

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, SEPT 4 and FRIDAY, SEPT 18, 2020**. Meetings start at 7:30pm. The meeting content will be as follows....

Friday, SEPT 4 - show & tell, events, history, tool tips, misc business

Friday, SEPT 18 - 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 **2020 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP** 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 Zoom, 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...

SEPTEMBER 2020

HELLO!! This newsletter brings some sad news... almost all local trains shows for the fall of 2020 have been cancelled! This means this fall will be nearly devoid of model railroading activities, at least in-person activities. Our own Div 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is taking the VIRTUAL approach! More on our event soon!

I hope you are getting a lot done on your layouts and other modeling projects. With the current mandates, there is not much to do, or places to go... so why not model railroading!!

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 28/32 members at the last Div 6 meetings, which was our zoom online meetings! We also had one new members - please welcome Joe O'Brian. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Ron King, Larry Wolohon and Jim Zinser. We hope more will join us this month! 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 **UNBUILT KITS**. Here's what was shared...
Walthers MI-Jack Crane; Bethlehem Car Works RDG Baggage car; Suydam mine hoist; SS Ltd V&T Jib crane; Strombecker hopper car (wood w/paper sides!); Columbia Valley frame house; Plymouth MI C&O frt house; Accurail PRR boxcar; Master Creations general store; Kibri bldg.; Walthers oil co; Campbells frt station; Bowser cvd hopper; GC Laser shack; JL Innovations shack; DPM Kelly Saloon; Walthers coal company; Suydam warehouse; Ye Old Huff & Puff car kit; O scale house; Builders in Scale waterfront bldg; MI-Jack crane; Revell truck moving van; Varney refrig car; Blue Ridge coal depot; Lionel factory; Lionel HO pickle factory; Wild West Models O scale structure; Rolling Bearing Models troop car; AHM Structure store front.

Current Projects shared were...
Scratch built GN wood chip cars; new layout extension w/river-bridge; G scale cabooses redo
Everyone had something to share!
NICE!!

NEXT MEETING - most recent kit that you built!

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.

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! Our clinic this past month was by member Mark Charles on RR Wreck Cranes. A great presentation that showed many different type of RR cranes. Mark also showed them in action and how they were moved and stored. Mark also talked about modeling tips. A solid clinic on an interesting subject! THANKS!!

ALSO - Joe Bliss did a quick presentation on a small video camera that he purchased and used to take "on board" videos of his layout. He purchased this through Nankin Hobby for only \$70. GOOD stuff by all!! THANKS!

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

FUTURE CLINICS - October is Greg Rich on foam scenery sculpting. November is Norm Logan on painting and composition of scenes.

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

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting and had a lesson to share. John told us of the ad campaign to get people to "GO WEST" and create a new life for themselves. These ads were done by the railroads and of course, suggested traveling by train! The Central Vermont RR had many of these advertisements. Neat info, Thanks John! Looking forward to another history lesson soon!!

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!

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!

MODEL RR BASICS 101

We are continuing these presentations so that any beginners can be helped in getting their layouts started! Here is the NEW schedule of the presentations-

September 18 - structures

October 16 - operations!

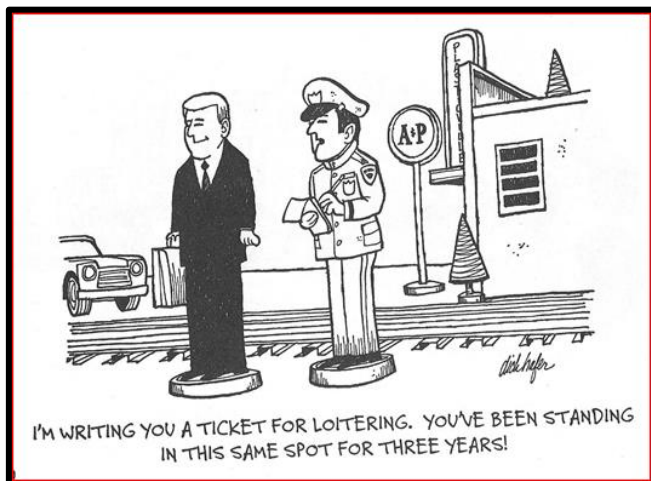
November 20 - weathering

This past month, Barry Hensel gave the presentation on BASIC SCENERY. It was going well... until Barry's router went out and he dropped out of the meeting! Yikes! After a reset, Barry rejoined the meeting and continued his talk. Barry showed slides on tools, materials, different aspects of scenery like rocks, ballasting track and backdrops. He also showed the steps in doing some simple hills. The presentation and a handout will be posted on the Div 6 website soon!

The next session on Structures will be done by ????. If you are willing to help, please contact Barry as soon as possible.

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



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!

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

The entire membership of Div 6 wishes to extend our deepest sympathies to Doug Malaznik on the recent passing of his wife. May God bless you and your family during this time of loss.

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!!

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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LOCAL RR EVENTS

Many events have been cancelled, pending current restrictions and guidelines. Here is what we know-

Sunday, Sept 26 Mt Clemens Train Show St Louis Social Hall Clinton Twp, MI

Carl Hikade 586-463-5184

Sunday, Sept 26 Fostoria Rail festival Fostoria, OH - **CANCELLED**

Sat/Sunday, Oct 3-4 The Great Berea Train Show (2 Days) OH - Cuyahoga Co Frgrds - **CANCELLED**

Saturday, Oct 10 The Greater Grand Rapids Fall Train Show Wyoming, MI - HSB - **CANCELLED**

Saturday, Oct 10 Downriver Train & Toy Show Woodhaven - Twin Oaks Church - **CANCELLED**

Sunday, Oct 18 Lincoln Park Train Club Train Show Lincoln Park, MI - J.F.K Memorial Bldg Darrell Hicks 734-624-1462

Sunday, Oct 25 Kalamazoo Train Show Kalamazoo Fairgrds David Hayes 269-344-0906

Sat/Sunday, Oct 33-Nov 1 Tunnel City Railway Show Port Huron, MI - Blue Water Ctr - **CANCELLED**

Saturday, Nov 21 DIV 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP - VIRTUAL!!

Saturday, Nov 21 Model Railroad Show & Swap Fort Wayne, IN - **CANCELLED**

Sunday, Nov 22 Lansing Train Show & Sale Lansing - **CANCELLED**


Sunday, Nov 29 SE Michigan Model RR Flea Market & Show Washtenaw Farm Council Grds - **CANCELLED**

Sunday, Nov 29 Railroadiana Toys & Trains St Simon & Jude Westland Bob Patterson 734-728-1247

Sunday, Dec 6 WMRC Train Show Wyoming, MI - K of C Hall 5830 Clyde Park John Ruiz 616-291-5823

Sunday, Dec 27 Multi-Lakes Conservation Club Train Show Commerce Twnshp

Brian McKee 248-408-5262



**PLYMOUTH
TRAIN SHOP**



Lionel, O-Scale – MTH, HO, Williams
Dave, manager

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Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4



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1480 Washtenaw Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-961-7575

12020 Fort St
Southgate, MI 48195
734-250-7382

World Vision TEAM WORLD VISION

Detroit Full +
Half Marathon



Your fellow Division 6 team member Edward Beamish will be running a Full Marathon (26.2 miles) on Saturday October 17th.

The donations he gathers will go towards saving lives for those in countries that do not have access to fresh clean water wells, healthcare, bathroom facilities or schools!

Every dollar counts as every \$50 dollars raised supplies water for life to one person!
Donations can be cash, check, direct via weblink below or even your returnable bottles and cans!

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Contact him with any questions or offers

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