

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, MAY 7 and FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021. Meetings start at 7:30pm** The meeting content will be

Friday, May 7 - show & tell, events, tool tips, misc business and a clinic

Friday, May 21 - old/new business, history, 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!

NEW ZOOM RULES!

With the last meeting being hacked, we must put new rules into place to protect our meetings.

A) The Waiting Room will be active for all meetings. We will have 1-2 people keeping an eye on the room and allowing you into the meeting.

B) Your screen name MUST be your real name so we know who you are and to compare it with the Div 6 member and/or NCR rosters.

C) Guests may not be allowed for a few meetings while we try to figure out a good way to monitor them and know who they really are. They could RSVP to the email with the meeting info/link.

D) The share screen option will no longer be on all through the meeting. It will only be activated when we know who is to share the screen, once that share is done, it will be immediately turned off.

These rules have been approved by the Div 6 Board of Directors and are in effect ASAP.

ON THE RAILS...

MAY 2021

Well... that was interesting!! Our Div 6 meeting on Friday, April 16th was hacked! Someone logged in and started swearing loudly, then later logged in again and shared some porn! (and it wasn't even "good" porn... not that I would know good from bad...LOL) We're very sorry this happened and actually, surprised it hadn't happened before. We've gone a full year with no problems! We'll institute a few changes to help ensure this will not happen again. See the special article in the next column.

Despite covid numbers recently spiking, some are getting out a bit and it sounds like many/most of the Div 6 members have been getting vaccines. That should help us get together sooner!

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 27/37 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 several guests from other divisions. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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.

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 a tour of Bill McMillan's G scale Detroit Windsor Connecting Railroad. Bill showed a pre-recorded video tour of his layout and the construction of it. He has a lot of neat stuff with his layout and despite being large scale, as room to run and operate! Also being large scale, there is great detail! VERY NICE!! Great tour!! Thanks Bill!!

NEXT TOURS- Virtual Tour in June by Norm Logan on his Michigan Southern Railroad.

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **anything auto industry related!** Here's what was shared- Many showed off auto boxcars. Some of the RR's shown included the NP, Pere Marq, DT&I, Ann Arbor, Grn Bay Western, Milwaukee, MKT and GTW. Also shown were Soo and RDG auto-rack cars; Erie flatcar with scrap cars; Dromedary tractor-trailer; RR in the Auto Industry book; Ford hopper car; GLEX convention car; petro tank car; REA tractor-trailer; '55 Chevy pick-up; steel coil cars; DT&I 86' boxcar.

Current Projects shared were... Romanian Loco received!; SP F7 rebuild & detailing; GP30 in special paint from video game. Most everyone had something to share, but several members that model logging railroads or late 1800-early 1900 railroading had nothing to share!

NEXT MEETING - your smallest locomotive

DIV 6 DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

All members wish to express our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of...



HOWARD ANDREWS passed on April 7, 2021 at the age of 70. Howard worked 47 years at Ford Motor Company as an engineer and I.T. support. He was very involved with the Dearborn Sunrise Rotary, the MI Miata Club and model railroading with the Detroit United Railways. He loved to scuba dive and traveled the world to do so. Howard was Div 6 Superintendent from May 2011 to October 2014. He was also Secretary for several years and Clinic Chairman for many more. He was also our Fall Show Chairman for a few years and the NCR Photo Contest coordinator since June 2012. Howard had been battling cancer for about 2 years and he will be greatly missed.

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 Div 6 member Barry Hensel on 3D printing. Many modelers are using 3D printing to get parts and details that are not normally available. Or they use it to make many parts at one time, instead of making each part and hoping they all match. Barry showed how CAD programs work to draw your part, then send that file to the printer to make the part. There are also services like SHAPWAYS that will help you design and print parts - www.shapeways.com and a free exchange website Thingiverse www.thingiverse.com He also covered several types of printers, filament -vs- resin and some of those features/pitfalls of each. This was a good over-view of what 3D printing does, works and if you should consider it in your modeling. Great information Barry!

NEXT MEETING- May 7 - clinic by Norm Logan on backdrops. May 21- clinic on Presidential Travel by Train by Rad Jones from Div 8

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

Please keep working on your modules! We had a test fitting of the modules on Monday, March 29th. The test was very successful!! The design works, everyone had it wired correctly and we were able to run a couple of locos on each track using DC power packs just for testing. COOL!!! While a few members did not bring their modules and one corner was not complete with track, we almost had a full oval at the test. See the pictures below....

To those still with modules, Keep building!! Anyone is welcome to build a module - the plans are on the Div 6 website.



PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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!!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Most events have been cancelled.

Sunday, MAY 23 - 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!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp gave us another interesting lesson this past month. John gave us the story of The Stilwell Oyster car. It seems that in the late 1800's - early 1900's, oysters became all the rage to eat. Railroads tried to get these to market as fast as possible, but didn't succeed well. The Long Island RR had 4 special trains to transport oysters to NYC. In 1897, Arthur Stilwell designed a special car to make this possible. It was basically a rectangular tank car that held the oysters and the sea water that helped keep them fresh. This design was patented and one car was built by the Pullman Co. It seems that success was very limited and the car only lasted until 1905. It was the only one ever built.



Looking forward to another history lesson soon!! Thanks John!!

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 second Dispatch - Here are the official results of the 2021 NMRA elections. Congratulations to our new Board members!

President- Gordy Robinson
Vice President- Rick Coble
At-Large North American Director- Chris Palermo
Eastern District Director- John Doehring
Pacific District Director- Rob Peterson
By-Laws Amendment Passed

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

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

Detroit & Mackinac 2833 (gray, Boxcar Red, Built 5-65 Repack 2-69) Walthers Part #6-42709 HO scale, \$28.95, currently in stock at Walthers but to be Phased Out

Grand Rapids and Indiana 2972 (Boxcar Red, Built 10-03) Walthers Part #6-42674 HO scale, \$26.95 Bowser HO Scale ready-to-run Class GS Gon are based on prototypes built by the PRR in its home shops and used in the steam/diesel eras.

Wellsville, Addison & Galetton 8006 (1971 Louisville Slugger Wood Car, Blt 7- Walthers Part #6-42739 HO scale, \$28.95, currently in stock at Walthers

Atlantic Coast Line 23515 (1964, Boxcar Red, Built 6-49, Phosphate Service) Walthers Part #6-42694 HO scale, \$28.95, currently in stock at Walthers



Bowser HO Scale ready-to-run cars feature accurate molded details, free-rolling trucks with metal wheels and magnetic knuckle couplers. Authentic decoration and multiple road numbers per road name. We look forward to another report on new hobby items soon!

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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.



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.divisiononncr.com/2021>

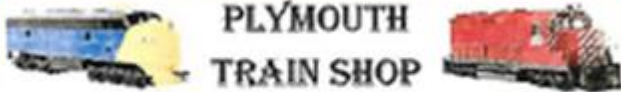


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