



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

ON THE RAILS...

MARCH 2008

OK... much THANKS to Ed Beamish for taking note for me last month. I mostly wish I had been at the meeting. While it is nice to attend a hockey game, the Wings lost their 5th straight that night! YIKES! With the really cold weather we've had lately, I hope you have been warm inside your basement or layout room, having a great time doing some model railroading! And don't forget to try to take time for some internet modeling and research! I just found a Reading Modeler website, dedicated to all things for someone modeling the Reading RR. I joined for free and have access to lots of good information! Make sure you do some searching on the 'net and don't forget those historical society sites - a great place to start your search! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had another new member at the last meeting! Please welcome Dave Coonts, who is modeling the PRR in O scale! To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

NEW DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website address is-
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, MARCH 14, 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.

SHOW AND TELL

At the February meeting, structures was the show and tell subject. Ed took some great notes and reported several interlocking towers were shown, some passenger stations, engine house, out house, farm house, regular houses and even a model of U.S. Grant's house! We also had a post office, church, lumber shops, gas station, diesel tanks, ice transfer building, ash pit, several shed's and shanty's. Sounds like a great show of member's structure's! I don't know if any of these were also current projects. Thanks to everyone for the items they brought and showed off! We also thank those who donated to the caboose!

NEXT MEETING- prototype railroad memorabilia

LAYOUT TOURS

Many Thanks to Ron Scannell & Dennis Grudzinsky for their Layout Tours this past month. Great layouts and guys!

WE have a concern with Layout Tours- we need a new volunteer coordinator!! Fred Rockwell has decided to step down as the layout tour coordinator. Fred did a great job for close to 3+ years!

NEXT TOUR- ??? need a new coordinator to get these back on track!!

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.divisiononncr.org/covn2008.htm
or call Fred Lux 734-856-6489 or email Fred at fred@fredlux.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 9- Toledo Train Show
Gladieux Meadows 11am-4pm

Sunday, March 16- Trainorama Extra
Redford club, Costick Comm Center
11 Mile Rd Farmington Hills 10-4pm

Sunday, March 16- RR Memorabilia
St. Albert in Dearborn Hgts
NO TOYS - REAL stuff 11:30-3:30

Sunday, April 6- Model Train Show
& Flea Market at CMU 11am-4pm

Sunday, April 27- Toledo Big Train
Show Lucas Co Fairgrds 11am-4pm

Sunday, Sept 27- Train & Toy Swap
United Meth Church, Durand 10-4pm

Sunday, Oct 12- Model Train Flea
Mrkt Southgate Civic Ctr 10:30-3pm

Sunday, Nov 9- Lansing Train Show
MSU Pavilion 10am-4pm

Sunday, Nov 30- Div 6 Workshop &
Show, Livonia Senior Ctr 12noon-4pm

CLINIC

At the last meeting, Dan Lewis from Div 8 stopped by for a clinic on structure detailing! From the notes and copy of Dan's hand-out I received, this was a GREAT clinic! Dan discussed the basic building, changing it's shape from what it was designed to be, foundations and such. Then he moved some basic weathering and painting of the entire structure. Now it was time for details, roof details, windows, glass, vents, chimneys, fire escapes, vents, hatches, lights, awnings, signs and more! There is SO much you can detail on structures! For signs, check out www.desperate.com as they have anything and everything shown in signs. All you have to do is copy and print to scale! Dan also uses Paper Creek Products for many of his structures. By the sounds of this, I missed a great clinic! Thanks Dan, for stopping by and giving us a great clinic!

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- Div 6 member Joe Bliss on DCC.

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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.

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 MISC NEWS

Marty LaForte is home, recovering from some minor surgery. We wish him the very best in his recovery!

We're looking for anyone that has anything that has to do with the Jan 2008 Clinic, History of Div 6 or anything else one thinks would be good to put up on the Div 6 website to send it to Ed Beamish at modellrrservices@edb-enterprises.com

HELP! Clinic coordinator Howard, is trying to get his modules working with Digitrax Radio. Are there any members using Digitrax Radio who would be willing to help? He has everything but something simply isn't working -need to test throttle and panel with known good units. Please call or email Howard!

RAILROAD HISTORY

History master Don Watson was present and gave us a history lesson on track! Beginning in 1925, when Don was 3 years old and had his American Flyer set, he wondered why his track had only 3 ties per section? I don't believe he ever got an answer. Later, when older and walking along the local tracks, Don noticed the differences in track and ties. Rail height/size, tie plates or not, different rail jointers with different number of bolts- 4, 6 or 8, and tie spacing and size. In 1893 the Railroad Safety Act made track standards common for everyone. During the 1900's, track safety keep going with standard tie size and ties treated with creosote. In the 70's, Canada railroads started using a liquid treating material that turned the ties a greenish color. And currently, welded rail and concrete ties are becoming the norm in many places! Great stories! Thanks Don for the history and information! We look forward to another lesson soon!

MODELING INFORMATION

We look forward to more questions and tips next month!

NCR REGION NEWS

Voting ballots were mailed to all NCR members. Even though no one is running opposed (unless you do a write-in) please fill these out and send them in!! You have recently received a new HOTBOX- please, we appeal to everyone, the HotBox needs articles! These can be on any model or real railroading subject... Please let us know if you can write an article! The final settlement for Great Lakes Express 2007 has been received. The details are-
For the convention

\$42,990.62	Net NMRA Conv Income
-\$18,600.00	NMRA Head Fee \$20 ea
-\$ 1,071.92	Less Modeling/Masters
\$23,318.70	Sub-total
\$ 4,663.74	20% to host group
-\$ 782.02	bal host advance
\$ 3,881.72	Net to host group
For the National Train Show	
\$4,142.59	Net Train Show Income
-\$ 331.41	8% to host group
Total proceeds to GLE2007	
Convention	\$4,663.74
Train Show	\$ 331.41
Total	\$4,995.15

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

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**SUNDAY
MARCH 16, 2008**

10 am To 4 pm

**COSTICK COMMUNITY CENTER
28600 ELEVEN MILE RD., FARMINGTON HILLS, MI**

ADMISSION \$4.00 (12 & under free with Adult)

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