

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

## ON THE RAILS...

DECEMBER 2022

**44th FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP!** Well, not quite as good as we hoped for. See the report!!

Layout tours are back, but we have an UPDATE!! Thanks to those that have volunteered to be open. See the maps and details later in this newsletter! Normal is good!

We're still working on two other big Div 6 events - our **MODEL RR SALE** event and the **2024 NCR CONVENTION!** See the reports in a page or two...

With the colder and snowy weather upon us, it's certainly time to get back to model railroading! Staying inside and doing an OPS session or building a kit or three, that's why we're involved in such a great hobby. Happy Modeling to all Division 6 members!

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 medium turn-out at the in-person meeting with 31 attending, plus 7 on zoom! We had no new members! MMR's present were Larry Wolohon, Ken Chick, Bill Neale, Ron King, Scott Kremer and Jim Zinser. 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, DECEMBER 16, 2022**. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center Senior Center in Livonia, at 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. **The meeting is from 7pm-10pm.** We will also broadcast the meeting LIVE on zoom! The link will be emailed a few days before the meeting.

## 2022 DIV 6 FALL SHOW!!

Our Division 6 **44th MODEL RR SHOW & WORKSHOP** is complete. Once again, it was a "mixed bag" for results. We had pretty good participation from members for displays and help. Could always use more! Spectator attendance was down this year, about 55 paying. The raffle did pretty good too, but between it and the door, we lost money on the event. Hopefully, we'll gain a few new members! One suggestion is to return to being a Sunday event. Of course, that would mean a different location/venue. We'll do some brain-storming for 2023. **A BIG THANKS to all Div 6 members that did help or had a display!!!!**

## DIV 6 ELECTIONS!

Yes... it IS election "season"! All Board positions are up for election. Elections will take place at the December meeting. So far, we have these nominations -  
Superintendent - Paul Lictau  
Asst Super. - Byrne Blumenstein  
Secretary - Ed Beamish  
Treasurer - Larry Wolohon  
Terry Kosmas

Please send any other nominations to Bill ASAP!!!

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The website is back!! If you want your layout featured, email ED your pictures and a small write-up!! Also, some clinics are posted on the website! Check it out at-  
[www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

## SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **flat cars with loads**. Here's what was shared - RDG autorack with T-birds from Wixom; G scale flat w/army tank; pulpwood flat; Lionel HO flat w/truck cabs; US army flat w/cannon; John G from Wisconsin - TOFC; flat car w/tractors; Bulk hd flat w/pulp logs; N scale MOW flat with crane/details; machines that could be flat loads; flat w/2 "biffy's"; flat w/auto rack load w/3D tie-down racks; flat w/ big blade turbine; SP TOFC; athearn GN flat w/pipe; Rapido flat w/steel truss tower load; flats w/pipe/steel beams; flat w/auto frames; Lionel TOFC; FMC flat w/2 t-birds; Accurail flat PRR w/large gear load; flat w/sewing spool - looks like big pipe; Athearn UP flat w/lumber; center beam flat w/wrapped lumber load; walthers 75' flat w/tofc; flat w/TOFC; O scale HD flat 4 truck w/crate load; O scale flat w/army dozers

Current projects - picture of Mingo Jnc showing gons with steel coil loads and models created to imitate using 3D printing; built and weathered storage bldg. from Walthers gain elevator kit  
We did have some members contribute to the caboose!

Our gift card winner (Thanks Nankin Hobby!) was DAVE JAKUBIEC!

**NEXT MEETING** - marine vessels or other railroad support (dock cranes, docks, etc)

## DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

Our layout once again worked pretty well, once we get it set-up and solve a few kinks that appear. THANKS to Ken Borg again for being one of our main "fixers"! We had 3 trains running all day during the Fall Show & Workshop. THANKS to those that brought their modules! We're working on an idea to create a staging yard so more trains can be at the ready to run the layout. We don't have another event to attend, but please keep working on your module!

## DIV 6 MODEL RR SALE

Terry & Barry gave an update at the November meeting. Our next event is -

**When- Sunday, Jan 22, 2023**

**Where - Costick Comm Center**

We are ALMOST SOLD OUT of tables!! If the event was today, we would be \$74 to the good before taking spectator entrance fees!! We NEED about 5 more volunteers!! There will be no heavy work, the Costick Center will do all of the table set-up for us. Please consider volunteering! If we don't have the right number of people working the event, the customer experience will not be as good as it should be! We have 3 more events to attend and promote our event, plus flyers at all of the hobby shops. We'll be posting on social media as often as we can! YOU as a Div 6 member can also "spread the word" on our event to any fellow modelers you may know. Remember... we are a RAILROAD SALE, not a "show". We do not have room for layouts and displays. See the flyer in this newsletter! **THANKS** for your support on our new event!

## LAYOUT TOURS

**WE'RE BACK!!!** Layout tours have returned! YEAH!! Thanks to those that volunteered. We're looking for volunteers for January!

**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! PLUS... we are looking for a new Layout Tour Coordinator! If you would like to do this important position, please see Bill soon!!

**NEXT TOURS-** December Tours!!!

**Sunday, Dec 11** - Tom Kosta, Barry Hensel and Rick Neibert

**TOUR CANCELLED - SATURDAY, DEC 17**  
See map a few pages away!!

## AP CERTIFICATES

Ken Chick, our AP coordinator, had no awards to give out at the November meeting. Keep working on your Certificates!

# DIVISION 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## OTHER PEOPLE WHO DO STUFF

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Layout Tours- **Volunteer Needed!!**

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2024 CONV Chairman - Norm Logan  
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## 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!

## 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!

The clinic was by Div 6 member Bruce Wolff. Bruce told us about InnoTrans 2022 - world's largest RR show - prototype!! Bruce was unable to attend due to eye surgery, but his presentation was from several past events that he did attend. These are in Berlin, Germany where the convention covers all aspects of trains-maintenance-track-passenger-freight, etc. It's BIG!! The convention site is bigger than most of Plymouth! Bruce also explained some of the Germany RR system and grand stations! Wow! Good stuff!! Thanks Bruce!

**NEXT MEETING-** Div 9 member Rich Mahaney on Michigan RR ferries

## DIV 6 - NCR CONV 2024 !!!

Our Chairman, Norm Logan had a 3rd Conv meeting in October. The planning team is shaping-up nicely! Here is your Team -  
Norm - Chairman  
Mark - Vice  
Chairman

Bruce - registrar  
Marshall (from

Div 1) - webmaster  
Barry - program/publicity  
Paul - sponsors/prizes  
Scott - layout tours  
Byrne - Clinics

We'll need volunteers to help run the registration desk, display room, RR Yard Sale room, etc!! The convention is **Oct 10-13, 2024**. Our site is again Ward Church in Northville and we have been approved by the church Board. We're planning on OPS sessions, clinics, layout tours and a lunch/dinner with a guest speaker.



## BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting and did not have a tool report. However, Bill has suggested that the tool tips should migrate to ALL members. He'd like to see 2 or 3 members give a quick report on their favorite tool or something tool related that they have discovered. Terry Kosmas has volunteered to help coordinate this effort. If you have a tool tip to give, please contact Terry and he'll schedule you for some meeting time! [Samsok99@hotmail.com](mailto:Samsok99@hotmail.com) To that end... we had a few at the last meeting already!

Bill Neale mentioned the store Conserva, a lighting center on Grand River in Novi. They sell a LED light fixture that is adjustable and near perfect for your work bench. About \$24

Tom Kosta showed a plug made by Circuitron to help wire the tortoise machines - no soldering!

Dennis Kropinak had a question - on a Dremel which is better, a collet -vs- chuck... The advice given was a collet allows you to center your tool/drill better! We're looking forward to more tips soon.

## DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

Here's some model railroad humor-



## RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was not present at the meeting or online, so we did not have a lesson. We're looking forward to another lesson soon!

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Marianne Nagrant mentioned that in Farmington Hills at the Hawke Ctr (old Harrison HS), there is a 3D printer lab that could be available for anyone that wants to try to make something for their railroad. We do not think you must be a resident.

NCR elections also coming! NCR Secretary Norm Logan is accepting nominations to end of December. All position on the NCR Board are up for re-election. A ballot will be mailed out to all NCR members in January with the election results published in the March HotBox.

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!!

## DIV 6 MEETING PIZZA

Even though the Fall Show & Workshop was not as big of a success as we had hoped for, we're going to end the year with a bang! At the December Div 6 meeting we'll be serving some pizza and refreshments. We hope you will be attending the December meeting.

## NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg had a few new items to share via email. The best way to contact Russ is by email:

[Russatnankin@yahoo.com](mailto:Russatnankin@yahoo.com)

Bowser HO Locomotives Alco RS-3m Chop Nose GMD SD40-2, SD40-3 SD40-2f Announced 11-10-2022 ETA Late 2023 through Early 2024 Order By 1/06/2023 Limited Run! DC Analog Version \$219.95 Sound/DCC Version \$319.95



Bowser - HO GMD SD40-2, SD40-3, and SD40-2f Locomotives Ready To Run with Locomotive specific details. Analog (DC) version features 21 pin plug for DCC, DCC with Sound version features LokSound V5 decoder. MSRP - DC Version \$229.95 Sound Version \$329.95 Pre orders due 1/6/2023 Delivery December 2023



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Southgate, MI 48195  
734-250-7382

## 2025 NMRA NATIONAL

We've been approved!! The 2025 NMRA National Convention will be hosted by us, the North Central Region! All of the Divisions in the NCR will be contributing to this effort. Scott Kremer, MMR from Div 6 will be heading up the efforts and forming a Planning Team soon. The Sheraton in Novi has been selected as the HQ of the convention for clinics, displays rooms, yard sale, etc. The National Train Show will be held at the Suburban Showplace. Other hotels will also probably be used for rooms only. Plans are to hold the convention 1-2 days less than normal. Most layout tours will be drive-to and thus included in your registration price. Hoping to have very few extra fares for tours and activities. The proposed dates are mid-July 2025. The last time the NCR hosted a National was in Grand Rapids in 2012. We also hosted in SE Michigan in 2007.



## 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!

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

**Saturday-Sunday, Dec 3-4; 10-11 2022** - 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 248-634-5811 [webmaster@dmrrc.org](mailto:webmaster@dmrrc.org)

**Saturday-Sunday, Dec 10-13, Dec 17-18, 2022** Blissfield Model Railroad Club Open House 109 E. Adrian St. (US 223) Blissfield, MI 49228 11am-3pm FREE! (donations accepted) Wheelchair Accessible Website: <http://www.bmrr.org>

**Sunday, Dec 18th, 2022** - New Baltimore Model Railroad Show VFW Lempke-Blackwell Post 7573 35011 23 Mile Road New Baltimore, MI 48047 10AM-3PM \$5, children under 11 free food available Info - Mike Neuendorf 860-836-0809 [mikel.j@comcast.net](mailto:mikel.j@comcast.net)

**December - 3\*, 10-11, 18, 28-30-** Stoney Creek Model RR Layout Display Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm 1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI \$5 Adults,

\$3 Children and Seniors Museum Members - Free! \*Visitors must pre-register to see Santa and Mrs. Claus Info - [www.scmrrc.org](http://www.scmrrc.org) [www.rochesterhills.org/museum/](http://www.rochesterhills.org/museum/)

**Saturday's - Dec 3, 17-** Redford Model RR Club Open House 27316 Michigan Ave Inkster, MI 11am - 5pm FREE - donations accepted Accepting new members! HO scale 56'x26' layout, DCC, single and double track mainlines info: [www.redfordmrrc.org](http://www.redfordmrrc.org)

**Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays - every weekend starting November 4 to March 26, 2023** - Chi-Town Union Station Home To the World's Largest O Scale Model Railroad and Longest Model train. 8275 Cooley Lake Rd, Commerce Charter Twp, MI 48382 Open for our 17th Season 11am to 5pm Admission: Adults (18 and over) - \$6 Ages 5-17 - \$3 Kids under 5 years - FREE **NMRA members 50% off** 248-613-9471 [www.chi-townunionstation.com/](http://www.chi-townunionstation.com/)

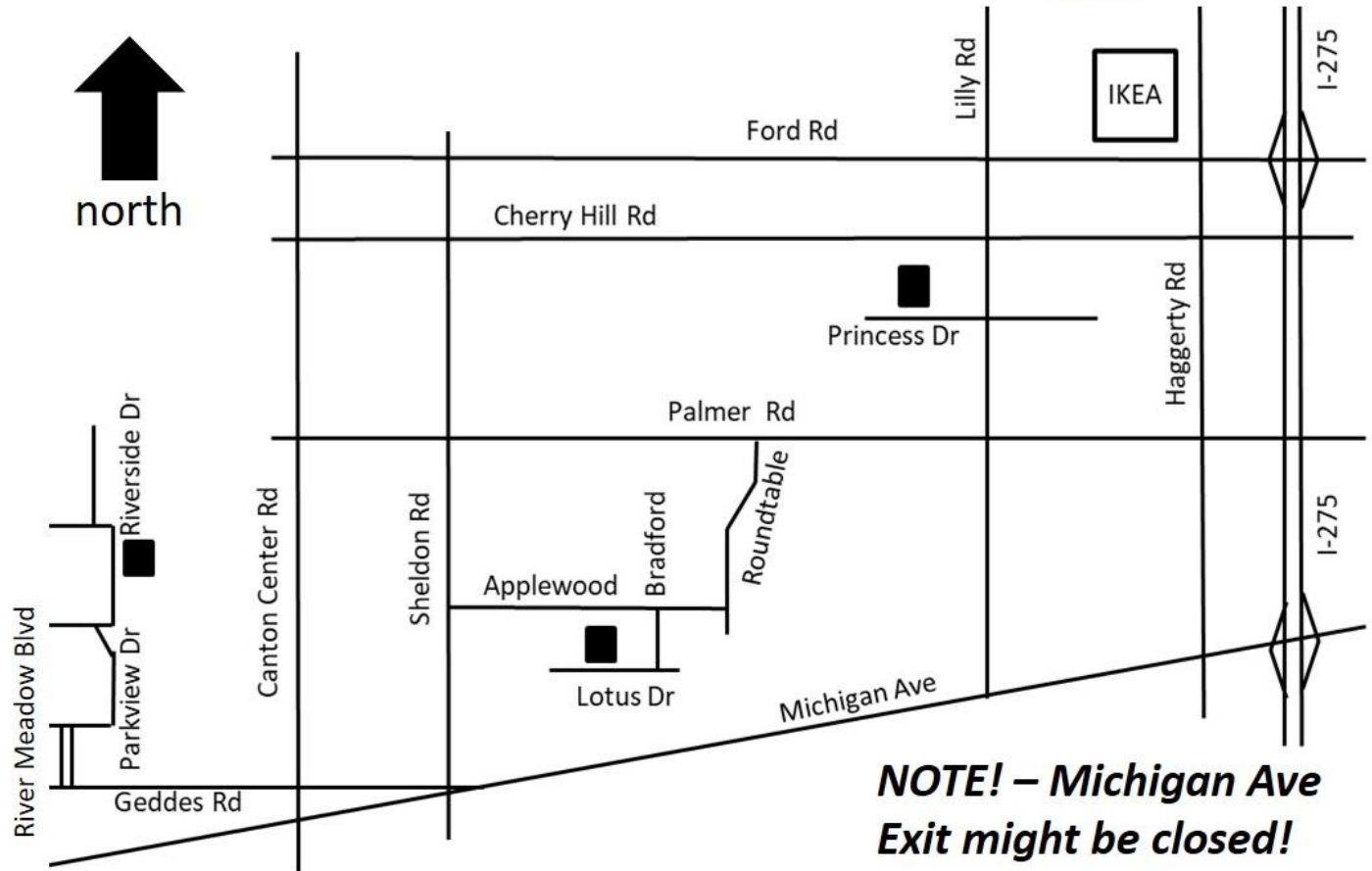
### Pictures from the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Model Train Show & Workshop!



# DIVISION 6 – Motor City Division

## LAYOUT TOURS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022



**NOTE! – Michigan Ave Exit might be closed!**

<p>Tom Kosta 959 Princess Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 12pm – 4pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge <b>Great Northern Empire</b> is circa 1974 running the GN and CB&amp;Q from Chicago to Seattle. It has two main tracks of about 150 feet. The Chicago station yard is a 9 track stub end yard with 5 passenger and 4 classification tracks.</p>
<p>Barry Hensel 43642 Lotus Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 11:30m – 3pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge <b>The Reading Lines - Central Division</b> - set in 1970 and completely operational. The RDG Lines is a 2 track mainline with continuous running and is operated with Easy DCC. Scenery is 99% complete.</p>
<p>Rick Neibert 3317 Riverside Dr Canton, Mich. 48188 1pm – 5pm</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge <b>The Chessie System Huntington Division</b>. Era 1974 through 1985. Proto freelance layout. Modeled areas Huntington WVA to Lynchburg VA. Primarily coal hauling, with through freights and Amtrak trains. HOn3 Lynchburg and Western tourist line under construction. Digitrax command control system. Four hundred foot double track main line. Three staging yards.</p>

Division 6 - NCR - NMRA  
42167 Ridge Road West  
Novi, MI 48375

# 2nd Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE!

Hosted by Division 6  
North Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

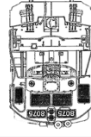
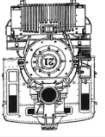
**SUNDAY - JANUARY 22, 2023**  
**10am - 3pm**



**Costick Community Center**  
28600 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

**135 Tables of model railroad items - ALL scales!**

**Door Prizes Awarded every 45 minutes!** (must be present to win)



Admission - Snacks and refreshments available

\$5 per person over 18 years old (spouses/children under 18 = FREE!)

\$10 per person Early Bird entry at 9am

Information -

Barry or Terry 734-649-3056 (6pm-9pm) [div6trainshow@gmail.com](mailto:div6trainshow@gmail.com)

VENDOR INFO on back side of this flyer!

