

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

ON THE RAILS...

JUNE 2009

Yikes, half of 2009 is near gone already! How much progress have you made on your layout? Well, it IS time to get working! Our hosting of the NCR convention in 2010 is only a little over a year away. That will be here faster than you can think of! Here's a suggestion- take a piece of paper, write on it in **BIG bold printing, "OCT 16,17,18, 2010"** Then paste that up in your layout room, where you can see it from almost anywhere in your room. That will be your deadline reminder, to get working on your layout and have it ready for the layout tours for the convention - the **NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESS!** In the meantime, the Fall Show & Workshop will be here in 6 short months! Well, time to get to work on the Reading Lines... Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

DIV 6 ELECTIONS

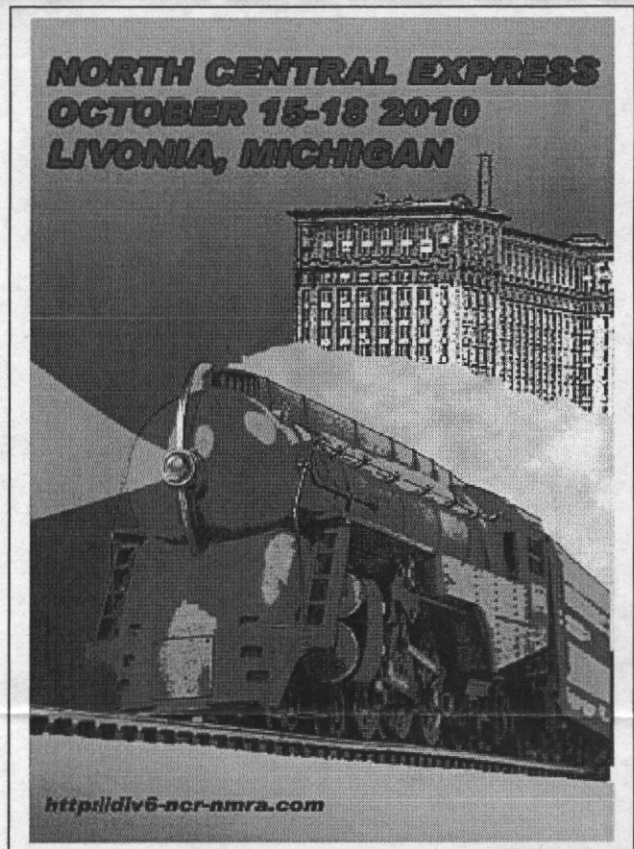
Official elections will take place **NEXT** month at the June meeting. Official nominations were held at the last (May) meeting and those results are- all current officers are willing to serve another term; no other nominations. We look forward to our official elections at the next Div 6 meeting.

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, JUNE 19, 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, except our convention logo!



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We did not have any new members at the last meeting. But we had a guest- Dean Pyers, NCR Treasurer! To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Walled Lake dinner train back!! In fact it should be running again, right now! Something was said about the State not paying for right-of-way. And the equipment never did get sold either, so he's back in business for this summer.

Steam RR Institute in Owosso has weekend hours in which you can get an up close and personal tour of #1225 for only \$5!! Plus their huge Train-Fest event is only a few months away!

NRHS Bluewater chapter is still looking for track to store it's car collection. Some suggestions were made, but these did not pan out. If you have ideas, please contact them!

We may have a movie screen! I remember seeing an email about this, but then it was not brought up at the last meeting. More later-

DIV 6 POLO SHIRTS

OK, it's time to order your Div 6 polo shirt. Here's what we have available- small-XL = \$15, XXL/XXXL = \$18. These are for shirts with no pocket. For Pocket shirts- add \$1.50. For having your name put on the shirts- add \$4. All shirts will be 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! Order sheet in this newsletter!!

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.

ATTENTION- MTP- Model Train Products has updated it's website with new products and now accepts credit cards! Check us out at -
www.mtp-modeltrainproducts.com

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SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was maintenance of way equipment. "Send in the cranes..." Items shown were- Tyco flood light car, narrow gauge pile driver & derrick, box motor track cleaner, box car with masonite pad, 0 gauge derrick car, boom tender, Walthers dyno car, GM&O box car, G scale derrick car, crane & tender HO & S, tender car made to track cleaner, work caboose, N scale crane & tender, crane & gon, flat car w/caboose shed, Walthers work train set, B&O work caboose, gon with a shovel on top "creeper", 0 scale commissary car- scratch built, flat car with stuff on it, Tichy crane, crew cars, gang car, scratch built tool car, tool car, Tichy crane (built) & tool car, Walthers Jordan spreader, trolley flat with cab for work, rail crane. Current projects shown at the meeting were- Am Models PRR tool shed, Fast trak turnout dies. We also thank those, who donated to the caboose!
NEXT MEETING- trackside industry served by the railroad

RAILROAD HISTORY

History "Prof" Norm had a good lesson at the last meeting! The early 1900's... Teddy Roosevelt pres, immigration problems, baseball big, transportation was by rail, but safety was not a factor- 12000 killed yearly on RR's. The lesson was of the great train wreck in Salem Township. In baseball, Detroit vs Ionia baseball teams clashed! In 1907 the annual Pere Marquette special from Ionia to Detroit for game left in the morning for an all day trip and return. But by 9:15am the train wrecked with freight on curve at speed at Salem. Both crews bailed and the train cars folded together. Injured were sent to all Detroit hospitals and death notices changed daily. People had gotten off train in Lansing but were reported dead. The total was 40 dead, several hundred injured. After the investigation, blame was put on freight crew and the local dispatcher/agent. The Pere Marquette RR had a bad week, with wrecks for 6 days straight! The info for this lesson came from DVD available at Northville Library. Looking forward to another lesson next month.

PRODUCT REVIEW

Fast Trac turnout making - Bill Hubner, told how the process works - basically hand made turnouts! All different sizes, scales and rail sizes. Grinders for points and frog rails. Solder together on Jigs and can purchase tie strips to fill in. DCC friendly and great looking and operating turnouts! Depending on how many you will be making - package can be cost effective!

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building turnouts like ths will qualify for NMRA achievement program and these turnouts are ONLY one's that meet NMRA standards. If you have an item to review, see Glenn before the meeting starts.

MODELING INFORMATION

We had a few questions at the last meeting-

** Wally asked about modeling winter scenes. Rich had an answer - but couldn't remember it right away. Rich sent me a copy of the December Iowa newsletter, where he had an article on winter modeling. Here's a short excerpt-

Model railroad scenery books give several ideas for creating snow scenes. Remember, unless it snows "really deep" most things (trees, bushes, cars and other stuff) will be visible above the snow. Also, snow normally does not stick to vertical surfaces. After the scenery, buildings, streets/roads, track are all in place, begin sifting molding plaster or hydrocal through an old fine mesh kitchen strainer over the scene. It should look like it is "snowing" on the layout. Then lightly mist everything to wet the plaster using a bottle of water, and a few drops of dish soap, with a very fine mist. The dish soap breaks down the surface tension of the water to allow it to soak in better. Remember the importance of a very fine mist, you just want to wet the plaster to stick, not cause pooling or a runny mess with the plaster. Once it is all dry, apply another layer, then apply the water mist and let it dry again. This can be done over and over until you get the snow depth you want. Be careful around track and switches to not get the snow too deep such that it derails the trains. Make sure the switch flangeways are clear also. Great info Rich - thanks! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

NEW NCR WEBSITE

The NEW NCR website is up!

Check out- www.ncr-nmra.org

The new MAY 2009 HotBox is there - and in COLOR!

CLINIC

Rich Mahaney stepped up again, for a great clinic- "selecting industries for your model railroad". Decisions should be based on era, part of country, certain industry interest, certain rail car interest. Rich had lots of examples showing real world industries and some models of the same types of industries! Some of his pictures were even of Div 6 layouts! Other items to consider- materials in, products and waste out... These will also help dictate what an industry will have in traffic volume and types of cars needed to service that industry. Great computer presentation and pictures! And great information too! THANKS Rich!! 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-** update on the local Free-Mo module group.

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.

LAYOUT TOURS

Div 6 members Doug & Hank Meyer were open for a Layout Tour on Sunday, May 17. O-M-G...!! If you didn't make the slight trek out west to see this layout, YOU missed a great one. We knew their plans were ambitious, but really!! Here was your chance to see a "mushroom" layout in construction! WOW! Thanks to the entire Meyer family for hosting this month!

Thinking of hosting a layout tour? Give Dick a call or email to have your layout on a tour!

NEXT TOURS- Tom Harris at Henry Ford Village in June or July.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday-Sunday, first weekend
each month thru October- train rides; Great Lakes Live Steamers - Northern Div Starr-Jaycee Park, Royal Oak, MI 13 Mile, east of Woodward Ave 12noon-4pm

Saturday-Sunday, third weekend
each month thru October- train rides; Great Lakes Live Steamers - Southern Div Kiwanis Park, Southgate, MI Trenton Rd, south of Eureka Rd. 12noon-4PM

Sunday-Saturday, July 5-11
NMRA National Conv. Hartford, CT

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
Direct inquiries: email-
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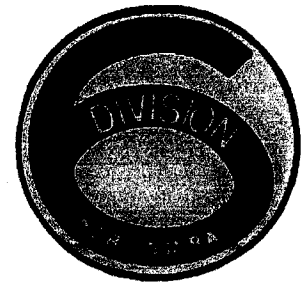
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SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	X-LARGE	_____	x \$15 ea = _____
XX-LARGE	XXX-LARGE			_____	x \$18 ea = _____
POCKET STYLE SHIRT ?				_____	x \$1.50 ea = _____
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