

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

ON THE RAILS...

OCTOBER 2023

A BIG THANKS to Norm Logan, who took some great notes at the meeting in September, so I could write this newsletter for you. I was in PA at my annual Modelers Meet. It was a great weekend and event! Thanks again!!

It's time to GEAR-UP for our busy activities schedule! The NCR Convention is in a few weeks and Fort Wayne is not far to travel for some model RR fun! Then in November, our own SHOW & WORKSHOP! This is BIG this year... we're planning on a "rebirth" of the event and it's up to YOU to help make it happen! Please make sure YOU help with something, YOU CAN DO IT!! especially a display.

Train shows are back... go find some bargains. Div 6 sale in JAN!

Please keep in contact with your family and your model railroading friends! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had nice meeting turn-out with 30 attending, plus 2 on zoom! We had no new guests. MMR's present were Bill Neale, Jim Zinser, Larry Wolohon, Ron King, Scott Kremer and Brook Qualman on zoom. To all Div 6 members and guests, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the THIRD Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**. 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.** We will broadcast the meeting LIVE on zoom! The link will be emailed a few days before the meeting.

NOTE!! – OCT DIV 6 MTG!!

In October, our regular meeting date, 3rd Friday, is the same date as the NCR Fort Wayne convention! With many members attending (we hope!!) it was decided to MOVE the meeting to the 4th Friday. Thus -

DIVISION 6 OCTOBER MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 7PM-10PM
 Please make a note of this on your calendars/planners!

DIV 6 MODEL RR SALE

Plans for the 2024 event are complete! Set your calendars -
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024
COSTICK CENTER, FARMINGTON HILLS
10AM-3PM

We've already started promoting the Sale with emails and flyers! We've already sold 78 tables, over half sold out! Flyers are at local hobby shops and with train show starting, flyers are at those too! Don't forget to sign-up on the work list!! This will be passed around the next meeting and is about half full - THANKS!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Let's have a great sale and event!!

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **COAL HOPPERS/GONS!**
Here's what was shared - C&O MDC
3bay with company XXX, Athearn
2bay hopper, Athearn 2bay hopper
with magnet load, Wood 50' 2 bay
hooper, DTE coal 120 ton gon, O27
2 bay RDG hopper, Wever "Ford"
hopper, N Rock island Hopper &
gon, DTE Bethgon, GN Drop bottom
gon, Resin gons with small coil
steel loads, Pitt- Buffalo 40'
gon, Boser 50' gon, Resin gon with
bottom detail, Bethgon with
Chinese lettering, 3bay Broadway
limited GN hopper, PRR 4 bay H21
hopper, Atlas Omaha Route 2 bay,
Tico gon, S Rio Grande gon,
Milwaukee Road 2 bay with sparkle
pan pastel on the coal load.
Acurail 2 bay ILL Valley RR Club,
N 3 bay CSX Hopper w/Atlas trucks.

Current projects - 2 semi
trucks fully detailed for Wily
Trucking; Wever O Box car with
kadee trucks and couplers Rib side
Milwaukee Road.

We did have some members that
contributed to the caboose!
The winner of the Nankin Hobby
gift card was - ???!

NEXT MEETING - YOUR FAVORITE
MODEL

DIV 6 TREASURY REPORT

Tonight's TREASURY REPORT is -
Treasure Report for September.
Beginning Balance \$1230.20, Total
Deposits, checks and cash for
table sales = 1355.00 for an
ending Balance of \$2585.20

Thanks, Terry

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

Our next event will be our own Div
6 Fall Show & Workshop on Sunday,
Nov 19th. We'd love to have ALL
modules present for this event!
You have a month to work on your
module and get it ready. After
that, we're planning on displaying
at the Novi 2 day show in January,
the weekend of Jan 20-21. Please
plan on attending these events!

FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

We are ON!! Mark your calendars!

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Livonia Senior Center Gym 12pm-4pm

We'll need LOTS of help and
displays to make this event great!
We'll need YOU, the members, to
promote this everywhere, as a
family event and one that everyone
can attend! Our entry fee is FREE
(so we could get a deal on the
room rental). We'll have a
donations jar so we can still
collect anything possible. We'll
still do the raffle and sell
snacks/refreshments. See the flyer
and volunteer forms in this
newsletter. **PLEASE FILL THIS FORM
OUT ASAP and get it to Mark!!
Bring it to the Oct Meeting!!**

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

Here's some model railroad humor-
Submitted by Russ at Nankin Hobby-



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!

SUPERINDENDENT CORNER

The first comment this month is to remind everyone that the October Meeting of Division 6, NCR, NMRA will be 1 week later than usual. **We WILL BE MEETING on Friday October 27, 2023** at the Livonia Senior Center - 7:00 pm. This is due to the North Central Region's annual conference in Fort Wayne, IN. Many members will be attending at least 1 day of that event.

The second comment is concerning attendance at our monthly meetings. We have over 100 members listed in the official NMRA spreadsheet of paid members, yet we only see about 30 members at our meetings. There is a slightly small difference of WHO attends each one, however there seems to be a very regular core of about 20+. We understand that the age of our membership is in the 70 years category and health issues prevent some from attending. (You can still attend on ZOOM.) Some have retired and moved away (You can still attend on ZOOM.)

In any case, if you do not attend in person or via ZOOM I would like to know why. I would like you to be honest and not "hold back," because we (the Board) would like to see attendance increase and stay in touch with all of you. Please send me an email at plichau@yahoo.com and include "MEETING ATTENDANCE" in the "Message Line and give us some feedback as to the "Why" and perhaps include some things that would encourage your attendance either "in person" or "via ZOOM." I will present these reasons/ideas to the Board and withhold your identity from the presentation. We hope to hear from you soon - better yet "in person" or via "ZOOM" on FRIDAY OCTOBER 27!

Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Thanks, Paul

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FORT WAYNE RAILS 2023

WOW... Only a week away!! Let's get registered for this year's NCR convention - **FORT WAYNE RAILS 2023! Oct 19-22**

Convention

Highlights -

Clinics; Model

Displays; Prototype Tours; Op

Sessions; Special Events; 2023

Fort Wayne Model RR Show/Swap. Go to div3.ncrnmra.org



PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 - NCR CONV 2024 !!!

The NCX24 Regional Convention is steaming along. There will be OPEN HOUSE LAYOUT visits, OPS sessions for you to enjoy, a RAIL YARD SALE for you to buy/sell stuff, and many Clinics on Friday and Saturday. There will also be an NCR Regional meeting at a dinner on Saturday with a keynote speaker. We also will have club layouts in the gym at Ward Church. At a recent Team meeting, approval of the registration form and info pages that will be in the December HotBox were completed. Everything needs to be in place by the Fort Wayne convention, so we can start accepting registrations AT the Fort Wayne convention!! More info at the October Div 6 meeting!

Norm Logan - Event Chairman

nlogan114@wowway.com.



DIV 6 MISC NEWS

WE HAVE CARDS!! Paul 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!!

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 Paul!

AP CERTIFICATES

Ken Chick, our AP coordinator, was present at the last meeting and did not have any presentations to make. Please keep working on your Certificates!

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! Bill McMillan is our Clinic Chairman! THANKS Bill!! To all Div 6 members, PLEASE share your talents and knowledge!

The clinic this past month was a Report on the NMRA National Convention: Texas Express 2023 Larry Wolohon, MMR gave the presentation and mentioned these highlights- Larry, Dave Thorton and Jim Zinzer traveled together. They talked with modelers from US and Canada with 950 in attendance. Travel, food and lodging were expensive. They used busses to go to layout tours. Photos were shown of: Charles Goodrock's O scale Santa Fe in a garage; Lee Bangua's Chinook Southern in a bedroom; Jerry Hoverson MMR Rocky Mountain Central; Denver FW O scalers with a Rock Island 400lb. station made from stone by Lowell Joiner; Long trains at the Texas Northern MRC; Tom Greco's B&O Colorado Midland; John Lorince gave a clinic on OLD HO KITS. Model contest had 30-40 scratch build kits. The best in show was a Z scale Boxcab. Larry said it had wonderful detail. Yep Z scale! Thanks Larry for the great info!

NEXT MEETING- Vice-Super Byrne doing another presentation about the National Convention in Texas, showing several Prototype Tours

LAYOUT TOURS

WE'RE BACK!!! Larry Wolohon has volunteered to be our new layout tour chairman! If you want to schedule a tour of your layout, give Larry a call or email!

NEXT TOURS- Div 6 has nothing scheduled for October. Looking for layouts for November or December.

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

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!

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg sent info on these new items to share this month. The best way to contact Russ is by email: Russatnankin@yahoo.com

2025 NMRA NATIONAL

STATION No.VI
90th NMRA National Convention
July 14-19, 2025
Novi, Michigan, USA

All of the Divisions in the NCR will be contributing to this effort. All of the Planning Team members are listed in the September HotBox, the NCR quarterly magazine. See that listing to contact the right person for clinics, layout tours, OPS sessions, etc. The website for the convention is active - www.nmra2025.com Check it out, especially the pages on the story of how Novi got it's name and how our convention logo was developed. Neat stuff!!



RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the September meeting and gave this lesson....

Michigan Central RR. Part I - "Riverfront". The clinic was a timeline with photos. Information from the Detroit Public Library. Michigan became a State in 1837 US government gave 5 million to Michigan to help fund 3 railroads. By 1841, none of the three railroads were finished. 1846 Michigan sold the Railroads to private companies. 1846 Michigan Central RR bought one of the lines. The Michigan Central then ran from Buffalo Ohio to Detroit. 1847 Michigan Central RR (MCRR) bought land and built a station at 3rd Street and Woodbridge in Detroit called "Detroit Termination". It contained a Domed Roundtable. 1850 Detroit Termination burned in fire (maybe set by arson. Local farmers?) 1875 New GRAIN HOUSE ELEV A was build. Round table was turned into car shops. Grain box car could unload into GRAIN HOUSE. Ship could dock on the Detroit River and load grain from the HOUSE. 1884 New station with clock tower 1897 "UNION STATION" built with ferry slip to CANADA down the street on River Road (later called Jefferson Ave). 1873-93 A new ELEV B was built. New trackage was added to the area connecting the Station and GRAND JCT (now WEST DETROIT JCT). Neat information on our local history! Thanks John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon!

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Terry Kosmas will coordinate tips from the membership. If you have a tool tip to give, please contact Terry and he'll get you scheduled. We're looking forward to more tips soon.

July 14 - 19, 2025
www.nmra2025.org

Fly in with friends,
share a rental car,
see more layouts,
save more money!

**NMRA National
Convention**

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Division 6 has lost a long time member, Ed Joppich. Ed passed on Tuesday, Oct 3. He was 91 years old. Ed, father of past Superintendent Glenn Joppich, has been a Div 6 member for many years and participated in many of our events like the Fall Show and layout tours. Ed had a very nice size Erie RR HO layout in the basement of his condo. He is survived by his wife Edee and their 5 children. Ed also had 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren! Besides model railroading, Ed was a very accomplished Architect and was very active in Detroit area Catholic ministries. Deepest sympathies to Glenn and the entire Joppich family.



THE OBSERVATION CAR

Sitting on a tourist railroad a few weeks ago I found myself thinking back to a question I raised at a Division 6 meeting some time back: How many of those in attendance had actually ridden a revenue passenger train. I was shocked by the fact that the majority replied that they had never really been on a train - we all just look at and model them. Does anybody other than me find that truly ironic! What's wrong with this picture?

Of course, the handful of us who had lived in New York, Chicago, or Washington were likely at the opposite end of the spectrum. Out of curiosity I did a rough estimate on how many trips I personally had made on the New York subway system while I lived there, and it worked out to around 6,000 rides, and like most New Yorkers, gave relatively little thought about finding those trains interesting, even after riding the subway thousands of times. Talk about missed opportunities!

I think the lesson here is that, if we all were REALLY interested

in trains, the least we should be doing is actually trying to experience them from the inside - be it Amtrak, or the vast mass transit systems that offer a different experience every time you look out the window or the door. I'll bet that it not only opens an even greater emotional connection with railroading but gives you lots of ideas for modeling stations and passenger train interactions.

By the way, one of the very good clinics in Dallas at the NMRA Convention was on all the "stuff" you will see if you look around when you are at a train terminal, and that would be great new ideas for our layouts. For example, fuel and cleaning fluid supply tanks, layover track for Pullman sleepers awaiting a connection, commissaries for all the food, tablecloth, bedding and cleaning supplies, passenger car cleaning tracks, Pullman RIP tracks, etc. So, for those of you who have not yet ridden a train, you really should not just watch trains, but actually get on board! Byrne

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Saturday, October 14, 2023 - Grand Rapids Model Railroad Historical Society Open House
4040 Leland Ave NW Comstock Park, MI Website: www.grmrhs.org/

Saturday, October 14 & 28, 2023 - Redford Model Railroad Club OPEN HOUSE 27316 Michigan Ave Inkster, MI 11am-5pm
Website: www.redfordmrrc.org

Saturday-Sunday, Oct 21-22 - Blissfield Model Railroad Club Open House 109 E. Adrian St. (US 223) Blissfield, MI 49228 11am to 4pm FREE! Wheelchair Accessible Website: www.bmrr.org

Saturday, October 21, 2023 - Fort Wayne Model Railroad Show and Swap Allen County War Memorial Coliseum 4000 Parnell Ave Fort Wayne, IN Jim Marquardt jmmarq4@hotmail.com 260-437-3844

Sunday, October 22, 2023 - Taylor Town Train Show Taylor Town Trade Center 22525 Ecorse Rd Taylor, MI Mike Leland313-955-5523

Sunday, October 29, 2023 - 43rd
Annual Train Show and Sale
Kalamazoo Model RR Hist Society
Expo Center Building on the
Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds
10AM to 3PM cost - \$6 adults Kids
under 10 Free with paid adult
admission. Contact Information-
David Hayes-Moats 269-344-0906
kaltrainshow@kalnet.net

Sunday, November 5, 2023 -
Lansing Model Train Show and Sale
Hosted by Lansing Model RR Club
Michigan State University Pavilion
4301 Farm Lane East Lansing, MI
48824 www.lmrc.org
10 am to 4 pm \$6 adults, free
under 12 yrs and scouts in
uniform. Wheelchair Accessible
Ron St.Laurent 517-256-3588 or
Dennis Morley 989-723-2870
DJMorley0604@hotmail.com

Div 6 Annual Model Railroad Show & Workshop Volunteer Form

Sunday – November 19, 2023 12noon – 4pm (Set-up starts at 10am!)

Please fill in the following and return to **MARK ELLIS** at the next meeting or mail it to-
Mark Ellis 30040 Lyndon St Livonia, MI 48154
734-421-2673 or email to- emark@sbcglobal.net

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMAIL: _____

Volunteering to.... (circle as many as apply)

Set-up Take-down Admissions Raffle Display

Display: _____

Number of tables needed (Based on a 6 foot table size) _____

Need Electric Yes No

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS..... Please sign-up for one of these!!

3 stages of layout building; benchwork/table; Track and wiring: scenery/ground cover/backdrop

Build switches using Fastrack - Scratch building or kit bashing or kit building

DC & DCC advantages using posters, system comparisons, handouts

Weathering washes, rust, or stains - Different scales, different freight cars rolling stock

Table up front for literature on Div 6 and NMRA information - Time Saver

Operation Lifesaver - Backdrop painting or photoshop - Historic information on Railroads

Video Railroad 101 - Couplers / Wheels

Suggested topics approved by any member of the committee

..... and YES, we can have more than one person doing the same demo!!!



*DIVISION 6 and invited guests of the
NORTH CENTRAL REGION of the
NATIONAL MODEL RR ASSOCIATION
PRESENT-*



45th ANNUAL!

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP

**12pm - 4pm Sunday
November 19, 2023**

***NEW DAY!!
NEW LOCATION!!***

***LEARN HOW TO DO & ENJOY MODEL RAILROADING!
This is NOT a sale or swap meet!***

SEE DEMONSTRATIONS on power systems, scenery, kit building, structure building, backdrops, wiring, track laying tips, & basic building techniques.



ALSO SEE video presentations, historical displays and operating model railroad layouts! Refreshments available.

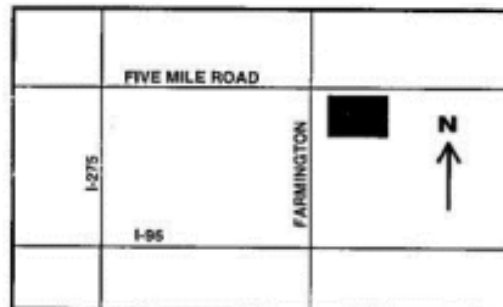
ASK QUESTIONS of our talented members and NMRA Master Model Railroaders – we have 7!! Get answers to your modeling questions!

PARTICIPATE IN a raffle for many prizes of model railroad items and an open model railroad model contest

***GREAT FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! STOP BY
FOR A VISIT, ASK QUESTIONS, GET ANSWERS!***

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & WORKSHOP
is located at **LIVONIA SENIOR CENTER**
15218 Farmington Rd, Livonia, MI 48154

***ENTRY FARE:
FREE!*** (donations accepted)



3rd Annual MODEL RAILROAD SALE!

Hosted by Division 6
North Central Region - National Model Railroad Association

SUNDAY – JANUARY 28, 2024
10am - 3pm



Costick Community Center

28600 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

145 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

VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS FREE (WITH ID)

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 **3rd 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 starts at 7am on Sunday, January 28. * There will be one chair per table.
- * All vendors will sell from behind your table. * All vendors must be onsite and unloaded by 9:30am
- * 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. * There will be FREE donuts and coffee for vendors only, from 7:30am-9:30am
- * Vendors are encouraged to bring their own lunch/food/snacks. Division 6 will be selling snacks and refreshments.
- * Cancellations for table fee refunds must be given to us by **Tuesday, January 23, 2024**. No refunds if notified after that date, unless we can resell your tables. * Table assignments will be sent via email/US mail by January 5, 2024.
- * 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 agreements 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 _____ No of tables _____ No of helpers _____

Special requests - _____

What are you selling? - _____



**33350 W Nine Mile Rd
Farmington, MI 48336
248-919-0040**

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

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

Division 6 and it's membership wishes to extend a big THANK-YOU to Nankin Hobby for their continued support!

**Division 6 - NCR - NMRA
42167 Ridge Road West
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