

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 on ZOOM!! WATCH your email... the meeting link and info will be emailed 3 days before the meeting! We hope to see YOU there!

**MEETING RULES!!!** This sounds much worse that it is... using ZOOM has a few drawbacks and we're just trying to mitigate those. Here you go.....

a) download ZOOM on your computer, tablet or phone  
b) use the link provided in the special email (that will be sent 3 days before the meeting) to get into the meeting 1-2 minutes before the start time. You will get a window that says the meeting has not yet started... just hang on and you'll be added automatically.

c) Once in the meeting, please MUTE your audio to eliminate background noise.

d) use the RAISE HAND feature to ask to speak to the group or unmute and ask your question if the other person has stopped talking. Re-mute your audio when done.

e) Please be aware that everyone can see YOU! And hear you and what is happening around you! Be kind!! These simple rules will help everyone hear what needs to be said and help the meeting use our time more effectively! THANKS!!

## SHOW AND TELL

There was no show & tell, because of no meeting. We will redo the subject for May! We will call on each person, one at a time, in the zoom meeting to show off their model by holding it up to their camera! Have your model ready!

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

## 2020 NMRA CONVENTION

The NMRA National convention in St Louis has been cancelled for 2020.

# ON THE RAILS...

## MAY 2020

HELLO! First, we hope that everyone is doing well, safe and healthy! Many THANKS to our front line workers and medical workers! As you probably know, we're still under a "Stay at Home" order until May 15. Even after that, things will simply not be "normal" for some time. Do not lose hope!!! We will get through this and be able to meet again and enjoy our great hobby with our many friends! It's just going to take some time.

While we have been "at home" we hope you have been busy with your model railroad layout and projects. Having a great hobby should be keeping you busy and not so involved with the happenings around us. It IS great to have our hobby and friends. 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!**

## 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)

## DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject for our next project will be your T-Track module! We will display these at a meeting to be determined. We have moved this several months because of missing the March, April and May meetings. Bragging rights are on the line!

## DIV 6 T-TRACK LAYOUT

The ordering process has been completed. We have orders for 10 modules that will be a layout about 12' long. However, we only have one corner! We could really use 3 more people to make corners! Payment will be due when the kit is brought to the June or July meeting. The base module standards are posted on our Div 6 website. 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 the foreseeable future. Perhaps these can be started in the Fall.

## 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-** it is possible to do clinics when we are doing the Zoom meetings, but we need more time to get that process down.

## 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!

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## 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)

Sign-up now!! As of this writing, the convention is still a GO. A decision is expected in mid-May.



## MODEL RR BASICS 101

Our schedule has shifted several months! We are hoping we can restart these talks in June. Here is the NEW schedule of the presentations-

**June 19- DCC and track wiring**  
**July 17 - locos, cars, couplers**  
**August 21 - basic scenery**  
**September 18 - structures**  
**October 16 - operations!**  
**November 20 - weathering**

If you are willing to help, please contact Barry as soon as possible. The next session on DCC and track wiring will be done by Joe Bliss.

## 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!

## RAILROAD HISTORY

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

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

ALL events have been cancelled through May and into June, pending current restrictions and guidelines.

## DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



## 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.



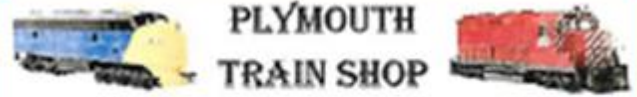
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**NOTE** - Nankin Hobby IS open and ready to sell you hobby items. They can do ONLINE orders and phone orders at the Farmington, Ypsilanti and Southgate locations. They also have reduced hours. The Westland store IS open for regular business. Call them for details!



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