

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, APRIL 15, 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.

PLEASE NOTE!!! The April Div 6 meeting is on Good Friday! We will not be changing our date.

DIV 6 MODEL RR SALE

At the March Div 6 meeting, an UPDATE presentation was given by Barry Hensel and Terry Kosmas on our **Division 6 MODEL RAILROAD SALE** event. And the big news was - **WE ARE SOLD OUT!!** All of our table spaces have sold! 70 tables with about 44 vendors will be present to sell all types of model railroad items. All people through the door is pure profit for our Div 6 treasury! And actually, we are already at a profit with the sold out tables! **BUT... WE STILL NEED TWO DIV 6 VOLUNTEERS!!!** We need someone to work the 9:45am-12:30 shift at the front table. We also need someone to help at the Div 6 display table in the afternoon. If you work, you get free entry to the show. Just to be clear...

**If you are a Div 6 member, it does NOT entitle you to free entry to this event! Entry is \$5 per person with spouses and children under 18 free.

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. THANKS for your support on this new event!

ON THE RAILS...

APRIL 2022

HELLO!! Our first **MODEL RAILROAD SALE** is **THIS MONTH!!** Just a week or so away! We are SOLD OUT of tables! WOW! Show attendance in general is up, so we should do well! See the full report in the next column....

Bill McMillan got us free tables at the Novi Train show and we set-up the MI-Trak too. It was a great weekend. Photos and a report a few pages away....

It is so great to be back at in-person meeting every month. Our meeting attendance has been steady at about 35 or so. We'd love to see it get back to 50! We hope you will attend a meeting soon!

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 32 at the in-person meeting, plus 7 more on zoom! We had no new members. Div 6 member Rich Schultz attended his first meeting in 2 years! Great to see him! We had a guest, Rich Mahaney from Div 9! MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Jim Zinser, Ron King and Brook Qualman (online). To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

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!

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **Examples of the lighting used for your layout and/or lights on your layout (street lights, traffic lights, etc)** and these items were shown - 1951 Marx crossing signal; bldg. with lights; switch tower with interior and light; LED strip for layout lighting; freight office with lighting; pic of layout lighting - can lights w/led floods; yard tower light scratch built; huge LED work light; flat car with search light; lighted station for Solano boat display; Hershey Kiss street lights 3D printed; working street lights; programable LED strip for layout lighting; scratch built street lights; 3v lights used for street lights and buildings; replaced LED house bulbs with high energy LED garage lights; street RR interior dome light - 300v!; goose neck lights for G scale buildings; light level meter from Harbor Freight; orange lighted tubing for molten iron in blast furnace; yard tower lights;

Current projects shared were - 1 of 7 Baldwin AS616 road switcher super detailed; Walthers refinery kit in N scale; Bar Mills kit; Tichy Coaling tower 12+ year build Almost everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - rolling stock lettered for another model railroad

The Nankin Hobby Gift card winner was Tim Kilroy! Congratulations!

Apologies to Dennis Kropinak on the mis-spelling of his name in the last newsletter.

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was not present. 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

We did have a report that Nankin Hobby will be expanding their railroad section at the Farmington store. LOTS more items in stock or will be coming in soon! For example - Box of 100 Intermountain metal wheels for \$75!

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/indyjunction2022>

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



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 by guest Rich Mahaney from Div 9! Rich's presentation was on How "things" are made and how the railroad supports industries. Rich talked about several different industries and the process they use to make products and the by-products that can also be shipped by rail, types of cars used. Rich showed many pictures of modeled industries from layouts he has visited and looking at the tracks, doors and wondering what they all do. Rich also showed prototype industries and their railroad connections, loading and unloading. Great info and thought provoking! Thanks Rich!

NEXT MEETING- Div 9 member Rich Mahaney returns with - *Prototypical Accessories To Buildings and Communities For Model Railroads!*

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting but, we ran out of time for his presentation. Thanks anyway John! We're looking forward to another soon!

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 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

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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!

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

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 have a Chairman - NORM LOGAN has volunteered to be Chairman! Byrne Blumenstein has volunteered to be clinic coordinator. THANKS! We'll need coordinators for layout tours, volunteers and site selection. **If you would like to be on this TEAM... please contact Norm ASAP!!** The convention is usually in October, so dates and site must be selected soon!! 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 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....

A TRUE MODEL RAILROADER:



DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

We hope you are working on your modules! Barry got a couple of good used throttles for use with the EasyDCC system for 4 digit addressing! We did a set-up at the Novi Show and were 20' long! It was FUN and well accepted by the public. We partnered with Div 8 for the table promotions of our hobby. THANKS Bill McMillan for getting us free tables! MANY THANKS to all who were involved...

Bill McMillan, Barry Hensel, Mark Ellis, Tom Kosta, John Bopp, Norm Logan, Ken Borg, Bruce Wolff, Bill Rubarth, Larry Wolohon, Sparky Skroke, Byrne Blumenstein and Dan Slaughaupt. The layout ran well again and we're looking forward to another set-up with more modules! Here's some pictures....



NCR ONE DAY CONV 2022

The 2022 NCR One Day (actually 2 day) convention will take place in October of 2022 in Kalamazoo area, hosted by Div 9. Layout tours on Friday night, then clinics on Saturday morning into afternoon, then more tours and maybe OPS. A dinner also planned for Friday night. Mark your calendars - Friday/Saturday, Oct 28-29, 2022. As a bonus, the Kalamazoo Fall train show is Sunday, Oct 30!

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!!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, 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 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!) 70 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

Saturday-Sunday, April 30/May 2 - Blue Water Train & Swap Meet
Birchwood Mall 4350 24th Ave Port Huron, MI (old Sears Store)
10am-4pm both days
Info- Bob 810-404-0584 Geoff 810-531-4975

Saturday, May 7 - Train Show & Sale - Macomb Gratiot Valley Model Engineers, Inc
Elite Indoor Sports 49771 Oakland Dr, Shelby Township, MI 10am-3pm
\$6 admission, under 12 free
Info- Len Schwartz 586-468-4877
gratiotvalley@gmail.com

Sunday, May 15 - Durand Model Train Show Durand Middle School 9550 E Lansing Rd Durand, MI 48429
11am-3pm \$5 admission, 10 yr old and under free
Info- DUSI Office 989-288-3561

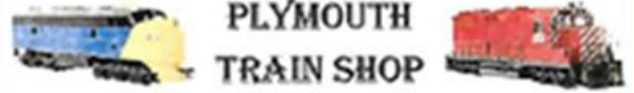


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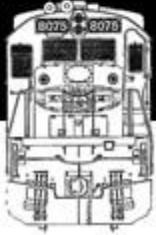
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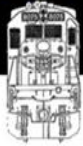
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