

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, APRIL 2 and FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021. Meetings start at 7:30pm** The meeting content will be

Friday, April 2 - show & tell, events, history, tool tips, misc business

Friday, April 16 - old/new business, clinic(s), layout tours 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

NEW - we're recording many of the clinics that are presented on our zoom meetings and posting them on the website. If you missed a meeting or need to go over clinic information again... it's there!

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!

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.

ON THE RAILS...

APRIL 2021

Hello and Welcome to Spring!! It's hard to believe that we're into month #4 for 2021 already! Hopefully the weather will keep on its present track and stay nice and warm! Might be time to do some outdoor activities... railfanning?

We hope you are getting your vaccine for covid. While it is a personal choice, we do know the more that get it, the better we'll be and hopefully back to in-person meetings and activities sooner! Most in my Rail Gang group have had both shots and we're hoping that we can start gathering again in June!

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 29/42 members and guests at the last Div 6 zoom 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 and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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 talk about doing virtual layout tours and we've started! We'll do one clinic and one layout tour on the 2nd meetings of the month. This past month we had our first, done by Ron King, MMR on his Erie RR layout. While Ron had some technical difficulties, he did get them fixed and then gave a great and stunning tour of his railroad empire! Ron's Erie RR is a true work of art and operates several trains at once with switching freights and passenger trains. The tour took the meeting a bit longer than usual, but it was well worth it!! Great tour!! Thanks Ron!!

NEXT TOURS- Virtual Tours on April 16 7:30pm Bill McMillan G scale!
In May - layout tour by Norm Logan on his Michigan Southern RR.

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **Cabooses!** Here's what was shared- Bowser PRSL; old time combine; Buford ATSF transfer; LaBelle Soo; PRR bobber; N scale NP; brass GN; Tom Lenzion Straight Line; Conrail; gift from D. Kunz RDG O scale; PRR; SP bay window O scale; Pere Marquette; C&O; GN bay window; GN; caboose as a work shed; Soo brass; PRR bobber; BN wide vision; Burlington bay window; MI Southern by Revell; B&O-Chessie bay window; C&O-Chessie wide vision; MTH PRR O scale rebuild/detailed!; G scale B&O as office; 4 different NYC Lionel cabooses.

Current Projects shared were... none mentioned.

Everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - anything auto industry related

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

This last month was a bit rough for Div 6 members and families. All members wish to express our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of those we lost...

BARBARA XENAKIS, wife of Connie, passed away after a great fight with cancer.

LINDA THORNTON, wife of Dave passed away after a 9 year cancer battle. Dave is from Div 8, but regularly attends our meetings too.

HANK MEYER, 89, passed away last month. Hank has been a Div 6 member since 1991! Hank's son Doug attended meetings with him and he supported many activities.



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 Lester Breuer, MMR from the Twin Lakes Division of the 1000 Lakes Region. Lester gave us a very interesting and informative clinic on the many types of adhesives that can/should be used in our hobby. Different type for different materials, how to use them and brands he recommends were all discussed and shown. WOW... never thought there were that many different types and uses!! Great information - Thanks Lester!!

NEXT MEETING- Barry Hensel will have a basic look at 3D printing and how it can help your modeling efforts. Also a layout tour from Bill McMillian! *IN MAY* - clinic on Presidential Travel by train given by Rad Jones from Div 8 and a layout tour from Norm Logan and his Michigan Southern RR.

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

Please keep working on your modules! We had a test fitting of the modules on Monday, March 29th. We're not sure of the results of the test, but we're hoping it went well and the design has proven itself! We also want those building modules to show them off at the #1 meeting in April. Keep building!!

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



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!!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp gave us another interesting lesson this past month. John gave us the story of Narrow gauge railroading in Michigan - the Port Huron & Northwestern RR! This was a 200+ mile line of 3' gauge track that started in Port Huron and went north into the thumb area. Started in 1878 it was primarily used to get agriculture products to market. They also hauled lumber products and had a passenger train or two. The lines were sold to the Flint & Pere Marquette RR in 1899. John had some great maps and photos to share with the story! Neat stuff!! Looking forward to another history lesson soon!! Thanks John!!

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting but did send us a new report.

ATLAS has made two recent announcements - they will be making a HO GE U30C locomotive in several paint schemes in DCC ready and DCC/sound. Also, they announced that the first MTH based tooling cars/locos to be remade are 70 ton heavy weight passenger coaches, RPO, Baggage, Dining, Combine and Observation cars and a 4-6-2 Steam loco all on O scale.

BROADWAY LIMITED IMPORTS is proud to introduce Paragon4: The new benchmark for premium HO sound-equipped locomotives. These DC and DCC-Sound equipped locomotives feature the ALL-NEW Paragon4 sound and control system. Each Paragon4 locomotive comes with BLI's own integral DCC Decoder factory installed. The first to get these new systems is a ATSF 4000 Class 2-8-2



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

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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>



NMRA TRI-REGIONAL CONV

It is time to announce... 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.



NMRA NEWS

The NMRA has started a new email notification - the DISPATCH. This is an email message of great importance that cannot wait! In the first Dispatch - a request that you do not mark NMRA emails as spam! If you don't want them, just delete or unsubscribe please. Marking them spam can cause service providers (Yahoo) to block all people from seeing any emails!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Most events have been cancelled.

Sunday, APRIL 11 - Train Show
New Baltimore MI Trade Ctr 10-4
Mike Neuendorf 586-271-6024

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!!

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!

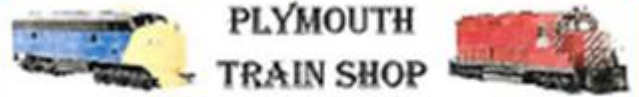


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