

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

ON THE RAILS...

SEPTEMBER 2023

Wow... summer is almost over. Temps will be getting cooler and the nice colors of Autumn will also soon be here. As these things happen, some/many activities move indoors... like model railroading! As always, here's hoping your modeling activities stay strong, or even increase!

Autumn also means local train shows/sales will be back. We have several listed in the event section of this newsletter.

REMEMBER! - We're updating our membership list! If you think you are not being included and should be, please contact Membership Chairman Mark Ellis! With about 3 months of good records after the Sept. meeting, our membership list should be finalized by the October meeting.

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 good meeting turn-out with 36 attending, plus 3 on zoom! We had no new guests. MMR's present were Larry Wolohon, Ron King, and Scott Kremer. 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 15, 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 53 tables! Flyers are going to local hobby shops by the time you read this. Don't forget to sign-up on the work list!! This was passed around the August meeting and is about half full - THANKS!! That also means there are more position available. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

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!

SHOW AND TELL

Our subject was **vehicles!** Here's what was shared - 3D printed 76 Camaro like real one owned; kitbash RDG crane truck Ford C cab; 1941 Ford 2 dr P&LE police; Ford Torus body shell; John Deere trailer '49 truck; BV&P truck (Larry Wright); 55 Chevy Belair; C&NW pick-up; cattle trailer & truck; crane truck for electric co; Walthers 32' NKP trailers; Mich Sou crane truck; Sou Pacific trailers; 1930's bus; street sweeper metal kit; 41 Ford REA; Peterbilt truck with Spartan stores trailer; modern fire truck in HO; 1920 ford woody wagon; diorama of garage/station w/pick-up on lift; 1960 TR3 sports car; Ford dump truck; REA stake truck; 1920's dump truck scratch built; 1/24 '49 merc; farm wagon minus horses; Bekins moving truck diecast; Greyhound bus (as Bruce was a driver!); London delivery truck in OO scale; 1959 Ply Belvedere being pushed

Current projects - Lionel std gauge centercab loco in family for years; double slip fast tracks turnout

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

NEXT MEETING - coal hoppers/gons

DIV 6 TREASURY REPORT

Tonight's TREASURY REPORT
Your balance is \$2680.79. This is for July 1-31 and is the balance on July 31. During that month, no checks were cashed or deposits made. Thanks, Terry

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!

DIV 6 MI-TRACK LAYOUT

We had a GREAT time at the Southern Michigan RR **TRAINS, TRUCKS & MORE** event on Saturday, August 12, 2023. Many Thanks to Mark Ellis, Sparky, Tom Kosta, Bruce Wolff, Norm Logan and Barry Hensel. While our turnout was lighter than hoped for, we managed a nice size layout about 17'x8'. Once we remembered how to hook-up the electrical (duh!) the train were rolling all day long. In fact, toward the end of the afternoon, we had 6 trains running at once! We've received a Thank-you letter from the railroad and have already told them we're IN again for 2024!

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

Here's some model railroad humor-



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.

SUPERINDENDENT CORNER

The "Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer" are quickly fading away and the "normal" days of the rest of the year is coming into focus. I would like to mention 3 things that you, as members of Division 6, NCR, NMRA should have on your schedules for the immediate future.

1. The North Central Region Convention "Fort Wayne Rails 2023," will be held on Thursday October 19 - Sunday October 22, 2023. There will be clinics, tours and a large train show during this event. The Fort Wayne Train Show and Swap Meet will be on Saturday. There is something for everyone at this - our region's annual event. Full information can be found at div3ncrnmra.org and select "Fort Wayne Rails 2023." I hope to see you there!

2. Due to the Region Convention being on the date of our October Meeting, our next meeting will be delayed one week to FRIDAY OCTOBER 27. Same location and time. Please mark that day change on your calendars.

3. Final plans are being made for our Division 6 45th Annual Model Railroad Show and Workshop. Sunday November 19, 2023. We need you to volunteer to help with the presentation of this event. You can assist with details like working the admission area, set up and tear down etc. or better yet... Offer to run a clinic or demonstration table. More information is in this edition of On The Rails or at our September meeting.

We'll cover the Division 6 3rd Annual Model Railroad Sale (January 28, 2024) in the next issue.

Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Thanks, Paul

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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



Laser-Cut Kit - 2-3/16 x 1-3/4 x 2-1/16" 5.6 x 4.5 x 5.3cm
Walthers Part # 528-14265
HO scale, Retail: \$24.99, currently in stock at Walthers
Discount Code: C

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! Our August tours for Norm and Ken were lightly attended, but both went off without a hitch and were enjoyed by those visiting and those hosting. Thanks for hosting Norm and Ken!!

NEXT TOURS- Div 6 has nothing scheduled for September. Looking for layouts for October/November.

NOTE - Division 8 will be having 2 tours on Sunday, September 10. You are welcome to attend!! See the map in this newsletter.

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 stuff, and many Clinics on Friday and

Saturday. There will also be a NCR Regional meeting at a dinner on Saturday with a keynote speaker. We also will have club layouts in the gym at Ward Church.

As of this newsletter, there is a Team meeting scheduled for Sept 7th to discuss and approve all of the registration forms and info pages that will be in the December HotBox. 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 September Div 6 meeting!

Norm Logan - Event Chairman
nlogan114@wowway.com.

PRODUCT REVIEW

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



FORT WAYNE RAILS 2023

WOW... 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, then click on Fort Wayne Rails 2023 at the page top for convention details!



CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! **WE HAVE A NEW CLINIC COORDINATOR!!** Bill McMillan has agreed to volunteer to be our Clinic Chairman! THANKS Bill!! To all Div 6 members, PLEASE share your talents and knowledge!

The clinic this past month was by Mark Ellis on animation done easy! Mark had a great handout and gave everyone an LED to get started on a project. He talked about possible things to animate; LED's and how useful they are and simple to use. Mark showed some of the items he has on his layout and how he built them - rotating sign, crossing gates, etc.... Thanks Mark for a great clinic

NEXT MEETING- Larry Wolohon will have a presentation on the NMRA National convention. If anyone else has info from the National to share, please let Bill know.

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 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!

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.

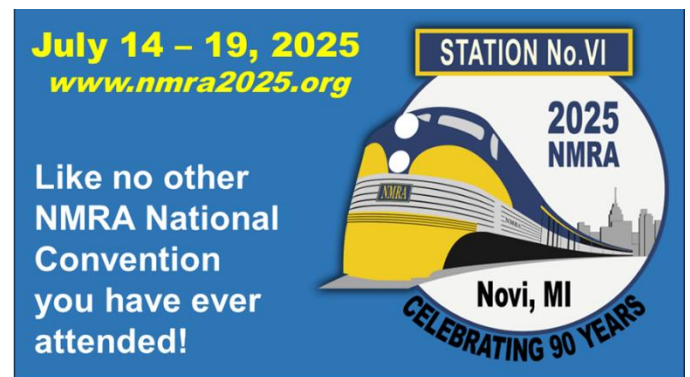
SPECIAL EVENT

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, there will be another Detroit River Cruise. Tickets are \$28 per person in advance and \$30 at the dock if there is room. There is a limit of 100 tickets available. Our own Div 6 member Ken Borg will be the narrator for the trip that shows lots of industry up close! Here is a website for tickets - <https://m.bpt.me/event/6057318>

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. A display board and "save the date" cards were taken to the NMRA National in Texas a few weeks ago. Byrne was going to volunteer some time to stay with the display and answer questions. 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!! Here is one (of many) small ads/memes that has been developed for publication and it includes our main slogan... **"Like no other NMRA National Convention you have ever attended"**



RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was at the August meeting but we did not have time for a lesson. Sorry! We're looking forward to another lesson soon!

THE OBSERVATION CAR

Having just returned from the NMRA national convention in Dallas, I thought I'd pass on three of my best experiences there.

The first was the tour to the BNSF National Operations Center. This amazing building is responsible for all operations across the entire railroad and sits in a secure (and tornado hardened) building with thousands of employees. After seeing some of the awesome railroad art, as well as model and equipment collections compiled over 150 years by the leadership of the various railroads, we were brought into the main auditorium overlooking the national control room. You were looking down on a room fronted by the largest railroad network management screens in the country with several hundred people on the floor or working off it. Think of the image of the NASA launch control room, increased to the size of a football field, with many times the number of people.

The second stop on the tour was the Alliance intermodal yard for a real closeup of exactly what goes on, how equipment is handled, and just what the crews have to do. With it being 110 degrees that day, the crews themselves had to routinely deal with 120+ temps due to all the dark steel equipment they work with. They had to wear, not just gloves, but long sleeve shirts to reduce the likelihood of getting burned if they touched a container or car.

The last item I found truly interesting was at the convention center itself, where Mini-Prints had set up a 3D scanning laser, in front of a turntable. An attendee could stand on the turntable as it rotated while the laser scanned them, which then sent to a 3D printer, creating a 3D copy of the person - in whatever scale you model. So, I will soon have 5 copies of myself in HO scale to place on my layout! How is that for a landscaping feature!

More experiences at one of our next meetings. Byrne

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Sunday, September 10, 2023 - Flag City Train Show Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation, Inc. 12505 Cty Rd 99, Findlay, OH 10AM - 3PM \$5.00 per Adults, Children 12+under accompanied by an adult will be free. 419 423-2995 nworrp@nwrrp.org

Friday-Sunday, September 15-16-17, 2023 - Anthracite Railroads Modelers Meet XI Reading Railroad Heritage Museum, Hamburg, PA Clinics, model displays, vendors, layout tours! www.readingrrmm.com

Saturday, September 16, 2023 - Battle Creek Train Show - Sponsored by Battle Creek & Grand River Calhoun County Frgrds, 720 Fair St., Marshall, MI Andy Buck 269-268-0910 andrew.buck@comcast.net

Saturday, September 23, 2023 - 20th Annual Fostoria Rail Festival Fostoria, OH - Fostoria High School/Elementary Buildings 1001 Park Ave Fostoria, OH Ellen Gatrell 419-435-1781 ellengatrell@gmail.com Website: www.fostoriairontriangle.com/

Saturday, September 23, 2023 - Mt Clemens Train Show St. Louis Social Hall 39140 Ormsby St. Mt. Clemens, MI 48036 10am to 3pm \$3 per person, \$5 per family, children under 12 free Food & Refreshments on site, Barrier Free Access, Free Parking, Hourly Door Prizes, Operating Layouts Contact Information - Carl Hikade 586-463-5184 cdhikade@juno.com

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 16-17 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

Sunday, September 24, 2023 - Lansing Model Railroad Club Open House 5309 Old Lansing Road Lansing, MI Tim D. Childs tim.d.childs@gmail.com Website: <https://www.lmrc.org/openhouse/>

Saturday, Sunday, October 7-8, 2023 - The Great Berea Train Show Cuyahoga Co. Fairgrounds 19201 East Bagley Rd Middleburg Heights, OH 440-785-9907 www.thegreatbereatrainshow.org/

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
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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.

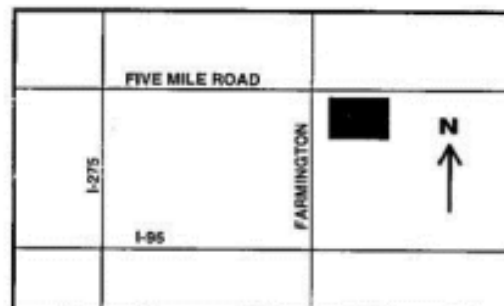
ASK QUESTIONS of our talented members and NMRA Master Model Railroaders – we have 7!! Get answers to your modeling questions!

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)





Pictures from the Mi-Track display at the Southern Michigan RR Day



More layout pictures... we did good!



A few layout set-up pictures that Norm took...



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? - _____

Clinton River Division Layout Open House

Sunday, September 10, 2023

1-4 PM

Warren Yohe 2603 Windsor Dr., Troy, MI 48085

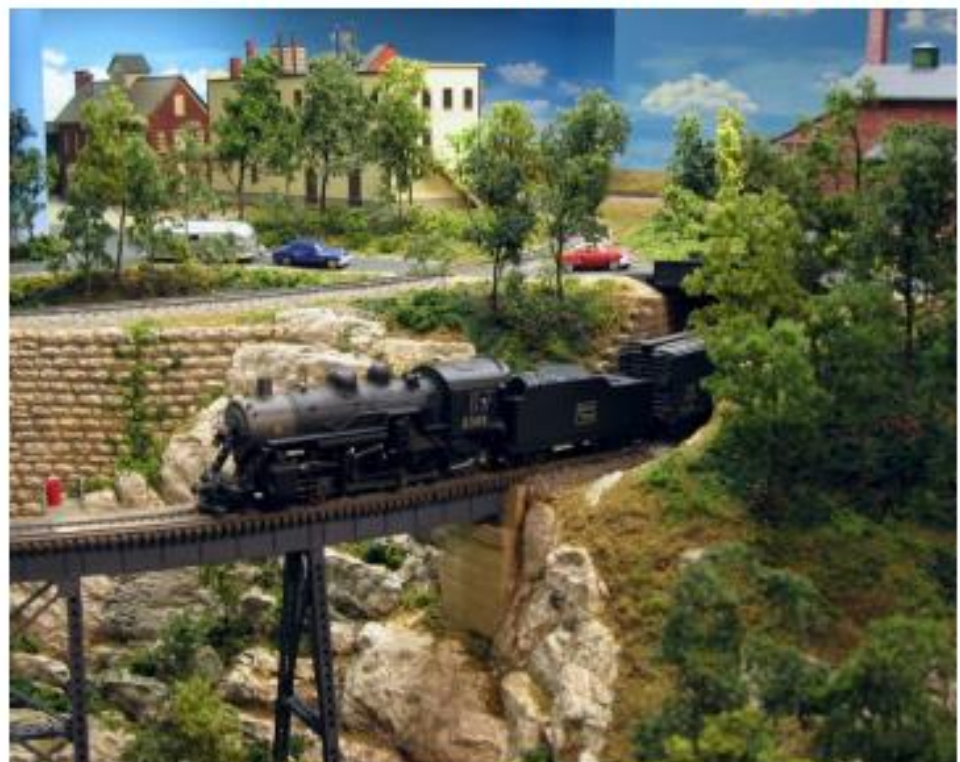


My Mineral Range Railroad is an HO standard gauge prototype-based model of the Duluth South Shore and Atlantic RR extension that once served the "Copper Country" on Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula ca. 1900. The railroad is 26' x 23', featuring a walk around point-to-point design with traffic from connections in Houghton staging to the terminus in Calumet. It has scratch-built and kit-bashed structures. Scenery is 95% complete but an expansion is planned.

Gale Saxton 3801 Anvil Dr., Troy, MI 48083

My Green River Subdivision of the Boston & Maine is a fictional division running north from the Maine coast through the mountains toward Berlin, New Hampshire. The railroad is set in the late 1950's and is still running steam along with first generation diesel.

The emphasis is on capturing the New England scenery and providing a stage setting for my operations sessions. The railroad is designed for operations with 8 to 10 persons.





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Farmington, MI 48336
248-919-0040**

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

**12020 Fort St
Southgate, MI 48195
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Division 6 and it's membership wishes to extend a big THANK-YOU to Nankin Hobby for their continued support!

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