

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, MAY 15, 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

There was no show & tell, because of no meeting. We will redo the subject for May.

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 AUGUST meeting. We have moved this several months because of missing the March and April meetings. Bragging rights are on the line!

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/by the MAY meeting! After that, we buy the wood and start cutting! Payment will be due when the kit is brought to the JUNE 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!

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 April or May. We are looking for volunteers for June!!

ON THE RAILS...

APRIL 2020

OH MY... what in the world happened? Suddenly, we're cancelling events, meetings and now, shelter in place. This is NOT the new normal... it IS an extraordinary time in all of our lives. Please... breath, stay calm, wash your hands... we will get through this!! On the positive side... you have LOTS of time for model railroading! Best wishes to all of our Division 6 members and their families as we all cope with the current crisis.

As of this writing.... the **April Division 6 meeting has been CANCELLED**. This is due to the government guidelines and restrictions that are still in place. Please watch your email for any announcements or our FB page and Div 6 website.

This is an unusual newsletter to write, since there was no meeting to report on. However, we want to keep you informed and active in our great hobby. Most everything moves UP TWO months! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We no members at the last Div 6 meeting, due to it being cancelled. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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!

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.

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

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

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 schedule has shifted TWO months! Here is the NEW schedule of the presentations-

May 15 - DCC and track wiring

June 19 - locos, cars, couplers

July 17 - basic scenery

August 21 - structures

September 18 - operations!

October 16 - 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.

2020 NMRA CONVENTION

The NMRA National convention will be in St Louis for this year.

<https://www.gateway2020.org/>

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 NMRA AWARDS!

Our Div 6 Achievement Program coordinator, Ken Chick, MMR, reports that Div 6 member Jay Qualman has earned two AP Awards - Model RR Author and NMRA Official. Jay will receive these at the May Div 6 meeting. **Congratulations!!** We hope you will work on a few awards too!

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

Our paragraph on the website appears in all of our newsletters, but here's a quick story on how it actually helped! Seems a Mom and 13 yr old son were looking for model railroad info and found OUR page, which gave them lots of information and led to other sites/pages. We now have a budding model railroader, once the crisis is over! COOL!!

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!

NCR ONE DAY EVENT!

This year the NCR One Day Event was to be hosted by Div 9 in Kalamazoo. Unfortunately, due to the current virus situation, this event has been cancelled for 2020. Div 9 hopes to hold this same event in 2021 - same time-frame and location. See you next year!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

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

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....

**I heard people were panic
buying necessities, so I just
stocked up.....**



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!

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!!!**).

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!!

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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.



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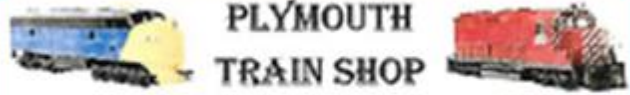
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LOCAL RR EVENTS

ALL events have been cancelled through April, pending current restrictions and guidelines. May events are still questionable!



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 – MOTOR CITY DIVISION T-TRACK ORDER FORM

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Please check your selection-

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Double module 36" long | \$25 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Triple module 54" long | \$35 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Corner module approx. 40"x54" | \$50 | |

Fill out this form and email it to BARRY - barry76Lt@wowway.com by the MAY Div 6 meeting -or- bring it to the MAY meeting! Payment will be at the **JUNE** Div 6 meeting and we will build them at the JUNE meeting.