



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, MAY 20, 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.

PLEASE NOTE!!!

The May Div 6 meeting IS on the weekend of the Tri-Regional INDY JUNCTION convention. We tried to change the date, but the building was not available for the date we wanted. Sorry!

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>

ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY!!

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

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!

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

ON THE RAILS...

MAY 2022

HELLO!! Are you back to normal? Some of us are getting there as we engage in OPS and work sessions on layouts in our area and groups. There are usually some rules, but it's great to be out and active with each other again! We hope you can get back to interacting soon!

WOW - our first MODEL RR SALE event went **GREAT!!** See the report!

SNOW? Yes indeed... we received that late Spring snow a few weeks ago. Thankfully it all cleared up before our SALE event! Hoping the weather starts staying mild and warmer as we move toward summer!

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 31 at the in-person meeting, plus 6 more on zoom! We had two new members - please welcome Kevin Ede (and his newlywed wife Beverly) and Jerry Goecke. We had a guest, Rich Mahaney from Div 9! MMR's present were Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon, Jim Zinser, Bill Neale and Brook Qualman (online). Also of note - Ed Joppich attended his first meeting in 2 years! Ed will be 90 next month!! Great to see him! To all Div 6 members and guests,

WELCOME ABOARD!

DIV 6 MODEL RR SALE

At the April Div 6 meeting, an UPDATE presentation was given by Barry Hensel and Terry Kosmas on our **Division 6 MODEL RAILROAD SALE** event. Everything was still "on track" for our event that was a week away. **AFTER SALE UPDATE!!** - Our first sale event went- **WOW!!!!** With all the tables sold, plus 320 through the door, we have exceeded our projected profit!

70 tables sold	=	1750
320 attend \$5 ea	=	1600
Hall rental/donuts	=	1000
Expenses (flyers, etc)	=	375
Total profit	=	1975

THANK-YOU to our volunteers - Barry Hensel, Byrne Blumenstein, Rick Neibert, Mark Ellis, Terry Kosmas, Paul Lichau, Matt Letts, Dave Jakubiec, Ben DeSantis, Tom Kosta, Rick Newmann, Norm Logan, Brook Qualman, Bill McMillan, Doug Malaznik, Bill Rubarth and Charlie Chase!

The show went very smoothly, tables were set-up just like we wanted and everyone enjoyed the extra space. Many vendors were polled and said it was a very well run show and they liked what we did. They want to come back to another show run by Div 6!! One surprise, we only had one door prize winner! THANKS to Nankin Hobby for donating more to our door prize offerings. Our 2023 plans continue to be worked on and we hope to have a full report in a month or two. **THANKS** for your support on our new event!

DIVISION 6 HELP REQUEST

We have received a request from a fellow that has a Lionel 3 rail layout that needs help getting it to run and is looking for guidance in creating scenery, etc. We believe he could become a member of our fine organization. So, if you are interested in working on an existing older layout that needs help please contact him directly. His info follows:

John Radzins 18764 Lexington
Redford, MI 313-718-7095

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **rolling stock lettered for another model railroad** and these items were shown - Davies Steel gon- Dean Frytag; Gibraltar RR cabooses - Milt Moore; V&O hopper - W. Allen McClelland; Crescent Line - Shreveport LA Model RR club; Iron River & Northern business car - Connie Xenakis; Michigan Southern boxcar - Norm Logan; Sand Hill & Western gon - Redford Club; Canyon States boxcar - Charlie Cook (passed Div 6 member); All Points RR boxcar - Terry Kosmas/Connie Xenakis; Irv Schultz refer car; Allegany Central - Joe Bliss; Fredonia Eastern - club in Kansas; Lucky Strike car - ??; Beaver Valley passenger car - Larry Wright (passed Div 6 member); Cerro Azul cabooses - model RR from magazine article; timetable from Ohio Southern - Jim Hediger; Fuss & Cuss RR - Chatham Ont RR club; 3 N scale- Beaver Valley cars; Gorre & Daphetid car- John Allen; Keweenaw Penn RR - Kevin Musser (passed Div 6 member); Beaver Valley RR boxcar; O scale Gibraltar boxcar - signed by Milt Moore; Romanian RR coach; Dewey Norton tree house (passed Div 6 member); boxcar -Dewey Norton; Orchard Valley boxcar - Graham Brown (passed Div 6 member)

Current projects shared were - wharf construction; LED replacement for fluorescent bulbs; Railbox cars; stock car with Salano history; more realistic waybills; structure kit; 1936 Lionel Jr tinsplate streamliner! Almost everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - covered hoppers!
The Nankin Hobby Gift card winner was Doug Malastik!
Congratulations!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was not present. We're looking forward to more tips soon.

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 returning guest Rich Mahaney from Div 9! Rich's presentation was O M G or DID YOU SEE THAT? This focused on unusual prototype stuff for your layout! Rich showed many pictures of unusual items on businesses - animals; unusual shaped buildings and colors; building murals; building signage; water towers and tanks; vehicles/airplanes/boats on buildings; RR cars as restaurants; caboose motels. Rich also showed some model versions of these unusual items. Interesting info and thought provoking! Thanks Rich!

NEXT MEETING- Div 9 member John Bopp will give an extended history lesson. Future - **June** will be Bill Neale on LED layout lighting **July** will be Mi-Trak meeting set-up and play time! **August** will be our Div 6 flea market night!

AP CERTIFICATES

Ken Chick, our AP coordinator, had one award to hand out at the meeting. Congratulations to Bill McMillan, awarded his certificate for NMRA Officer! Earlier in the week, Ken visited with long-time member Milt Moore and presented him with his Golden Spike Award!



Again, Congratulations to both Milt and Bill! Keep working on those Certificates!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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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, some clinics are posted on the website! Check it out at-

www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

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! 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- 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!! Our Chairman is NORM LOGAN! Byrne Blumenstein, Bill McMillan, Barry Hensel and Paul Lichau have volunteered to be on the planning team. **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! We're looking into using Ward Church again, as it worked very well for us when we did the 2016 convention there. Norm also mentioned that he's looking into getting sponsors (Walthers, etc) to allow special clinicians to be brought in!

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

We hope you are working on your modules! Time to get them ready!! We'll be doing a set-up at the JULY Div 6 meeting! You got 2 months!! Let's see ALL of the modules show-up and see just how big we can be!

NCR ONE DAY CONV 2022

The 2022 NCR One Day (actually 2) convention will take place in October of 2022 in Kalamazoo area, hosted by Div 9. Layout tours on Friday, 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! Registration is now OPEN online and via the event flyer. Registration fees are to be paid in US Dollars only: Pre-reg is \$25, late reg is \$30 on or after August 31, 2022. For more info or questions contact Rich Mahaney at 269-214-4221 rcmahaney@gmail.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!!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

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

Saturday-Sunday, June 25 & 26, 2022 - 2022 Rail Festival at Carillon Park Dayton, Ohio
Carillon Park 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH 45409 Saturday, 9:30AM - 5PM Sunday, 11:30AM - 4PM
\$12 Adults, \$10 Seniors, \$8 Children 3-17 www.railfestival.com

Saturday-Sunday, July 23 & 24, 2022 - Van Wert Railroad Heritage Weekend Show & Swap. Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S Washington St., Van Wert, OH.
Saturday 10-4 & Sunday 10-3.
Admission is \$6. Scouts in uniform and Children 12 & under Free. Two day admission available for \$8. Chuck White- 260-760-1666
railcarman@frontier.com
Web Site: <https://www.vwrrhw.com>

Saturday-Sunday, August 6-7, 2022 - Crossroad's Village Railfans Weekend Genessee County, MI - Huckleberry Railroad 10am-5pm
616-396-6492 mrhc2019@gmail.com
<https://geneseecountyparks.org/>

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!

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!

NCR ONE DAY (really 2) CONVENTION

----- REGISTRATION FORM C/o Garry Johnson, 371 32nd Street N, Springfield, MI 49037 -----

NAME _____ NMRA Number _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ COUNTRY _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

Are you interested or planning to attend the Friday, Oct 28, 2022 dinner at Clara's in Battle Creek, the cost of dinner will be on your own. YES _____ NO _____

Are you interested in attending operation sessions on Saturday evening? YES _____ NO _____







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