



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

ON THE RAILS...

JULY 2009

WOW... half of 2009 is over! That means we're getting closer to several great events - our own Div 6 Fall Show & Workshop and the hosting of the NCR Convention - North Central Express in October 2010! So this also means you are getting less and less time to get ready for these events, either with a display or your layout for tours! Keep working! Time will fly...! On a personal note - the Aug 1 HotBox may be a bit late in the print version. I'm very sorry for this, but I've just been swamped with my time. I foresee getting the issue to the printer by late July. The OnLine version should be posted on time, between Aug 1-5. I hope you can forgive me. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

DIV 6 ELECTIONS

Official elections are complete. All current officers were willing to serve another term. All were elected by proclamation. Congratulations to the Div 6 Board!

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website is up. Check it out at- www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

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, JULY 17, 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.

NCX - NCR-DIV 6 '10 CONV

The **North Central Express** is October 16-18, 2010. Our hotel is the Marriott Detroit-Livonia, located at Laurel Park Place. There was nothing new to report this month. The planning Team will be meeting soon.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was trackside industry served by the railroad. Items shown were an Oil refinery; DPM power house; milk shed-dock; photos of coal mine on layout; Walthers warehouse; kitbash factory; lumber mill office "lumber by Barron"; Walthers produce bldg; N scale Walthers furniture factory; Bar Mills kit; kitbash City Classics factory; Downtown Deco O scale kit; scratch built postal building; saloon; Walthers brewery kit- export co; brewery kit; lumber mill. Current projects shown were- oil can; MofW equipt; pictures of layout progress; camera system for hidden track areas; Lionel conversion to O scale Box car; logging cars; trolley module with track/street. We also thank those **MANY**, who donated to the caboose! **NEXT MEETING-** layout design - pictures, plans, etc....

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had a few new members at the last meeting. Please welcome Garry Kaluzny and Ron Flowers. And we had a guest- Bill Gathroup, who gave us the nights clinic! To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Bill Deeter had more sheet styrene for FREE! See what you miss when you miss a meeting! Thanks Bill!

Sad day - Joe's Hobby Shop is all closed up. Nope, not moving - closed. Sign on window mentioned something about tax concerns.

On the Div 6 Get Well list- Don Barron had a pace maker installed! He's doing well at home. Graham Brown is in hospital with respiratory problems. Best wishes to both guys!

NRHS Bluewater chapter is still active with events. See their website for details. Still looking for storage track - must be out of present location in September.

We may have a movie screen! In a meeting with Livonia, it was decided that Doug and Hank Meyer will install the screen in the room, but it will be on the "back" wall. Screen was donated by Dave J and Ken Borg! THANKS to all of you!

DIV 6 POLO SHIRTS

The initial order has been placed and should be IN by the next Div 6 meeting. If you would still like a shirt, here's what we have- small-XL = \$15, XXL/XXXL = \$18 - no pocket shirt.

For Pocket shirts- add \$1.50.
For having your name put on the shirts- add \$4.

All shirts are dark gray color with our black-yellow logo. All shirts must be pre-paid at the time of the order! Turn-around time should be one month, or the next meeting. See GLENN to place your order!

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.

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RAILROAD HISTORY

History "Prof" Norm not at meeting. Glenn found a story and it was read by Bill. The story was about a boom in auto box car usage - way back in 1916! There was a freight car storage - record car production and shipping! Over 58000 vehicles shipped in one month. Car load shipments totaled 18000+. As auto box cars became scarce, other cars that were used were flat cars, hoppers and gondola cars to ship vehicles. There were 65000+ auto cars in service with 10000 more due! Autos becoming biggest railroad source of car loads at this time. Costs up... \$2-3 dollars more to ship via other than auto cars!! Cool info! Looking forward to another lesson next month.

LAYOUT TOURS

We have nothing planned unless YOU volunteer!!
Thinking of hosting a layout tour? Give Dick a call or email to have your layout on a tour!
NEXT TOURS- ?????

MODELING INFORMATION

We had a few questions/tips at the last meeting-

** Camera system mentioned in Show & tell - after-market kit for autos for seeing behind vehicles when backing. Fish-eye camera with a small 2" LED screen that could be surface mounted on the facisa board for seeing hidden track areas! Only about \$50

** Yoplait yogurt containers make nice paint containers, once cleaned, and will even hold paint mixer.

We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

NMRA NEWS

Dave Thorton, our local NMRA Trustee, was at the Div 6 meeting last month. He reported that the recent NMRA election had the highest voter turnout for a National election!

Other news mentioned- the NMRA is in the BLACK!! Dave had a copy of financial records if anyone wanted to see them. Thanks for the info Dave!

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 a 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. All total, there are 8 Divisions in our Region.

CLINIC

Bill Gawthrop from Div 8 and also the new Free-Mo group that has formed in our area! He had cd's of the presentation and the Free-mo history of the group. Group started in April of 2008. They set-up in Cleveland 2009= 8000 sq feet, 5 scale miles of track! Free-mo goes - anywhere, any direction. Layout operates point to point. Modules are any size, length, shape with the end plates and track at ends being standard. Electrical is 2 simple bus wires and Digitrak DCC. All modules must have scenery - "plywood central" modules will not be allowed to operate. Bill built a single track module to start. Then moved on to a 4 track yard on a couple of modules! Presentation had lots of good info and pictures of Bills modules. Bill also brought in a module to show in person - very nice!! Anyone can join the group and you don't have to build a module! Meetings are on-line-through a yahoo group! Go to Yahoo Groups - search for SouthEast Michigan group! THANKS Bill - sounds interesting and fun! 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- John Wissenger - layout planning

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, July 24-26- TrainFestival 2009- Steam RRing Institute, Owosso model train layout display & operate; miniature RR; several major steam engines will be there- #1225 PM, #4449 SP, #765 NKP, #75 FC, #110 LR, #1 LR, #6 Viscose and #6133 Sou FP7

Friday-Sunday, Oct 15-18- NCR Convention- THE SHOPS sponsored by Div 3 Fort Wayne, Indiana
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