



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 and our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, JAN 16 2009**. 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.

RAILROAD HISTORY

History "Prof" Norm had another great lesson for the evening- Norm read several pages from the book "Playing with Trains" by Sam Posey, famed race driver and commentator. With Christmas just a week away, Norm read about Sam's first Lionel set given to him at Christmas. He also received more cars and accessories each Christmas. Sam's father was killed in WW2 in the Pacific, so his mother filled in and had a permanent layout built from a local carpenter and then even wired the layout herself! Norm also read about Sam at school- where you were either a fort guy or a train guy! Then the train guys defended their trains, either Lionel or American Flyer, which of course reflected on your parents, as they had chosen the train you had! Sam also wrote in his book about the magic of his layout and how he controlled his world! THANKS Norm.. brings back LOTS of memories! Looking forward to another lesson next month.

NOTE- Sam Posey's book "Playing with Trains - A Passion beyond Scale" tells of his lifelong attraction to trains and into his adulthood and his own layout building with his son and having his layout in MR. It is a GREAT book, an easy read and just full of what WE are all about! Highly recommended!!

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.

ON THE RAILS...

JANUARY 2009

Writing this just before Christmas, so that gives me one more chance to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please be safe and use those seat belts - always!! With the holidays here, that may give many of us layout working time, as many of us are off for a week or two, if we work for any of the auto companies or suppliers. I will NOT start in on any of the current news related to the auto subject... or you'd have a 10 page newsletter! I will say, I hope you and your job are as secure as possible. And if not, believe me, I give you my biggest and best hopes for the future! As for me and my time off... I've got a list of "to do's" that is a full page long and hopefully, I'll get to the portion of the layout to do's! I hope you do too...! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We did not have any new members at the last meeting. Heck... we barely had any regular members, due to the snow! Only about 17 showed up. Hopefully, that will change in January. We do know that some will attend to pick-up door prizes won at the Fall Show raffle. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

SHOW AND TELL

Pictures of your layout or anyone else's layout, MUST be model photos - no proto-type photos was the subject for this month. Since we had a small turnout, we had a short/small show & tell, but almost everyone brought some photos of model railroading. Mark had a photo mouse pad and a book of photos of his layout that was made by his son for him, Ron had a picture of his layout from the Midnight Pocatello Yardmasters calendar, Larry had some photos of his layout that were in Scale Rails with a MMR article, Bruce had model photos from 4 different countries as he was in Europe for a few weeks and did some model railfanning, Jim had an album of photos showing his layout from start to current, Norm had a photo of a scene on Barry's Reading layout that he took, Howard and John had interurban model photos from both of their layouts/modules, Bill had photos of the Solano Ferry, Glenn has a photo from his last layout, Barry had pictures and article of his layout that was in 2006 Scale Rails.

John also had a current project of a PRR station that he had finished - nice! We also thank those few, who donated to the caboose!

NEXT MEETING- Christmas presents, model railroading related, either given or bought for yourself!

PRODUCT REVIEW

If you have an item to review, please see Glenn before the meeting starts.

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website is up and being updated often. Check it out at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com
Newsletters are now posted on the website and the HotBox issues too.

MODELING INFORMATION

Thanks for your questions, tips and answers! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

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LAYOUT TOURS

THANKS to Barry Hensel's Reading Lines and Marty LaForte's Burlington Northern layouts for being open in early December. This was Barry's 23rd annual Layout Tour in December! Both layouts had good attendance with about 35-40 attending. Thinking of hosting a layout tour? Give Dick a call or email if you would like to have your layout on a tour! Need some for Febuary!

NEXT TOURS- SUNDAY, Jan 25 Div 8 has a layout tour scheduled. See the map/info in this newsletter

CLINIC

We did not have a clinic, as we had no way to run the video/dvd that Howard had brought, so we'll run that next month. 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- Howard is on vacation in Jan, but he left a good NMRA video on structure detailing

NCX - NCR-DIV 6 '10 CONV

The North Central Express is October 16-18, 2010. We had a first Planning Team meeting in December and choose a local hotel over one by the airport, but we needed to go back to get them to lower their price. We met with them and xxxxx. We also have all of the NCX staff pretty well set, but as you'll see, there are some holes to fill. If you would like to be part of the Planning Team and fill one of these spots, just give BARRY a call or email! Here's your NCX staff-

Chairman- Barry Hensel
Layouts- Dick Harden/Doug Meyer
Publicity/Advertising- Norm Logan
Registrar- Marty Laforte
Treasury- Larry Woholon
Prototype tours- OPEN
Clinics- Howard Andrews
Modular layouts- OPEN
Door prizes/goodie bags- OPEN
Conv program- Marty/Doug
Website- Ed Beamish
Railfan guide- Glenn Joppich
Hobby shops- OPEN
Audio Visual- OPEN
Contest Room- Glenn/Larry
Volunteer- Walt Plentis

Please remember... we WILL need YOUR help as Div 6 members to staff the Registration table, door prize table, clinic room monitors and a few other jobs! PLUS, we want YOUR layout to be on tour and/or host an operating session! There will be lost to do and help with, and we have time to get it all planned. The Planning Team has another meeting in January, where we'll discuss budget and what the event will cost to participate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Jan 18- Train Show & Sale
Athens High School Troy, MI
10am-3pm \$3.00 Adults, 12 & Under
Free when with a paid adult.

flams2@troy.k12.mi.us

Sunday- Feb 2- Train Show & Sale
Saline Middle School Saline, MI
10am-4pm \$6.00 www.a2trainshow.com

FALL WORKSHOP & SHOW

Doug was not at the Jan. meeting, so an in-person report could not be given. However, we do have this "report" by Doug and Larry through the older Div 6 Yahoo website-

FROM LARRY- For our last Division 6 show, last Sunday, Doug reported that 406 people attended our show. Included in this are 57 children, if I got these figures correctly. As far as the \$\$\$, so far we have taken in a net of \$239. We still owe Jack Watson money for the raffle prizes & we owe money to the Livonia Senior Center. We ought to be able to qualify for the NCR Grant for promoting Div. 6 the NCR/NMRA & the hobby of model railroading from this show.

FROM DOUG- I believe we spent around \$400 or so on the raffle. So if that is the case we had a lost of about \$170 or so on the show. Being as we did not charge for the gate this is not to bad. Of course if we are donating to the hall as we normally do this is another 150 to 300. So I would think we will be between -\$170 and -\$470. If we can call this promoting the hobby (and I do not see why we could not do so) then we could ask for the money we lost to be a grant from the region. So we could (maybe) break even. But keep in mind that we knew we where going to lose money. The fact that the raffle was only so-so this year (with the economy it is not a surprise) and we will lose a bit more then expect. As an aside if we had our normal turnout paying we would have had about 200 to 250 people at about \$4 each so we would have between \$800 and \$1000 more than we do. I would like to add well done to those that help to bring this off, and a big thank you to Norm, Jack and Barry. One down side to add to this (and this is not final yet), is that Jack has expressed interest in just being a demo type person next year and is thinking of stepping down as far as the Raffle goes, and I have been thinking about (and am thinking about) making this my last show also, so we may need a bit of a new crew for next year.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Our deepest Sympathies to the family and friends of Div 6 member Dennis Grudzinsky, who passed away in early December. Dennis recently had a Layout Tour of his very nice SP layout.

Congratulations to Gary Mead, who now has a Grandson to go along with his 4 granddaughters!

We do have a NCR Grant Request written, but not quite yet submitted, to acquire a movie screen for ourselves. The idea is to donate it to Livonia and have them install it in our room. And we have a few other ideas for Grants!

SORRY... if I missed you from the last meeting in the show & tell section - I had to go by memory, as my laptop crashed AT the meeting. With system disks, I got it going again on Saturday, but ended up wiping out all files/programs on the hard drive. Really!!

SHOW CONTEST WINNERS

Steam Loco
 1st Joe Bliss PM 1225
 2nd Mike Vella Hogsworth Express
 3rd Mark Ellis tank loco
 Misc motive power
 1st Jerry Poniatowski Amtrak AEM7
 2nd Terry Bossick tcc car
 Rolling stock
 1st Mark Ellis flatcar w/pipe load
 2nd Andy Gogola caboose
 3rd Barry Hensel RDG box car
 Structure
 1st Jerry Poniatowski dealership
 2nd Barry Hensel Station
 3rd Dick Harden factory bldg flat
 Diesel loco
 1st Andy Gogola DTI geep
 2nd Mark Ellis UP switcher
 3rd Mike Vella NS GE unit
 Square Foot
 1st Mark Ellis fire station
 2nd Howard Andrews houses on hill
 3rd Roy Jones rr crossing
 BEST IN SHOW
 Dick Harden Sq Foot- factory

DIVISION 8 LAYOUT TOURS

Sunday, Jan 25, 2009 1-5pm

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7436 Coolidge Ave
 Centerline, MI 48015
 586-754-4623
 Elmira Div - PRR
 HO 1960-68
 Double deck 14'x19'
 Digitrax

Gil Lalonde

30518 Eiffel Ave
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 586-751-2846
 D&RGW and RGS
 HO/HOn3 1949-51
 40'x35'
 Lenz DCC

