

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, FEBRUARY 21, 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 your railroading Christmas present!

Items shown included- Sunoco truck w/barrels; painting book; small camera; tree ornament; loco repair cradle & wheel cleaner; Walthers bldg. kit; steam train book; COAL!; Michigan train book; Blissfield train ride ticket; SP paint-lettering guide; throttles upgrade to radio; new laptop for JMRI use; FEC boxcar; Synagogue building; Polar Express ride; B&M loco book; MP15 loco; Dremel tool; 3D printed details for sawmill; CN loco; NYC sweatshirt; N scale Christmas car; LV photo; lots of N scale locos; G scale Christmas train; Lionel ornament; Soo Line t-shirt; Boy Scouts boxcar; train calendar of layout photos by son; HO BBQ set; figures; Loco charm; O scale 55t hopper; LGB starter set; BN sweatshirt; Arduino kit!; turntable kit; AMM house kits; Bowser Baldwin switcher; CP sweatshirt; DCC sound decoders; VIA Rail tickets to visit relatives; SP steam loco book

Current Projects shown included- N scale roundhouse updates; GP7 loco & steam rebuilds; NP observation car; O scale boxcar rebuild

A few members were bad (??) and Santa did not bring them anything, so they donated to the caboose, THANKS!

NEXT MEETING - flat cars or gondola cars with loads

ON THE RAILS...

FEBRUARY 2020

HELLO!! Here's hoping you are staying warm... indoors... and working on your model railroad layout and projects! Yes... we're really into the winter season, so let's get some trains run, fixed or built! I'm hoping you are having FUN with your railroad!!

The Model Railroading Basics 101 kicked off at the January meeting. Many thanks to those that thought the first presentation went well. Many more to go....!

We have an update on our T-TRACK layout build - see the details in this newsletter! COOL!

Several good train shows are happening in the near future, but don't forget to support our hobby shops too!! THANKS!!
Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had MANY new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Dan McRoberts, Bob Haar, Charlie Edwards (and Dad), Mark & Jordon LeSuer, John Gorzalski and Bill Schaefer! Meeting attendance was good with about 51 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 PIZZA NIGHT!!

THANKS to all of our Div 6 members, for helping through-out the past year! It was a great start to a great night, as many gathered for pizza and pop prior to the January meeting starting! THANKS!!

DIV 6 T-TRACK LAYOUT

We did not get a chance to give an update on the T-TRACK layout modules at the January meeting. But we do have an update... it appears that several Div 6 members would like to build a module - great!! Well... we're going to make it easier for you. Later in this newsletter is an order form! You can fill out the form and we'll provide you with a module kit! The kit includes the wood and electrical connectors. Everything else is up to you. We will also try to schedule a build session at a Div 6 future meeting!! Orders MUST be placed by the February meeting, or sooner via email. Payment will be due when the kit is brought to the March meeting. The base module standards are posted on our Div 6 website. They have been updated with a corner module design. Lastly, Division 8 - the Clinton River Division, has asked to use our standards to start their own modules and layout! Who knows.... at an upcoming Regional convention, we could have a nice set-up! 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!

NEXT TOURS- There will be NO tours for February. We have a few volunteers for March! Info next month.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject for our contest this month was MoW or offline equipment. We only had two entries and the winner for bragging rights goes to Larry Wolohon for a Jordan spreader! Nice modeling! Congratulations! We did not select a subject for another contest, so we'll do that at the next meeting.

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 a couple of roundtable discussions. Norm Logan did one group on Operations and getting your layout set-up for operation sessions. He'll repeat much of this for the Model RR 101 series. The other table was done by Mark Ellis on track problems and fixes. Both discussions had interested members sitting by and contributing as well! Great job Norm and Mark! Thanks guys for a great clinic!!

NEXT MEETING- John Bopp will talk on machinist tools for model building, i.e. hand & measuring tools, etc. In March - roundtable discussions- Bill Deter on the layout storage project from the Hotbox, Bruce Wolff on wiring commercial turnouts and a third table on soldering. April will have Rich Mahaney stop by for another clinic.

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

The first session of MR Basics 101 took place at the January meeting. We had several new people attend the meeting, based on receiving our flyer! Barry Hensel gave the first session on layout design and benchwork. It was well received! The handout with the information on these subjects will be posted on the Div 6 website. It may also be used as part of the redo of the NMRA Beginners Pages of information on the NMRA website! Here is the schedule of the presentations-

February 21 - track

March 20 - DCC and track wiring

April 17 - locos, cars, couplers

May 15 - basic scenery

June 19 - structures

July - operations!

August - weathering

If you are willing to help, please contact Barry as soon as possible. The next session on TRACK will be done by Bruce Wolff and Mark Ellis.

DIV 6 NMRA AWARDS!

Our Div 6 Achievement Program coordinator, Ken Chick, MMR, was on hand to give out another AP award to a very deserving Div 6 member! Congratulations to Brook Qualman on receiving her CHIEF DISPATCHER AWARD! One more and Brook will be an MMR!! Ken also reported that it has been a very good 2 years! In that time, Div 6 and Div 8 has recorded 72 awards! Let's keep that count going!



DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....

That awkward moment when your spouse finds all the trains you hid so cleverly in the guest bed room.



DIVISION 6 SYMPATHIES

On December 4th, past Div 6 member and HotBox Editor Steve Akers passed away. While he had not been to a Div 6 meeting in many years, he was part of the formation of Div 6 and was an excellent structure builder and modeler! Steve moved to Highland several years ago and attended some Div 8 meetings. Deepest sympathies to his family and friends.



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!

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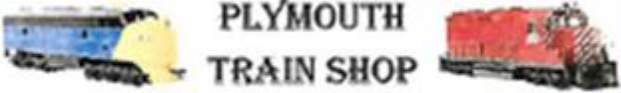
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734-421-2673 emark@sbcglobal.net

Meeting Coffee- Bill Deeter
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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

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- Nat and Miles Bulkley! 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!

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!!



**Nankin
Hobby**

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

**33350 W Nine Mile Rd
Farmington, MI 48336
248-919-0040**

**1480 Washtenaw Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-961-7575**

**12020 Fort St
Southgate, MI 48195
734-250-7382**

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not at the meeting and thus did not give a history lesson. We're looking forward to Part 2 next meeting!

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!

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.

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, 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 15-16,
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>

Friday-Saturday, Feb 22-23, 2020
Holland Modular Railroad Club
Benefit Train Show Holland, MI
- Overisel Reformed Church 4706
142nd Street, Holland, MI
Friday, March 2nd from 5 to 8 PM
Saturday, March 3rd from 9 to 2 PM
\$4 Per Person \$12 Per Family
Contact Info: ourbug@chartermi.net
Holland Mod RR Club 616-772-2681

Saturday-Sunday, Feb 22-23, 2020
Model RR Exhibit, RR Memorabilia,
Toy Train Show and Sale
Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River Avenue Novi, MI
10am-4pm Adults \$7 (\$2 more if
purchased on-site) Kids 11 and
under are Free
Hundreds of tables of trains for
sale with new/used merchandise;
new product displays; huge
operating model train layouts;
free modeling workshops and
clinics; activities for kids and
more! Wheelchair Accessible
Contact Info - Great Train Show,
120 Easy Street #4, Carol Stream
IL 60188 - p 630-608-4988
Website -

<http://GreatTrainShow.com>
www.GiantShow.com/novi.html

Saturday, March 2, 2020 3rd ALL
Scale Model Train Show - SONS
United Food & Commercial Workers
Hall 876 Horce Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
10am-4pm \$5 per person under 12
is free Door Prizes, Free
Parking, All Gauges of Trains,
Food and Refreshments Available
Info: Shawn Barrick 810-444-5238

DIVISION 6 – MOTOR CITY DIVISION T-TRACK ORDER FORM

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please check your selection-

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|-------|-------------------------------|------|---|
| _____ | Standard module 18" long | \$15 | Module kits include all wood for sides, plywood for track area only and backdrop board plus electrical connectors for track. Track is NOT included. |
| _____ | Double module 36" long | \$25 | |
| _____ | Triple module 54" long | \$35 | |
| _____ | Corner module approx. 40"x54" | \$50 | |

Fill out this form and email it to BARRY - barry76Lt@wowway.com by the February Div 6 meeting -or- bring it to the February meeting! Forms ARE DUE at the February meeting, Friday, Feb 21. Payment will be at the March Div 6 meeting.

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 Christmas presents and projects shown at the last Division 6 meeting. Nice stuff!!

