

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, NOVEMBER 19, 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

**THE BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION** is

complete! It was a great convention - near 200+ people attending! There were close to 40 clinics to choose from, near 30

layout tours and display layouts too. Door prizes and a "yard sale" of items that people brought in to sell. Div 1 did a great job and have started a new format that will or should be adopted by all future conventions - layout tours in the afternoon! This means you are not searching for houses in the dark! Good to see a bunch of Div 6 members there!



## 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...

### NOVEMBER 2021

Well... that was a quick change in weather a week ago! And remember, clocks get set-BACK one hour on Saturday night, Nov 6. Fall Back... more sleep or model railroading time!

The Div 6 **MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP** is here!! We are 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!** Please see the full report on page 2!!

The BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION convention was great! Lots of Div 6 members there and you missed a good one if you didn't attend. Good to see many friends from all over!

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 1 more on zoom! We had one new member - Bruce Kidder from Royal Oak. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Jim Zinser, Ron King 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 IN-Person!, on Saturday, Nov 20, 2021. Ward Church is our location!

Chairman Mark gave us a talk on this years event... **WE NEED...**

**\*\* raffle items** for fall show - MUST be new! All of us have a new kit or two that we will never use. Please consider donating that to our raffle!!

**\*\* volunteers** for the door

**\*\* volunteer** for snack service - this year we will be doing only snacks and refreshments! Easy!

**\*\* help** for set-up of another modular layout

**\*\* general help** for set-up of the room/tables/raffle... stuff!

**\*\* Div 6 members** to sign-up for displays and demos to show off!! Remember... this show is about EDUCATION! We need to show people how to do model railroading! Do you have a project you are working on? BRING IT and work on it at the show!! You get work done and help show-off modeling skills!!

A display can also be RR history!! Show off your favorite RR history with a display of your models, books, etc!!

**\*\* Div 6 members** to promote this event!! Flyers are all out and gone! Please talk this event up with your friends, co-workers, neighbors, EVERYONE!!! We NEED people to attend!! We've posted on Facebook (and will do more each week) and contacted local TV and newspapers!

Thanks Larry Wolohon for taking on the contest area. MEMBERS - don't forget to bring in something for the popular vote contest. We have many categories - steam, diesel, rolling stock, structures, model photos; prototype photos!

Let's make it a great event!! The sign-up sheet for table displays is included in this newsletter - fill it out and GET IT IN!!

**LET'S GET ON TRACK FOR OUR SHOW!!**

**We need to make this a HUGE success!! Please do a display and/or help!! Please promote!!**

## DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

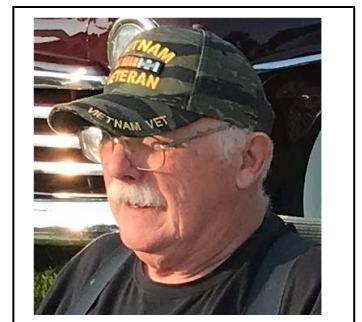
Please keep working on your modules! Our big debut is almost here - our own Fall RR Show!! At our second test at the Div 6 meeting, things went pretty well. The big news is that the DCC system worked very nicely. Special Thanks to Terry Komars for helping make some parts to get it mounted in a tool box for protection! An email was sent to those with modules, reminding them of some specifications that need to be re-checked to make sure the modules fit together as best as possible. In our test, we were near 25" long! Here is another idea... work on your module scenery AT The show!! You have your module there, it needs scenery and we're there to demonstrate model railroading technics! A perfect time and place to get your module further along! LASTLY.... don't forget to bring some rolling stock and engines! We can run 3-4 trains at once!! Locos MUST be 2 digit DCC addresses. (reprogram at home to bring to the show!) We need trains!! It looks like we will be a HIT at our show!

## DIV 6 SYMPATHIES

It is with great sadness that we report that Div 6 member Dave Kunz passed away

Wednesday, October 20. Dave has been in assisted living for nearly 2 years and was struggling with dementia. You will remember

Dave had a very impressive O scale layout, modeling the Pennsylvania RR. He also had a collection of 60's Comet/Ford factory race cars. He will be missed by all. The family has said there will be no funeral, however, please keep Dave and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



## SHOW AND TELL

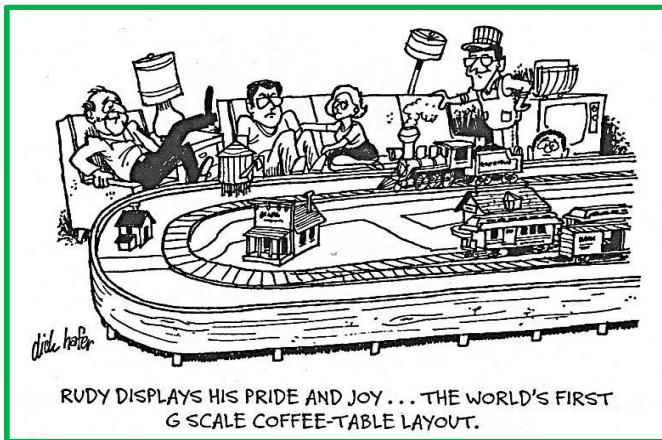
Our subject was *something that would be on a module!* Here's what was shared- Hooker tank car; passenger car plans; old time wagon; weathered building; horse barn w/movable door; t-shirt "I fool around with models"; photo of gas station scratch built; various electronic accessories; PRR 4 car work train; N scale Danforth & Hadley 5 car work train; N scale bus model; kit-bash factory; coal hoppers; 1953 Ford REA truck; Bachmann 3 truck shay highly detailed!; 2 story house; 3 truck shay; small warehouse; Walthers factory building; Peterbilt truck; DCC in a tool box; O scale people; cattle/horse corrals & trucks; Menards brewery; photos of pier scene on layout; Milt Moore Gibraltar RR O scale box car by NMRA;

No Current Projects were shared. Everyone had something to share! Norm Logan won the \$10 gift card door prize from Nankin Hobby!!

**NEXT MEETING - anything DCC related!**

## 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!

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 our test of the MI-Track layout. As mentioned, we had a good test and we should be good to go for the Fall Show. We had all but two modules, one is still under construction, attend the test. The DCC system worked well too! Thanks to all the module builders and all who helped!!

**NEXT MEETING-** Div 6 member Rick Neibert telling us all about Decoder-pro!

## 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 but did not have any new tips for us. 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!

# NMRA TRI-REGIONAL CONV

## INDY JUNCTION

**2022** is a tri-regional model railroad convention! It is hoped that this is what future NMRA National conventions may look like. **INDY JUNCTION 2022** 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, ops 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>

OK... now that the Toledo/Div 1 convention is complete, time to look at this event! **This IS our regional convention for 2022!** We need to support this event as we all (as Region members) have a stake in it! Also remember that we have paired-up with the Chicago RPM people, so it's like two conventions in one! Another new idea is that the train show will feature small manufacturers ONLY! No basic swap/sale type people, just new and interesting items shown and sold! And remember... this is a National caliber event, in just a weekend! This means lower costs and less time, yet still packed full of what you want in a convention!! Register and book your rooms soon!! We're already at over 100 registrations!

## 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](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)



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## RAILROAD HISTORY

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

## 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](mailto:Russatnankin@yahoo.com)  
Here's what's new - BLD - SW1200; 85 ft TTX flat cars; Walthers building kits; proto wood cabooses; Alco HH600/660 loco

## **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 any Nankin store!!

## **LOCAL RR EVENTS**

**Saturday-Sunday, 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, 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](mailto: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](http://www.lmrc.org)

**Sunday, November 28, 2021 -**

Rails on Wheels' Annual Southeast MI Model RR Flea Market & Show  
Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds -  
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd., Saline  
10am-3pm \$4/person Children under 12 Free (with an adult)  
Early Bird! \$10/person (8-10am)  
Food available and free parking.  
Contact info: John Young - 517-449-9063 or [cdjhyoung@yahoo.com](mailto:cdjhyoung@yahoo.com)

**Sunday, November 28, 2021-**

Railroadiana Toys & Trains SS.  
Simon & Jude Church Hall 32500  
Palmer Road Westland, MI 48186  
Noon-4pm \$2 per person, \$4 family, Early Bird \$15 per person after 11am Food & Drink available  
Info- Bob Patterson 734-728-1247

**Sunday, December 5, 2021 -**

Trades & Trains Commerce Twp., MI - Multi-Lakes Conservation Club  
Info- Brian McKee 248-408-5262

**Sunday, December 5, 2021 - WMRC**

Train Show Wyoming, MI KofC Hall  
5830 Clyde Park Wyoming, MI  
8am-3pm John Ruiz 616-291-5823

**Saturday, December 11, 2021 -**

Div 3 Train Town Show/Swap Meet  
Lima, OH - Allen County Fairground  
10am-3pm, Admission: \$7, 12 and under free, NMRA member w/card \$5.  
Info - Jim Marquardt 260-437-3844

**Saturday, December 11, 2021-**

New Baltimore Model Railroad Show  
VFW Lempke-Blackwell Post 7573  
35011 23 Mile Rd New Baltimore, MI  
10AM-3PM admission- \$4, children under 11 are free. food available  
Info- Mike Neuendorf 860-836-0809  
[mikel.j@comcast.net](mailto:mikel.j@comcast.net)

**Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from November 5, 2021 to March 27, 2022**

Chi-Town Union Station  
8275 Cooley Lake Rd, Commerce Charter Twp, MI 48382  
O scale Trains! 11am to 5pm  
Adults (18 and over) - \$6.00  
Ages 5-17 years - \$3.00  
Kids under 5 years - FREE  
[www.chi-townunionstation.com](http://www.chi-townunionstation.com)

Our MI-Track set-up and test!



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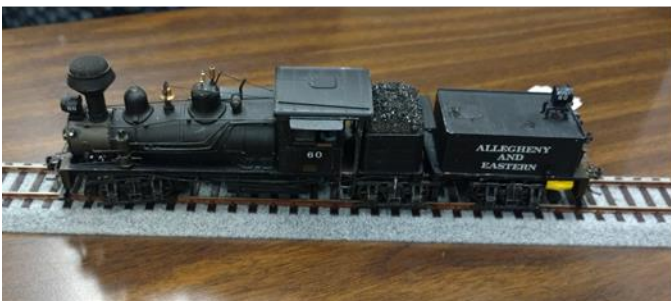
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248-919-0040

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

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

Show & tell items from the last Div 6 meeting - items found on a module...



 **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





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PRESENT-

**43rd ANNUAL!**

# ***MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP***

**11am- 4pm Saturday  
November 20, 2021**

***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!

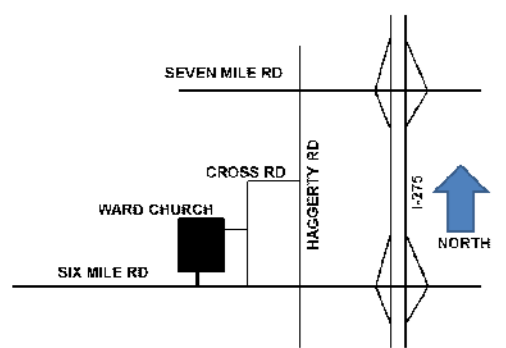
***PARTICIPATE IN*** a raffle for many prizes of model railroad items and an open model railroad model & photo contest

***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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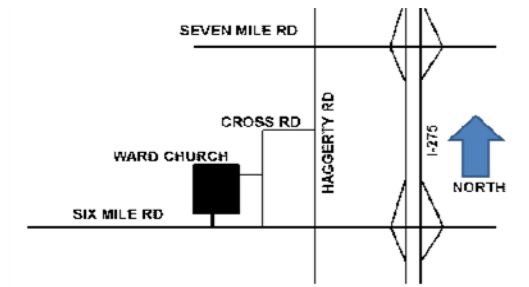
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