

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, MARCH 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 MODEL RR SALE

At the February Div 6 meeting, an UPDATE presentation was given by Barry Hensel and Terry Kosmas on our **Division 6 MODEL RAILROAD SALE** event. This event is to be held at the Monaghan Banquet Center (aka-KofC Hall) in Livonia on Sunday, April 24th. Official hours are 10am-3pm. As of this newsletter, we have sold 53 of 69 tables available! Do YOU want FREE entry? Well, we still need 5-6 volunteers to help at the door. PLUS we need to man a Div 6 table! You will get FREE admission to the show by working. Please contact Barry or Terry to sign-up! Please use the email set-up for this event - div6trainshow@gmail.com 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. Div 6 members can have a sales table(s) at this event, you simply need to purchase them like any other vendor! THANKS for your support on this new event!

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!

ON THE RAILS...

MARCH 2022

HELLO!! Welcome Spring!! Yes, in a few days it will officially be Spring! Looking forward to nicer and warmer days! Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** on Saturday night, March 12. **Spring Forward!!**

Our first MODEL RAILROAD SALE is coming along nicely! A report is in the next column with all the new info!

As mentioned last month - Div 6 will be hosting the NCR convention in 2024! We NEED to get started on this project. If you want to be on the Planning Team, please contact a Board member ASAP!!

WATCH your email for info on the Novi Train show and if Div 6 will be participating with a promo table and our modular layout! Things are in the works on this!!

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 29 at the in-person meeting, plus 8 more on zoom! We had no new members. We had a guest, Skip Lyuk from Div 4! MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Jim Zinser and Ron King. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **snow removal equipment** and these items were shown - two Athearn rotary plows; IR&N custom paint Russel plow; 3D printed plow (1/10 scale); plow on tender frame RDG; steam rotary in brass; Jordan spreader; N scale plow NP; HO scale shovel!; picture of loco with plow; HO front end loader; Milwaukee Rd plow and Jordan spreader; wedge plow; gon with plow attached; IHC gon with plow; partially assembled plow kit; PCC Detroit street car; O scale brass Jordan spreader; Walthers DRG steam rotary w/tender;

Current projects shared were - Div 6 history - a truck trailer from Charlie Cook's Canyon States RR; RSD15 ATSF super detailed; Almost everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - Examples of the lighting used for your layout and/or lights on your layout (street lights, traffic lights, etc)

The Nankin Hobby Gift card winner was Dennis Kopp! Congratulations!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present but did not have a tip for us. However, he is working on a PPT presentation of a collection of his tool tips over the years! We're looking forward to more tips soon.

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

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

We hope you are working on your modules! Barry got a new chip for the EasyDCC system, which now upgrades us to use the new/better throttles! It was mentioned that we could display part or all of our layout at the up-coming Novi Train Show. Please watch your emails for more info!!

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



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! ALL information and registration is on the website <http://www.indyjunction2022.org> <https://www.facebook.com/indyjunct ion2022>

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

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

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!

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 several items! First was Log Truck Manufacturing 101 by Div 6 member Dan Slaugenhaupt. Dan showed some real photos that inspired his modeling. He then used a Metal Works truck and started modifications, making two trucks with "real" logs. Very nice modeling! After that, Barry Hensel showed some home movies of Horseshoe Curve in the 1950's and of his grandfather's coal mine operations. Plus one video of some HO train "whimsy"... stop action movies. Bill McMillan also showed a video of the construction of the Detroit RR tunnel. Neat stuff!

NEXT MEETING- Div 9 member Rich Mahaney is doing **How Stuff is Made** This will show how RR's interact with industries and their supplies

Jim Zinser mentioned an a future opportunity for a clinic as NMRA President Gordon Robinson is available to attend Div meetings via zoom as he lives in Scotland! Cool! We'll check into that....

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting and gave another history lesson. **A FAST LOOK AT FAST FREIGHT LINES** After the civil war there was no interchange due to many track gauges and RR's thought of all other RR's as competition and to be avoided. Kasson's Despatch service on NYC seemed to solve this problem in the 1850's - used his own cars and staff to track shipments. His business merged to MDT Corp (Merchants Despatch Transportation) after Kasson passed. MDT became most well-known for NYC refer car service, but had their own design before partnering with NYC and other RR's. Another was the Empire Line that was similar, working through the PRR. Transported oil barrels empty and also later had tank cars. A third, Union Line started in the mid 1880's, was a private line, but became a co-op line owned by many railroads. The Blue Line also worked through NYC and Mich Central in 1891 and became a co-op line. There were up to 40 of these fast freight lines! A few others were - Erie and North Shore, ran in MI in 1870's in downtown area near MI Central Depot; Great Eastern Line was HQ in Detroit. The 1890's saw decline in fast freight lines as RR's made their own services. Interesting information! Thanks John! We're looking forward to another soon!

BTW - John's history lessons are now being published in the NCR HotBox magazine! His first is in the new March 2022 issue!

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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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

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 NEWS! - Dave, owner of the Plymouth Train Shop, is retiring again and closing the shop!! He expects to be out of business and completely closed in 1-2 months at the most. There is still a good amount of Lionel/MTH items in the shop. There are also some HO and some old paints. Stop by and say HI and congratulations!

NEW NEWS! - Saw an email blast from Walthers. They have decided to publish their big reference book every other year, starting with the current issue. Thus, there will be no new book in the Fall of 2022. The next book will be the 2024/2025 book, published in the Fall of 2023.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

AP CERTIFICATES

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

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, March 5 - Maumee
Valley Railroad Club Model Train
Show & Swap Coliseum Bingo
911 W. Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46825 9am-2pm
\$5 Adults, \$7 Families, age 12 and
under free Vendors, layout, on
site concessions, free parking,
Info: Richard Insley 260-482-2203
Website-

<http://maumeevalleyrailroad.com>

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

Saturday, March 26 - Great Train
Show Novi, MI - Suburban
Collection Showplace 224-500-4159

**Saturday-Sunday, March 5-6 & 19-
20** Detroit Model RR Club Open
House 104 N Saginaw Holly, MI -
248-634-5811 One of the largest O
scale railroads in the country.
12 noon-5pm Adults - \$5 Seniors
(65 and up) -\$4 Children (5-8) -
\$2 under 5- Free

**Saturday-Sunday, March 26-27,
April 23-24** - Blissfield Model
RR Club Open House 109 E Adrian
St (US 223) Blissfield, MI
Walter Trancygier 734-552-4581
10am to 3pm Admission is FREE,
donations for maintenance and
operation are always welcome

Saturday, April 2 - 2020 Spring
Swap Meet Kalamazoo, MI
Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds Expo
South 2900 Lake St Kalamazoo, MI
10am - 3pm \$3 admission,
children 10 and under free
David Hayes-Moats 269-344-0906

Saturday, April 2 - Model
Railroad & Hobby Expo Cardinal
Elementary School 2310 Marquette
Ave Muskegon, MI Info - Mike Wood
231-670-0751

Saturday, April 9 - The Greater
Grand Rapids Spring Train Show
HSB (Home School Bldg.) 5625
Burlingame Ave SW Wyoming, MI
10am-3pm \$5 admission, children
12 and under free Bill Abraham
734-347-5887 wabraham@gmail.com

Saturday, April 16 - New
Baltimore Model Railroad Show
VFW Lempke-Blackwell Post 7573
35011 23 Mile Rd New Baltimore,
MI 48047 10AM-3PM \$5, children
under 11 free food available
Info- Mike Neuendorf 860-836-0809
mikel.j@comcast.net

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



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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10-15% CLOSING SOON!!!!***



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33350 W Nine Mile Rd
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248-919-0040

1480 Washtenaw Ave
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-961-7575

12020 Fort St
Southgate, MI 48195
734-250-7382



Marriott East, 7202 E 21st St
Indianapolis, IN 46219



Four Full Days
Three NMRA Regions
And the RPM Conference
Three Day Train Show
One Convention
May 18-22, 2022

Clinics
Layout Tours
Ops Sessions
Prototype Tours



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Admission –

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

Information –

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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**

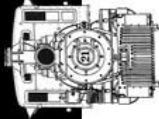
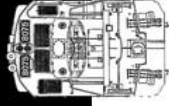
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