



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 using ZOOM. 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! Thus, we are now on the **FIRST and THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meetings will be on **FRIDAY, JAN 8 and FRIDAY, JAN 15, 2021**. Meetings start at 7:30pm The meeting content will be...

Friday, JAN 8 - (moved because the first is New Years Day holiday!) show & tell, events, history, tool tips, misc business

Friday, JAN 15 - old/new business, clinic(s)

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

NOW... many of you that receive this newsletter in print because you don't do emails, can still participate in the monthly meetings! How?? You simply call in on the phone!! While we might not see you or you us... you can still hear all of the meeting and we can hear your comments too!! Here is how to join by phone...

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Meeting ID: **820 2046 8784**

Passcode: **403468**

Call one of the numbers above, Enter the meeting ID followed by # Enter your participant ID followed by #. WE DO NOT have this, just hit # Enter the passcode, if prompted, followed by #

We may not see you, but we'll hear you and you can hear us and join in the conversations and fun!!

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 NOW - all MODEL RR 101 sessions have been posted!!

ON THE RAILS...

JANUARY 2021

HELLO!! HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Everyone on the Div 6 Board wishes you and yours a very Happy New Year! We are all very hopeful that 2021 will be much more "normal" as we continue in the days, weeks and months ahead. May 2021 be the very best to you and your families!!

WOW!! WE DID GREAT!! The annual **FALL MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP** was a huge success!! See the full report on page 2 of this newsletter. Congratulations for a job/event that was well done!!

We hope everyone had a great and Merry Christmas!! Were you good this year?

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 28/33 members at the last zoom Div 6 meetings! We also had no new members. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Ron King and Jim Zinser. We had a few guests as our meeting info is being sent to all other NCR Divisions. Skip Luyk, MMR from Div 4 and 2 other Div 4 members were on our meeting #2! We hope more will join us this month! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

2020 DIV 6 FALL SHOW

The **2020 FALL MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP** was a **VIRTUAL** event and it was a HUGE SUCCESS!!! For the record.... we had 93 registered for the show and at one time we had 67 viewing!! We had people attend from Michigan, Ohio, Texas, Florida, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ontario Canada, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana, New Jersey, Wisconsin, New York, and Germany! The virtual show went smoothly with an absolute minimum of glitches! A huge thanks to Div 6 Super. Bill for keeping everything on time, on track and running smooth! Besides all of the neat clinics and tours, we had door prizes - WOW!!! Nankin Hobby gave us \$50 gift cards!! WOW again!! \$50!! We gave one away after each presentation and our winners were-
David Adams Paoli, PA
Warren Yohe Troy, MI
Alex Radu Rochester Hills, MI
Paul Lichau Pinckney, MI
Steve Gladstein Fmington Hills, MI
Pierre Willermet Livonia, MI
John Depauw Lake Orion, MI
Charlie Edwards Livonia, MI
Dan Brewer Granger, IN
Congratulations to our winners and a **HUGE THANKS** to Nankin Hobby!!
THANKS to our Planning Team and **THANKS** too to all of our clinicians and presenters!!
Div 6, you did GREAT!!!

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.

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!

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **Your Favorite RR book or article** Here's what was shared- Book on Modeling by John Allen; Classic Trains E units; American Steam Locos; EMD switcher manual; Pittsburg & Lake Erie book; NYC Water Level Route book; Reading RR company brochure; RR encyclopedia; Garden RR article; web article on oil in PA; periodical Central Headlight; 2006 MR Planning article; 1947 Mixed Train Daily; 2nd Diesel Spotters Guide; Lines West GN book; Portrait of the Rails book; 1967 MR article on beginners layout; CNW book 1946-90; fiction- Clear the Tracks; The Long Trains Story; Classic Trains article on car ferries; picture book of current layout; DT&I in color; Rock down-Coal up book; Quincey & Torch Lake RR book; Complete book of model RRs; Copper Country Rail by Div 6 member/author George Anderson!; Wahoo Depot book; Trains magazine; Northern Pac color guide; NatGeo RR book; Trackside in Detroit; C&O diesel locos; RR stories by local author C.Gietz

Current Projects shared were... C&O hopper and bulkhead flat builds; New Haven electric loco painted/decals
Everyone had something to share!
NICE!!

NEXT MEETING - your railroad related Christmas present

LAYOUT TOURS

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!

OK... we just proved that a virtual tour will work, be fun and informative!! Let's get 2-3 layouts scheduled for a virtual tour afternoon/evening in January!

NEXT TOURS- Virtual Tour Day to be announced at the Jan 8th Division 6 meeting night!!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

Please keep working on your modules! We are hoping that in January or February, we can get together and test the system out! Then... we can start looking at possible shows to attend and display at!

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 Div 6 member Norm Logan. This clinic was actually part 1 of his two part backdrop clinic. In this segment, Norm showed the basics of getting started on your backdrop, where the horizon should be and why and some of the colors to use for the best results. Norm also had a great video of how he did all of this on a section of his own layout. Amazing!! And simple... everyone should be able to do this! Great information and inspiration!! Thanks Norm!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Barry Hensel on how to make control panels for your layout

MODEL RR BASICS 101

We are at the end of our journey.. the last Model RR 101 session was given in December. Div 6 member Rick Neibert gave us a great presentation on the basics of weathering a diesel loco! Great pictures and presentation that showed technics that can be used on rolling stock too! You can see his handout on the Div 6 website.

We want to say THANK-YOU to all of our Model RR 101 presenters! Please remember that all of these presentations are now posted on the Div 6 website. ALSO be extra proud to know that much of the information WE presented is being used to help update the NMRA Beginners pages on the NMRA website!! We have not only contributed locally, but nationally as well!!

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



DIV 6 SYMPATHIES

Our deepest sympathies from all Div 6 members goes out to the family and friends of Div 6 member Jim Gira, who passed away suddenly on Dec. 18th. Jim will be missed greatly as he attended meetings and the Fall Show very regularly!

We also send our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Pat Mucci, owner of P&D Hobby. Pat was suffering from Leukemia, but he had kept that to himself, so his passing was unexpected. As of now, the store continues to operate normally.

We have also learned that long time local rail photographer and modeler Bruce Caddy passed away on Dec 17th. Deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the meeting but did not have a lesson for us this past month. Looking forward to another history lesson soon!! Thanks John!!

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!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Most events have been cancelled, pending current restrictions and guidelines.

Sunday, Jan 3 - Train Show
New Baltimore MI Trade Ctr 10-4
Steve Gawracz 586-273-7900

CANCELLED - Feb 13-14 - Saline train show

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 AP AWARDS

Our AP coordinator Ken Chick reports that Div 6 members Scott Kremer and Brook Qualman have both been awarded their Master Model Railroader MMR status!! CONGRATULATIONS!! Brook is MMR 665 and is only the 9th woman MMR in NMRA history!! Scott is now MMR 667. (we don't know if the NMRA used number 666!) With Scott and Brook, Div 6 now has 8 MMR's!! They join Ron King, Joe Kocis, Larry Wolohon, Bill Neale, Ken Chick and Jim Zinser! We believe that's a record for a NCR division but not sure if it's a division record for the NMRA.

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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!!

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting, but he offers this new product report....

Thought you guys might be interested in these - already on backorder, but I do have them coming. INTERESTING NEW ITEMS from Classic Metal Works.

221-20249 1950s-1960s Coke Chest Cooler Vending Machine HO \$11.99 pkg of 4

221-20250 1950s-1960s Snack Vending Machines pkg(4) HO \$11.99

221-20251 1950s-1960s Cigarette Vending Machines pkg(4) HO \$11.99



We look forward to another report on new hobby items soon!

DIV 6 FOR SALE

FOR SALE - large HO collection of trains - Athearn blue box kits, structures and loco's. Excel list available! Looking to sell as one lot. Also - 2 25" x 60" oak display cabinets with sliding glass doors at \$250 each. And a 16 foot long, 13" tall, 2 piece, (so it's able to be transported) three shelf cabinet. It needs some TLC to complete - \$350. Pictures available on request.

Contact Gregg Havlick at gahavlick@gmail.com Call or text 734-748-9080

NCR NEWS

From a recent Board Meeting of the NCR Board of Directors and all Division Superintendents and Presidents, here is what is new... After the recent NCR elections, Dave Capron, President has been granted a leave due to health reasons. Dave McMullian from Div 1 will temporarily replace him for 6 months, in the hopes he will be able to return to his elected position. If not, the NCR Board will look into another solution. Also, recently elected Treasurer Bob Baird has decided to resign. He has been replaced by Steve Harsh from the Div 5 area and was approved to that position. The NCR will be getting a new website, as the current one has been locked out of updates and changes. Watch your Div websites for the formal announcement. Because of this problem, the December issue of the HotBox has been emailed to all Div Superintendents and Presidents, to be posted on their Div websites and emailed to all members. The Spring one-day convention hosted by Div 9 will now take place in 2022, due to possible future restrictions on Covid and facilities not booking events. The next Board meeting will take place at the 2021 NCR convention in Toledo - The Black Swamp Junction!

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!



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