

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. That WAS our plan... but the Senior Center had other plans. They need to hire a bldg.. manager to be with us when we are in the building. So we're back to zoom for another month...

Friday, AUGUST 6 - 7:30 on zoom

Friday, AUGUST 20 - 7:30 on zoom?

Watch your emails for updates!! If you don't get emails, you can call and check with Bill. There is a **SLIGHT** chance the Aug 20 meeting could be in-person. At this time, we are planning on September being IN-person on Friday, Sept 17.

ON THE RAILS...

AUGUST 2021

Well... that didn't work as planned! We're still meeting on zoom for one more month, we hope. See the report in the next column.

The Div 6 **MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP** is being planned as an in-person event for Saturday, Nov 20. We'll need YOU, Div 6 members to display your projects and our MI-Track layout will make its debut! **WE NEED YOU! PLEASE HELP!**

With all the rainy days we've been having, we hope you have been getting more model railroading done! Can't be outside... might as well be working on something!

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 16/33 members and guests at the last Div 6 zoom meetings! We also had three new members. Please welcome Ed Minas, John Church and Matt King! MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Ron King, and Scott Kremer. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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!

DIV 6 MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

As mentioned... the annual Div 6 **MODEL RAILROAD 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. The show is geared to be educational for the public attending, but we also need to help promote the event, so we get a great turnout and thus make a few bucks for our Div 6 treasury. That used to be the focus of this event and we need to get back to that a bit. SO, we'll need every Div 6 member to tell people about the event, hours, location, etc. We'll plan on getting some local press too! Save the date!! Let's make it a great event!!

The sign-up sheet for table displays is included in this newsletter - fill it out and mail it in!! (or copy and email it in) Let's get ON TRACK for our show!!

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!

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **your favorite structure!** Here's what was shared- Nick & Nora station kit; Revell Lumber yard; large fire house w/hook-ladder truck; scratch built Punxatany Petro Chemical; N scale enclosed water tank; O scale 4 stall roundhouse; Shepard Brewing Co (from Larry Wright's layout); DeTurk Hardware kitbash; Menard's O scale Sourkrout Factory; MTH country house; Walthers gazebo w/bands; house being demolished; Walthers large station; scratch built wharf from MR article 1980; G scale chemical plant;

Current Projects shared were... Picture of depot in Norway, MI for the Wisc/MI RR to be built Everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - covered hoppers (extra credit if you can say what it's load would be!)

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.

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 Norm Logan on painting people. This was a technique by Dr. Brian Fayle and has been posted/published. The idea is that by painting figures a certain way, they become more 3 dimensional! You start with painting figures all black, then a light coat of white. Then by dry-brushing on the colors, the black shows through just enough to make "shadows" and highlight wrinkles. It's a very effective effect!

Also, Div 6 member Steve Gladstein showed us how and why we may want variable speed turntable! With a variable speed, aligning the table to tracks is easier. You can make your power supply variable using switches and Arduino controls/computers. Neat!!

Byrne had mentioned an idea of doing "Layout Vignettes" 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- Div 6 member Rick Neibert doing a clinic on JMRI - Decoder Pro.

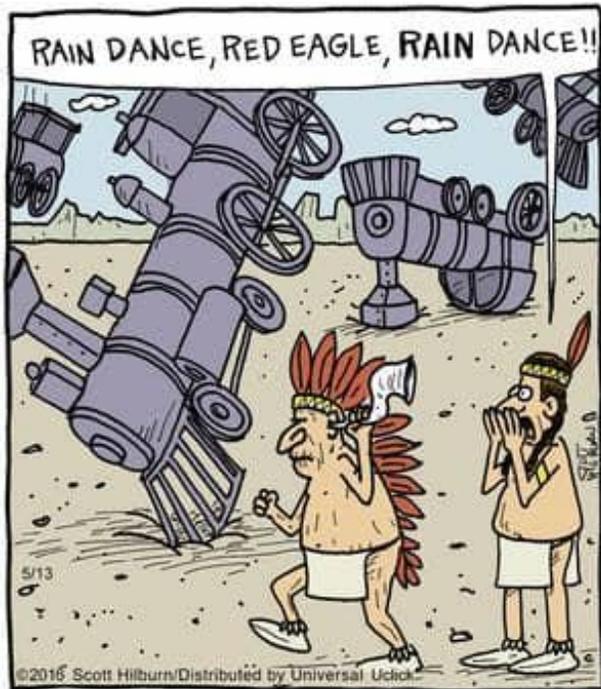
If you have some quick ideas to share, please let Byrne know about them!

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!!

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

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp gave us another interesting lesson this past month. John gave us the story of the American Locomotive Company - ALCO!



In 1901, eight loco manufacturers all merged to become ALCO! In another 3 years, two more loco shops were bought, making Alco 2nd only to Baldwin Loco. In John's lesson, he took a look at each of those main 8 shops and what they brought to the company. Alco was the first to start diesel production in 1925. The last steam loco was produced in 1948. They had very good success until the early 60's. Worthington Corp bought Alco, but could not save them. In 1969 all American production stops, leaving only the shop in Canada. Amazingly, Alco designs lasted to 2019 in India! Looking forward to another history lesson soon!! Thanks John!!

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color is light 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 Barry Hensel has been awarded the Master Builder - Structures Certificate. That's 6 for him... one more for MMR! The actual certificate should arrive in a month. Although not an AP award, Bill mentioned that Barry also has received his 2nd NMRA President's Award for Service to the Division!! WOW! Extra Congratulations to you, Barry!

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>

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.

At the Div 6 2nd meeting, Marshall Stull, Div 1 Superintendent, was on our zoom meeting and gave us a great presentation of this up-coming convention! GREAT Information and this event will be a great one!!

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.divisiononencr.com/2021>



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BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present, but did not have a tool tip to share. Bill McMillan did share some good information... 3M Plastic and Emblem Adhesive #08061. Just picked up a new tube for \$18.72. Available at auto paint stores. Works fantastic for gluing plastic, plastic to wood, plastic to metal. It works like a contact cement. Thanks! We're looking forward to more tips soon.

LOCAL RR EVENTS

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/>

Sunday, September 12, 2021 - Flag City Train Show
Train Show Findlay, OH - 12505 County Road 99
Mike Schroeder 419-348-1303

Friday-Sunday, September 17-19, 2021 - Reading Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet IX
Reading RR Heritage Museum, Hamburg, PA
<https://readingrrmm.com/> email-
barry76Lt@wowway.com

Sunday, September 19, 2021 - New Baltimore Model Train Show/Sale
VFW Lempke-Blackwell Post 7573
35011 23 Mile Rd New Baltimore, MI
10AM- PM admission - \$4 children under 11 are free. food available
contact info - Mike Neuendorf
mikel.j@comcast.net

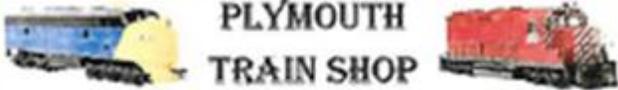
NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

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

Walthers PS2 covered hoppers
Intermountain cylindrical covered hoppers

The best way to contact Russ is by email using:

Russatnankin@yahoo.com



**PLYMOUTH
TRAIN SHOP**

Lionel, O-Scale – MTH, HO, Williams
Dave, manager

37980 Ann Arbor Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
734-454-7337

Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4



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Westland, MI 48185
734-722-5700**

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Div 6 Annual Model Railroad Show & Workshop

Volunteer Form

Please fill in the following and return to **BRUCE WOLFF** or **MARK ELLIS** at the next meeting or mail it to- 31286 Morlock St Livonia, MI 48152 You can also contact Bruce at 248-478-4104 **brucewolff@yahoo.com** and Mark at 734-765-2729 or email to- **emark@sbcglobal.net**

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMAIL: _____

Volunteering to.... (circle as many as apply)

Set-up Take-down Admissions Raffle Display

Display: _____

Demonstrate: _____

Take Flyers to: _____

Other: _____

Number of tables needed (Based on a 6 foot table size) _____

Need Electric Yes No

Display working layout

Description: _____ Scale: _____

Minimum Size: ____ft X ____ft Prefer Size: ____ft X ____ft

Help with Scouts program- I will do - (circle one!)

- * types of freight cars
- * design a model railroad
- * diesel loco types and operation
- * railroad signals
- * what/how/why of grade crossings
- * name the different scales
- * different railroads and where they are/were
- * railroad departments and support industries
- * Amtrak history and transit lines
- * Operation Lifesaver * all aspects of railroad safety
- * building a model RR kit
- * do switching on a layout

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS.....

- *structure building
- *railroad history
- *track laying basics
- *rolling stock building
- *type of rolling stock
- *kit-bashing
- *people painting
- *benchwork basics
- *layout planning
- *types of locomotives
- *detailing
- *tree making
- *DCC systems
- *photography
- *different scales
- *decaling/dry transfer
- *scenery basics
- *wiring basics
- *computers in model rr'ing
- *classic toy trains

..... and YES, we can have more than one person doing the same demo!!!

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