

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

ON THE RAILS...

MAY 2018

OH MY.... is it Spring yet? The weather is playing havoc with everyone. What's a guy to do? More model railroading, that's what!! I hope you have taken advantage of the bad weather, by staying indoors and doing some model railroading!

Lansing Legacies the NCR 2018 convention is in October! Let's have a good showing of Div 6 support - GO to the convention!

With the weather finally more spring-like (as I write this) our hobby will be winding down a bit for more outdoor type activities. I have found that late night TV watching is also a good time for some modeling projects. Give it a try and keep on modeling!! Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome **GEORGE BATES, TOM PROCTOR!** We also had some nice visitors - Jack Watson (from Florida!) and Gary Mead. Good to see you both!! Meeting attendance was GREAT with about 58 members present. MMR's present were Bill Neale, Larry Wolohon, Ken Chick, Ron King, Jim Zinser and Joe Kocis. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

DIV 6 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2018**. 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 - 10pm.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was MOW equipment.

Items shown included-

Converted baggage car; N scale water car & maintenance caboose; dynamometer car (and track cleaner); DVD- working on the RR; cantenary work car; Lionel Crane and search light cars; crane and caboose work set; MOW gondola; MOW hand car, steam shovel and tractor; Lionel crane; Tichy crane; steam crane; Tichy crane and boom car; Centerline track cleaner; ballast car; weed sprayer/track cleaner; Lionel track inspection vehicle; tool car; clear flat car for track maintenance; MOW flat & gondola; Marx crane; Jordan spreader CNW; Lionel gang car; N scale boom-crane-tool car; speeder; SP burrow crane car; crew sleeping car; dynamometer car; 1880's rotary snow plow; dormitory car; low side gon; RDG crane; G scale crane!; O scale brass Jordan spreader; N scale crane-boom cars; derrick car

Current Projects shown included-

PRR decapods in various stages of rebuilding; N scale vehicles; Lionel hoppers bashed to scale PRR hoppers; resin structure kit; transfer caboose kitbash; weathered box car;

We had some members that donated to the caboose, THANKS!

NEXT MEETING - food & beverage cars - billboard refers, anything labeled for the food industry

BILL'S TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter was at the last meeting but had no new items to report on. We are looking forward to another tool tip soon.

DIV 6 MODEL PROJECT

The subject of the next modeling project did get discussed/chosen. New subject will be -

Passenger depots/stations

We will present your models THIS MONTH! at the May meeting.

DIVISION OF CHOICE

Do you live in Oakland County, but attend Div 6 meetings? Then you can become an official Div 6 member!! All you need to do is fill out the DIVISION OF CHOICE form. See a Div 6 Board member for a form. Once filed, you can now vote and hold office in Div 6!

RAILROAD HISTORY

John Bopp was present at the meeting! The history lesson was from the Kalmbach book -Railroads go to war.... chapter 6 WW2 - 1940 - US railroads had more miles than the rest of the world combined; hauled twice as many people and freight than WW1. There were many additional facts to tell! THANKS John! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, gave us a report on new items that are coming out. Russ brought in some of the new Repido Buses!! \$49.99, deluxe version (with lights) \$69.99. Walther's UP City of Los Angeles name train is due out soon. Nankin Hobby is opening NEW store in downriver area!! The store is located in Soutgate and should open in May. THANKS Russ for the great hobby news!!

DIVISION 6 SHIRTS

Our shirt color will remain GRAY. The shirts are a Port Authority brand polo shirt. Prices are- small-XL w/logo \$19
logo/pocket \$22 logo/name \$25
logo/pocket/name \$25
XXL +\$5, XXXL +\$7 XXXXL +\$9
Mark is taking orders... either see him, email or phone.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Remember... if you bring in an item for Show -n- Tell, you get a raffle ticket! This month we had another donated \$10 gift card from Nankin RR Hobby Shop (**THANKS!!!**). Our winner this month was- Chris Korn! Congratulations!

If you want a name badge... see Mark!! A new order list has been started for another shirt order.

Joe Bliss reported that Percision Scale models has been sold to someone in Washington state.

Past Div 6 member Lou Lapham passed in mid-April. Lou had been convention chairman for several of our Div 6 events up to our VistaDome 90 convention.

On July 27th members of Div 6 are invited to take part in a train excursion from Pontiac to Kalamazoo and back. This would be on Amtrak and cost about \$50.

Great Lakes Live Steamers start in May! They run the first weekend of the month in Royal Oak Starr park and the 3rd weekend of the month in Southgate at Kiwanis Park.

Div 6 member Bill Deeter is now famous! He was recently mentioned in the NMRA magazine tool tips column for making clamps from clothes pins! Congratulations!

AGE OF STEAM TOUR

Barry Hensel announced the chance to take a tour of the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Ohio. This is a working roundhouse with lots of steam and many other locomotives and rolling stock. The tour date is Saturday, July 28th at 12 noon. Cost of the tour is \$20 and there is a minimum of 30 people required. Barry has a list started and we already have 22 people signed-up to go. Contact Barry if you want to attend. Transportation by bus is being checked on.

LANSING LEGACIES CONV

THANKS to the Div 5 guys that attending our meeting and gave us an overview of the 2018 NCR convention - Lansing Legacies! Looks to be a great time - YOU should attend!! Check out all of the convention info in your NCR HotBox, or go to the website -

<https://nmranrdiv5.com/>

To make a hotel reservation, call the hotel direct at 517-627-3211 Let's GO Div 6....!! Convention dates are October 11-14, 2018

LAYOUT TOURS

Contact Hocky if you are available for a Layout Tour! How about you?? **It's up to YOU guys...** if you want tours, you need to volunteer and get your friends to volunteer! We **NEED NEW** people & layouts please!

NEXT TOURS- May 20 - Pierre Willermet; Mark Ellis and Mike Tranquilla 1-4pm

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The Div 6 website is up and running! The newsletter is posted and available online. Check out the site - www.div6-ncr-nmra.com

CLINIC

WE ALWAYS NEED CLINICS for our meetings! Please contact Clinic Chairman Byrne Blumenstein to get your clinic scheduled! PLEASE share your talents and knowledge! Last month's clinic was more of our roundtable discussions! THANKS to these moderators....

Pierre Willermet -structure lights
Bill Neale- trackwork improvements
Rich Kubeck - Walthers turnout control system

All the tables seemed full and the discussions could have gone on for several hours, it seems!! We hope you are getting great information and advice at these discussions!

NEXT MEETING- Div 6 member Bruce Wolff on kitbashing double crossovers!!

Future clinics- June - round-table discussions - we have 2 moderators, need 2 more!!

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NMRA AWARDS!

Ken Chick, our Division AP coordinator, presented the Golden Spike Award to Div 6 member Rich Murphy! The Golden Spike award is usually one of the first to be received, by those working on a layout and other AP Certificates toward being an MMR - Master Model Railroader! CONGRATULATIONS to Rich!!

LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

June 06 -Program by Jim Bradford Meetings are held at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, Mich. Meeting starts at 7pm with program starting around 7:30pm.

Saturday, May 5, 2018

11th Annual National Train Day Toledo, OH - Toledo Amtrak Station Contact Information - Bill Gill, 419-241-9155 x134

Sunday, May 6, 2018 -

Blue Water Area 2018 Railroad Show & Swap Shop Blue Water Convention Center 500 Thomas Edison Pkwy Port Huron, MI 10am - 4pm \$5 admission, kids 5 and under are free Contact Information - 810-201-5513 www.bluewaterconventioncenter.com

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Durand Model Train Show Durand, MI - Durand Middle School Contact Information - Tim Colton 810-845-4908

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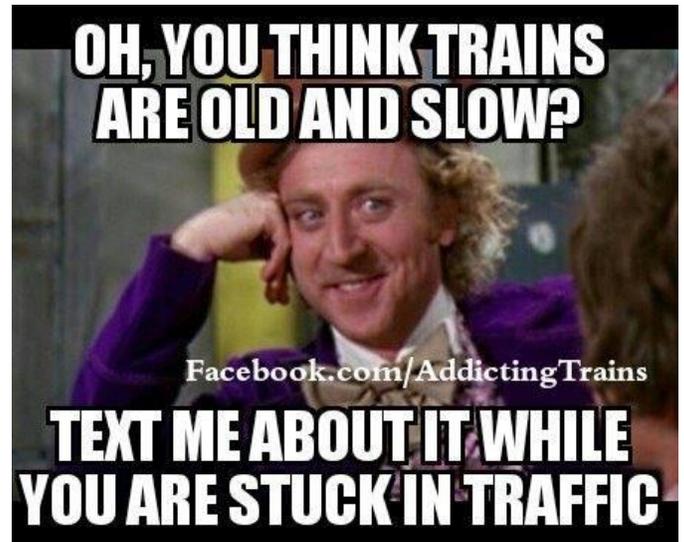
Montpelier Trackside Modelers RR Club Train Show /Swap Holiday City Quality Inn Convention Center 13508 State Route 15 and Exit 13 Ohio Turnpike Montpelier, OH 10 AM to 3 PM. Admission is \$5 ages 13 and older. Free Parking, Layouts, Vendors, Door Prizes, Food and Drink, Handicap Accessible. Contact Info - Jim McPike, 419-298-2441

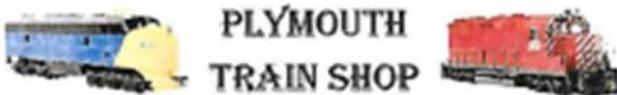
PRODUCT REVIEW

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

DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some humor that has been found-





PLYMOUTH TRAIN SHOP

Lionel, O-Scale - MTH, HO, Williams
Dave, manager

37980 Ann Arbor Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
734-454-7337

Mon-Fri 11-6
Sat 11-4



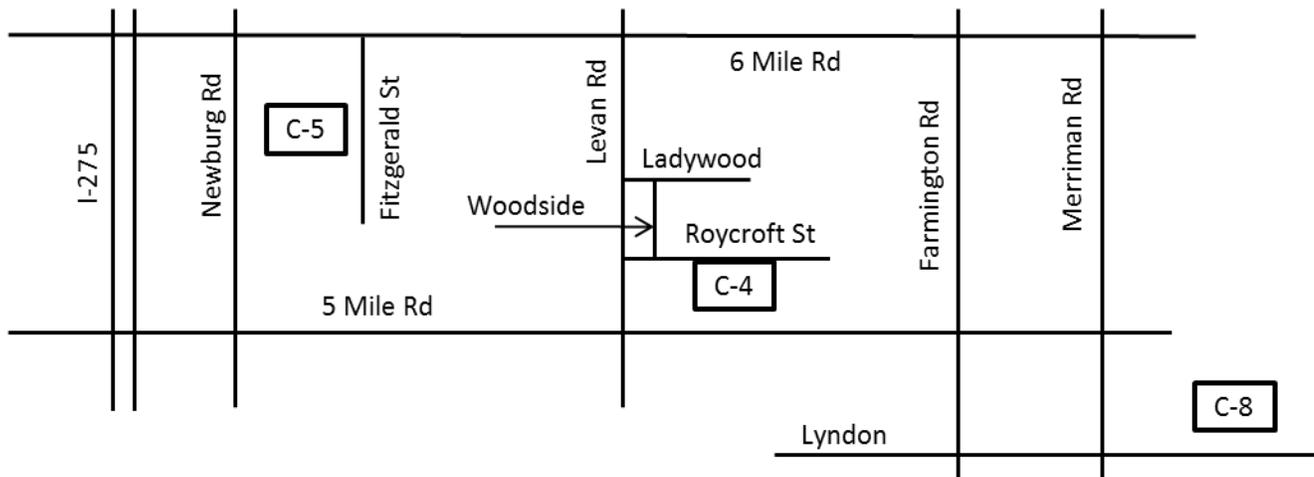
Daves Hobby & TV
Stop here for all your hobby needs

29026 Warren Rd Westland, MI 48185
734-422-4464

Division 6 – the Motor City Division

Layout tours! Sunday, May 20, 2018 1pm-4pm

<p>C-4 Pierre Willermet 36123 Roycroft Livonia, Mich. 48154</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge</p> <p>The Allegheny and Eastern is a free lanced HO layout designed for operation having a 20' X 26' footprint. Scenery is 90% complete. Buildings are a mixture of kit-built, kit bashed and scratch-built, with many lighted and some with interior detail. Scratch built structures include a coal-to-synthetic liquid fuel plant, a rotary kiln cement plant and a petrochemical plant. Control is by CVP-DCC Radio throttles. Running on the system are many sound equipped steam and diesel locomotives!</p>
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<p>C-5 Michael Tranquilla 16823 Fitzgerald St Livonia, Mich. 48154</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge</p> <p>Burlington Pacific - Free-lance railroad modeling western Illinois and eastern Iowa during the transition era. Midwestern rolling stock, especially CNW, CGW, and MSTL is often seen on the layout. Craftsman and scratch built structures feature the products of the area: grain, livestock, and meat packing, as well as the lead mines and processing plants that occurred in northwestern Illinois. There are several additions since the last Division 6 convention: an extensive corn processing facility taking up a whole town, a highly detailed farm scene, a large grain elevator on the Mississippi River, a few smaller sceniced areas, a large passenger yard. Two additional towns are being added, without any additional benchwork floor area.</p>
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<p>C-8 Mark Ellis 30040 Lyndon Livonia, Mich. 48154</p>	<p>HO Standard Gauge</p> <p>Melville Union Pacific - The railroad is free-lance HO layout, 11 X 21, set in upper Midwest running mostly Union Pacific equipment. The layout is free-lance so either steam or diesel can be found running. The control system is DCC using the NCE wireless system with more than 150 feet of code 87 HO track. All 30 turnouts are hand built using the Fast-Tracks system with 3 hand-built curve turnouts. There is a hidden staging area, two small yards, and three industries. The city of Melville has an animated firehouse, water tower, and 15 buildings with lights.</p> <p>NOTE- NO parking on the north side of Lyndon!!</p>
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Division 6 – the Motor City Division

April meeting show & tell

MOW cars and a few current projects

Congratulations to Rich Murphy on his Golden Spike Award!!

