

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

## 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, OCTOBER 23, 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.

## DIV 6 OCT MEETING CHG

REMEMBER - THIS month ONLY, the Div 6 meeting has been moved to the **FOURTH** Friday of October - making the date **Friday, October 23, 2009**.

## NCR 2009 CONVENTION

The "Fort Wayne Shops" hosted by Div 3, is the official NCR Regional convention for 2009. The dates are October 15-18, 2009. The location is the Fort Wayne Marriott. Rooms are \$85 per night, call 260-484-0411 to book your reservation. For official convention registration, you are too late, so just GO and sign-up at the door! Are you going?

## SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the September meeting was our annual Div 6 swap meet night. Many people brought items to sell, but we think Rich had the most- almost 2 full tables! I'm sure some bargains were found! CURRENT PROJECTS shown were- a fire station kit and a water tank using tooth picks as mounting tabs! We had quite a few donations as those not bringing something to sell, didn't have something to show.

**NEXT MEETING-** flat cars with or without loads

## CLINIC

This month's clinic was the Div 6 swap meet night! 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-** Marc will have a clinic on flat cars

# ON THE RAILS...

## OCTOBER 2009

OK!!! Model Railroad "season" is fully underway! Train shows have started and the NCR convention is just around the corner. YOU should attend this event. First, you will see other layouts, learn from clinics and have a great time with fellow NCR members! Second, you will see how another Division is running their convention and it will give you some ideas on what will happen when we host in 2010! YUP, we're only ONE year away! Also up-coming is our own Div 6 Fall Show & Workshop! WE NEED YOU!! There is some new news on this event, so please read through the newsletter for that and all of your Div 6 happenings. Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

## DIV 6 POLO SHIRTS

We have a 10 shirt minimum on orders! If you would like a shirt, here's what we have- no pocket shirt small-XL= \$15, XXL/XXXL= \$18 For Pocket shirts- add \$1.50. For your name put on- 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!

## DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Bill Deeter came through AGAIN, but this time it was a quad by-pass operation in mid-September! Bill is home and doing very well! Keep up the good recovery!

Div 9 Clerk Steve Parkinson passed away last month. Our condolences to Div 9 and his family. Steve had an extensive collection of trains and the family is looking to sell it off. Please contact John Wissinger for info. 734-433-1658

The annual Halloween train run by the Great Lakes Live Steamers will be at the Southgate track on the 3rd weekend in October. The trains run after dark on Friday and Saturday. Over 4000 people rode last year!

Ch 56 has Tracks Ahead on Saturdays at 5:30pm. They are new shows!

Chi-town Station O scale layout in Union Lake will be filmed and featured on a future TV show.

## RAILROAD HISTORY

History "Prof" Norm was not present at the meeting. But we had a lesson, read by VP Bill- Cab forwards in pusher service- (from Classic Trains magazine) SP never called them "cab forwards, they were 'cab in front' or 'front cab' but mostly were called "Mallys" or by their engine number series, 4200's, 4100's. Story was by a guy that had hired on the SP and he related some stories when he was Jr. fireman on the "Mallys". One story was of how the cab-forward design (which was to keep the crew ahead of the engine smoke as it went through the numerous tunnels) didn't work, as he was riding in the THIRD unit of a long freight train and went through tunnel #6 (which was near a 1/4 mile long). Looking forward to another lesson next month.

## FALL SHOW & WORKSHOP

..... IS only 2 months away!!!  
OK, some NEW news to share -  
First, Dick Harden has volunteered to be Show Chairman for 2009! Doug stepped down, which he was looking to do anyway.

NEXT - we have a DATE CHANGE!!  
Seems the Senior Center holds no dates for anyone, so our annual and usual date got booked from under us. Our NEW date is-

**Sunday, December 6, 2009**

We are on the same time - 11am-4pm and we're back to charging at the door, \$4 per person over 17 years old, under 17 free and Boy Scouts in uniform free with paid adult. Next- everyone pays! Whether you are working, or doing a display, everyone pays the \$4 entrance fee. This is how we stay dues free, so everyone needs to contribute.

We are doing the annual model contest, so bring in your structures, diesel and steam locomotives, traction and rolling stock. Awards based on popular vote of spectators.

We'll be helping the Boy Scouts again this year. This is great!! Those doing displays will need to volunteer to help the scouts, if you have a subject that fits some of the requirements. A list of these is on the application page, later in the newsletter. Please see the application sheet in this newsletter. Copy it or tear it out and fill it out and bring it to the next Div 6 meeting or mail it directly to Dick!!

## LAYOUT TOURS

We'll be sharing the Div 8 tours again this month! We hope you get a chance to see these great layouts! Thinking of hosting a layout tour? Give Dick a call or email to have your layout on tour!

**NEXT TOURS-** Division 8-  
Sunday, October 4, 1:30-5PM  
Gene Kome & Rick and Marie Ware

## DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website is up. Check it out at- [www.div6-ncr-nmra.com](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

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## MODELING INFORMATION

We had one tip at the last meeting.  
\*\* Tip on how to make a static  
grass applicator- instructions on  
the internet at- [www.ztrains.com](http://www.ztrains.com)  
Do it for only \$30!!  
We look forward to more questions,  
tips next month!

## 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.

## PRODUCT REVIEW

We had no product reviews at the  
meeting. If you have an item to  
review, see Glenn before the  
meeting starts.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members at the last  
meeting. To all Div 6 members,  
WELCOME ABOARD!

## NCX - NCR-DIV 6 '10 CONV

The North Central Express dates are  
**October 21-24, 2010!!**

Our convention highlights are-

- \* Operation sessions available  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- \* FREE bag of model railroad  
"stuff" first 200 registered
- \* NMRA Model and Photo contests
- \* Extra Participants Choice and  
Best in Show Contest Awards
- \* All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast  
on Sunday morning
- \* Keynote speaker, Art Fahie of  
Bar Mills Products on Sunday
- \* Special event HO & N scale  
billboards on sale
- \* 15+ Workshops on Friday/Saturday
- \* Special Clinic series for the  
beginner- "model railroading 101"
- \* 20+ model layouts to visit
- \* Prototype tours on Friday
- \* Door Prizes all weekend
- \* Silent Auctions for charity
- \* Online Registration available,  
see website!
- \* Event site- Livonia Marriott,  
Laurel Park Mall
- \* EVERYONE welcome to attend!

NEW NEWS- very soon, we will be  
starting ALL of our convention  
activities and work. Items like  
letters to get door prizes, letters  
to layout owners and clinic  
presenters, work schedules etc...  
Also starting, will be our ONLINE  
registration!! We, Div 6 are the  
first in the NCR to offer this  
feature. You sign-up online and pay  
using your credit card! How cool!!  
WE NEED HELP right away - we need  
volunteers to attend some local  
train shows! Gratiot Valley,  
Lansing, Troy, Ann Arbor and  
Trainorama Extra. You get in for  
free and sit at a table answering  
questions about the convention!  
Call or email Barry to get in on  
this important job!

We are still working on having some  
modular layouts in the shopping  
mall for the public to see. As  
mentioned before, we start full  
time promotion at the 2009 NCR  
convention in Fort Wayne!! We  
should have more progress reports  
from now on - we're 1 year away!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, October 3-** "Cadillac Fall Color Limited" Enjoy double-headed steam with both PM 1225 and NKP 765 hauling an all-day excursion train between Alma and Cadillac. Tickets from \$125 \$200.

[www.michigansteamtrain.com](http://www.michigansteamtrain.com)

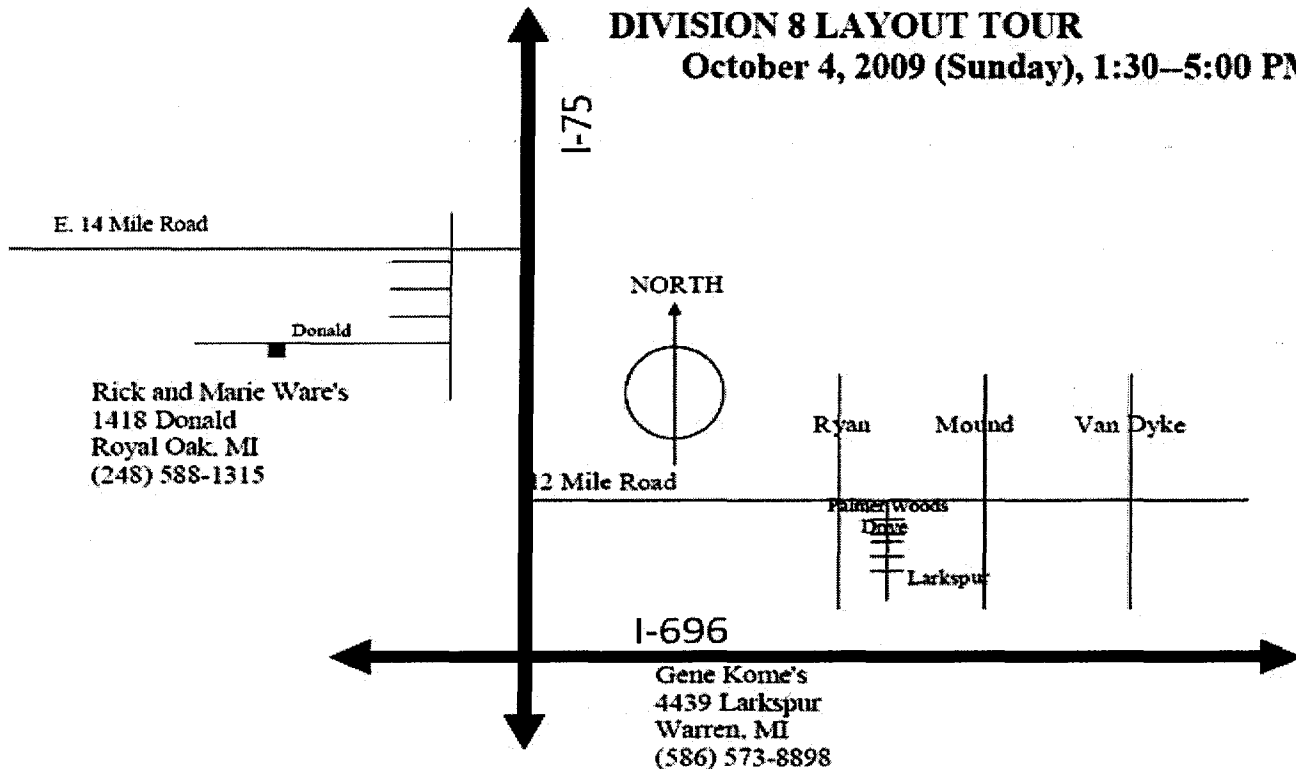
**Sunday, Oct 4** Train-orama 09 Train show/sale - Redford Model RR Club Costick Center, Farmington Hills 10am-4pm \$5 per person

**Friday-Sunday, Oct 15-18-** NCR Convention- THE SHOPS sponsored by Div 3 Fort Wayne, Indiana Direct inquiries: Northeast Hoosier website: [www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org](http://www.hoosierdiv3nmra.org)

**Sunday, Nov 1** Gratiot Valley RR Club Train Show - NEW LOCATION!! Gibraltar Trade Center, Mt. Clemens 10am-4pm

## DIVISION 8 LAYOUT TOUR

October 4, 2009 (Sunday), 1:30-5:00 PM



Please note that Gene Kome lives in a gated community called Palmer Woods Estate. The gate should be open. PLEASE PARK ON WEST SIDE OF PALMER WOODS DRIVE. NOT ON LARKSPUR

Gene models the Santa Fe of the 1970s and 80s in western Illinois, a section popularly called "the Racetrack" because of its fast freights between Chicago and Kansas City. His HO Scale layout features farms, feed mills, a cement plant, small towns, a glass bottle plant, and a food distributor. Scenery is about 80% complete, and four track staging yards at each end produce traffic density for this heavily traveled route. The layout has about 130' of double-track mainline.

**Indoor Layout:** Rick models the Chesapeake & Ohio, Greenbrier Division, in HO Scale. The scenery features autumn foliage and is about 90% complete. The track plan is a point-to-loop system along three walls and based on the prototype branch-line and Cass Scenic RR in eastern West Virginia during the mid-1960s. It features the towns of Roncerverte, Marlinton and Cass with a number of scratch-built models of actual structures, such as the passenger depot at Roncerverte, the leather tannery at Marlinton and the company store at Cass.

**Outdoor Layout:** The G Scale Loon Lake Railway & Navigation Company features live plants and real running water. This freelanced pike is loosely based on upper Michigan logging and mining. It has several hundred feet of single-track main folded in a loop plus passing and industrial sidings. A variety of structures and bridge grace the terrain, and the railroad operates with small steam locomotives and one center-cab diesel.

# Div 6 Annual Fall Show & Workshop Volunteer form

Please fill in the following and return to Dick Harden at the next meeting or mail it to-  
Dick Harden 5744 Hidden Lane Ct White Lake, MI 48383  
You can also contact Dick at 248-889-2228 or email to- *richhard01@comcast.net*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteering to.... (circle as many as apply)

Set-up    Take-down    Food    Admissions    Raffle    Display

Display: \_\_\_\_\_

Demonstrate: \_\_\_\_\_

Take Flyers to: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables needed (Based on a 6 foot table size) \_\_\_\_\_

Need Electric            Yes            No

Display working layout

Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Minimum Size: \_\_\_\_\_ft X \_\_\_\_\_ft            Prefer Size: \_\_\_\_\_ft X \_\_\_\_\_ft

Help with Scouts program- I will do - (circle one!)

- \* types of freight cars
- \* design a model railroad
- \* diesel loco types and operation
- \* railroad signals
- \* what/how/why of grade crossings
- \* name the different scales
- \* different railroads and where they are/were
- \* railroad departments and support industries
- \* Amtrak history and transit lines
- \* Operation Lifesaver
- \* building a model RR kit
- \* do switching on a layout
- \* all aspects of railroad safety

## SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS.....

- \*structure building
- \*railroad history
- \*track laying basics
- \*rolling stock building
- \*type of rolling stock
- \*kit-bashing
- \*people painting
- \*benchwork basics
- \*layout planning
- \*types of locomotives
- \*detailing
- \*tree making
- \*DCC systems
- \*photography
- \*different scales
- \*decaling/dry transfer
- \*scenery basics
- \*wiring basics
- \*computers in model rring
- \*classic toy trains

..... and YES, we can have more then one person doing the same demo!!!