

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. We are using ZOOM to conduct our monthly meetings. 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, JULY 3 AND FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2020**. Meetings start at 7:30pm. The meeting content will be as follows....

Friday, July 3 - show & tell, events, history, tool tips, misc business

Friday, July 17 - 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. 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 a few minutes before the start time.
- 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 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!!

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2020

HELLO!! Welcome to summer! This usually means that our hobby takes a back seat to outdoor activities. However, with what has happened this year, it could be different!

Our Div 6 meetings on Zoom have been successful! The last one with mostly all clinics was really good! If you missed it... shame! See the meeting details in the column to the right! We hope to see YOU at the July meetings!

Sorry to say... the fall train show season is starting to crumble. Just recently, the large Lansing Show has cancelled. These events are not something that can be done online. Here's hoping some events will still be held.

Lots of things are changing, but 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 30/33 members at the last Div 6 meeting, which was our zoom online meeting! We also had 3 new members - Richard Neibert, Charlie Edwards and Paul Lichau. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King, Larry Wolohon and Jim Zinser. We hope more will join us in July! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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!

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was TANK CARS. Here's what was shared... USQX single dome; CMX track cleaner; On30 single dome; 3 dome; Tank Car names - Hershey, Sinclair, Sunoco, Penn Salt (3), Hooker Chem, Union Oil, Wyandotte Chem; 5 dome; BTS old time tank car; SP fuel service; Tangent tank car; O scale ACF; N scale single dome; Tank Train; Lionel Shell oil; Lionel Gulf oil; G scale Wyandotte Chem; Atlas tank car; scratch built liquid oxygen tank car.

Current Projects shared were... 0-6-0 made into a 2-6-0; On30 2-6-0 lube project, it works!; Lionel boxcar converted with AmFlyer parts; 2-8-2 detailed for Pere Marquette
Everyone had something to share!
NICE!!

NEXT MEETING - live stock cars

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.

2020 DIV 6 FALL SHOW

The **2020 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP** hosted by Division 6, will be not in its usual format this year. We will be looking at trying to do something online/virtual! At this time, we have no idea what that would look like, ideas are welcome.

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Many events have been cancelled, some even for the summer, pending current restrictions and guidelines.

DIV 6 T-TRACK LAYOUT

The orders for modules is all done, but we just don't know how soon we can get these to those that ordered. Hang in there... or feel free to build one on your own! The module standards are posted on our Div 6 website.

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! We CAN do clinics on our zoom meetings!! We still want to see your knowledge and learn from you, so please give a clinic!
The clinics at our 2nd meeting in June went very well! Larry and Ken gave a great clinic on soldering. Then Bruce gave a great clinic on wiring turnouts and showing the differences in brands. Bill gave a great presentation on his under the layout storage ideas - good food for thought! Last but not least, Joe did our Model Railroading 101 presentation on track wiring and an overview of DCC. GOOD stuff by all!! THANKS!!

NEXT MEETING- Bill McMillan on weathering basics and Barry Hensel on two current projects - Centre Mills and the Closet Expansion!

MODEL RR BASICS 101

We are restarting these talks this month, June! Here is the NEW schedule of the presentations-

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 Locos, Cars & Couplers will be done by Mark Ellis.

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.

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

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting and gave us a history lesson. John continued the story from February, of a reporter taking a ride on a new camelback locomotive on the Long Island RR. It was quite the experience, traveling up to 60 mph at times! The reporter's story was very interesting and descriptive! Looking forward to another history lesson soon!!

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



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!

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!!

NOTE - Nankin Hobby IS fully open and ready to sell you hobby items. They also have reduced hours. If you need to order items, send RUSS an email - russatnankin@yahoo.com

Our Superintendent Bill McMillan is a star! Bill has made and posted several model railroad video's on Youtube. Here is a link <https://www.youtube.com/user/drbillproductions> or search on William McMillan or drbillsproductions

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DIV 6 SYMPATHIES

We have received word that Div 6 member Fred Powers, 71, passed the weekend of June 20th. Fred had a bad fall down some stairs resulting in a severe head injury. Fred was a member of the Gandy Dancers round-robin group and has been a Div 6 member for many years. Deepest sympathies to his wife, family and friends.



DIV 6 - NMRA AWARDS

Division Six is proud to announce that our past Superintendent Mark Ellis has been awarded the NMRA Presidents Award for our region, the NCR! This award is given yearly to the individual that has given much to his/her Division, Region and NMRA. Each Region gives out one of these awards and this is the 4th award given in the NCR. CONGRATULATIONS to Mark!!! Also... while he is listed as a new Div 6 member, Richard Neibert has been very active in our hobby and a local round-robin group for many years. With his membership in the NMRA, Rich has also been awarded his Golden Spike award for his layout! Congratulations Rich!!



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!

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!!

Also coming up... Gateway X!

NMRAX GatewayX July 12 - 18 2020
8am-11pm EDT That's 7 Days with 15 hours per day of live streamed clinics, layout tours, live shows, experts and vendors. This is running when we would have had our face to face national convention that had to be cancelled. Check out this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/286431639067115/>

This also should be available on YouTube.

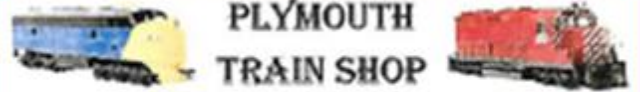


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