

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

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the THIRD Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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. NEW START TIME!** 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 NEW TIME

We have a NEW meeting starting time! Starting with the February meeting, we will now start the meetings at 7pm. Since we MUST be out of the building at 10pm, starting earlier will ensure we get everything done on-time!

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **your RR related Christmas Present!** Here's what was shared- gift card; book; S scale building; Sn3 brass coach; shay ornament; drill motor used for electrical drops; building; RR DVD; SW7 N scale; UP chair car; RR clock made out of a Grand Funk RR record; needle files; Trains magazine; tunnel portal; top-side creeper for working on layout; sweat shirt; 3D printer filament and sample silos; pin-up girl poster; HO trucks; book; Walthers Gon; Ambroid wood car kits; book; book; P&LE book signed by author; O scale NYC hopper Lionel; wood steam loco kit; video camera for layout shots; brass O scale boxcar; coffee mug; building kit; loco shell; coal loads!

Current Projects shared were- none!
Almost everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - Railroad Snow removal equipment

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

ON THE RAILS...

FEBRUARY 2022

HELLO again! We're already into the 2nd month of 2022 and OH BOY!, do we have a busy year ahead of us! Hold on to your flex track... here's what's coming down the track at you... in March, we'll probably have a table for our MI-Track layout at the Novi Train show. We may also be manning a promo table for Div 6 and the NCR. Next, in April will be the very first Div 6 Train Sale event! Next, we need to start working on the NCR convention for 2024. In November, we have our 44th annual FALL Model RR Show & Workshop! WOW... what a line-up of events and activities! We hope you are ready to help and support all of these activities, as we move along in 2022. 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 33 at the in-person meeting, plus 6 more on zoom! We had no new members. MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Jim Zinser and Bill Neale. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

NEW DIV 6 MODEL RR SALE

At the January Div 6 meeting, another presentation was given by Barry Hensel and Terry Kosmas on having Div 6 host a MODEL RAILROAD SALE event. The guys reminded us why we should do this and had all of the facts and figures to show that a profit of \$1000 (or more) could be had for our treasury. After some questions, a vote was taken and this event was approved by a vast majority of the membership. This event is to be held at the K of C Hall in Livonia on Sunday, April 24th. Official hours will be 10am-3pm. We'll only need 10 or less Div 6 members to help work the event. Barry & Terry have volunteered to be co-chairman of this event and will handle table layout plans & registration. The official start of promotion for this event began at the Train Show put on by the K of C Council on Feb 5th. We urge ALL Div 6 members to help in promoting this event! This is a MODEL RAILROAD SALE... our Fall Show & Workshop will continue to show the "how-to-do" aspect of our hobby. YES... Div 6 members can have a sales table(s) at your event, you simply need to purchase them like any other vendor! THANKS for your support on this new event!

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

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!

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.

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

At the last Div 6 meeting, it was mentioned that we could display part or all of our layout at the up-coming Novi Train Show. This would be in conjunction with a Div 6/NCR table to promote ourselves, the hobby and the Indy Junction convention. The Novi show is on Saturday/Sunday, March 26-27 with set-up on Friday the 25th. We need to know how many Div 6 members can help and work this event? We need to know this before we contact the show people, to see if free space is available to us. Barry will send an email to the module owners but any Div 6 member can help! We can probably get free entry to the show, but you will have to pay the parking fee. If you are interested, please contact a Board member asap!!

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



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 Rick Neibert on JMRI - JMRI for Dummies! JMRI= java model rr interface. It is a suite of programs to manage loco rosters, create dispatcher panels, create routing for cars and programming DCC decoders. Rick went through some of the system requirements. JMRI is downloaded from their website for free! JMRI is all programmed by volunteers and donations are accepted. Rick then programmed a loco LIVE as we watched... WOW! LOTS of info to digest... this is something that those with large fleets of locos need to make everything easier and quicker for setting up those locos. Great information Rick - THANKS!! As a part two, Norm Logan showed some Vignettes from his layout, The Michigan Southern RR titled "Staging Vignettes". These were 4 different scenes of the staging tracks on the Michigan Southern RR. More great info and ideas, plus great modeling! Thanks Norm!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Bill Neale, MMR will do a clinic on layout lighting

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

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 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!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting but we did not have time for a history lesson. We're looking forward to another soon!

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DIV 6 - NCR CONV 2024

YES... it's time to get started on the planning of the 2024 NCR Convention, hosted by US, Division 6 - the Motor City Division!! We need a volunteer to be Chairman and to set-up the planning Team! We'll need co-chairman for clinics, layout tours, volunteers and site selection. If you would like to be on this TEAM... please contact a Board Member ASAP!! The convention is usually in October, so dates and site must be selected ASAP!! Let's get going!!

The NCR convention for 2022 is the Indy Junction tri-regional. In 2023, Div 3 in Fort Wayne has the hosting duties.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Norm Logan mentioned some great video's on YouTube. Search for **Boomer dioramas - immersive model railroading**. These are done by a guy in Canada that has been a professional model builder.

Garth Swanger had some flyers on an Antique store in Garden City has some model train items for sale. Visit **CRAFTIQUE** at 5846 Middlebelt Rd in Garden City, MI.

Best wishes to Scott Kremer, MMR for a good and speedy recovery from recent knee replacement surgery.

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 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

LOCAL RR EVENTS

**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

O 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

Saturday, February 5, 2022 - Ole
Train Show K of C Hall 19801
Farmington Rd Livonia, MI
Info - Brian Klotzer 313-255-0466
(7-9pm)

Sunday, February 6, 2022 - Buy
& Swap Railroadiana Toys & Trains
SS Simon & Jude 32500 Palmer
Road Westland, MI Noon-4pm
\$2 per person, \$4 family,
Early Bird \$15 per person after
11am Food & Drink available
Info - Bob Patterson 734-728-1247

**Saturday-Sunday, February 19-
20, 2022** - 52nd Annual Train Show
& Sale Saline Middle School
7190 N. Maple Road Saline, MI
Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-3pm
\$6 Under 10 Free w/paid Adult
Food service available.

Wheelchair Accessible Info: 734-
426-5100-Wed Evenings 734-426-
0829-Answering Machine

<http://a2trainshow.com>

Sunday, February 27, 2022 -
Packard Proving Grounds Model
Railroad Show 49965 Van Dyke Ave,
Shelby Township, MI 48317
10AM-3PM \$7, children under 11
are free. food available
info - Mike Neuendorf 860-836-0809
mikel.j@comcast.net

Sunday, March 13, 2022 -

Greater Toledo Toy & Train Show
Owens Community College 30335
Oregon Road Perrysburg, OH
43551 Randy Ramsey 419-215-4181
10AM - 3PM \$6 per person KIDS
12 and under are free! Early
birds \$10 at 9am

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 - MODEL RAILROAD SALE!

Hosted by Division 6 - NCR - NMRA
Monaghan Council #2690 Monaghan
Banquet Center 19801 Farmington
Rd, Livonia, MI 48152 (between 7
and 8 Mile Rds) 10am-3pm \$5
per person over 18 years old
(spouses/children under 18 =
FREE!) 72 Tables of model
railroad items - ALL scales! Door
Prizes Awarded every 45 minutes!
Food Service by the Knights of
Columbus! Info - Barry or
Terry 734-649-3056 (6pm-9pm)
div6trainshow@gmail.com

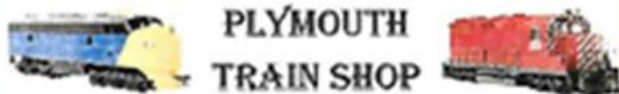


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Lionel, O-Scale - MTH, HO, Williams
Dave, manager

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Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4

1st Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE!

Hosted by Division 6

North Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

SUNDAY – APRIL 24, 2022

10am - 3pm



George F. Monaghan Council #2690

Monaghan Banquet Center

19801 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

Between 7 Mile and 8 Mile Rds.

72 Tables of model railroad items - ALL scales!

Door Prizes Awarded every 45 minutes!

(must be present to win)

Food Service by the Knights of Columbus!



Admission –

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

Information –

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

VENDORS! Tables are **\$25 each** Please fill out this form and mail it with payment. Must be received by Friday, April 15. Refunds given if Covid restrictions cancel show.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____

ZIP _____ EMAIL _____ Number of tables _____

Make check/money order to **DIVISION 6 – NCR – NMRA**

Send to- **DIV 6 TRAIN SALE 43642 Lotus Dr Canton, MI 48188**

SPECIAL REQUESTS – write on back of this form. Confirmation will be sent via email/mail. Set-up is 7am day of the sale only.

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