

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DIVISION SIX OF THE
NORTH CENTRAL REGION
OF THE NATIONAL MODEL
RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings going back to in-person, starting July 16th. That is our plan... but we must get confirmation from the Senior Center manager. Watch your email for updates and/or call Bill for information if you don't do emails. Our meeting on July 2 was still via zoom. Our planned meeting on Friday, July 16 will be **IN-PERSON!** Meetings start at 7:30pm We hope to see YOU there! The meeting for August will be on Friday, August 20. We are back to ONE meeting a month, as long as they are in-person! At this time, we are not sure how well it will work, but we'll try to do a zoom meeting at the same time as the in-person event. In the past, there has been concerns with the wifi in the Senior Center.

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!

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. Norm Logan gave us a tour in June of his Michigan Southern RR. Well, he started to... so very sorry that his video was not working properly. He's determined to get it working and we'll show it again soon. Thanks Norm!

NEXT TOURS- no layouts planned at this time

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2021

OH BOY!! Finally... We're back to IN-PERSON meetings! Well, almost. The 2nd meeting in July is planned to be an in-person meeting. Div meetings from then on will all be in-person. COOL!!

We are finally in Summer! And it's been HOT so far! Well, as we always remind you, it's very cool in your basement and that is where most of our layouts are... so go cool off and do some model railroading!

The Div 6 Fall Show & Workshop is being planned as an in-person event for Saturday, Nov 20. We'll be looking at prices at the Senior Center and Ward Church. We'll need YOU, Div 6 members to display your projects and our MI-Track layout will make its debut! Much more info next month!

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 24/27 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, Bill Neale and Scott Kremer. We had a few guests from other divisions. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was *your largest locomotive!* Here's what was shared- Alleghany Challenger; G.Bush EMD SD70ace; Chessie SD50; FM Trainmaster; Lionel #2046 steamer; Lionel NYC Hudson; PM Berkshire 2-8-4; Marx 0 scale CP passenger steamer; 4-4-2 loco; PM #1225 Berk 2-8-4; SP cab-forward in 0 scale; PRR Alco RSD15; Milwaukee Rd E8; MTH Milwaukee Rd bi-polar electric in 0 scale; 2-8-2 consolidation; Soo Line SD40-2; Great Northern E7; UP DD40x; RDG Alco C630; RDG Alco FA A-B-A set; 0 scale PRR F3c; NW 2-6-6-4; G scale 4-6-0; PRR GG1; G scale B&O 4-8-2; Virginian DD70mac and (the winner) a 36" gauge 0-4-0T that George Anderson has helped restore to operating condition in Lake Linden, MI. !!

Current Projects shared were... No one had a current project. Everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - your favorite structure

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

Please keep working on your modules! We took a quick survey of those making modules and it seems displaying at the NCR convention in October will probably not take place. We are planning another test fitting of the layout at the Livonia Senior Center again. It will be in August from 1pm-5pm. We will send an email with the final details/date. We hope you can make it, or at least get your module there for test/use.

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.

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 member Scott Kremer, MMR on building catenary! Scott showed some photos of the prototype to give us a basic lesson on what, how and why the catenary system works. Then he showed drawings of the model parts, then how he modeled catenary using brass poles and components. Some parts are easily bought from several manufacturers. Looks fairly easy! Scott then showed the installation on his layout in photos and a video. Very cool! Scott's catenary is not "live", but really gives a great impression on his layout. Very nice work! Great information!

Byrne, our clinic coordinator, also talked about doing virtual roundtable clinics... something short, 15 minutes, tips on how to do something that anyone can present.

Byrne also had an idea of doing "Layout Vinettes" where a member would show a picture or two of a scene on their layout and describe how they did that scene. Again, thinking these could take about 15 minutes and we could do a few each meeting.

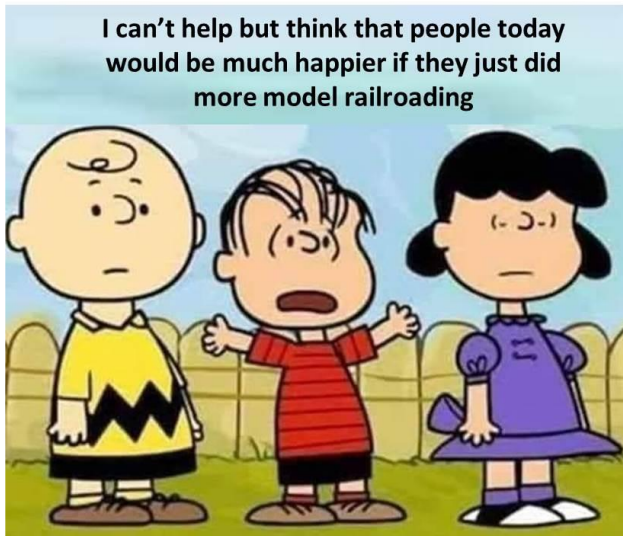
NEXT MEETING- Norm Logan on painting people. Also, Steve Gladstein will show us how to install a variable speed turntable. If you have some quick ideas to share, please let Byrne know about them!

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!!

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!

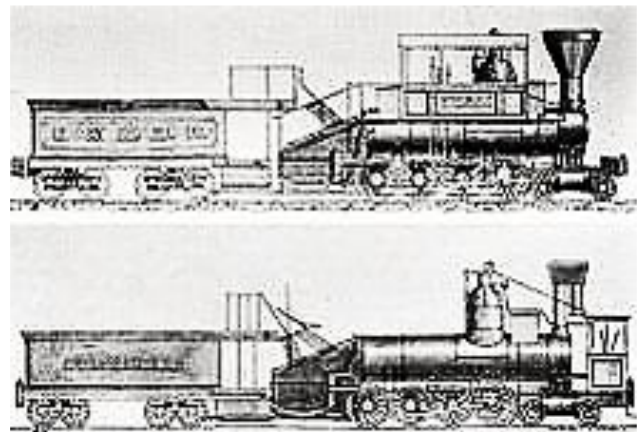
WE HAVE CARDS!! Bill has a supply of Div 6 business cards so that all members can have some of these to pass them out at shows, while at hobby shops or where-ever! COOL! Let's promote Division 6!

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!!

Bruce Wolff sends this interesting video - a train bathroom!! Take a look! A friend sent me this link: The perfect railfan bathroom!
https://youtu.be/2YK5_y1LzHk

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp gave us another interesting lesson this past month. John gave us the story of the Locos of Ross Winans. Ross was an inventor and also designed and built steam locos in 1840-50's. He had several unique designs, the first being the "Crab". This was a 4 wheel vertical boiler loco built for the B&O. Next came the "Mud Digger" which was an 8 wheel vertical boiler loco. Another design was the "Juno" a 4-4-0 more conventional loco design. But Winan's most popular and well known design was the "Camel", a for-runner of camelback locos.



The Camel had a very large steam dome, unique firebox hanging from the rear frame and a unique smoke stack design. These were built and purchased by several railroads and some lasted 50 years in various forms. Many were rebuilt with more conventional features. Winan's loco business closed in 1860 after building over 260 locos. Looking forward to another history lesson soon!! Thanks John!!

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!

NMRA AP NEWS

Ken Chick, MMR, our Div 6 AP rep, reported that 2 AP certificates were earned by Norm Logan - Chief Dispatcher and NMRA Volunteer! Congratulations Norm!



NMRA TRI-REGIONAL CONV

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. Registration opens on July 15th and is only \$85 until Jan 1st! The hotel is also accepting reservations!

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

FOR SALE ITEMS

Div 6 member Rich Neibert says he has cork roadbed available. I have five boxes with 25 3 foot pieces in each box. Each box retails for \$38. My price is \$25.00 per box, and/or \$1 per three foot piece. Ten percent off two or more boxes. Contact Rich at

neibertrichard@att.net

BLACK SWAMP JUNCTION

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. Registration is mail-in or now online! This event IS planning on being held as an in-person event!! We hope to see you there!! We will have a presentation on the convention by Marshall Stull of Div 1 at the July meeting.

<http://www.divisiononncr.com/2021>



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LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday - July 24-25, 2021 - Van Wert Railroad Heritage Weekend - Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 South Washington St. (US 127), Van Wert, OH 45891
Saturday 10am-4pm Sunday 10am-3pm.
Admission- \$6/day; Two day- \$8.
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Saturday-Sunday - August 7-8, 2021 - Crossroads Village & Huckleberry RR Railfan Weekend
10am-6pm Flint, MI
sponsored by Mid-Michigan Railway Historical Society & Genesee County Parks

Wednesday-Sunday, August 18-22, 2021 - Steel Mill Modelers Special Interest Group 2021 Convention
Planned boat trip on the Detroit River to see the riverside of steel mills; clinics at the conference hotel all day and vendor displays; layout tours (many from Div 6 members!); Tour Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum, Great Lakes freighter tour in Toledo, OH. Registration and hotel info on the NMRA Steel Mill Modelers SIG website at
<https://smmsig.org/2021-annual-meet/>

NOTE - there was a possible new train sales event being planned for August at a local shopping mall. The plans for that event have been cancelled due to costs and lack of response to possible vendors. However, there is a lull in shows in January, so this event could be looked at again in the near future.

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

As mentioned... the annual Div 6 **FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP** is targeted to happen, IN-Person!, on Saturday, Nov 20, 2021. We'll need YOU, the Div 6 members to volunteer to show off some of those many projects you have been working on. Much more info in the coming months and meetings. Save the date!! Let's make it a great event!!

DIV 6 DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

All members wish to express our deepest sympathies to the friends and family of... **PAUL OMILIAN** age 81, of Livonia, died suddenly on June 10, 2021. Preceded in death by the love of his life, Geri (2007). Paul was above all, a man of strong faith. To him, his kids and grandkids meant everything. He was a very active member of St. Colette Church. Paul was retired from IBM after 30 years. Since childhood, Paul had a love of trains, big and small. His HO model train layout was his pride and joy, and he loved sharing it. He was a Division 6 member of the NMRA and the local train club. He hosted many layout tours and was always active at the Div 6 meetings and shows! He was taken from us far too soon and we will miss him dearly.



BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present, but did not have a tool tip to share. Member Larry Wolohon, MMR mentioned he has a new battery-operated soldering iron from Weller that seems to be working very nicely! We're looking forward to more tips soon.

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting but Bill showed told us of new stuff that will be coming -

- Walthers- Merchants Row 6
- Busch- asphalt road material
- Tichy- crane and road signs
- Preiser- people sets
- Rix- re-release quonset huts
- Athearn- 50's Ford panel truck

Also - the Testors/Model Masters paints are all gone, but Nankin is expanding all of the other hobby brands!
The best way to contact Russ is by email using:
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