

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, OCTOBER 15, 2021**. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center Senior Center in Livonia, at 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. The meeting is from 7:30-10pm. We will also broadcast the meeting LIVE on zoom! The link will be emailed a few days before the meeting. \$1 donation is requested.

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!

BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION

LAST CALL!! The next NCR convention is in Toledo - **THE BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION!** See the HotBox or the Div 1 website for all of the convention information and registration form.



There are lots of clinics, tours, ops sessions... it's going to be a great weekend of model railroading with many friends!

Registration is mail-in or now online! This event IS planning on being held as an in-person event!! We hope to see you there!!

<http://www.divisiononencr.com/2021>

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!

NEXT TOURS- none at this time

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

ON THE RAILS...

OCTOBER 2021

Welcome Autumn!! With this change of seasons, model railroading time could/should be increasing! Here's hoping your interest in our hobby grows even more this Fall and Winter!!

THANKS to Norm Logan for taking great notes at the last Div 6 meeting for me. I was in PA at the Reading RR Modelers MEET IX - a great time with fellow modelers!

The Div 6 **MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP** is a GO!! We are on as an in-person event for Saturday, Nov 20. We'll need YOU, Div 6 members to display your projects and our MI-Track layout will make its debut! **WE NEED YOU! PLEASE HELP!**

Don't forget the BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION convention next month!!

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 about 35 at the in-person meeting, plus 5 more on zoom! We have one new member - Larry Smith. Larry is part of the Fox Hill's model RR club! MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Jim Zinser and Bill Neale. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

The annual Div 6 **MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP** is to happen, IN-Person!, on Saturday, Nov 20, 2021. Ward Church is our location!

Chairman Mark gave us a talk on this years event... we need...

Div 6 members to sign-up for displays and demos to show off!!

We're looking for a food chairman, but, we may scale that back to only snacks and drinks, so that would make this even easier!

Div 6 members to promote this event!! Flyers were at the meeting and every member should take a few to post at work, school, church, your local hang-out = everywhere!! Flyers got out to all of the local hobby shops by mid-September so that will help! Save the date!!

ALSO!! - we are looking for donations for the raffle!! All of us have a new kit or two that we will never use. Please consider donating that to our raffle!! Let's make it a great event!! The sign-up sheet for table displays is included in this newsletter - fill it out and mail it in!! Let's get ON TRACK for our show!!

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

Please keep working on your modules! We're all set to do a test and demo at the October Div 6 meeting! Bring your module! It does not have to be finished, but track and wiring need to be completed. Barry has tested the EasyDCC system and it works great. He's mounting it in a tool box for safe keeping and easy transport. Just remember... it is only a 2 digit address system. Looking forward to our debut at the Fall Model Railroad Show & Workshop!



PLYMOUTH TRAIN SHOP



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

37980 Ann Arbor Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
734-454-7337

Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **model vehicles of any type!** What was NEW was that VP Bruce showed all of the items with the webcam, projected to the big screen so it was neat to see them all and to the zoom members! Here's what was shared-
'53 Ford pickup 1:43, TOFC trailer, stock car?(race car); '34 panel truck, '41 log truck, Utility truck, 16 wheeler, Army tank, tractor, Scale greyhound bus, '46 Desoto taxicab, twin pines milk truck, '35 Ford, 2hp medicine wagon, Delivery wagon with horse for brewery, New York transit company bus, '62 Greyhound bus, SP truck service trailer, '39 Chevrolet Coupe, Woodland Scenics tractor in Lockhart; '40s woody Ford. '48 Ford Woody; '49 Ford in G Scale, '80s Greyhound scenic cruiser, a road grader and '30s truck with lumber load.

No Current Projects were shared. Everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - what you would put on a module. This can be anything. But only one item.

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



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 clinics this past month were by Div 6 members Byrne Blumenstein and Barry Hensel.

Byrne had mentioned an idea of doing "Layout Vignettes" where a member would show a few pictures of a scene on their layout and describe how they did that scene.

The clinic for this month was by Div 6 member and MMR Bill Neale. Bill's clinic talked about what is an interlocking plant and how he built his panels step-by-step for his railroad layout. An excellent power point clinic and great information!!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 MI-Track modular layout and how it works!

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!!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present and showed us a number of clips, boxes in the swabs, number 10 blades for a dollar. By the way you can buy a motor toothbrush to use on models for a dollar at dollar tree. Thanks! We're looking forward to more tips soon.

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color is light 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 MISC NEWS

Someone on our zoom meeting mentioned an interesting website to check-out... **HOseeker.net** At this website you can find catalogs, kit instructions and HO rolling stock.

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 any Nankin store!!

NMRA TRI-REGIONAL CONV

The **INDY JUNCTION** - a tri-regional model railroad convention! It is hoped that this is what future NMRA National conventions may look like. **INDY**



JUNCTION will take place on **May 18-21, 2022**. The North Central Region (ours), the Mid-West and the Mid-Central Regions are the three regions that are sponsoring this event. Clinics, layout tours and train show are all planned. Registration IS open and is only \$85 until Jan 1st! The hotel is also accepting reservations!
<http://www.indyjunction2022.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/indyjunction2022>

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RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present online at the meeting and thus, we had a history lesson....

Railroad car Ferries of the lower Great Lakes. John's main sources were The Great Lakes Car Ferries by George W. Hilton and The Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad 1869-1969 by Roy C. Beaver, along with photos found online. In the first half of the 20th century 4 railroad car ferry lines operated across Lake Erie and Ontario. All were jointly owned by a US and a Canadian railroad and were set up primarily to haul coal to ports in southern Ontario. The Marquette and Bessemer Dock and Navigation Co, was operated by the Pere

Marquette and the Bessemer and Lake Erie out of Conneaut, Ohio, to 3 ports in Ontario. This line's vessels had an unfortunate history. The Shenango No.1 was lost to fire and the Marquette and Bessemer No.2 was lost with all hands in a winter storm. The Marquette and Bessemer No.1 was a collier of a most unusual design. Hoppers were loaded on deck and coal was dumped into the ship's hold through hatches in the deck. The hoppers were then removed and the ship sailed. Coal traffic declined through the depression and the line was abandoned in 1932. The PRR and the CP Railway jointly formed the Pennsylvania-Ontario Transportation Co in 1906 to sail between Ashtabula, Ohio and Port Burwell, Ontario. The line operated for 52 years until their only ferry, the Ashtabula, was sunk in September, 1958, ending ferry service on the lower lakes. The Toronto Hamilton & Buffalo Navigation Company was the shortest lived of the lines. It operated between Ashtabula and Port Maitland, Ontario, from 1916 to 1932. The lone Lake Ontario ferry line was the Ontario Car Ferry Company. Owned by the Grand Trunk and the Buffalo Rochester and Pittsburgh, it began service between Rochester, NY and Cobourg, Ontario in 1907. In addition to coal, this line had good passenger business, complete with a boat train scheduled to connect with each northbound sailing. By 1950 traffic had fallen dramatically when Canada issued tightened standards for passenger vessels. The line chose not to upgrade their old ferries and the service ended.

In an additional History lesson from Byrne Blumenstein - from Railway Weekly 1964. In 1964 the Santa Fe Railroad was planning to use nuclear explosions to clear mountains at that time. What were they thinking? Looking forward to another history lesson soon!! Thanks John and Byrne!!

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!! Also, past clinics are posted on the website! Check it out at-

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 9-10, Nov 6-7, 13-14, Dec. 11-12, 18-19, 2021 - Blissfield Model RR Club

OPEN HOUSE 109 E Adrian St, Blissfield, MI 49228

Oct 9, Nov 6 - 10am-4pm reservations required. Other dates 10am-3pm no reservations. ADMISSION IS FREE, however, your donations are appreciated. Go to- <https://bmrr.org/>

Saturday-Sunday, October 2-3 - The Great Berea Train Show Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Middleburg Heights, OH

Saturday, October 9, 2021 - The Greater Grand Rapids Fall Train Show Grand River Valley RR Club Home School Bldg Wyoming, MI Ken Skopp 616-667-9680

Thursday-Sunday, October 21-24, 2021 - Black Swamp Jct. (NCR Conv. - 4 Days) hosted by Division 1 Toledo, OH - Radisson Hotel at Univ. Of Toledo Marshall Stull 248-817-9328 www.divisiononencr.com/2021/

Sunday, October 31, 2021 - 40th Annual Gigantic Train Show & Sale Kalamazoo Model RR Hist Society Expo Center Building on the Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds 10AM-3PM cost- \$6 adults Kids under 10 Free with paid adult Info- David Hayes-Moats 269-344-0906 kaltrainshow@kalnet.net

Saturday-Sunday, November 13-14, Thanksgiving weekend Nov 26-28 Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House 104 North Saginaw St. Holly, MI 48442

Noon - 5PM Adults - \$5, Seniors (65+) - \$4, Children (5-18) - \$2, Children under 5 - Free Contact Info: 248-634-5811

webmaster@dmrrc.org

Sunday, November 14, 2020 -

Lansing Model Train Show and Sale Hosted by Lansing Model RR Club Michigan State University Pavilion 4301 Farm Lane East Lansing, MI 10am-4pm \$6 adults, free under 12 yrs and scouts in uniform.

Info- Ron St.Laurent 517-256-3588 or Dennis Morley 989-723-2870

www.lmrc.org

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting. The best way to contact Russ is by email using: Russatnankin@yahoo.com Here's what's new - Diecast vehicles 57 Chevy Nomad for \$7.29. A kit to build a FRED for your HO car. It contains everything you need you just have to wire up the LED. Bar Mills has a new kit out - the green door lounge. Some new books CNN tower, A Rio Grande book, one on observation cars. B 36-7 diesel locomotive by Rapido. Nankin Hobby has True Color paints available now and also comes in a spray can.



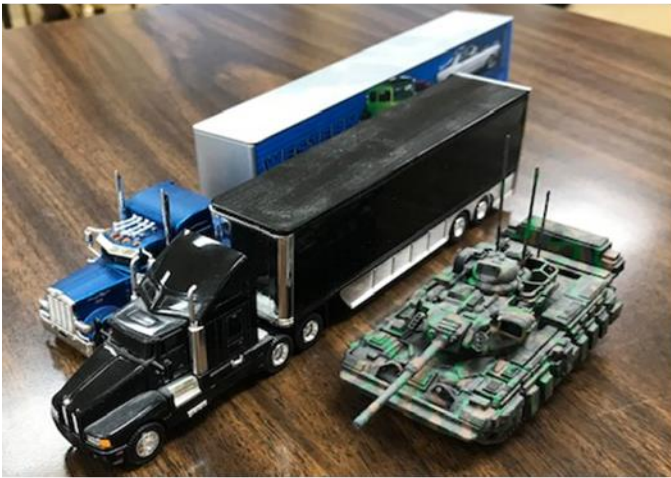
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Models on display at the Div 6 meeting





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43rd ANNUAL!

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

**11am- 4pm Saturday
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***NEW DAY!!
NEW LOCATION!!***

***LEARN HOW TO DO & ENJOY MODEL RAILROADING!
This is NOT a sale or swap meet!***

SEE DEMONSTRATIONS on power systems, scenery, kit building, structure building, backdrops, wiring, track laying tips, & basic building techniques.



ALSO SEE video presentations, historical displays and operating model railroad layouts! Refreshments available.

ASK QUESTIONS of our talented members and NMRA Master Model Railroaders – we have 7!! Get answers to your modeling questions!

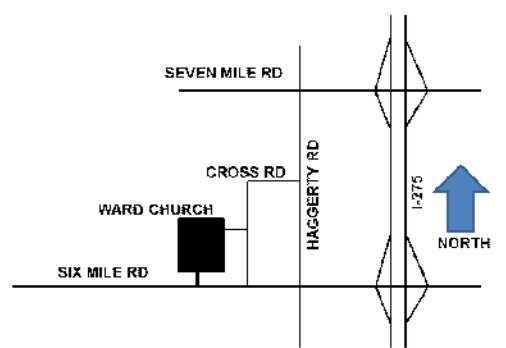
PARTICIPATE IN a raffle for many prizes of model railroad items and an open model railroad model & photo contest

***GREAT FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! STOP BY
FOR A VISIT, ASK QUESTIONS, GET ANSWERS!***

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

is located at **WARD CHURCH**
40000 Six Mile Rd Northville, MI. 48168

ENTRY FARE: \$3 per person
\$5 per family
under 16 is FREE!



Div 6 Annual Model Railroad Show & Workshop Volunteer Form

Please fill in the following and return to **BRUCE WOLFF** or **MARK ELLIS** at the next meeting or mail it to- 31286 Morlock St Livonia, MI 48152 You can also contact Bruce at 248-478-4104 ***brucewolff@yahoo.com*** and Mark at 734-765-2729 or email to- ***emark@sbcglobal.net***

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMAIL: _____

Volunteering to.... (circle as many as apply)

Set-up Take-down Admissions Raffle Display

Display: _____

Demonstrate: _____

Take Flyers to: _____

Other: _____

Number of tables needed (Based on a 6 foot table size) _____

Need Electric Yes No

Display working layout

Description: _____ Scale: _____

Minimum Size: ____ft X ____ft Prefer Size: ____ft X ____ft

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS.....

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| *structure building | *kit-bashing | *detailing | *decaling/dry transfer |
| *railroad history | *people painting | *tree making | *scenery basics |
| *track laying basics | *benchwork basics | *DCC systems | *wiring basics |
| *rolling stock building | *layout planning | *photography | *computers in model rr'ing |
| *type of rolling stock | *types of locomotives | *different scales | *classic toy trains |

..... and YES, we can have more than one person doing the same demo!!!



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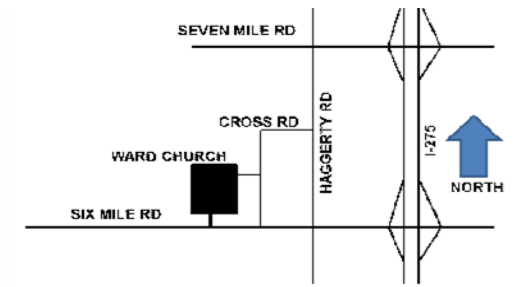
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