



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, MARCH 20, 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 flat cars and/or gondola with loads. **Items shown included-** PRR flat w/fishing lure (memorial car); gon w/trash containers; flat w/tarped load; flat w/dozers; bulk end flat w/steel; Wabash flat; Erie 65' gon from 50' gons w/pipe; NP flat; gon w/scrap steel; Erie drop end gon; PM gon convention car; Soo gon w/lumber; Lionel search light flat; NYC flat w/lumber; CP gon w/scrap; Wabash 4 trk flat; SP gon w/wheels; RDG flat w/machine; W&LE gon w/rails; BN flat w/motor; flat w/tractors; Menards O scale flat w/military; C&O gon; TOFC; NP flat w/crates; B&M flat; NKP flat w/dump trk; flat w/car-camper; 75' TOFC; pulb wood flat; O scale bulk end flat w/pipe; bulk end flat w/lumber; RG side dump gon; flat car w/copper; Erie gon w/tires; Copper Valley gon w/scrap; O scale 50' gon made from 40' gons; Athearn gon w/Lionel logo!; N scale gon w/scrap

**Current Projects shown included-** Water tank build; picture book of layout build; BarMills barn kit; Swiss passenger cars; brass snow plow rebuild

A few members did not bring a model to show, so they donated to the caboos, THANKS!

**NEXT MEETING** - head end cars - express ref, express box, REA, baggage cars

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject for our next project will be your T-Track module! We will display these at the MAY meeting. Bragging rights are on the line!

# ON THE RAILS...

### MARCH 2020

WOW... two down, ten to go... months of the year of course! Time does seem to move fast lately. Maybe it's a retirement thing, as I'm on 3 years retired this month! WOW! Of course, it also means I'm "training" as much as possible, making up for all of the time I was working and didn't have extra time to enjoy our great hobby as much as I am now. If you are still working... hang in there! Your time will come and then, enjoy!!

We have a few orders for T-Track module kits... if you haven't ordered you get another chance. New deadline is the up-coming March meeting!!

One important note - we are all signed for the meeting room for 2020! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had MANY more new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Cyrus Adams, Neal Murawski, Bob Burgman, Phil Vasquez, Win Collins, Joc O'Brian and Gary Mead & grand-daughter Casey! Meeting attendance was one of our best ever with about 58 members present!! MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King, Jim Zinser, Joe Kocis and Larry Wolohon. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

## DIV 6 T-TRACK LAYOUT

OK... one more chance! If you want to order a T-Track "KIT" your order must be given to Barry at the March meeting! After that, we buy the wood and start cutting! Payment will be due when the kit is brought to the April meeting. The base module standards are posted on our Div 6 website. Who knows.... at an upcoming Regional convention, OR our own Div 6 Fall Show, we could have a nice set-up! Please let us know if you will be joining in the fun of building a module!

## 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 John Bopp talked about machinist tools for model building. These are tools like calipers, blocks and clamps. John had them in several categories - holding/clamping; measuring; layout-plans and others. John's presentation showed lots of tools, how they are used and what advantages they have for model railroaders. These are somewhat special tools, but items that most of us should have to some degree, to help us make better models! GREAT info!!

Thanks John for a great clinic!!

**NEXT MEETING-** roundtable discussions- Bill Detter on the layout storage project from the Hotbox, Bruce Wolff on wiring commercial turnouts and Ken Chick and Larry Wolohon on soldering.

April will have us building our T-Track module kits!

## 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](http://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](http://www.Divisiononecr.com/2020)



Thanks to Marshall Stull from Div 1 for stopping by with a great video presentation on this upcoming event! Sign-up now!!

## MODEL RR BASICS 101

Our second session of MR Basics 101 took place last month and was given by Bruce Wolff. TRACK was the subject and Bruce did an excellent job at presenting all the info you would need on track - types, codes, how to lay track and more! THANKS Bruce!!

Here is the schedule of the presentations-

- 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 DCC and wiring will be done by Joe Bliss.

## 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 March. We are looking for volunteers for April!!

## 2020 NMRA CONVENTION

The NMRA National convention will be in St Louis for this year.  
<https://www.gateway2020.org/>

## DIV 6 NMRA AWARDS!

Our Div 6 Achievement Program coordinator, Ken Chick, MMR, was on hand to give out more AP awards! Congratulations to Walt Plentis on his Golden Spike Award and to Ed Beamish for his Model Railroading Electrical Engineering Award! We hope you will work on a few awards too!



## 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!

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## NCR ONE DAY EVENT!

This year the NCR One Day Event will be hosted by Div 9 in Kalamazoo. Up to 11 clinics, 6-8 layouts to tour and even an OPS session are planned for this event. This will happen on Saturday, April 25th! See the ad in the HotBox for more information and a registration form. This is an easy one day trip for Div 6 members - let's go!!!

## DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....





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**33350 W Nine Mile Rd  
Farmington, MI 48336  
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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- new guy Neal Murawski! 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!!

Please keep Dave Kuntz in your thoughts and prayers!!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting but did not give a history lesson.

## 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!



**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

## 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!

## 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.

**April 01 - "Train Robberies in Michigan" by Dean Pyers**

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**

**Saturday-Sunday March 28-29 -**

Detroit Model RR Club Open House  
104 N Saginaw Holly, MI - 248-634-5811  
Come see what model railroading is all about at one of the largest O scale model railroads in the country.  
12 noon - 5pm Adults - \$5  
Seniors (65 and up) -\$4 Children (5-18) - \$2 Children under 5 - Free

**Saturday, March 14 -**

LOOK-LISTEN-LEARN II hosted by Division 10, NCR A day of clinics and learning! \$10 includes lunch  
**ncrdiv10@gmail.com** 989-823-3409

**Saturday-Sunday, March 14-15,**

Blissfield Model RR Club Open House  
109 E Adrian St (US 223) Blissfield, MI Walter Trancygier 734-552-4581  
11am-4pm Admission is FREE, donations for maintenance and operation are always welcome

**Sunday, March 22 -** Mid

Michigan Train Show  
Mount Pleasant, MI - Finch Field House CMU Saginaw River Valley RR Club and DOG TAILS, inc.  
10am-3pm \$5 - 12 and under FREE  
Ron Picardi 989-751-0022

**Sunday, April 4 -** 2020 Spring

Swap Meet Kalamazoo, MI  
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds Expo South 2900 Lake St Kalamazoo, MI  
10am - 3pm \$3 admission, children 10 and under free  
David Hayes-Moats 269-344-0906

## DIVISION 6 - MOTOR CITY DIVISION T-TRACK ORDER FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your selection-

_____	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](mailto:barry76Lt@wowway.com) by the MARCH Div 6 meeting -or- bring it to the MARCH meeting! Payment will be at the APRIL Div 6 meeting and we will build them at the April meeting.

Here are some of the Show & Tell items brought in at the February meeting. Nice stuff members!!

