

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

## ON THE RAILS...

**APRIL 2018**

HAPPY SPRING!! Now... just because the weather (should) be turning nicer, doesn't mean you should stop model railroading!! Let's keep modeling!!

Our Division 6 meetings have been lively, fun and informative! Let's keep that going by attending each month, contributing with information and stories and giving of your talents by volunteering for clinics and layout tours!

The NCR convention is in Lansing, hosted by Div 5. LANSING LEGACIES will be held on October 11-14, 2018. Check the **HotBox** for all of the info and a registration form! Or you can go to their website - <https://nmrncrdiv5.com/> Here's the rest of your Division 6 news-

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member at the last Div 6 meeting. Please welcome Matt Geyman. Meeting attendance was good with about 48 members present. To all Div 6 members, **WELCOME ABOARD!**

### 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 MEETINGS

Our Division 6 meetings are on the **THIRD** Friday of each month. Our next Division 6 meeting will be on **FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 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 weathered cabooses (cabeese?)!

**Items shown included-** work caboose; DMI shorty; O scale SP brass; HOn30; Rio Grande; PRR work O scale; steel body bay window; Soo line; PRR wood & steel; N scale NP & DHN; RDG northeastern style; NKP; Am Flyer; bay window; C&O; several misc items

**Current Projects shown included-**

Photo copies of planned painting for narrow gauge gazette cover; N scale depressed center flat car; code 83 to 100 transition track;

We had many members that donated to THE caboose, THANKS!

**NEXT MEETING** - MOW cars

### NCR NEWS-

Scott Kremer, NCR President, reported on the lack of response on his HotBox column.... why are so few attending Div meetings and conventions? What can we do to improve that? Please give Scott and the NCR Board some feedback!

### 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 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 welcome back John! The history lesson was from the 1889 publication of station agents - The article talked about how all railroads were to be different gauges, so that freight and passengers had to be transferred between railroads, thus increasing revenue and employment. Between Cleveland and Erie, there were up to 8 different railroads of different gauge, for only 180 miles! But soon, many railroads were consolidated and track standards were in place. The article also mentioned the typical freight box and it's journey through all of the interchanging railroads. Yikes... what a journey! THANKS John! Good to have you back! We're looking forward to another lesson soon.

## NEW ITEMS IN THE HOBBY

Russ Hjelmberg, from Nankin Hobby, will give us a report on new items that are coming out. Russ brought in some of the new components of the new Walthers turnout control system to look at. Atlas and Bachmann items may be hard to get, as stock is low due to an exceptional Christmas season for sales. Russ also told a great story... of a Div 6 member who won a gift card at a Div 6 meeting, but it was \$50, not \$10. He spent the \$10 and returned the rest to the store. Because of his honesty, he was given the remaining \$40 to now spend! Congratulations to that member and to Nankin!

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- Matt Letts! Congratulations!

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

Grant Line Products to close after 60 years. They will take orders until May, then sell only what is left in stock.

**NOTE!!!** - Bill Neale reports that someone left a camera battery at his place, during the March layout tours! He will bring it to the next Div 6 meeting.

## 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! THANKS to Scott, Ken and Bill for having their layouts open in March! Great layouts!!

**NEXT TOURS-** no tours for April!

## PRODUCT REVIEW

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

## 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](http://www.div6-ncr-nmra.com)

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## 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 by member Steve Gladsteen, who gave an excellent demo/presentation on 3rd Plan-it layout design software. Steve had tried Cadrail but never finished using it. He then tried the 3rd Plan-it and it seemed to "click" for him. Steve showed some of the basic commands and made a simple oval track plan with a yard! Of course, there is a learning curve... knowing some cad programs will help. Steve then showed his planned layout... the different levels and in 3D views! If you happen to be planning a layout and have computer skills, try this software to make your planning easier and more precise! THANKS Steve... we all learned something new!

**NEXT MEETING-** roundtables in April, looking for one more volunteer and subject.... Pierre Willermet -structure lights Bill Neale- trackwork improvements Rich Kubeck - walthers turnout control system

**Future clinics-** May - Bruce Wolff on kitbashing double crossovers

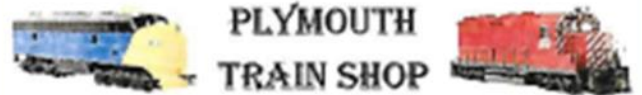


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## LOCAL RR EVENTS

Mich RR club - Dearborn library.

**May 02** - "Bridges on the Rouge, Pt. 1" by Nathan Holth Real good for modelers. Mr. Holth runs the web site historic bridges. Lots of good information.

**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, April 14** - 32nd Train Show & Swap Meet Bucyrus Model Railroad Association Bucyrus, OH - Crawford County Fairground Contact Info: David Moore 419-462-5035

**Saturday, April 14** - Grand River Valley RR Club Train Show [grandrivervalleyrrc.org](http://grandrivervalleyrrc.org) Home School Building, 5625 Burlingame Ave, Wyoming, MI 49509 10 am to 3 pm Vendor set up 7am Adults - \$5 Kids under 12 free Contact Info: Jeff Anderson 616-304-2875 Ken Skopp - H: 616-667-9680 C: 616-254-7305

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**Saturday-Sunday April 28-29, May 5-6, 12-13** Day Out with Thomas Greenfield Village Dearborn, MI Tickets on sale March 7th

[www.thehenryford.org/thomas](http://www.thehenryford.org/thomas)

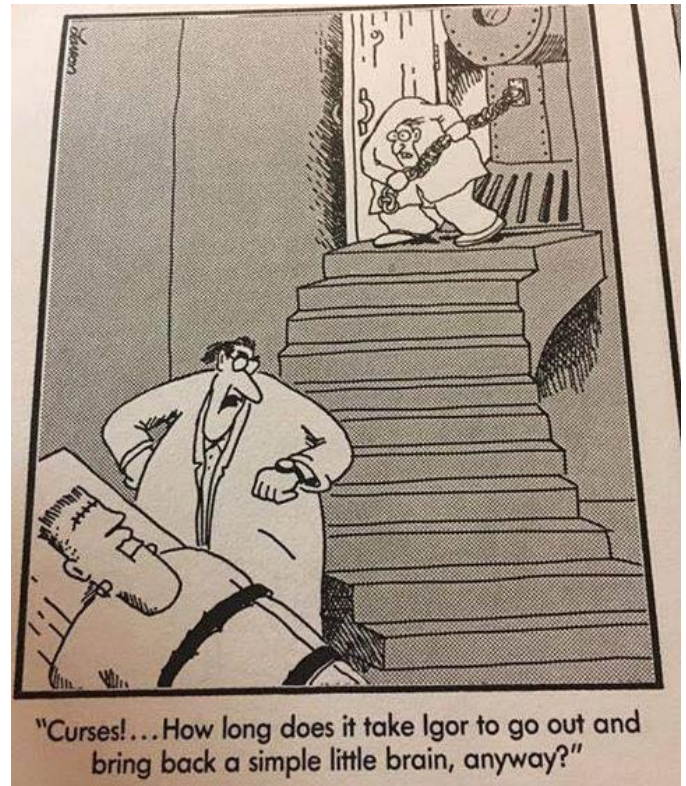
**Sunday, April 29** - Spring Model Train & Hobby Show Muskegon Railroad Historical Society Muskegon, MI - On board LST 393 560 Mart St, Muskegon MI 49440. 10am to 3pm. Admission is \$5.00, children under 5 are free! Tour of the LST 393 is FREE! Contact Info - Mike Wood 231-670-0751 website- [www.mrhs-online.org](http://www.mrhs-online.org)

**Saturday, May 5**- 11th Annual National Train Day Toledo, OH - Toledo Amtrak Station Contact Info - Bill Gill, 419-241-9155 x134

**Sunday, May 6** - 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 Info - 810-201-5513 [www.bluewaterconventioncenter.com](http://www.bluewaterconventioncenter.com)

## DIV 6 - RR HUMOR

here is some humor that has been found-



SHOW & TELL CABOOSES on display at the last Division 6 meeting.  
Also, one current project....

