and we hope those that got one are happy building! The DCC system we bought arrived just fine and will be tested shortly. We're probably going to invest in a box or case to keep it in and we may invest in updated software for it too, which would then allow 4 digit addressing! While there are no shows for now, maybe we can get together somewhere and test our new layout! Target would be sometime in early February. For those building... all you would need is the module, track and wiring for the test!

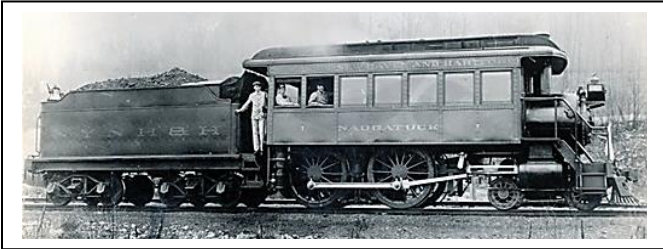
CLINIC

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 Div 8 member Greg Rich, MMR. Rich has a great way to carve rocks from Styrofoam! He showed a series of short video's that showed step-by-step how to do the carving and painting. WOW! This looked easy to do and came out looking great! At first, it looked almost hap-hazard and crazy, but by the end... it popped and looked great!! A side story was had on the oatmeal scenery material that many use. Some use Vermiculite. Others are using Zonolite. For Zonolite the current price is about \$16.95 for a 4 cu. ft. bag. That is a lot of material and is enough to fill a garbage/trash can. The best place to get it in this area is at MasonPro, 43300 Seven Mile, Northville, MI 48167 248-347-3824. Vermiculite was a little too thick and the Zonolite allows for a finer texture. A very interesting clinic!! Thanks Greg!

NEXT MEETING- Norm Logan with part 2 of backdrop painting and detailing.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting and redid some of the lesson he started last meeting. This was an article from a 1900 Cosmo magazine (yes, THAT Cosmo!) The article was the story of a line inspector riding the rails of his division in a special inspection loco, designed with seats on the boiler. It's similar to a camelback loco... with a coach on top!



The article was by a reporter that was along for the trip and he wrote about everything that the inspector did and thought. Very interesting and informative! Looking forward to another history lesson soon!! Thanks John!!

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-

December 18 - weathering

This past month, Norm Logan gave us a great look at operations for our model railroads. Just as the title says... Norm went over the basics of why, where and how! Here's hoping that you will soon start operations on your railroad. It IS the other half of the hobby! The last session on WEATHERING will be done by Rick Neibert. We want to say THANK-YOU to all of our Model RR 101 presenters! It took us a year to get this done, but it was a very worthwhile effort and we hope that everyone learned something along the way. We especially hope that this series of talks helped our beginners get their modeling off the ground!

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

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!

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!!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

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

Saturday, DEC 5 - DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP - VIRTUAL!!

Sunday, Dec 6 - Train Show
New Baltimore MI Trade Center
Steve Gawracz 586-273-7900

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

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 AP AWARDS

Our AP coordinator Ken Chick reports that Div 6 member Scott Kremer has been approved for his Rolling Stock Certificate! This now completes his 7 required certificates for the MMR - Master Model Railroader status!
CONGRATULATIONS!! Scott will become our 7th MMR in Division 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

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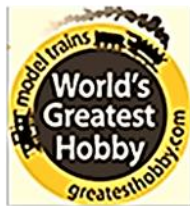
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DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

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!

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!



DIVISION 6 and invited guests of the
NORTH CENTRAL REGION of the
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MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

**9am- 8pm Saturday
December 5, 2020**

**NEW DAY!!
VIRTUAL!!**

LEARN HOW TO DO & ENJOY MODEL RAILROADING!

YES... we are doing a VIRTUAL event for 2020! Using ZOOM conferencing software, we'll be presenting 5 clinics and 4 layout tours! We'll also have a video to share during a small lunch break! We have Raffle prizes!! We'll give away a prize after each presentation – 9 in total! You will redeem at Nankin Hobby in Farmington!! To register for this **FREE** event... please email Chairman MARK ELLIS at emark@sbcglobal.net

All we need to get you registered is your name, city, state and email address. The meeting link and other information will be emailed to you 2-3 days before the event.

TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTENT	PRESENTER
9:00am – 10:00am	clinic	Modeling Water on Your Layout	Barry Hensel
10:10am-11:10am	Layout tour	Reading Lines Central Division – HO scale	Barry Hensel
11:20am-12:20pm	clinic	Producing a Museum Quality Backdrop for Your Layout. Designing Scenes With the Use of Clipped Photos from magazines, Internet Photos, and Scene Design.	Norm Logan
12:30pm-1:30pm	Layout tour	The Burlington Northern – Spartan Division – HO scale	Phyllis LaForte
1:30pm-2:00pm	Lunch - video		
2:00pm-3:00pm	clinic	Introduction to Layout Planning	Bruce Wolff
3:10pm-4:10pm	Layout tour	Michigan Lines Detroit gateway – HO scale	Brook & Jay Qualman
4:20pm-5:20pm	clinic	Building Your Layout – Great Northern Empire	Tom Kosta
5:30pm-6:30pm	Layout tour	Danforth Hadley & Northern – N scale	Ken Chick
6:40pm–7:40pm	clinic	Creating and Installing Animation on Your Layout	Mark Ellis



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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

**and Happy
New Year!!**



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