



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

## ON THE RAILS...

### JUNE 2022

Well... it's almost summer!! That means getting out and about trackside for some rail-fanning. As usual, a reminder to be careful and stay off of the right-of-way!

For those of us that model all year long, the basement (where most layouts are) can be a cool place to get some relief from the hot summer weather. Here's hoping you can get that relief with an OPS session or some more modeling!

Train shows/sales are always at a low during the summer months, but Division 6 meets all year long and will have a member swap meet night during the August meeting! Maybe you'll find a bargain!

2022 still has lots to offer! Our FALL SHOW and a NCR One Day convention from Div 9. Stay tuned!

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 18 at the in-person meeting, plus 4 more on zoom! We had one new member - please welcome John Radzins. There were no MMR's present as they were all at the Indy convention! Also of note - Hockey attended his first meeting in 2 years! Great to see him! 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, JUNE 17, 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.

### NMRA TRI-REGIONAL CONV

**INDY JUNCTION 2022** is a tri-regional model railroad convention! **INDY JUNCTION 2022** took place on **May 18-21, 2022**. By the postings on Facebook all week long, it appears the convention was a huge success with over 500 attending! The North Central Region (ours), the Mid-West and the Mid-Central Regions are the three regions that are sponsoring this event. Watch for a full report in the Fall HotBox!

### BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was present and showed us a circuit detection tool. It's a simple small tool that will detect an active circuit, so that you know there is current there before you start messing with wires! We're looking forward to more tips soon.

### RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting and gave a great presentation, which was also our clinic for the evening! Thanks John! We're looking forward to another soon!

### AP CERTIFICATES

Ken Chick, our AP coordinator, was at Indy Junction, so he did not have any awards to give out at this meeting. Keep working on those Certificates!

## DIV 6 MODEL RR SALE

At the May Div 6 meeting, a final UPDATE presentation was given by Barry Hensel and Terry Kosmas on our **Division 6 MODEL RAILROAD SALE** event. All of those results were also in last month's newsletter. Barry & Terry then gave a new presentation on the plans for a 2023 Sale event. Those plans are -

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

**Where - Costick Comm Center**

We'll have 135 tables for sale, almost double the size we did this year! They also showed the possible profit from the event and everyone seemed impressed. A formal motion was made and approved by the members present. We're ON for 2023!! **THANKS** for your support on our new event!

## SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **covered hoppers** and these items were shown - Susquehanna Valley club car; Wonder Bread/Hostess cake hopper; Florida Tile hopper; E&H model hobbies car; O scale NYC 4 bay hopper; Atlas O scale 2 bay NYC hopper; MDC TSBY/CNW; Ambroid wood 3 bay Sand Hill & Western; P2K CCAA hopper; Bowser SHPX 2 bay hopper; Southern 2 bay hopper Kadee; modern private name hopper; Ann Arbor 2 bay hopper; Dupont 4 bay hopper; 50' airslide private RR 2 pack; G scale NYC 2 bay hopper; ex Burlington - Escanaba RR hopper; BN 2 bay hopper; Z scale UP 2 bay hopper!

Current projects shared were - None at this meeting. Almost everyone had something to share!

NEXT MEETING - **RR maps and/or a "map" of your layout track plan!**  
The Nankin Hobby Gift card winner was Bill Deeter! Congratulations!

## 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)

## 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 Div 6 member and Historian John Bopp. John showed how to use the Library of Congress Sanborn Insurance Company Map collection for railroad related research. From 1868 through 1961 the Sanborn Map Company produced maps of something like 12,000 cities and towns in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. These large-scale maps show commercial, industrial, and residential areas of these places as well as the locations of railroad structures and tracks. These maps can provide a valuable resource for modelers. Over 35,000 images of these maps are available, free, on line from the Library of Congress at <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/> John provided a step-by-step example of how to find the track plan for the Fort Street Union Depot in the 1921-1950 map of Detroit in the Library of Congress collection. He then used the 1884 Sanborn map of Detroit to find the location of a photo from the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library showing boxcars on the Michigan Central in Detroit. The photo was captioned 16th Street Bridge but the Sanborn map shows the location of the bridge was actually at 15th Street. John also found the location for the prototype of a kit for the J.F. Wiessner/American Brewery in Baltimore, Maryland. The kit is supposed to be for a lineside industry but the Sanborn map shows it was never served by rail! Interesting info and thought provoking! Thanks John!

**NEXT MEETING-** Div 6 member Bill Neale, MMR on LED layout lighting **July** will be Mi-Trak meeting set-up and play time! **August** will be our Div 6 flea market night!

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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!

## 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!!

## 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 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 ONE month!! Let's see ALL of the modules show-up and see just how big we can be! We'll also need some TRAINS to run!! Bring your favorite loco and a few cars. We can run 3-4 trains at a time!!

## NCR ONE DAY CONV 2022

The 2022 NCR One Day (really 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](mailto: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!!

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

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

**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](http://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](mailto:railcarman@frontier.com)  
Web Site: <https://www.vwrrh.com>

**Saturday-Sunday, August 6-7, 2022** - Crossroad's Village Railfans Weekend Genesee County, MI - Huckleberry Railroad 10am-5pm  
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<https://geneseecountyparks.org/>

## 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!

## DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....





# PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## NCR ONE DAY *(really 2)* CONVENTION

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

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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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