



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

## ON THE RAILS...

AUGUST 2008

OK, its August... that means we're well into the second half of 2008. It also means that summer is slipping by ever so fast and before you know it, Fall and winter will be right around the corner. Of course, that means that model railroading activities will increase! With that looming on the horizon, get your rest now, so you'll be ready for all the model railroading activities we'll be involved in and more on your own! One of those fast approaching is the annual Div 6 Fall Workshop and Show. Please... start thinking now about the display you will be doing. By time you consider some options, get things ready, the show will be here! We always need layout tours and CLINICS!! Please consider giving a presentation on your favorite subject! So enjoy the remainder of your summer... and let's get model railroading! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

### CLASSIFIED ADS

We are happy to place classified ads for Div 6 members. Donations to the Div of \$2 per ad is requested! And don't forget our "Surplus Table" at every meeting where you can bring in items for sale.

### DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month and our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2007**. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center Senior Center in Livonia, at 5 Mile and Farmington Roads. The meeting is from 7:30pm until 10pm.

#### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT-**

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### DIV 6 FALL SHOW SQ FT

Here are the rules for the Square Foot contest, to be presented and judged at our annual Fall Workshop-

- \*\* model any subject, any scale
- \*\* you must use a 12" x 12" space (NO... it cannot be 6" x 24"!!)

\*\* your model must include track

Have fun and get started!

### NEW DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website is up and being updated often. There are some great pictures from last year's Workshop. Check it out at -  
[www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

### PRODUCT REVIEW

We had no reviews at the last meeting. If you have an item to review, please see Glenn before the meeting starts.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had a new member last month. Please welcome Glenn Miller! Glenn is a member of the RailGang and came for the swap night, but unfortunately, no one had any N scale stuff. We had a very light turnout at the meeting, was probably summer vacations and we're sure some were at the National Convention in Calif. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

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## WHO WE ARE

We are Division 6 of the North Central Region (NCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). What that means is, the NMRA is the model railroad association for the country (and even world). The country is divided into REGIONS, which are one or more states. Our Region, the North Central Region (NCR), is all of Michigan and the northern part of Ohio and Indiana. Each Region is then divided into DIVISIONS, which are one or more counties. Division 6 is primarily Wayne County, but we have many members from western Oakland County and we aren't strict on membership and boundaries. Oakland and Macomb Counties are Division 8, the Ann Arbor area is Division 9 and a new Division has been formed in the Flint-Saginaw area. All total, there are about 8 Divisions in our Region.

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## RAILROAD HISTORY

Prof. Norm gave his first History lesson for our Div 6 meeting, last month. "When Eastern MI rode the Rails" was Norm's title for his clinic and the book where the information came from. Did you know, that Michigan and the Detroit area was the best city for all types of transportation systems. We had it all! Street Cars, busses, interurbans, trains, steam ships and autos. And it was the auto that did them all in! Transportation change happened in Michigan/Detroit faster than any other major city or state. It started with stagecoach lines in the 1800's, which did become railroad lines. In 1836 the Erie & Kalamazoo RR started with horse drawn coaches and wooden rails. 1863 saw horse drawn street cars, which became all electric by 1895. With autos starting in the early 1900's, by the 1930's the street car made it's last run. 1956 saw the last interurban run in our area. Norm's story covered all of the area cities, especially those here in our area- Plymouth, Wayne, Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, Novi, etc. Great info and history... and that is what Prof Norm is all about! Looking forward to another lesson next month.

## SHOW AND TELL

At the July meeting, we were able to talk about one item that we brought to sell. Shirts, work train sets, locomotives, books, video's, buildings, bridge parts and rolling stock all were presented. CURRENT PROJECTS included a cardboard mock-up for a structure project and a fire station structure that has been animated with light, fire truck coming out of the doors and a working crossbuck along the side of the building. Neat! We also thank those who donated to the caboose! **NEXT MEETING-** OK, please read this carefully- for the August meeting you need to bring in a kit of some type, in it's kit and unbuilt form. Then in 2 months, October, you bring back that same kit, but finished!!

## NCR REGIONAL CONV '08

Div 1 from Toledo is hosting the 2008 NCR Convention, FAST FREIGHT '08. The dates are September 19-21, 2008. For more information, go to [www.divisiononencr.org/covn2008.htm](http://www.divisiononencr.org/covn2008.htm) or call Fred Lux 734-856-6489 or email Fred at [fred@fredlux.com](mailto:fred@fredlux.com)

## CLINIC

During the July meeting we did not have a formal clinic, but had our yearly Div 6 swap meet night. While the meeting turnout was light, most brought a few items to try to sell. Many deals were made and everyone had a good time.

If you are willing to do a clinic, please, e-mail or call or see Howard at the meetings and share your thoughts.

**NEXT MEETING-** Guy Quick III will be doing a clinic on Farming.

## MODELING INFORMATION

We did have a few questions at the meeting,

**\*\* using hard board for backdrop, how to do joints?** First try to bevel the edges at the joints, like drywall and then use plaster and joint tape like you would do with drywall. Sand and paint and you should be all set.

**\*\* Kato Locos with same number, how to change?** To remove road numbers without damaging paint there are many different methods... ink eraser, decal remover/stripper lightly used, denatured alcohol are a few. Another way would be to match the paint as close as possible, paint out the original numbers and then re-decal over the new paint. The real railroads even do it that way!

**\*\* what might you use for the floor/ground cover for a stock yard?** Real dirt, sawdust were mentioned. For loose straw how about some hemp rope cut into small pieces and glued down all over. Thanks for your questions and answers! We look forward to more questions and tips next month!

## NCR-DIV 6 2010 CONV. !!

The North Central Region annual Convention for 2010 will be hosted by us, Div 6!! Barry and Glenn met with the Radisson and they will be getting back to us on room costs. We will be scheduling a meeting with the Marriott people very soon.

## FALL WORKSHOP & SHOW

Doug gave us an update on our Fall Workshop & Show- the magazines have been notified and we're looking to get the word out locally in about another month. What we really need is someone to do Engine Repair! Well, THANKS Joe Bliss... he has stepped up and will do the engine repair, as long as we come up with a test track for different scales. Bruce Wolff says that the Redford RR Club has a test track and since Bruce is the Redford Club President, he says YES we will be able to use it!! THANKS! Remember, if you want to donate to the raffle, your donation MUST be good usable un-broken items!! We cannot raffle used junk! Thanks! Please start considering what YOUR display will be! We will need lots of displays for this years event!

## LAYOUT TOURS

THANKS to Milt and Steve for having your layouts open for us in July! We have tours for August! Thanks go to Dick and Ted Pilchak for opening up their layouts! These are also a bit of a drive, northward, but both are excellent layouts! Dick has his close to 75% scened and Ted's expansion is coming along very nicely! Hope to see you there! Thinking of hosting a layout tour?, give Dick a call or email if you would like to have your layout on a tour! We would like to have tours all summer long!

**NEXT TOUR-** SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2008  
1pm-4pm see map for directions

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, Sept 21-** Train Show  
Lucas Co Fairgrds Maumee, OH  
11am-4pm \$4 adult Under 12 free.  
\$8 early admission, 9:30am-11am

**Saturday-Sunday, Sept 27-28-**  
Lansing MI Model RR club open house  
5309 Old Lansing Road Lansing, MI  
11am-4pm both dates Free Admission

**Sunday, Oct 12-** Toy Train Swap  
UF&C Workers Hall Madison Hgts, MI  
10am-2pm \$3 per person, \$6 family

**Sunday, Oct 12-** Model Train Flea  
Market Southgate Civic Center  
10:30AM-3:00PM \$2.50; under 12  
free with adult

**Sunday, Oct 26-** Trainorama 2008  
Costick Community Center  
Farmington Hills, MI  
10am-4pm \$4 per person, children  
under 12 free with paid adult

**Sunday, Nov 2-** Train Show & Sale  
Macomb Comm College Expo Center  
10AM-4PM Adults \$5.50, Children 12  
& under FREE, Coupon @ [www.gvrr.org](http://www.gvrr.org)

**Sunday, Nov 9-** Lansing Model  
Railroad Club Train Show and Sale  
Michigan State University Pavilion  
East Lansing, Michigan  
10am-4pm Adults \$5, children (6-  
12) \$2, children under 6 & scouts  
in uniform are FREE

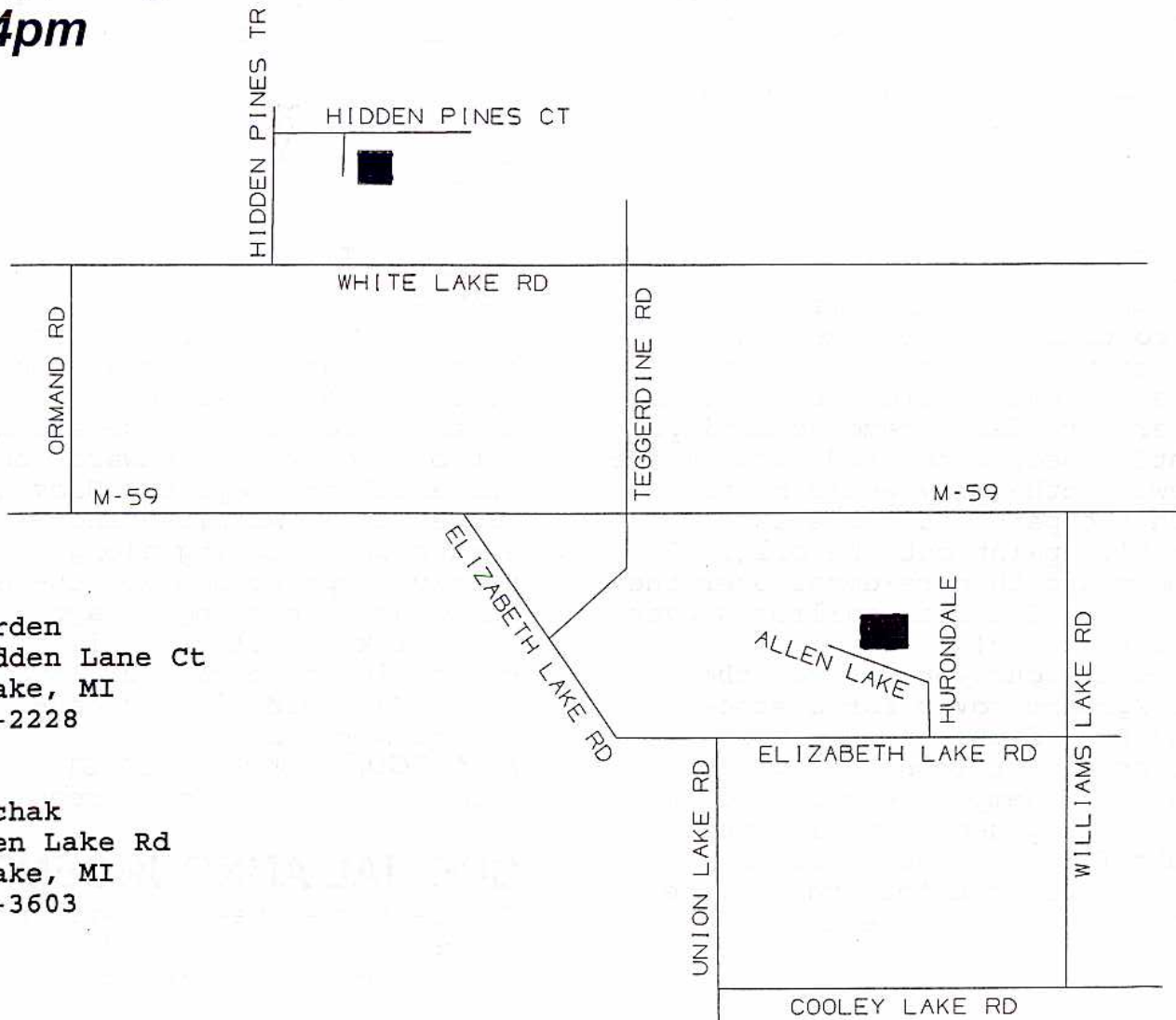
**Sunday, Nov 30-** Model Railroad  
Workshop & Show by Div 6  
Livonia Senior Center Five Mile  
and Farmington Rds Livonia, MI  
11am-4pm **FREE ADMISSION!!**

**Saturday, Dec 13-** Toy Train Swap  
Holy Family Regional School  
Rochester Hills, MI  
11am-3:30pm \$3 per person,  
\$6 family, early bird 10am, \$10

## DIV 6 LAYOUT TOURS

**Sunday, August 17**

**1pm-4pm**



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