



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

ON THE RAILS...

MOVEMBER 2008

OK... it's here... the Div 6 FALL TRAIN SHOW & WORKSHOP! I am going to be nice... and assume that YOU have volunteered for a display or some type, thus I will not bug you or remind you that this needs to be done for us to have a successful event! OK... got it?? See you there! Train show season is in full swing, so hopefully we'll see you at a few shows this "season". We have more layout tours this month and next! Dick Harden has done a great job getting these together! Next is the reminder that November is National Model Railroad Month! Do what you can to promote our hobby! And believe it or not- the holiday season will soon be upon us. WOW... 2008 is almost history! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

PRODUCT REVIEW

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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We did not have any new members at the last meeting. Hopefully, that will change in December, as we promote Div 6 at our own train show this month. To all Div 6 members, WELCOME ABOARD!

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, NOV 21, 2008**. 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

Subject was what you brought 2 months ago, unbuilt, should be built now! We had varying degrees of success! Items shown were a Branchline NS boxcar, outhouses by BTS, city classics house, RPO car, vollimer factory kit, sand-gravel loader, Laser-art engine house, Athearn box car, factory kit with interior, coaling tower N scale scratch-built, sand drying tower plaster/ceramic West Chester Station kit, station kit w/interior by Branchline, stock cars, first kit built in 40 yrs- station shed, pics of building ON layout, AHM bldg kit, DT&I cvr'd hopper, bldg kit O scale, Walthers freight house, hyrocal structure kit with detail & light, Atlas water tower, laser kit grain elev, and a NYC pass car kit by Branchline. Of special interest was Wally's "magic" act... he showed a building kit too small for him to see all the parts, so he put it in a bag and pulled out a finished building, even though it was totally different. Nice! CURRENT PROJECTS shown included a 12x12 with craftsman kit, road foreman office bldg O scale, 35x14 modular layout pics - in progress, PRR layout progress, laser building kit. We also thank those who donated to the caboose!
NEXT MEETING- auto carrier, box car, flats, racks... Any type of railroad car that is/was used in carrying auto's

DIV 6 WEBSITE

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

NCR-DIV 6 '10 CONV- NCE

The **North Central Express** is tentatively scheduled for October 16-18, 2009. Marty and I went hotel hunting a few weeks ago, down by Metro Airport and we came away with another 2 possibilities. We are gathering their quotes and expect to have a Planning Team meeting this month to go over all of these quotes and hopefully make a decision as to our convention location. Don't know if we'll have that completed by the next Div 6 meeting.

FALL WORKSHOP & SHOW

Doug was at the meeting and gave us a quick talk on the Show-Workshop. We only have 23 forms in so far - need more!!! We are losing 4-5 members per year, need more!! At current rate, we have maybe 2 more years left... then event is not worth doing- can't plan/do an event without people!! So far only 15 people doing demo's... NEED MORE!! Some suggestions were made at the meeting, such as- almost everyone can do a historical display!! Most of us model a proto-type, so bring in some models, a few books and some memorabilia and you have an instant historic display! And this is all stuff YOU HAVE!! Another concern eliminated- do not worry about demo'ing something that someone else is already doing, such as building kits or making trees. Each of us has our own "twist" on how we do our hobby, so that IS interesting to the public! We do have some display layouts!! We have room for more, so if you know someone with a portable layout, let Doug know NOW!!! Heavy promotion and advertising to start NOW! Special flyers made for the hobby shops with their names on them will get out now, so that will be almost a solid month of promotion.

OK, here's the plain and simple version- if YOU do not do a display, even though there is no entry fee, people will not come back next year and our annual event will STOP!! It's up to you!!

CLINIC

Div 6 member Larry Wolohon, MMR gave us a clinic on resin freight cars. First was some history- Larry enjoys researching the car as part of the building process. Resin kits were first made in mid-late 70's, Magnusson kits, Westerfield kits followed in '83 were first true resin kit, sides-ends-roof, etc.. it was PRR 36' box car. Larry showed many pictures of cars built on his layout, using a computer presentation. Lots of different type of car kits are available and even passenger cars. WHY RESIN?- are best way, other than scratch building, to get accurate cars. Difference is low cost tooling for resin molds, vs injection molding with high costs. Before WWII, freight cars varied greatly, so resin kits of each type are possible to make/get. Then after WWII, cars became more standard, but resin kits are still more accurate for each prototype. Larry listed approx. 14 different current manufacturers of kits.

TOOLS NEEDED- smooth surface, scale rulers, sander, xacto, sprue cutter and typical other tools. Glues- Goo, CA, Ambroid and Proweld/Tenex. Most models need trucks, wheels, couplers, paint and sometimes brake components. HOW TO BUILD- take your time! There are 2 types of kits- one piece body vs body in pieces (separate roof, walls, ends, floor) Larry had 6 steps to building a kit. Part 1- sizing parts-holes & measuring all parts; 2- install detail parts on chassis; 3- body assembly; 4- paint; 5/6- decals & weather. Another good part about resin kits are the instructions are generally very good and include prototype info. Larry also showed several cars that he brought. One question- sanding floor, go back-forth along length of floor... sanding in fig 8 pattern helps keep everything straight and level.

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 Andrews on digital photography

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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.

MODELING INFORMATION

We did not have any questions/tips at the meeting, sorry!
Thanks for your questions, tips and answers! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

RAILROAD HISTORY

Bruce Wolff, Div 6 member and President of the Redford Model RR Club did a guest history lesson- a RR themed ghost story!
Christmas eve 1920's... Canadian Pacific RR, Spense's Bridge station, passengers on branch line waiting for mainline train which was late. The local train engineer was sick so the fireman was to take care of storing engine. However the fireman was in hurry- didn't set brake and throttle correctly. As the stoked fire broke through, steam built-up and the engine began to creep on the storage track traveling walking speed, headed to mainline against the on coming passenger train. The mainline passenger train was on a long straight line- about to pass a small station- going full speed when the engine bell rang from conductor to stop at the wayside station. Once the train stopped the conductor questioned the engine crew about the un-scheduled stop and ordered them to start up again. Just as they started, the runaway engine came around a turn and still going slowly, coupled onto the passenger train. Had the mainline train not stopped, it would have been going full speed when it ran into the escaped engine, creating a major tragedy. No one knows who rang the engine bell to stop the train at the station! WOW... a great story! Thanks Bruce for the guest history lesson! Looking forward to another lesson next month.

LAYOUT TOURS

THANKS to Div 8, for allowing us here in Div 6 to "piggy-back" on your layout tours last month. For November, we do have TWO tours for Div 6. These will be on Sunday, Nov 23 from 1pm to 5pm. The tours will be of John Wissinger and Dan Kempf. John's layout is HO scale, Steam and Traction, 13' x 24', about 35% scenery. Dan's layout is a large basement size, Sn3 scale, about 90% scenery. ALSO- advance notice, because the next newsletter will NOT be out in time... the annual layout tour of my Reading Lines and Marty LaForte's Burlington Northern will be on Sunday, Dec 7 from 12 noon to 5pm. Maps for BOTH set's of tours are later in this newsletter.

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

NEXT TOURS- SUNDAY, Nov 23- John Wissinger and Dan Kempf.
SUNDAY, Dec 7- Barry Hensel and Marty LaForte

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

There will be a Layout Tour at a fairly famous layout this month. On Nov 15-16, the O scale layout of Tom Lenzen will be open from 12-6pm Tom lives at 5815 Oakman Blvd Dearborn.

We've heard that the EBT, East Broad Top narrow gauge railroad in PA is up for sale. It will be sad if it all goes to scrap!

NCR NEWS

The November issue of the HotBox is out, mailed and posted on many division websites, including the Div 6 website- go to the Div 6 site, click LINKS and click on the HotBox tab!

Div 3 in Fort Wayne will be hosting the 2009 NCR regional convention.

NMRA SURVEY!

The NMRA BOD Convention Review Committee (CRC) has developed a survey designed to assist them in determining why members do or do not attend the National Convention. In addition, the survey is designed for responses from NMRA members as well as model railroaders who are NOT members. This survey is for everyone, whether or not they attend the National Convention, to respond with honest and frank answers. The survey link is: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Tnng_2f9pBPjtWUY2_2f2DT_2fpA_3d_3d or it can be accessed from the NMRA website. The survey will be open through the end of November.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Nov 9- Lansing Model Railroad Club Train Show and Sale Michigan State University Pavilion East Lansing, Michigan
10am-4pm Adults \$5, children (6-12) \$2, children under 6 & scouts in uniform are FREE

Sunday, Nov 30- Model Railroad Workshop & Show by Div 6 Livonia Senior Center Five Mile and Farmington Rds Livonia, MI
11am-4pm **FREE ADMISSION!!**

Sunday, Dec 7- St. Mary's Train Show, St. Mary's Athletic Complex Commerce Rd & Orchard Lake Rd.

Saturday, Dec 13- Toy Train Swap Holy Family Regional School Rochester Hills, MI
11am-3:30pm \$3 per person, \$6 family, early bird 10am, \$10

Sat-Sunday, Dec 27-28- Train Show Lucas Co Rec. Center Maumee, OH
11am-4pm Adults \$4 under 12 free
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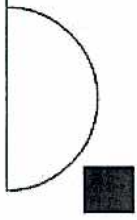
Sunday, Jan 18- Train Show & Sale Athens High School Troy, MI
10am-3pm \$3.00 Adults, 12 & Under Free when with a paid adult.

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

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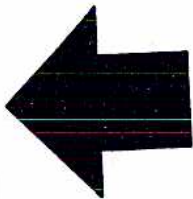
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