

NOVEMBER 2023

WOW!!! It's here... It's National Model Railroad Month!! And that... is one reason we hold our Fall Show & Workshop this month. Lots to discuss on that event... see the report on page 2 please. We're also doing well for our 3rd Division 6 Model Railroad Sale event. We hope to be sold out of vendor tables very soon!

If you missed the Fort Wayne Rails convention last month, you missed a great time. Clinics, layout tours, OPS and even a train show/sale! It was a fun weekend! Our convention for 2024 is only a year away! We're OPEN for business and registrations!

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 32 attending, plus 3 on zoom! We had three new guests, plus two from last month. Please welcome Jeff Branch, Matt Geyman, Ken Glaza, Joe Vella and Bruce Christian. MMR's present were Jim Zinser, Larry Wolohon, Ron King 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 OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF **DIVISION SIX** OF THE **NORTH CENTRAL REGION** OF THE **NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION** 

# ON THE RAILS...

### **DIV 6 MEETINGS**

Our Division 6 meetings are on the THIRD Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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.

## **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 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. Barry's been working on a 5 track staging yard that will debut at the show! 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!

### **PRODUCT REVIEW**

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

## **FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP**

We are ON!! Mark your calendars! Sunday, November 19, 2023 Livonia Senior Center Gym 12pm-4pm At the October meeting, Mark gave a report on the status of this event, and it wasn't the greatest! As your newsletter editor and a long-time member of Div 6, I've got a comment or two please...

WHAT'S THE DEAL ?? Why are we having such a problem with people volunteering to HELP this event? DO A DISPLAY !! It doesn't have to be some fabulous thing, just sit at a table and work on a project! If someone else is doing the same thing... SO WHAT! We NEED members to show off their projects! I've seen members "attend" the event... what the?? How come you didn't do a display, help at the door or help the raffle?? Come 'on guys (and gals) it's time to GIVE BACK... both to the hobby and to Division 6! Without YOU... the event is doomed before we even open the door! Let's show-up and show the world what model railroading is all about. THAT... is what this event is for !!

You have known about this event for many months... you had time to clear your calendar and devote a day/afternoon to your hobby organization and friends. (of course we understand about family events or emergencies!) I hope you will fill that need!! Thank-YOU!

#### Basic event info -

Set-up is from 9am-12 noon Doors open from 12 noon-4pm

Entry is FREE (donations accepted) We'll sell snacks, refreshments We'll have a model display with peoples choice awards

We'll have a door prize raffle (we could use some more donations - item must be NEW!)

Clean-up is 4pm-5pm We'll need LOTS of help and we'll need YOU, the members, to promote this everywhere, as a family event and one that everyone can attend! See the flyer and volunteer forms in this newsletter. PLEASE FILL THIS FORM OUT ASAP and get it to Mark! Bring it to the NOV Meeting!

## **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 Early-bird at 9am

We've already started promoting the Sale with emails and flyers! We've already sold 110 tables, almost sold out! Flyers are at local hobby shops and train shows! Don't forget to sign-up on the work list!! We need about 10 more people to fill some easy to do jobs! This will be passed around the next meeting, THANKS!! WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Let's have a great sale and event!!

## **SHOW AND TELL**

Our subject was YOUR FAVORITE MODEL! Here's what was shared billboard boxcar "Annies Candies"; switch tower; BarMills barn; Southern RR station laser kit; scratch built factory; S scale firehouse and house laser cut scratch built; 1800 scratch built house S scale; scratch built cabin; NTC station from paper & cardboard (long time ago); factory kit; wood refer craftsman kit -"Barf Beer"; Sylvan ore boat HO scale; 0 scale covered hopper; Baldwin switcher; brass steam loco SF consolidation; Pawn shop building; C&O caboose; factory building (inspired by Frank Elison); Wabash frt house in Detroit

Current projects - Yard office/tower for Mi-Trak new yard!; RR crossing control circuit home-made (bringing to market!); depressed center flat car with transformer load highly detailed!

We did have some members that contributed to the caboose! The winner of the Nankin Hobby gift card was - Larry Wolohon, MMR The winner in September was Jim Zinser, MMR

NEXT MEETING - RR memorabilia

## **DIV 6 TREASURY REPORT**

Tonight's TREASURY REPORT is -Treasure Report for October. Beginning Balance \$2585.20, Total Deposits, checks, expenses and cash for table sales = -\$65.85 for an ending Balance of \$2519.35 Thanks, Terry

## **DIV 6 - RR HUMOR**

Here's some model railroad humor-



## WE'RE OFFICIALLY ALLOWED TO TALK ABOUT CHRISTMAS TRAINS!

## LAYOUT TOURS

Larry Wolohon is our layout tour chairman! If you want to schedule a tour of your layout, give Larry a call or email! We NEED layouts please!!

**NEXT TOURS-** Div 6 has nothing scheduled for November. We do have tours for December - Sunday, December 10 - Rick Neibert CSX, Tom Kosta GN and Barry Hensel RDG Lines. Open times are 1pm-5pm and a map is in this newsletter.

## **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!

## DIVISION 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Superintendent- Paul Lichau 734-878-5390 plichau@yahoo.com Asst. Superintendent-Byrne Blumenstein 248-885-0874 1947sandy@gmail.com Recording Secretary- Bruce Wolff 947-216-9250 brucewolff@yahoo.com Treasurer- Terry Kosmas 586-441-9365 samsok99@hotmail.com Membership Director - Mark Ellis 734-536-5470 emark@sbcglobal.net Member at Large - Bill McMillan 248-349-7456 wmcmillan7456@gmail.com Webmaster- Ed Beamish 734-266-2301 phoenixblade70@gmail.com Communications Director -734-649-3056 Barry Hensel barry76Lt@wowway.com **OTHER PEOPLE WHO DO STUFF** Achievement Program- Ken Chick, MMR 734-420-0276 kdchick@wowway.com Clinics- Bill McMillan 248-349wmcmillan7456@gmail.com 7456 Layout Tours- Larry Wolohon 734-454-4816 larrywolohon@comcast.net History- John Bopp jbopp007@gmail.com 248-477-6193 Div 6 Fall Show- Mark Ellis 734-421-2673 emark@sbcglobal.net Meeting Coffee- Matt Letts 248-371-2971 mletts@mi.rr.com 2024 CONV Chairman - Norm Logan 248-348-2473 nlogan114@wowway.com

## **RAILROAD HISTORY**

John Bopp was not at the October meeting, so we had no lesson. We're looking forward to another lesson soon!

## **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!

## DIV 6 - NCR CONV 2024 !!!

The NCX24 Regional Convention is steaming along as we started promotion at the Fort Wayne convention in October. We are NOW OPEN for registrations! You can fill out a form and mail it in, or go to the website and do it all



website and do it all ONLINE! Here's the website -

#### www.ncx24.ncrnmra.org

Go to the website to see our plans and lots of great information! 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. Let's GET ON BOARD for NCX-2024!

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!

## **CLINIC**

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

The clinic this past month was another report on the NMRA National Convention: Texas Express 2023, this time by Byrne Blumenstein. Byrne told of the great tour of the BNSF national dispatch center - WOW! He mentioned many layouts had animations and showed many layout photos. Byrne talked about some of the clinics including one clinic that was on Rod Stewart's layout. The overall feeling on the convention is that it was very EXPENSIVE !! Byrne also showed a video of the talk he gave at the conv banquet about our 2025 convention. His talk was well received! Thanks Byrne for the great info!

**NEXT MEETING-** NMRA-X clinic on covered hoppers

## **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. The website for the convention is active -<u>www.nmra2025.com</u> Check it out,





## THE OBSERVATION CAR

I recently had a chance to try operating a diesel, but this time in 1:1 scale, and it was clearly an eye opener. At the Convention in Fort Wayne, one of the tours was a chance to spend some "throttle time" operating a real 44-ton GE diesel at the Ft Wayne RR Historical Museum. Not only was it a lot of fun, but it also was like the feeling we all had when we took our first driving lessons.

You need to learn about things like inertia, shifting gears, braking and acceleration, all over again, since none of these work the same way our cars do. Unlike autos, there, of course, are no gas or brake pedals so you get to learn to master accomplishing acceleration, and reducing braking, using hand levers, all at the same time. Functionally the equivalent of shifting is done with a "notch" selection lever, which manages the speed range, though a completely separate lever selects going forward or back.

Finally, the control of rate of startup acceleration is done with a balancing act between slowly reducing the brake lever while simultaneously increasing the throttle controlling the traction engines. At the start you overcome inertia using the combination of both, but more importantly, stopping means increasing braking AND reducing power, not, as in a car, just using the brakes. You really must learn to sense the inertia and respond to it.

The final challenge after a few runs was getting 44 tons of engine to spot exactly where a step stool would line up with the engine steps. Picture stopping an elephant on a dime!

Now the problem is that I have to reprogram the rate of inertia on all my own diesels, because I now know everything I've set in 1:87 is just wrong when you try it in 1:1 scale! So, if you ever get the chance to get some "real" throttle time in 1:1 scale, go for it! Byrne

## **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** 

### **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.

### **DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

The entire Div 6 membership wishes Ken Chick, MMR our deepest sympathies on the recent loss of his wife Beverlee on Friday, Nov. 3rd. Best wishes to the entire Chick family and friends.

## LOCAL RR EVENTS

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays every weekend starting **November 3 to March 24, 2024** - Chi-Town Union Station Home To the World's Largest O Scale Model Railroad and Longest Model train. 8275 Cooley Lake Rd, Commerce Charter Twp, MI 48382 Open for our 17th Season FOR SALE!!! 11am to 5pm -Admission fees: Adults (18 and over) - \$6 Ages 5-17 - \$3 Kids under 5 years - FREE 248-613-9471 www.chi-townunionstation.com/

Saturday, November 25, 2023 -Train Show Packard Proving Grounds 49965 Van Dyke Ave. Shelby Township, MI 48317 Mike Neuendorf 586-271-6024

Sunday, November 26, 2023 -Rails on Wheels' Annual Southeast Michigan Model Train Show & Sale. Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road Ann Arbor, MI 10 AM to 3 PM \$4, children under age 12 free with an adult. Early Bird - \$10/person (8-10 AM) Food available and free parking. Contact Info: Walt Trancygier <u>trancywj@gmail.com</u> 734-552-4581

Sunday, November 26, 2023 -Railroadiana Toys & Trains SS. Simon & Jude Church Hall 32500 Palmer Road Westland, MI 48186 Noon-4pm \$2 per person, \$4 family, Early Bird \$15 per person after 11am Food & Drink available Co Info - Bob Patterson 734-728-1247

Saturday's - Dec 9, 23 Redford Model RR Club Open House 27316 Michigan Ave Inkster, MI 11am - 5pm FREE - donations accepted Accepting new members! HO scale 56'x26' layout, DCC, single and double track mainlines info: www.redfordmrrc.org

Saturday & Sunday - Dec. 2-3, 9-10 Detroit Model Railroad Club Open House 104 North Saginaw St. Holly, MI 48442 Noon - 5PM Adults - \$5, Seniors (65+) - \$4, Children (5-18) - \$2, Children under 5 - Free See several O scale trains in operation, over a 350 foot double track mainline and several branch lines. 248-634-5811 webmaster@dmrrc.org

#### December - 2\*, 9, 10, 16, 17\*\*, 23, 27, 28, 29 & 30

Stoney Creek Model RR Layout Display Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm 1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI \$5 Adults, \$3 Children and Seniors Museum Members - Free! \*Visitors must pre-register to see Santa and Mrs. Claus \*\*Old-Fashioned Christmas Day - \$10 for nonmembers, \$8 for members Info -

#### www.scmrrc.org

www.rochesterhills.org/museum/

Saturday & Sunday - Dec. 9-10 and 16-17, 2023 Blissfield Model RR Club Open House 109 E Adrian St, Blissfield, MI 49228 517-486-0404 <u>https://bmrr.org</u> 10am-3pm both days LARGE HO scale layout!! admission FREE (donations welcomed)

December 06, 2023 - The Michigan Railroad Cub will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at The Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St. in Garden City, Mich. This is south of Ford Road and along Wildwood St. (east side of Wildwood). We will be meeting in a NEW Room #690. This can be accessed from the South parking lot through door RC-5. Enter from the parking lot on the West side of the building. ALL are welcome! Meetings will start at 7pm and end at 8:50pm. For December - Program by Mr. Gary Sample For any other questions please contact: Kenneth Borg 3512 Merrick, Dearborn, MI 48124

**December 2 & 3, 9 & 10 -**SOUTHERN MICHIGAN RR Santa Trains The Santa Express schedule is being finalized. Check the website for times and ticket prices -

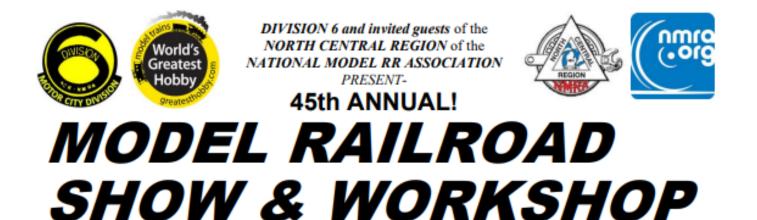
http://www.southernmichiganrailroa d.com/ The Southern Michigan RR is located in Clinton, MI only 30 minutes west of Saline

## 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)								
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Display:								
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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 ca	n have more tha	n one person doing	the same der	no!!!				



12pm - 4pm Sunday November 19, 2023

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.



**NEW LOCATION!!** 

NEW DAY!!

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!

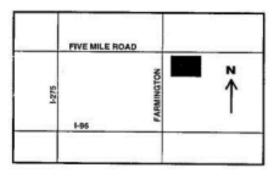
**PARTICIPATE IN** a raffle for many prizes of model railroad items and an open model railroad model contest

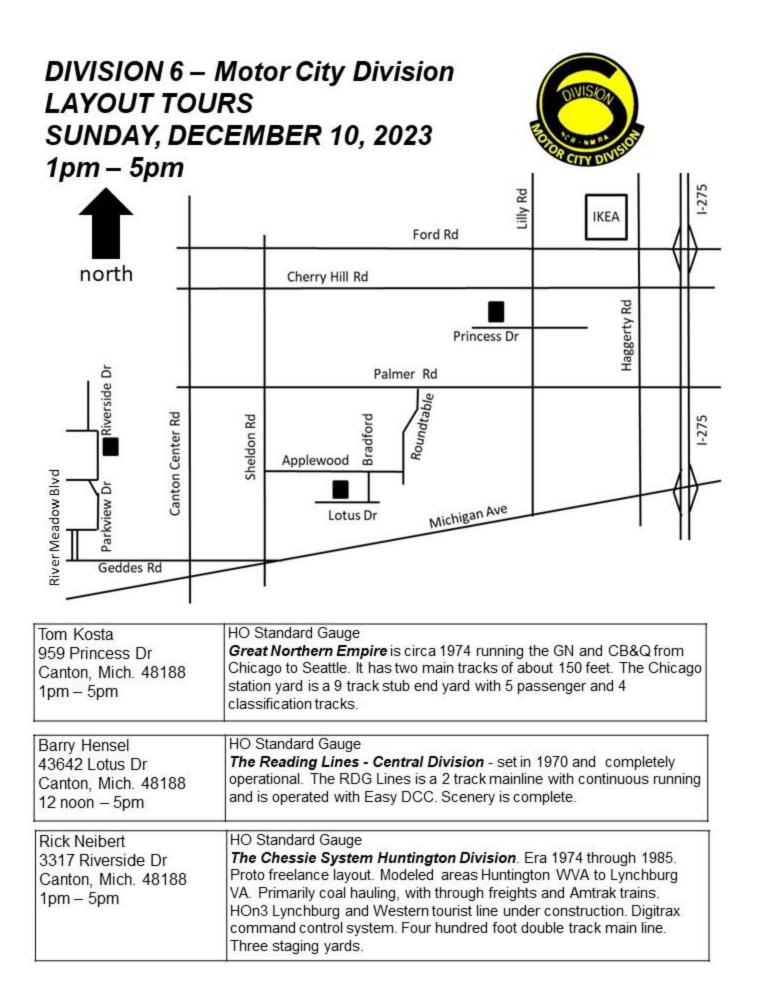
GREAT FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! STOP BY FOR A VISIT, ASK QUESTIONS, GET ANSWERS!

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





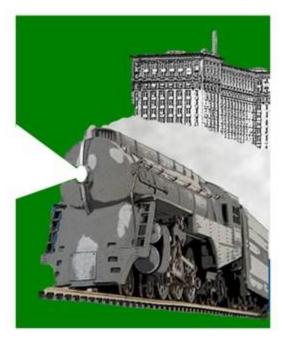








# **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024**



#### A MODEL RAILROAD WEEKEND CONVENTION!

## THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY OCTOBER 10-11-12-13, 2024 NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN, USA

WELCOME to the NCR Model Railroad Convention, NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024! The convention is being hosted by DIVISION SIX, located in Wayne and Washtenaw counties. We are planning a great weekend of model and prototype railroading, just for YOU! Please access our website for all of the important information you need to help you to decide to attend this event. As you'll soon read, we're concentrating on having fun and learning all about model railroading! All you need to do is fill out the registration page, send it in with your registration fees and you'll be part of one of the greatest model railroad events in Michigan! Visit us online and register there using your credit card and PayPal security services! Come and join us for the MAXIMUM model railroad FUN, all in one weekend!

Open to ALL model railroaders! You DO NOT have to be an NMRA member to attend!

#### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE-

- \* Event site Ward Church, Northville, MI
- \* Event shirts available pre-order only
- \* Special DAY PASS entry available!
- \* Online Registration available on website!
- \* Banquet Dinner on Saturday evening
- \* Clinics on Friday and Saturday
- \* Operation sessions available Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- \* NO model contest MODEL SHOWCASE show off your work!!
- \* Get a discount for participating in the Model Showcase!!
- \* Model layouts to visit on Friday and Saturday
- \* Prototype tours on Friday (if available)
- \* Yard Sale of new/used model railroad equipment
- \* Ask the Experts (MMR's) table
- \* EVERYONE welcome to attend!

For more information or questions answered, contact -Norm Logan, Chairman –

248-444-3491 *nlogan114@wowway.com* Paul Lichau, Div 6 Superintendent -734-878-5390 *plichau@yahoo.com* 

Mark Ellis, Asst. Chairman -734-536-5470 emark@sbcglobal.net visit our web pages at- ncx24.ncmmra.org









## NCX - NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS 2024 REGISTRATION FORM & INFORMATION

Name				Spouse			
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	on or before September 25, 2024 - NMRA mem	ber		\$65 I			
	on or before September 25, 2024 - NON NMRA			\$75			
	after September 25, 2024 - NMRA member		\$75				
	after September 25, 2024 - NON NMRA membe	r		\$85			
	on or before October 13, 2024		One Day Pa	2007			
	RATION - is per person for anyone over 18 years				now many		
old that will be participating in the convention activities. Spouse is free if ONLY attending layout tours and/or dinner. Children under 18 years old are free for the weekend and welcome to attend convention activities with a paid adult.		Dinner per pe	erson	\$25			
		sweat shirt	small	\$34			
Dinner - SPAGHETTI DINNER!! Everyone (including children under 18) must pay for dinner if you are attending. This also includes our Keynote Speaker and Awards presentation. NOTE- cut-off date for dinner is October 1, 2024. Event Sweat shirts are cotton/poly blend, green in color with the NCX logo embroidered in color on the left side			medium	\$34			
			large	\$34			
			X-large	\$34			
			2X-large	\$34			
			3X-large	\$34			
			4X-large	\$34			
Event polo shirts are 35-65% cotton-poly no pocket shirts, green in color with the NCX logo embroidered in color on the left side NOTE-cut-off date for ordering shirts is September 10, 2024. There will be NO shirts available at the convention!		polo shirt	small	\$32			
			medium	\$32			
			large	\$32			
			X-large	\$32			
	howcase Discount! ng a model to display in the Showcase room, we		2X-large	\$32			
will give you a \$5 discount on your entry to NCX-24! NOTE - you do NOT get \$5 per model!! Only ONE discount per person no matter how many models you bring. Discount to be given at Registration!			3X-large	\$32			
			4X-large	\$32			
ONE DA	YPASS - is for Saturday only and includes all the			TOTAL			
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Payment to be check or money order made out to- NMRA DIVISION 6

Send registration form with payment by October 1, 2024 to- **NCX Registrar** 35684 Camden Ct Farmington Hills, MI 48335 ON-LINE registration available until October 7, 2024 at ncx24.ncrnmra.org



Division 6 – NCR – NMRA 42167 Ridge Road West 2528 Movi, MI 48375

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

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

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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!