



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, DECEMBER 17, 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.

DIV 6 MEETING OOPS

Our November Div 6 meeting was a bit, well... frazzled! The new rules are that "we" cannot have a building key. There must be someone from Parks & Rec in the building when we are. Well, that person was no where to be found! After a call or two with the Livonia Police, someone was finally reached and we were let into the building nearly 30 minutes late (about 7:45pm) By time we got everything set-up, the meeting started at least 30 minutes late! Bill is checking on this, to make sure it does not happen again!! Thanks to everyone for sticking around!

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!

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...

DECEMBER 2021

Well... it's been quite a year! The start of the year was lonely as we all kept to ourselves. Then, finally, in spring, summer and into fall, we started gathering again, even if it was in small numbers in some cases. Some bigger events happened too and some groups never got back into getting together. Normal, is still not quite here yet. As we head into 2022, another new threat looms... will it never end?! We'll see...! Here's hoping you can get back to normal and as soon as possible. It's also time to have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Wishing you the very best for the coming holiday season and 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 about 35 at the in-person meeting, plus 4 more on zoom! We had no new members. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon and Ron King. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

The annual Div 6 **MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP** is done. And it was a **HUGE SUCCESS!!!** The number of spectators that attended was up a bit which gave us a bit more in the till. However, much THANKS to our own Div 6 members, who also donated generously to the till and to the raffle! After all is said and done, it looks like we have a profit of just over \$600!! That's another whole year of meetings!! Also on the success meter, was the amount of questions we answered, advice given to beginners and just sheer entertainment of seeing the many layouts on display, including our own MI-Track! Our layout generated much interest in how model railroading could be done in small spaces, yet be part of a bigger effort! YUP! That was the goal of the project.

We need to say **THANKS** to the **Lake Shore G Scale Club, Lego RR Club, JPL layout, Detroit United Interurban Club, Mark Ellis layout** and **all Div 6 members** that did a display or helped with the MI-Track layout. Special **Thanks** to **Ken Borg, John Bopp and Jim Hockenberger** for helping fix some "kinks"! We also say a **HUGE THANKS** to **Nankin Hobby** as your purchases gave us \$750 worth for the raffle, plus Nankin donated more!! Also **THANKS** to **Bill Deeter, Irwin Knox and JC Paschal** for being BIG item donators to raffle! Finally **THANKS** to any and all **Div 6 members** who were simply there to help out in any capacity!!

Now, were there a few distractions, sure, as there always will be with any event. The worst was that we were again, short of member displays! We must work on that for next year! Everything else was handled well and another Fall Railroad Show & Workshop is in the books!!

Last but not least... **THANKS** to Show Directors **Mark Ellis and Bruce Wolff!!!!**
THANKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

YEAH!!! SUCCESS!!! Our MI-Track layout worked well at the annual Fall Show & Workshop. Well... it did after some more tweaking! The design is still solid and we're getting those kinks sorted out. Much Thanks to several Div 6 members for working hard to get things fixed and us up and running. NOW... where do we go from here? There are many possibilities... display at other train shows, more public displays at shopping malls-libraries-etc, or perhaps OPS sessions on our own! Yes, one suggestion is to gather every-other-month at the Senior center, set-up the modules and run trains and maybe even OPS with switching! We'll send out an email to those on the modular list and take a poll... and see where we go from here. In the meantime, keep working on those modules. Maybe consider making another!

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **anything DCC related!** Here's what was shared- There was a Soundtraxx and Tsunami Decoder shared; several different Throttles including NCE, EasyDCC, Digitrax, and CVP; MDC Boxcab track cleaner first decoder install; program/test track; Plymouth loco dcc; N scale loco S2 dcc/snd; BLD AC6000 CP dcc-snd; programing module Digitrax; ATSF Alco dcc/snd; SP RDC dcc/snd; Kato switcher dcc; GE 70ton dcc; Digitrax manual; EasyDCC manual; frog juicer circuit; Athearn CP F unit dcc; NW5 switcher dcc; Basic DCC wiring book; sprog for test/program track;

Current Projects shared were- Gene Lewis throttle - nondcc; loco repair; boxcar laser wood kit; WM BL2 super detailed & dcc/snd; Walthers boxcar; Almost everyone had something to share! Byrne Blumenstein won the \$15 gift card door prize from Nankin Hobby!!

NEXT MEETING - **TANK CARS!**

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 did not happen. We're not sure if it was because of the late start to the meeting, or something else. We'll get Rick to reschedule his JMRI clinic soon (January)!

NEXT MEETING- We're got a few layout "Vignettes" to show, plus Jim Baker will do his DCC Revealed clinic!

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color is light GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand polo shirt. Prices have increased and are now-
small-XL w/logo \$34
logo/pocket \$37 logo/name \$40
logo/pocket/name \$45
XXL +\$8, XXXL +\$10 XXXXL +\$12
Shipping will be divided among those ordering. Mark is taking orders... either see him at a meeting, 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!
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. Also remember that we have paired-up with the Chicago RPM people, so it's like two conventions in one! ALL information and registration is on the website -

<http://www.indyjunction2022.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/indyjunction2022>

Remember... this is a National caliber event, in just a weekend!

DIV 6 WEBSITE

OOPS! The website was down for a few days as the domain name has to be renewed. The website is back!! It does give us a chance to see about a new server with the Region, which could save us some costs! We're checking!! 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

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was not present. We're looking forward to more tips soon.

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AP CERTIFICATES

Ken Chick, our local AP coordinator, had the pleasure to present several awards at the last Div 6 meeting! Receiving AP awards were Mark Ellis for Association Volunteer and Official; Jim Hockenberger for Association Volunteer and Bill McMillan for Association Volunteer. Congratulations to these AP award recipients! See pictures on later page.

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting and had quite the history lesson. It actually was part clinic too! John's lesson was **A History Lesson In One Photograph!** by showing a photo of the Anchor Line Docks in Erie PA in the early 1900's. The photo was from the Library of Congress Detroit Publishing CO photo collection website. What was good, was you could download the photo at different sizes. When downloading a larger size, you could do a lot of close-up looking at different parts of the photo, thus finding all kinds of history, all in one photo! Also mentioned and found in the photo was a boxcar from the Anchor Line. The Anchor Line was a steamship line, owned by the PRR for a while, then sold due to anti-trust laws. Here's some more info on sources you can use....

Library of Congress Detroit Publishing Co. Collection home:
<https://www.loc.gov/collections/detroit-publishing-company/>

Library of Congress Sanborn Maps. Collection home;
<https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/>

PRR Equipment Diagrams:
<http://pr.railfan.net/diagrams/>

Pennsylvania Railroad Photographic Roster:
<http://rrpicturearchives.net/localist.aspx?id=PRR>

Here's the photo...



WOW!! So much to learn from one photo...! Thanks John! Looking forward to another soon!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12, 18-19, 2021 - Blissfield Model RR Club OPEN HOUSE 109 E Adrian St, Blissfield, MI 49228
10am-3pm no reservations.
ADMISSION IS FREE, however, your donations are appreciated. Go to-
<https://bmrr.org/>

Saturday-Sunday, December 4-5, 11-12, 2021 and January 8-9, 2022
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, 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 and Saturday, January 15, 2022 -
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

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

December 4, 11-12, 18-19, 27-30, 2021 - Stoney Creek Model RR Layout Display Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm 1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI
12 noon - 3pm \$5 adults, \$3 children/seniors Museum members are free Info - www.scmrrc.org

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!!

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. The best way to contact Russ is by email using: Russatnankin@yahoo.com

Our AP award recipients on the top row. Below and following page are pictures from our 43th annual FALL MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP!!







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