



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

ON THE RAILS...

SEPTEMBER 2010

Summer is just about complete. That should be a signal that model railroading will increase as we move our activities indoors. However, we do still have close to 2 months before the weather turns iffy. We also have just a short 2 months before our hosting of the Regional convention - NCX! Please read the latest report in this edition of "On The Rails". This event will be here sooner than you think! Get yourself ready!

Our annual Fall Show & Workshop is also not far away. Please start thinking of the display you will be presenting. We need you and your display to make the event great!

Our meeting attendance has been very nice lately - thanks for attending! We hope you will continue to attend and contribute to the Div 6 knowledge base and also the fun we have together! Now, here's the rest of your Div 6 news-

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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

DIV 6 WEBSITE

The new Div 6 website is up. Check it out at- 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, SEPT 17, 2010**. 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.

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. All total, there are about 8 Divisions in our Region.

CONGRATULATIONS

A Div 6 Appreciation Award was given to Dick Harden for his many services over the years. Congrats!

TOOL TIME

Div 6 member Bill Deeter presents different tools and ideas- plastic containers - use all different types of plastic containers to store stuff in... shaker bottles from parmesan cheese, smaller medicine bottles can be used for bldg. details-tanks, etc..., bottle caps for bldg. details/ventilators, plastic razor handles make good columns! Bill gave out cards to solicit ideas for future talks. THANKS Bill for the information!

PRODUCT REVIEW

We did not have a product review this month. If you have a review item, see Glenn before the meeting.

LAYOUT TOURS

There will be no regular tours until after the NCX convention. We are still in need of a new Layout Tour Chairman. If you are interested in being the Layout Tour Chairman, please see Glenn.

NEXT TOURS- the NCX convention, then Marty and Barry in December.

MODELING INFO W/LARRY

Here are **LARRY'S TIPS** for this month- protect your rolling stock and locos with low cost storage units! Larry had once built an articulated engine, that rolled off of auto seat onto the floor... never again! Larry uses Styrofoam sheets cut into rectangles and makes trays to fit into Xerox paper boxes - can store 100+ cars per box! He had a hand-out that had all the part dimensions.

ALSO- Box Car doors - too much flash on door slides will not allow doors to slide. Larry took a file and had it modified to fit in slide to file flash out, so doors work!! Thanks Larry for some great info!

Another tip from the Div 6 members- Candy kiss foil - thinnest around - can burnish to make chrome hubcaps for your HO cars! We look forward to more questions, tips next month!

DIV 6 ROSTER

A suggestion was made to make a Div 6 member roster. We'll pass this around for the next 2 meetings to try to catch everyone. If you really DO NOT want to be on this, call, email Howard or John Wissinger. 734-433-1658 We may also expand this to a photo directory, if interest is there.

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.

SHOW AND TELL

The subject for the last meeting was your favorite anything... benches, B&O loco, Campbell sand house, rails around Michigan book, model RR "prayer" on a sign, U30C loco, tank car, Flechman flat car, Atlas switcher, RDG F-units A-B-A, Ford diecast car and bldg. kit. Sorry I didn't get more recorded, as the NCX planning Team was wrapping up a quick meeting. CURRENT PROJECTS- scratch built bldg, air brushing a bldg, trees from flowers in yard (made 300); finished RDG & PRR gons from last month. We did have some members donate to the caboose. Thanks to those that did.

NEXT MEETING-- one item you brought to sell at the Div 6 flea market, or a current project

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Div 6 Fall Show- **volunteer needed!!**
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RAILROAD HISTORY

Norm was present to do a History lesson but we didn't have time. Looking forward to another lesson soon.

DIV 6 MISC NEWS

Bob McGibben is moving into an assisted living and is liquidating HO collection. See/call Frank Spadafore for appointment to look over his items that are for sale- 313-271-7308

Larry Wolohon is considering a switch to O scale??!!

NMRA NATIONAL CONV

Jim Zinser gave us a report on the recent NMRA National Convention, held in Milwaukee. Over-all, it was a GOOD convention, everything was good!! Jim and Larry had a trip to Walthers, meet Mr. Walthers and bought some sale items. There were real RR cars near hotel for tours, hobby historical display and the Train Show was good too. Convention attendance was 1600+. The 2012 convention is in Grand Rapids and then in 2014 it comes to Cleveland!

CLINIC

This months clinic was hazmat for model railroaders- part 2!! Rich Mahaney was back after being in Saudi for 6 weeks! He was there, doing hazmat training. Rich started with some pictures from his travels, then a train trip on the Little River RR in Coldwater, MI and then into his clinic. Rich covered many topics, like that loaded tank cars need a 5 car buffer to engines, partially loaded 1 car buffer, clean-empty anywhere in train is OK. All car info is listed on train list, switch list, wheel report, consist list... all same item. Conductor has list and cannot release it to anyone - it is a federal document. Rich also showed slides on the many different types of tank cars - lots of information!! THANKS Rich for returning to complete your 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 swap meet night

DIV 6 FALL SHOW

Our date is set, the **Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 28, 2010.** Volunteer forms are in this newsletter. Glenn and Jack will act as co-chairman for 2010. WE NEED YOU!! This is our only fund-raiser and how we stay DUES FREE. Without YOU doing the displays and demo's, the public will not see anything and not want to pay the admission. You can display **ANYTHING** model railroad related or a proto-type historical display. We'll also need help with the Scouts program. And get your best models ready for the annual model contest. We will also need those donations for our raffle items, so please look over your "stock" of items and donate NEW items you will not need for your layout. Official show flyers will be available at the next meeting. **BIG NEWS** - THANKS Mark Ellis!! Mark has agreed to become the next Fall Show Chairman, after this year. So he'll be in "training" this year under Glenn and Jack. Let's make THIS show the best one ever!!

NMRA NEWS

Dave Thornton, one of the new NMRA VP's, was present at our meeting and gave us these notes- The members only site will be up and running soon, will have lots of free downloads, spec sheets, etc.; The Diamond club has raised most of the needed money to digitize all photos, documents and maps! Everything will be available online, order online and pay online then the file is sent to you. Non-members can have access too, but for higher price. This should be self-sufficient in a few years! Thanks Dave for the info and Congratulations on your new position!

NCX - NCR-DIV 6 2010 CONV

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

GREAT news for this month-
The proto-type tours are set - 4
businesses and 2 tours each - a
full day of tours! We did go back
to a business that we toured 8
years ago in order to fill in the
schedule. They welcomed us openly!

Registrations are still coming
in, we're up to 108!! More are
arriving nearly every day. The
online registration has proved to
be very popular, as close to half
of our registrations have used this
option! We're very happy this has
worked out and that we were the
first to do this! All that have
registered will get the extensive
NCX INFO PACKAGE mailed to them
within the next week. This is where
participants get to select OPS
sessions, proto-type tours and 2
extra fare clinics.

IT IS TIME!! It's time to get on
the volunteer sheet so that our
convention jobs are all covered.
Please get with Walt- call, email
or see him at the next Div 6
meeting to get on the NCX work
schedule. Like the Fall Show,
without YOU, the Div 6 membership,
this great convention could not
happen. All of the jobs are easy,
10 minutes of training and you're
good to go! PLEASE HELP!!

Thanks for the offer to take
flyers to hobby shops, however, we
need to contacting them direct, to
get them to donate products to the
door prize pile and offer
advertising in the event program.
You can have flyers to post at
work, school or church!

We're also in the process of
contacting many local eateries to
get coupons and discounts for our
participants. We've also been in
contact with the manager of the new
theatre in the mall, Phoenix
Theatres, and they've extended a
discount price for Friday and
Saturday of the convention. A
couple of coupons will be placed in
the goodie bag for this discount.

Lastly, if you know a local
business owner that can use some
cheap promotion, talk to them about

making a flyer for our goodie bag -
we need 225 or so, one for each
bag! This is a very inexpensive way
to advertise a local business!
Get ready- we're starting the home
stretch! NCX is ONLY 1.5 months
away!

OPPS!! Almost forgot... a huge
THANK-YOU to Jack Watson for
donating about \$100 worth of kits
and misc modeling items for the
door prize/silent auction pile of
goodies! If you have any NEW and
UNUSED items you would like to
donate, feel free to do so! Just
remember, we'll need some for the
Fall Show too!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Sept 19 - Toledo Train
Show Lucas Co Fairgrnds, Maumee,
Ohio 11am-4pm Parking- \$3
Admission \$5 - 12 & under FREE
517-264-5705

Saturday-Sunday Oct 2-3 -
Grayling Historical Society Train
Show and Swap
97 E Michigan Ave Grayling, MI
10am-3pm 989-348-2656
www.grayling-area.com/museum/

Sunday, Oct 17 - Train-o-rama
Model railroad show/swap, by
Redford Model RR club
Comstick Comm Center, 11 Mile RD
Farmington Hills 10am-4pm
Admission \$5 - 12 & under FREE
734-953-2546

Thursday-Sunday, Oct 21-24 -
**The North Central Express! NCR
regional convention, Livonia, MI**

Sunday, Nov 7 - Gratiot Valley
Train Show & Sale
Gibraltar Trade Ctr Mt. Clemens
10am-4pm Admission \$6 - under 12
FREE - Discount Coupon on website
586-468-4877 **www.gvrr.org**

Sunday, Nov 21 - Lansing Model
RR Club Train Show and clinics
Michigan State University
Pavilion East Lansing, MI 48824
10am-4pm Admission Fees ??
616-522-9239 **<http://lmrc.org>**

Sunday, Nov 28 - **FALL SHOW AND
WORKSHOP, by NMRA-NCR-Div 6
Senior Center, Livonia MI**