

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, FEB 5 and FRIDAY, FEB 19, 2021**. Meetings start at 7:30pm The meeting content will be...

Friday, FEB 5 - show & tell, events, history, tool tips, misc business

Friday, FEB 19 - 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!

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!!

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!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

ON THE RAILS...

FEBRUARY 2021

Well... 2021 is off and running! We have a new President and admin in the US, covid vaccines have started fairly well and "things" are opening back up a bit. All of this looks like we're starting down a more normal path of life. Let's hope so!!

In the meantime... we are still in the cold winter months and that means there is lots of indoor time for model railroading. We hope you are enjoying working on projects and a layout!

Local events are still not being scheduled, but we're hopeful for late spring and summer and certainly fall events! Stay tuned!

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 33/34 members at the last zoom Div 6 meetings! We also had no new members. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Ron King, Jim Zinser, Brook Qualman and Scott Kremer. We had a few guests as our meeting info is being sent to all other NCR Divisions. We hope more will join us this month! Division 6 has 93 members on our roster! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 ELECTIONS

Just when you have had enough of elections.... we find that it was time for Div 6 elections. At the second January meeting, Bill explained that elections were due and the entire Board of Directors were willing to serve again. But just in case, nominations were opened to the membership. No one volunteered or was nominated so they were closed. With a show of hands, the BoD was re-elected unanimously. Another item to be voted on was a change in our Div 6 Constitution. Bill proposed that the Director and Member at Large positions be slightly changed. Instead of simply being Directors (advisors) and a Member at Large, Bill suggested the following -

Membership Director - to keep track of members, help in recruiting efforts and welcome new members.

Communications Director - to help promote Div 6 on social media and through our newsletter

Member At Large - to serve on the Board as an advisor and odd number person so there can be no tie votes within the Board. Bill suggested that Mark Ellis be Membership Director, Barry Hensel be Communications Director and Glenn Joppich be Member at Large. This suggestion was made official and seconded and a unanimous vote approved these positions and changes!! Congratulations to the Board and those in their new positions!!

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!

We did not get to talk about doing virtual layout tours at during the January meetings. Let's discuss this during February and get some tours scheduled!

NEXT TOURS- Virtual Tour Day to be discussed soon!! Any volunteers for a late February date?

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **Your railroad related Christmas present**

Here's what was shared-
PRR structure book; phone Gimble for taking videos; CG laser kit; Kato sound box; PRR flat car with wood load; HO vehicles; NCE starter system; 1225 sweatshirt; freight cars; P&LE boxcar; Atlas O DTS covered hoppers; S scale figures; Badger air brush; 1960's Am Flyer set from family; boxcar with custom graphics; Walthers barber shop with details; North Pacific station kit; robot arm for painting assist; Disney Monorail book; BigBoy shower curtain; stainless steel pin vise; brass GN electric loco; Walthers house kit; Tony Koster book; Jordan spreader; freight cars; nail gun for layout building; Varney Little Joe loco; Bachmann 0-6-0T; trestle bridge details; Tichy hand car kit; Tangent 86' boxcar; Tangent 100 ton hoppers; Jordan spreader; SP cab-forward loco; 1/24th scale vehicle kits; G scale detail items

Current Projects shared were... None - everyone must have been good this past year! Everyone had something to share! NICE!!

NEXT MEETING - flat cars with or without loads - looking for built models, not something in a box

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!

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!

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 Mark Ellis and Barry Hensel. Mark did a clinic on trackwork - tips for doing it right, different types and codes, turnout functions and roadbed. Mark covered it all!! Great stuff if you are just starting, or planning that expansion.

Barry did a clinic on control panels. Everyone has and needs control panels for track power or turnout control. Barry showed many examples of panels and how they were built. A plastic that many have used is Sintra. He also showed how he did his panels that have a smooth surface. Good information! Thanks Mark & Barry!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Rick Neibert on DCC power district zones

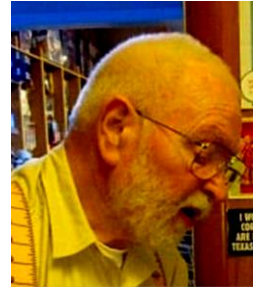
DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

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 Larry Williams who passed away in December. Larry used to regularly attend the Div 6 meetings and gave presentations on his many works that he had finished month to month. He had not attended the past few years due to seeing at night problems preventing him from driving.



RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp gave us another interesting lesson this past month. In the magazine called THE RAILROAD TRAINMAN published by the Brotherhood of RR Trainmen, an article in January 1910 on the Lacroix Safety Signal. This was to be a system of communication between the train, station and dispatcher. Using a 3rd rail to conduct electricity to the loco, it would enact a signal from a bell to tell the train to stop and ask for directions. It was also supposed to be able to stop a train if another train was on the same track. It was designed to be the "end all" of safe train operation! It doesn't look like it was ever used on a real railroad, but might have been tested on some trackage. This could have been the predecessor to our modern ATC - Automatic Train Control systems! Looking forward to another history lesson soon!! Thanks John!!

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!!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

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

Sunday, Feb 7 - Train Show
New Baltimore MI Trade Ctr 10-4
Steve Gawracz 586-273-7900

CANCELLED - Feb 13-14 - Saline train show

CANCELLED - March 14 - Toledo toy & 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!!

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting and did not send us any new reports. We look forward to another report on new hobby items soon!

NMRA NEWS

We have received word that the 2021 NMRA National convention in California, scheduled for July 4-11 has been **CANCELLED!!** Plans are to host a virtual event in its place. The 2022 convention in St Louis is still on! See the NMRA website for all the details.

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NCR NEWS

The next NCR convention is the 2021 NCR convention in Toledo -

The Black Swamp Junction! See

the HotBox or the Div 1

website for all of the

convention information and

registration form. This

event IS planning on

being held as an in-person event!! We hope to

see you there!!
<http://www.divisiononencr.com/2021>





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