

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

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## 12 June 2010 Marion Union Station Marion, Ohio



### Schedule (Change in Clinic order)

**8:00 am – 8:00 pm:** Marion Union Station open

**9:15 – 10:15:** *C & O Hoppers*, Karen Parker (Div 6)

**10:30 – 11:30:** *Fairbanks Morse Diesels*, Frank Bongiovanni (Div 4)

**11:30 – 1:30:** Mini Flea Market, AP Judging, & Lunch (on your own)

**1:45 – 2:45:** *Layout Planning for Operations*, Jim Rollwage (Div 7)

**3:00 – 4:00:** *Keep It Clean*, Bruce Knapp (Div 7)

**4:15 – 5:15:** Division 6 Business Meeting

### Contest

**Model:** Diorama no larger than 2'x4', can be smaller.

Should include more than one building; rail access, or main line passing.

**Photograph:** Industrial Pictures.

# Superintendent's Report

By  
Division 6  
Superintendent  
**Robert  
E. Lee**

I would like to thank all of you who voted for me and all of you who did not, none the less I am proud to serve as your new Division 6 Superintendent. However we must move on to the business at hand. On behalf of those who attended the last Division 6 Meeting we like to thank our host, The Central Ohio N-Trak MRR Club for opening their layout for the division to see and the Park of Roses Recreation Center for the opportunity to use their facility for our meeting.

I would like to welcome the other new officers for Division 6 as well, Assistant Superintendent Craig Sonnen; Clerk Bob Bowditch; Pay Master John Gafney and our new Director Don Wilke. To all my fellow officers, I offer you my congratulations. Together with me we will lead the Division into the next term and beyond.

As we prepare to lead you, we will bring before you our Vision and Goals for the Division in the coming years and some

ideas on how we can achieve them. As always your feedback is important to us. So stay tuned for things to come.

May 13th – 16th, 2010 saw Division 9's Mid Central Region Convention. The theme, *The Coalfield Express* was packed with a lot of stuff

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## 1 August Ned Harlow's Norfolk & Western

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related to the Coal Industry. Tours of Walker Machinery Co. and the Four Mile Mine gave you the flavor of what it was like when Coal was King. The John Amos Plant is the largest coal fired generating electric generating plant in North America, also the Appalachian Railcar Service Facility is on the property, this gave some insight on how coal is used and the cars that haul it.

The Embassy Suite Hotel was the home of the convention, the accommodations were sweet and the food and beverages were in-

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# Division 6 Financial Report

By  
Division 6  
Chief Clerk  
**John  
Gafney**

## Income Statement

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<p>To see the Division 6 Financial Report, contact the Division 6 Superintendent at: <a href="mailto:Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org">Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org</a></p>					
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*subject to audit					
Prepared by John Gafney					
Paymaster 5/18/2010					

## Chief Clerk's Report

**NMRA Division 6 Meeting  
April 24th, 2010  
Held at N-Trak Club  
Whetstone Rec. Center**

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Judy Logan at 2:35 PM.

Officers present were Superintendent Judy Logan; Assistant Superintendent Robert Lee; Chief Clerk John Gafney; Directors Howard Smith & Paul Smith.

Judy began by thanking the N-Trak club for opening up their club for the Division members to view.

There was no discussion on the minutes. Craig Sonnen made a motion to accept, Paul Smith seconded, the motion passed.

The financials were reviewed by the Chief Clerk and Paul Smith made a motion to accept and Fred Rea seconded, motion passed.

**Old Business:** Tom Fox recently had leg surgery and is recuperating temporarily in assisted living facility; Bob Doerflein commented his spirits seemed to be very good.

Dean Freytag is still recuperating in a

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Division 6  
Chief Clerk  
**John  
Gafney**

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nursing home from his illness.

Joe Slanser is doing well and his layout is running well and Joe still works on it.

AP Chairman: Howard Smith reported Reich Hartley will be receiving his Golden Spike certificate, John Ritter will be receiving his Master Builders-Structures, and John Gafney will be receiving his Volunteer certificate.

Craig Sonnen reported the N-Track weekend is scheduled for the weekend of April 30<sup>th</sup> May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

Bob Lee reminded everyone the Mid-Central Region convention is the week end of May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> in Charleston West Virginia.

Judy Logan reminded everyone the June meeting will be an all day event at Marion Station June 12<sup>th</sup>. AP judging will be available and popular contest will also be held, subject Model is a diorama, and photo of a industrial area.

We are on our own for lunch.

Judy announced we have one new member Richard Haas – welcome. Total Division membership is 208

Darrel Logan announced the new Board will be Superintendent: Robert Lee; Assistant Superintendent: Craig Sonnen; Clerk: Bob Bowditch; Paymaster: John Gafney; Directors: Don Wilke, Howard Smith, and Paul Smith.

Craig Sonnen moved to destroy the ballots, Bob Lee seconded, motion passed

Bob Lee said the deadline for the next *Super's Signal* is May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and the Steering committee meeting will be on May 19, 2010.

John Ritterer announced the winners of today's contest:

Model: 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Williamson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Wetterstroem, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Smith.

Photo: 1<sup>st</sup> Ted Wetterstroem, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Wilke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Don Wilke

Judy Logan presented last year's Modeler of the Year to Ted Wetterstroem, and the Photographer of the Year to Don Wilke

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM

Submitted by Chief Clerk

John Gafney 5/10/2010

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cluded in the price of the room.

The Clinic's were great and covered a variety of subjects that peaked everybody interest and the layout tours included the B&O; C&O; logging operations; and a cantilevered staging yard.

They had an AP Judging clinic and at least six members from Division 6 attended and were awarded Certificates of Appreciation

for service to the hobby of Model Railroading.

The 2011 MCR Convention will be hosted by Division 5 at The Lodge & Conference Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake, Geneva, Ohio. The theme is *Rails of Ages*, 50 years of Division 5, 1961 to 2011. I think this will be a blast also, due to all the wineries.

Of course there will be other thing to do, like a short line excursion; a chemical plant tour. If you plan to go, look at the wed-site for more information at

**2011 MCR Convention**  
***Rails Of Ages***  
**[www.RailsOfAges.org](http://www.RailsOfAges.org)**

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# JUDGES' SCORE SHEET for NMRA MODEL CONTEST

**Model Description** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entry No.** \_\_\_\_\_

*Describe the model in detail. Check all the items that apply. Add additional data. Attach extra pages with photos/plans/drawings and additional description as needed. Add as much additional information as possible about techniques and work incurred.*

**1. CONSTRUCTION (Maximum 40 Points)**

**Points Awarded**

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|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drew my Own Plans     | <input type="checkbox"/> Followed construction article | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit cardstock    | <input type="checkbox"/> Soldered      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Used Prototype Plans  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit metal             | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit glass        | <input type="checkbox"/> Made patterns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Used kit plans        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit plastic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Crosskitted or kitbashed | <input type="checkbox"/> Made molds    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Used commercial plans | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit wood              |   |  |

Describe in detail how model was built, complexity of construction , methods used. \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. DETAIL (Maximum 20 Points)**

**Points Awarded**

Describe complexity, difficulty, refinement, amount of additional detail parts added.

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**3. CONFORMITY (Maximum 25 Points)**

**Points Awarded**

Give information as to prototype modeled or explain logic of design. Include copies of photos, drawings and plans.

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**4. FINISH and LETTERING (Maximum 25 Points)**

**Points Awarded**

- Finish:*  Weathered     Non-Weathered     Spray     Airbrush     Mask and Spray.  
*Signs & Lettering:*     Decals     Hand Letter     Dry Transfers     Photo Reduction     Photo Etching

Describe finish and lettering methods in detail \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. SCRATCHBUILDING. (Maximum 15 Points)**

**Points Awarded**

List all parts you have fabricated. Note any special or unusual features added. \_\_\_\_\_

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**This space for contest committee only.**

Score Tabulated by \_\_\_\_\_ Verified by \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA Contest Form 902 Rev B, 23 July 2000. All previous versions of this Form are obsolete.

**FINAL TOTAL**



# INVITATION

## AP JUDGING EVENT

### June 2010 Division 6 Meeting

Division 6 invites all members to an Achievement Program judging event at the Annual All Day Meeting held in Marion, Ohio. Qualified judges will be available to review your models. Your model will be judged and awarded points per the AP program rules. Please complete the AP Judges Score Sheet form and bring it with your model to the meeting. Forms will be available at Marion.

We will judge Motive Power, Cars, and Structures categories only for this event. Arrangements can be made for other categories at the meeting. All AP program rules and forms may be reviewed on the NMRA web site at:

<http://www.nmra.org/achievement/>

We will display the models during for everyone to see and enjoy. This is a great chance to participate and get your models judged.

Thanks!

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[www.RailsOfAges.org](http://www.RailsOfAges.org) or  
[info@RailsOfAges.org](mailto:info@RailsOfAges.org)

The Lodge at Geneva is small, about 150 rooms, I would advise you make reservations early. Like this year; they are taking reservations as we speak. Also Division 5 has a call out for Clinicians for the convention. They have (2) two clinic styles: Mainline Clinics (45 minutes) and Shortline Clinics (15 minutes – ideas, bring-and-brag, etc). They need clinics covering all topics: prototypes, histories, modeling, locos, rolling stock, signals, industries, operations, DCC, etc. So see if you can help them out. You can contact them at their website: [www.RailOfAges.org](http://www.RailOfAges.org)

or by mail at:

Rail Of Ages,  
12049 Sperry Road,  
Chesterland, Ohio  
44026

The focus at the Superintendent's breakfast at the 2010 MCR Convention was *Participation in the NMRA Achievement Program* and what is working in your Division to promote it? This is an area of our Division that needs some attention, so look forward to more discussions on this topic at future meetings. On that note the Division will be starting a program named Members Aid Program which will help new and old members on an individual basis in areas of Motive Power; Cars; Structures; Bench Work; Track Work; Electrical and Scenery. Other subjects will be added as needed. Howard Smith, MMR, the division AP Chairman will head this Program up. The Members Aid Program will provide advice and suggestions only. If anyone is interested in being a member of the Members Aid Pro-

gram, see Howard Smith. More details to follow.

The Mid-Central Regional has shirts for sale, with the Mid-Central Regional logo embroidered on the left side with pocket and name on the right side and the color is navy blue. Price is \$30 without name and \$34 with name. To order see Regional Treasurer Paul Smith or email him at:

[Treasurer@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:Treasurer@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

Hey, something hot off the press from the NMRA, it's call "Members Only" area, exclusively for NMRA members. The NMRA will be "beefing up" its website with additional content, thanks to funding from the Diamond Club. I can't tell you everything members will find in that area, but I can tell you one thing that may be there: articles from Division newsletters.

Every-other month, Division Business Car columnist Jim Zinser mentions articles he finds in the newsletters that we send

him. Maybe he'll talk about a function at a Division, or a how-to-do article, or any number of things that attract his interest. Until now, NMRA members had to scour your Division of Regional website to read the whole article, if it was posted there. Not any more!

Beginning in late July (the planned opening of the Members Only area), they will be posting the articles that Jim mentions in his column in the Members Only area. Look for more info in *Scale Rails* on this subject.

Our Next Division 6 Meeting. will be held at the Marion Union Station, Marion, Ohio on Saturday, the 12th of June 2010. Be prepared to have a full day of excitement, starting at 8am that morning until you get tired

that evening. We

plan to have a Mini-

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Flea Market to get rid of all that stuff you don't want, however due to a lack of tables, please bring a small table with you to set up your stuff for the Mini-Flea Market if possible.

We will have four Clinics to inspire your minds and sharpen your wits, (see the schedule of events on the front page of the *Signal*), plus plenty of train watching, and getting together to share ideas. This year, however you will be on your own for lunch, but the Shovel Restaurant is by the station, other locations are near by and Waldo is down the road. Check the schedule of events and times for Clinics posted in the *Signal*.

The Model Contest is a Diorama no larger than 2'x4'. The Photo Contest is industrial pictures. So get that scene together and dig out the old pictures you took and head on up for one great day. Remember that both categories must be items that you have completed and pictures that you have taken. Also, along with the regular contest there will be AP-judging available for those of you who want a model or something else judged. See you there rain or shine.

Thanks-  
**Bob Lee**

**AP Report  
By:  
Howard  
R. Smith,  
MMR**

# Division 6 AP Program Report

This months AP Report is an invitation to an Achievement Program Judging Event at the June 12th Meeting in Marion, Ohio. Qualified AP Judges will be available to review your models using the NMRA Judges' Score Sheet form. A copy of the form is printed on the [next page - Editor]. Please copy as many forms as needed or go to the NMRA WEB Site at:

<http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement/apforms.html> for additional copies. Also please complete a form for each model to be judged.

We will be judging only Motive Power, Cars, and Structures categories for this event. It is important to remember that the plan is to score at least 87 1/2 points earning a merit award. Merit awards then can be used for the AP certificate you are seeking. Therefore bring your best models. Models that are kit-bashed or scratchbuilt and or superdetailed may have the best chance of getting a merit award. You should not bring an out of the box kit and expect to score 87 1/2 points.

This is a great opportunity to participate in the AP program and to have your models judged. Come Join Us!  
Howard R. Smith, MMR  
Division 6 AP Chairman

## Division 6 Timetable

**7 July**  
Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting  
7:30 Bob Lee's

**9 July**  
*Super's Signal Deadline*

**12-17 July**  
*75th Anniversary NMRA National Convention*  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**1 August**  
An operations session at Ned Harlow's.  
**Model:** Loaded Tractor/Trailer  
**Photo:** Tractor/Trailer

**12 September**  
Garden Railroads Open House Tour  
No division meeting, members on their own.  
**Model:** None; **Photo:** None



# Marion Union Station



# First Place Contest Winners

First Place –  
Model  
(Thumbs):  
Scott  
Williamson



First Place –  
Photograph  
(Railroad  
Oddities): Ted  
Wetterstroem



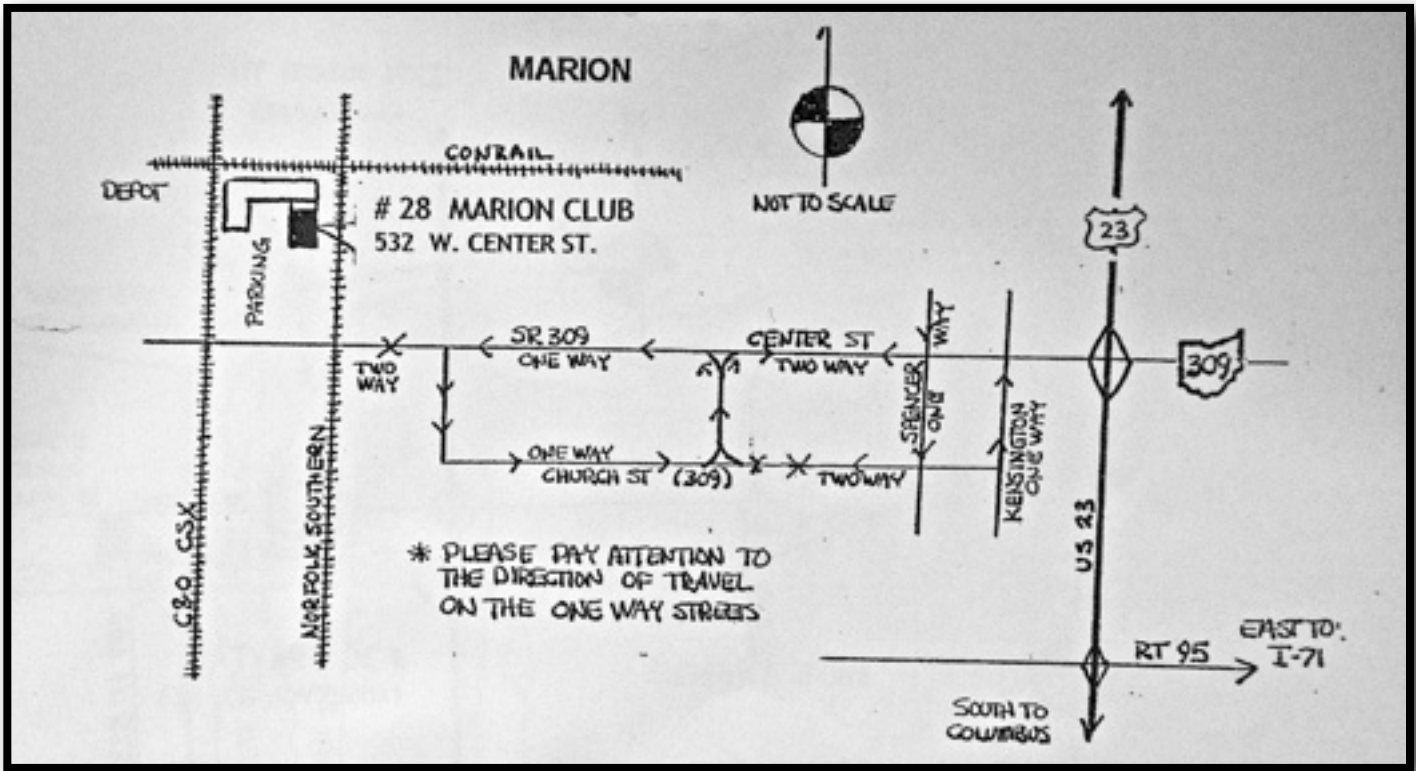
Additional winners at:

<http://div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/Contest100424Fold/100424Contest.html>

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