

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, JULY 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.

NMRA TRI-REGIONAL CONV

Chairman Scott Kremer gave us this post-event report- We had 500+ registrations! Also included, besides the 3 regions, were the Chicago-land RPM people, a great addition to the event!! There were 4 days packed very similar to a National convention. We had 90 clinics; 160 ops spots; 51 layouts to tour; huge yard sale room - 10% to the convention netted over \$1200! Train show did OK, but we wanted to have more vendors. There is approx. \$3400 profit for each region, plus our seed money of \$3500 paid back!!

NEW NEWS - NMRA President Gordy has proposed to the NMRA Board that it should adopt the tri-regional conv format for National conventions starting in 2025! The first event in that format and year would be in OUR Detroit area! Scott has offered to head these efforts.

AP CERTIFICATES

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

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

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2022

HELLO!! Isn't it nice to get together again? Indeed!! Some division suspend their meetings during the summer months. We at Division 6 believe that model railroading is a year long activity, so we continue to meet all year long. COOL!! We hope you will return to our monthly in-person meetings soon! It's GOOD to be at a model railroading event!

Still LOTS of planning going on for our Division... annual FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP, a new TRAIN SALE event and our 2024 convention. Let's also add a new event... the 2025 NMRA National convention!

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 35 at the in-person meeting, plus 5 more on zoom! We had no new members, but we had a guest - Fred Rossitti, who was a Div 6 member 19 years ago and a Rail Gang group member! Other guests were Jim Tilley and George Emmett, also Rail Gang members. And Joe Bliss attended for the first time in 2 years. MMR's present were Scott Kremer, Ken Chick, Larry Wolohon and Jim Zinser. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **RR maps and/or a "map" of your layout track plan** and these items were shown - HO layout plan Henry Ford Village; Reading system map in history book and layout handout w/map; layout plans for Fox Run layout; profile map of Copper Range RR; Hope & Hancock/Quincy & Torch Lake RR map; layout plans for C&S; Southern RR map; Pennsy & Columbus RR map; Copper Valley RR map based from Soo map; Michigan Southern dispatcher report sheet with RR route map; UP system map; Sou Pacific system map; map of dock area used by the Solano!; GN layout map/plans; Dec 1960 MR track plan article used for layout; DTSL/DRG/Lehigh Valley, etc... wrote letters and received maps 1975; track diagram NYC in Detroit area; Oct 1966 Official Guide of Railways book has maps in it; book- RR Maps 1980 mostly southern RR's; maps of Detroit Edison industries; RR map of Michigan 1978; Sanborn maps from area where Pierre grew-up in Clayton, NJ; Ohio map of RR's; Clarion County PA map showing RR's to be used in layout planning; map of Katy RR through Kansas to Texas used in layout planning; Ohio rail 2016 map; NA RR book shows maps of many RR's; Union Belt RR map 1947; Vancouver CA RR map; Romania RR map and Bucharest city RR map and layout plan; BNSF RR map and Trains mag map of Chicago.

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

NEXT MEETING - **MI-Trak Modules**
Unfortunately, the show & tell was for bragging rights only, as we did not get a chance to have a gift card.

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

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting and gave a great presentation, which was also our clinic for the evening! The topic was Combination Tank Cars, the freight car you never heard of. No sooner had the modern tank car, with its horizontal iron tank and expansion dome, appeared in the late 1860s did the railroads find its operation to be problematic. Tank cars were too specialized for general use, they usually returned empty, and, even worse, they were expensive to build. But plenty of eager inventors stepped forward with creative solutions to this "tank car problem". Their creations were known as combination tank cars and they were of a two main types. One type had a boxcar body with a tank built into the underframe. Horatio Brooks of the Brooks Locomotive Works designed a car of this type in 1877. As Overland Oil and Transportation Co. No.101 it was sent west with a load of oil. But the Union Pacific refused to accept it in interchange so it never reached its destination. The other type of combination tank car had a boxcar body with internal tanks at each end and a separate freight compartment in the center. Union Tank Line was operating as many as 500 of these cars by the late nineteenth century. Another design of this type was patented by Charles L. Rogers. This type was easily recognized by the two cupolas on the roof which housed the tank domes. By the early 1900s the California oil industry had been developed to the point where there was no longer a need to ship petroleum products from the east. With the demise of this "West Coast trade" combination tank cars faded from the American railroad scene. Thanks John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon!

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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!

DIV 6 MODEL RR SALE

At the June Div 6 meeting, the cash profits were turned over to Treasurer Larry for depositing. Barry announced that by the following week, our contract for the Costick Center would be complete and a deposit made, sealing our date and event space!

When- Sunday, Jan 22, 2023

Where - Costick Comm Center

We'll have 135 tables for sale, almost double the size we did this year! We're ON for 2023!! See the new flyer in this newsletter! Emails went out by July 1st to all of our 2022 vendors. Actual flyers will get printed in time for any local events. **THANKS** for your support on our new event!

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 to be by Bill Neale on LED layout lighting. Unfortunately, Bill could not attend the meeting, so we'll look for his clinic at a later date.

NEXT MEETING- will be Mi-Trak meeting set-up and play time!

August will be our Div 6 flea market night!

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 !!!

Our Chairman is Norm Logan had a meeting last month. The convention Team discussed possible dates and a few other items. **If you would like to be on this TEAM... please contact Norm ASAP!! We do need a few more people to help!** The convention is usually in October and it looks like Oct 17-20, 2024 could be our dates. 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! We're planning on OPS sessions, clinics, layout tours and a lunch/dinner with a guest speaker.

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! 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 and we're using 4 digit DCC!!!!

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

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!!

2022 DIV 6 FALL SHOW

Our Division 6 FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP is being headed by Mark Ellis and the planning is on-going in great earnest! Our planned date is Saturday, November 12/19 and our planned location is again, Ward Church. We hope to have everything ready to promote in a month.

DIVISION OF CHOICE

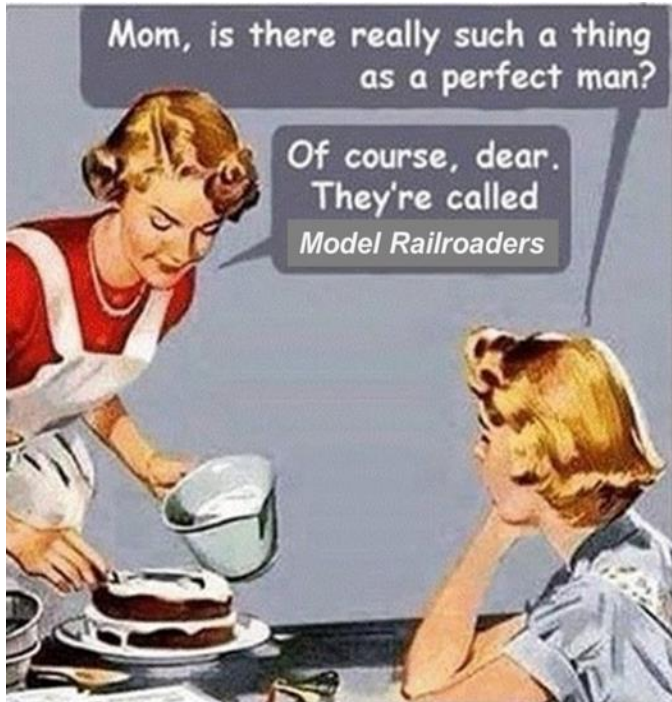
Do you live in Oakland County, but attend Div 6 meetings? Then you can become an official Div 6 member!! All you need to do is fill out the DIVISION OF CHOICE form. See a Div 6 Board member for a form. Once filed, you can now vote and hold office in Div 6!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

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

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some railroad humor.....



LOCAL RR EVENTS

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://genessecountyparks.org/>

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 _____

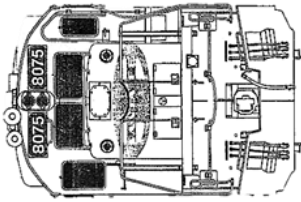
Are you interested in attending operation sessions on Saturday evening? YES _____ NO _____

2nd Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE!

Hosted by **Division 6**

North Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

SUNDAY -- JANUARY 22, 2023
10am - 3pm



Costick Community Center

28600 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

135 Tables of model railroad items - ALL scales!

Door Prizes Awarded every 45 minutes! *(must be present to win)*

Snacks and refreshments available

Admission --

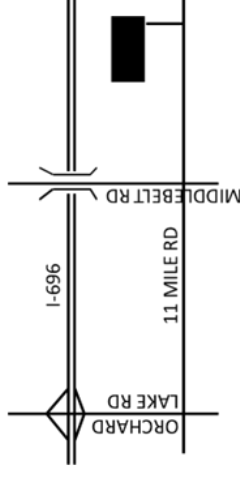
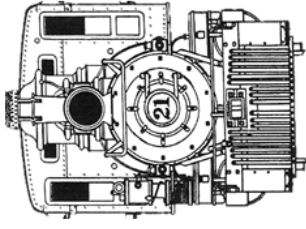
\$5 per person over 18 years old (spouses/children under 18 = FREE!)

\$10 per person Early Bird entry at 9am

Information --

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

VENDOR INFO on back side of this flyer!



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VENDOR INFORMATION..... HELLO!! Welcome to the 2nd Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE, hosted by Division 6 of the NCR/NMRA. Here is the info you need to be a vendor at our event.....

- * Vendor tables are \$25 each. Tables size is 30" x 8' long. There is no limit to how many tables you can buy.
 - * Tables will be assigned their location on a first registered-first get system. Please note any special requests below and we will do our best to accommodate you.
 - * Set-up will start at 7am on Sunday, January 22.
 - * All vendors will sell from behind your table.
 - * There will be one chair per table. Extra chairs may be available.
 - * We are doing an Early-Bird sale at 9am-10am for the public. You are free to sell at that time, or not. Doors open to the rest of the public at 10am-3pm.
 - * Vendors are encouraged to bring their own lunch/food/snacks. Division 6 will be selling snacks and refreshments.
 - * There will be FREE donuts and coffee for vendors only, from 7am-9:30am
 - * Cancellations for table fee refunds must be given to us by Wednesday, January 11, 2023. No refunds if notified after that date, unless we can resell your tables.
 - * Sorry that registration is not available online – please send this form with your payment, check or US Postal money order.
 - * Make out to – **DIV 6 NCR NMRA** Send to – **Div 6 Model Railroad Sale 43642 Lotus Dr Canton, MI 48188**
- EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT** – Vendors will be responsible for any injuries or loss to themselves or their property. They expressly release DIVISION 6 and it's members from any liability and agree to indemnify and hold DIVISION 6 and it's members harmless. Signing this agreement means you have read all of the facts above and agree to them. If for any reason the SALE is cancelled, refunds will be issued asap. SIGNED- _____ Date _____

Name/Company _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Number of helpers _____

Special requests - _____



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