



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

ON THE RAILS...

JANUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Yes, it's 2022 and that means we have a whole new year of model railroading with each other. It also means we have several events that are important to us, Div 6! There is the INDY JUNCTION convention in May, our annual Fall Show in November and an NCR One-Day convention in Kalamazoo in the fall. We also have to start the planning process for a 2024 NCR weekend convention. That is when it is our turn to host again. Looks like it's going to be a GREAT year for Division 6!!

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 41 at the in-person meeting, plus 5 more on zoom! We had no new members, but had some notable members - Ed Minas was attending his first in-person meeting, Larry Smith from the FoxRun model RR club attended and Garth Swanger has moved back from Montana! Garth was gone for over 6 years. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Jim Zinser, Ron King and Brook Qualman was online. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the THIRD Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022**. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center Senior Center in Livonia, at 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. **The meeting is from 7:30-10pm**. We will also broadcast the meeting LIVE on zoom! The link will be emailed a few days before the meeting. \$1 donation is requested.

DIV 6 MEETING OOPS

Our December Div 6 meeting was a bit, well... TIMED! We used to be able to run a bit over our 10pm time. However, with the new rules at the Senior Center (and our new "sitter") 10pm sharp is it!! We will be discussing a new starting time of 7pm. This will insure we get everything in on-time!

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!

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

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

At the last Div 6 meeting we did not get a chance to talk about what we want to do next. We'll do that at the January meeting. In the meantime, keep working on those modules. Maybe consider making another!

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **Tank Cars!** Here's what was shared- Brass Mobil; N scale tank; BLD 6000 gal chlorine; Penn Salt 6k chlorine; fire fighting tank; Chemical Staley (corn syrup); O scale cars - tanks in a reefer and 6 dome wine car; MTH O scale 3 dome diesel fuel NYC; O scale steel corp tank; 3 dome; corn products tank; oil tank car wolf's head; Kaolin slurry tank; Ives tank car in original box!! All metal std gauge; RDG co tank car; Proto Sunoco tank; CSX custom painted fuel tender tank; Baby Ruth tank (MI to Montana and back); SP tank modified to be correct; 1870 Empire Line refined oil; PRR old time tank car; Am Ltd ATSF cars; 16K gal corn products; Gramps oil tank car (brass, S scale); Conoco tank (brass Sn3); Union Tank Line old time tank; Mich Alkali tank; Chucklehead & Ticklefoot RR tank; UTLX tank; Wyandotte Chemical tank; Alaska RR tanker; Steam era tank car book; tender "tank" car from Royal Hudson (oil and water); G scale Wyandotte Chem tank car

Current Projects shared were- box car swapped for turnout; steam loco with DCC concern; picture of a GN 4-8-2 steamer under repair; plywood cut buildings from 1982!; Grass Lake RR museum - worth the trip;

Two gift cards from Nankin Hobby were given away and the winners are - Bill Rubarth and Ed Minas! Almost everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - **your RR related Christmas Present!**

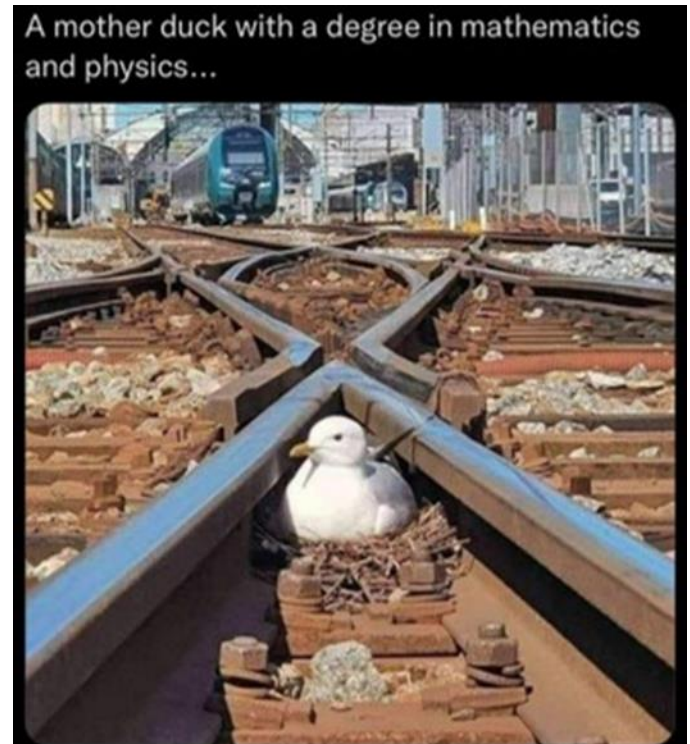
DIV 6 WEBSITE

The website is back!! If you want your layout featured, email ED your pictures and a small write-up!! Also, past clinics are posted on the website! Check it out at-

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....
(submitted by Byrne)



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!

The clinic for this month was done online by Jim Baker, from Div 8 titled DCC Revealed! Jim talked about all of the basics of DCC, how it works, why it works, etc. This was a Deep Dive on how DCC and coding makes it all work and what it says. Thanks Jim for the look "inside" DCC!

NEXT MEETING- We're got a few layout "Vignettes" to show, plus Rick Neibert and JMRI basics.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present but did not have a tip for us. We're looking forward to more tips soon.

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color is light GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand polo shirt. Prices have increased and are now- small-XL w/logo \$34 logo/pocket \$37 logo/name \$40 logo/pocket/name \$45 XXL +\$8, XXXL +\$10 XXXXL +\$12 Shipping will be divided among those ordering. Mark is taking orders... either see him at a meeting, email or phone. ALSO - If you want a name badge... see Mark!

NMRA TRI-REGIONAL CONV

INDY JUNCTION

2022 is a tri-regional model railroad convention!

INDY JUNCTION 2022 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. Also remember that we have paired-up with the Chicago RPM people, so it's like two conventions in one!

ALL information and registration is on the website -

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

Remember... this is a National caliber event, in just a weekend!



AP CERTIFICATES

Ken Chick, our local AP coordinator, did not have any new awards to hand out this past month. Keep on working on those Certificates!

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!!

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RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting and had quite the history lesson. The History of compound steam locos; 20-30% proposed savings in efficiency but more like 10% in real practice. ATSF used many. Several different type and manufacturers of these types of locos; John showed pictures of the many types and styles. Compounds were approx. 33-23% of total loco production. They waned after 1900. Super-heater system also made the compound not necessary and also made them obsolete. Thanks John! Looking forward to another soon!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, January 8-9

Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House
104 North Saginaw St.
Holly, MI 48442

Noon - 5PM Adults - \$5, Seniors (65+) - \$4, Children (5-18) - \$2, Children under 5 - Free
Contact Info: 248-634-5811

webmaster@dmrrc.org

Saturday, January 15, 2022 -

New Baltimore Model Railroad Show
VFW Lempke-Blackwell Post 7573
35011 23 Mile Rd New Baltimore, MI
10AM-3PM admission- \$4, children under 11 are free. food available
Info- Mike Neuendorf 860-836-0809

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Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from November 5, 2021 to March 27, 2022

Chi-Town Union Station
8275 Cooley Lake Rd, Commerce Charter Twp, MI 48382

0 scale Trains! 11am to 5pm
Adults (18 and over) - \$6.00
Ages 5-17 years - \$3.00
Kids under 5 years - FREE

www.chi-townunionstation.com

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 any Nankin store!!

NEW DIV 6 TRAIN SALE

At a special zoom meeting on Jan 6th, near 30 members of Div 6 listened to a presentation by Terry Kosmas and Barry Hensel on a proposal to raise money for the Div 6 treasury. Our bank account is low and we have a convention to run in 2 years, our meetings are costing \$600 a year. This all takes a toll on our account and it needs shored up. Terry and Barry presented the idea that Div 6 should host a regular train show/sale type of event. They showed and talked about the concept, some of the details of what the event would be like, how many volunteers would be needed and the possible income - estimating Div 6 could take in \$1000 or more. That, would be a great boost to the treasury! This event would take place this spring, in April/May at the latest. Then, the event would move to a mid-January date in 2023, filling the hole that the Avondale Train show has left. There are no local train shows in mid-January, since that show cancelled a few years ago. A few questions were asked and answered and, in the end, the membership voted YES to continue to work toward hosting this event! Lots more work is to be done and a full report will be given at the January Div 6 meeting. We hope to have location, date and costs all ready for approval.

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, was not at the meeting. The best way to contact Russ is by email using: Russatnankin@yahoo.com



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TRAIN SHOP



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

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Mon-Fri 11-6
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