

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, AUG 7 AND FRIDAY, AUG 21, 2020**. Meetings start at 7:30pm. The meeting content will be as follows....

Friday, AUG 7 - show & tell, events, history, tool tips, misc business

Friday, AUG 21 - 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. Please go to the Div 6 website to view these rules! Thanks!!

2020 DIV 6 FALL SHOW

The Div 6 Board met via Zoom, to talk about the **2020 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP**. The Board decided that our event will be on Saturday, November 21. This is the same day we were on last year - the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Our event will be virtual, not an in-person event like in the past. We are checking on using Youtube and/or facebook live for the event format. We're hoping to have many presentations and perhaps some LIVE layout tours! Stay tuned....

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.

ON THE RAILS...

AUGUST 2020

HELLO!! Wow... seems like summer just started and now we're looking at August. It has stayed hot and warm through much of September before... so the good weather is not over yet. You could do some railfanning, just keep that social distance from others!! And wear your mask if others are nearby.

Are you still getting work done on your layout? While the weather has been HOT, the basement is nice and cool... a good time to get down there and get more done on your model railroad.

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 21/24 members at the last Div 6 meetings, which was our zoom online meetings! We also had no new members. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King, Larry Wolohon and Jim Zinser. We hope more will join us in August! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was LIVE STOCK CARS. Here's what was shared... SantaFe car w/sheep sounds; P2K sheep car; Colorado Midland sheep car; MoPac Am-Flyer car; CP Atlas car in O scale; Tyco car with ramp; P2K GMO pig car; C&O Train Miniature car; Huston Cont Texas RR car; 1989 convention car; Tyco KC car; Ambroid wood kit car; Bachmann car updated; GN car w/cows; Southern RR Ambroid kit (was the first kit built!); Athearn car, G scale CP car!

Current Projects shared were... RDG MOW trucks; Photos of equipment to measure prototype loco voltage/amps of starter motor Everyone had something to share! NICE!!

NEXT MEETING - unbuilt kits - structures, rolling stock, locos

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.

LOCAL RR EVENTS

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

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The website is improved! 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

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 want to see your knowledge and learn from you, so please give a clinic! The clinics July meeting went very well!

Barry Hensel showed two small clinics of some projects he has been working on. The first was the renaming of a town on his layout and the small station he built from scrap box items. The second was on a new expansion of his layout - in a closet!! He found there was room to add 3 new industries, giving more switching and operations activity! Never say you can't find room....!

Next, Mark Ellis did a great job on presenting the Model RR 101 subject of locos, couplers and cars! His presentation hit all the bases showing the novice what to look for, what each does and advantages to then all.

Lastly, your Superintendent Bill McMillan did a presentation on some weathering basics. He had pre-recorded a video that he showed, showing him actually doing some of the technics! Bill showed different applicators, brushes and paints. A great tip is to put a spot of paint on the cap, so you can see what the dried color is! Great tips and suggestions too! Nice work Bill! GOOD stuff by all!! THANKS!

NEXT MEETING- Friday, August 21 is a clinic by Mark Charles on Wrecking Cranes.

Friday, September 18 is a clinic by Ken Chick, MMR, doing a "live" demo on soldering techniques.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not at the meeting and did not have a lesson to share. Looking forward to another history lesson soon!!

MODEL RR BASICS 101

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

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 basic scenery will be done by Barry Hensel.

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!

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!

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!

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

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!!

It was reported that a long time NMRA member Tom Draper, originally from Allen Park, passed away in Arizona. Sympathies to his family.

NMRA NEWS

The annual NMRA Board Meeting will take place online in September. You can "attend" but you must pre-register to get the online link. Contact the National office to register.

With the cancelling of the 2022 NMRA Convention in England, that year has been given back to St. Louis. Since they had all of the work done, it should be easy to redo that schedule of events. The 2021 convention is in California.

Despite this move with St. Louis, our Tri-Regional convention is STILL ON for May of 2022. This involves the NCR, MCR and MWR.

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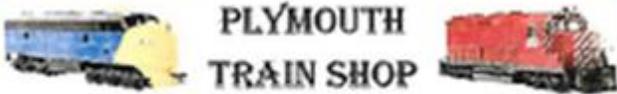
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NMRA VIRTUAL EVENTS

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!!



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Mon-Fri 11-6
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NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting. But, we received an email from Russ on the new Digitrak DCC throttle.

NEW - DT602 Super Throttle

The DT602 Advanced super throttle gives you direct control of two locos at a time with all the powerful features and flexibility serious model railroaders demand. Available in standard tethered or Radio Duplex. The DT602 is designed to handle nearly every aspect of layout control.



A reminder... Nankin Hobby is an authorized Digitrak dealer and can get a good price should anyone need any of their products. Large or small orders, they ship direct to the store. We also get some really decent prices on NCE, although we are not a direct dealer for them, but I do know the NCE rep and have his card. We look forward to another report on new hobby items soon!



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