

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

A publication of Division Six, Mid-Central Region of The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

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## 1 August 2010 Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church (Kirsch Hall at the front of the church) Reynoldsburg, Ohio



### Schedule

12:30 – 1:30: *Columbus Interurban*, Richard Barrett

1:30 – 2:30: Division 6 Business Meeting

2:30 – ?: Ned Harlow's *Norfolk & Western Railway* Open

### Contest

**Model:** Tractor/Trailer Rigs. Any type.

Appropriately detailed load on or in trailer (rear doors open, if the load is inside).

**Photograph:** Tractor/Trailer Rigs.

Heavy industrial loads; odd configuration; convention trucks.

By  
Division 6  
Superintendent

**Robert  
E. Lee**

# Superintendent's Report

Now that summer is upon us, Model Railroading is not at the top of our to-do list, we would rather lie on the deck with a cooling drink or a dip in the pool. Those lazy crazy days of summer. However this is a good time to get out and take pictures, plan a short trip to that spot that you want to model, gather data or other information that you will need later or just enjoy the outdoors.

Our annual meeting in Marion was a success, although the attendance was down only about 25 people attended, but the clinics were great. Thank again to the Marion Station Group for the use of their facilities. Frank Bongiovanni from Division 4 gave the history of Fairbanks Morse Diesels, very interesting in that they were ahead of their time in innovation. Jim Rollwage from Division 7 gave an excellent plan for building a model railroad base on research and development before starting for operation. Bruce Knapp from Division 7

gave hints and tips on how to maintain track and keep your loco's running. My hat is off to our own Karen Parker for her clinic on C&O hoppers.

I know we have other members that have clinics and would love to present them at a division meeting, so step forward and let me know. It was disappointing that we had no models for judging, therefore no AP awards.

How many of you will be attending the 75th annual NMRA convention in Milwaukee WI July 12-17? This one should a good show. Some of the most prominent manufacturers in model railroading have joined forces to present a special exhibit of historical models from the past 75 years. Walthers will showcase many of the significant models it's introduced down through the years. Jim Hediger has

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**1 August**

**Ned Harlow's  
Norfolk & Western**

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# Division 6 Financial Report

By  
Division 6  
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**John  
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Prepared by John Gafney  
Paymaster 7/6/2010

## Clerk's Report

**Division 6, Mid Central Region,  
NMRA Inc.**

**Business Meeting**

**June 12, 2010**

Meeting called to order at by Superinten-  
dent Bob Lee at 4:00 pm.

Meeting Location: Marion Union Depot,  
Marion, Ohio.

**Officers in Attendance:**

Robert E. Lee	Superintendent
Bob Bowditch	Clerk
John Gafney	Paymaster
Howard Smith	Director
Paul Smith	Director
Don Wilke	Director
Dick Briggs	MCR President

**Chairpersons present:**

Howard Smith	Achievement Pro- gram
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By  
Division 6  
Clerk  
**Bob  
Bowditch**

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Super's  
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been a part of the model railroading scene for five of those seven and a half decades. Now he will bring those 50-years to life as the featured banquet speaker. If any one does attend let me know or send me an article or email on how you enjoyed it. Also if any of you take any trips that includes railroading let me know about that too with an article about it.

A heads up for next year National Convention in Sacramento, CA. If you plan on going the registration fee is only \$99.00. But, the low rate will be available only until September 1, 2010. [See page 10.] To take advantage of this special price, go to the Convention's website:

[www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org)

Our next Division Meeting will be August 1, 2010 at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church. A clinic will precede the meeting given by Dick Barrett, entitled *Colum-*

*bus Interurban*, follow by a layout tour of Ned Harlow's *Norfolk & Western Railroad*. As usual AP judging will be available, so bring those models. Hope to see you there.

Sometime a train leaves the station on schedule never to return. I am sad to announce the departure of one of our long time members on June 27. Todd Miller, 53 of Marion, Ohio passed away suddenly after suffering a heart attack. (more info to follow)

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

Reminder, there will be no Division Meeting in September due to the *Columbus Garden Railway Society Annual Tour*. The next scheduled meeting will be October 17, 2010 at Grove

City Hall followed by a tour of Craig Sonnen and Howdy Lamprecht layouts. If you are traveling the next two month or so be careful and drive safely.

Thanks-

**Bob Lee**

**Division 6  
Clerk's  
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Bob Lee	<i>Super's Signal</i> Editor
Don Wilke	Web Master
Dick Briggs	Modular Layout

**Clubs Represented:**

Howard Smith	<i>Columbus HO Model Railroad Club</i>
Paul Smith	<i>Central Ohio Model Railroad Club</i>
John Gafney	<i>Central Ohio 'S' Gaugers</i>
Craig Short	<i>Zanesville Club</i>
Bob Lee	<i>Janis Center</i>
Dave Lindsay	<i>Central Ohio N-Trak</i>

Bob Lee gave Thanks to the Marion Station Group for the use of the facilities and to all the clinicians for their time and presentations.

**Old Business:**

Minutes from last meeting were pasted out and reviewed.

Motion to accept as read by Jim Ruisinger. Seconded by Don Wilke.

The Financial Report was read and/or approved by John Gafney. Motion by Dick Briggs. Seconded by Ted Wetterstroem

**Programs:**

Report presented by Bob Lee. The next Division 6 Meeting

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will be August, 1st at the Reynoldsburg UM Church with a layout tour later at Ned Harlow's. There will be no meeting in September. October's Division Meeting will be in Grove City on the 17th with a layout tour at Howdy and ?. November's Division Meeting will be on the 21st in Urbana at the PRR Station. Layout tour later at Gary Salzgeber's.

### **Contest Report:**

Presented by John Retterer. June 12 meeting winners are:

#### **Industrial Pictures**

- 1st Don Wilke Coal Tipple
- 2nd Peggy Doerflein Knifes
- 3rd ?

Certificates given to contest winners from the last Division Meeting, April 24th.

#### **Model**

- 1st Scott Wilkerson
- 2nd Ted Wetterstroem
- 3rd Paul Smith

#### **Photo**

- 1st Ted Wetterstroem
- 2nd Don Wilke
- 3rd Don Wilke

#### **August Contest**

#### **Model**

Tractor Trailer Rigs

#### **Photo**

Tractor Trailer Rigs. Conventional loads, Odd loads, Heavy loads

John mentioned that we are looking for more entrants in the future.

### **Achievement Program Report:**

Presented by Howard Smith. Howard

gave certificates to John Gafney for Associate Volunteer and to John Retterer for Master Structures.

### **Web-Site Report:**

Presented by Don Wilke. Don announced the new format of the website with more changes to be made. Changes include making the current and archives more accessible and allow

the financial reports to be available to division members only.

### **Supers' Signal Report:**

Presented by Bob Lee. Bob announced that the *Supers' Signal* needs to be put out 2-3 weeks prior to the next meetings. All info to be sent to Bob Lee. His questions regarding the *Supers' Signal* showed everyone was happy with it.

### **Mid Central Regional President Report:**

Presented by Dick Briggs. Dick congratulated the WV Division for hosting a great convention. It was well attended and offered great clinics. He also announced next year's convention on April 28-May 1 2011 in Geneva-on-the-Lake. The Convention is *Rails of Ages*. He encouraged everyone to book rooms now as the resort has a limited number of rooms.

### **New Members Report:**

Presented by Dave Schein. One new member, Retta Retterer, was announced. Also we need to clean up the current

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**New Division 6 Superintendent, Robert E. Lee, considers four more years.**



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data we have on members.

**Old Business:** by Bob Lee.

New Division 6 Officers were introduced:

Bob Lee	Superintendent
Bob Bowditch	Clerk
John Gafney	Paymaster
Don Wilke	Director

Bob recapped the Regional Convention held in Charleston, WV. Division 9's *Coalfield Express* was a huge success. It was well attended and hosted great tours and clinics. The award banquet was one of the biggest in recent history. Contest Judges were trained giving us 6 new judges available in the division. New Contest Judges were given Certificates of Appreciation for AP judging. The AP program is a continued focus needing new and existing members to enhance and maintain this program. He expects more participation.

**New Business:**

**MCR 2011 Convention:**

Division 5 will host the Mid-Central Convention at Geneva-On-The-Lake, Ohio April 28 to May 1st, 2011.

*Rail of Ages* details above. More info at:

[www.railsofages.org](http://www.railsofages.org)

Or

12049 Sperry Rd. Chesterton, OH 44026

Bob Lee announced the convention needs more clinicians for this and any meeting/convention.

**Members Aid Program:**

The Members Aid Program is headed by Howard Smith. This is a great program formulated to simply aid Division 6 modelers with answers to any model railroad-ing questions they may have. Questions

should be directed to Howard Smith. He will assist in answering or have the question forwarded to others. Please review May 2010 *Scale Rails* article for more details.

**Division 6 Members Only:**

Division 6 Members Only on website. By the end of the year articles will be posted, but remember, this is a work in progress.

**Clinics:**

Bob Lee put out the plea for more clinicians for future division meetings. More clinics at division meeting bring more members to the meetings and will eventually aid in membership retention.

**AP Program :**

The AP Program in the division needs more participation. There are 7 MMRs in

Division 6 with 208 division members. Simply need more modelers to take part in the AP program.

**Steering Committee Meeting :**

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held on July 7th at Bob Lee's house at 7:30 pm.

**Super's Signal Deadline:**

The Dead Line for August *Super's Signal* is July 9th. All info to be sent to Bob Lee.

**Next Division 6 Meeting:**

The next Division 6 Meeting is on August 1 in Reynoldsburg at the UMC and a lay-out tour later at Ned Harlow's.

**Membership:**

Membership as of 4-1-2010 is 206, down 2 members. We need to recruit more members, new modelers.

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

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### Clubs reports:

*Zanesville Club* – Craig Short

November Open House

*Columbus HO Model Railroad Club* – Howard Smith

Open house in November

A Division 6 Meeting scheduled in January with an Open House

*Columbus Zoo* – Paul Smith

Looking for a commitment from the zoo. More details later.

*Janis Center* – Bob Lee

Not much news. Open now and functional.

*Central Ohio N-Trak* – Dave Lindsay

Dave announced the 2nd Annual N Scale weekend was a success. Always looking for new members. He has recruited some students from OSU.

*S Scale* – John Gafney

2011 Spring Convention at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard.

*Mini Bunch* – Jim Ruisinger

Last weekend of Oct/Nov 2011 Registration is around \$5-10

### Shirts:

MCR Shirts are available for \$30, \$34 with your name on it.

Division 6 shirts are also available, \$20 with name on it. Minimum order is 4 shirts and the colors are Black, Red, White or Gray.

### Presentation:

A presentation was made to the Marion Club of a beautiful wood burning portrait of the Marion Depot. Picture was found on eBay and presented to Joe Slanser who graciously accepted it and promised to have it on display prominently in the club room or office.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM

Motion by Howard Smith

2nd by Jack Roberts

Submitted by Division 6 Clerk

**Bob Bowdich** 7/13/2010

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Clerk's  
Report  
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Jim Ruisinger presents a woodcut of Marion Union Depot to Joe Slanser.

**Presentation**

## A Note From The President, Mid-Central Region

A Note

By

Mid-Central

Region

President

Dick

Briggs,

MMR

*Well we missed you!*

Our Saturday meet at Marion Union Station was great! We were treated to two great clinics before lunch. Susan Parker of Division 6 gave a presentation on C & O RR hoppers, followed by Frank Bongiovanni, from Division 4, who tried to educate us on the intricacies of Fairbanks Morse locomotives. After lunch Jim Rollwage gave us a presentation on planning our layouts for operations. He was followed by Bruce Knapp from Cincinnati who provided a whole host of ideas on keeping track and rolling equipment clean and in top notch running condition.

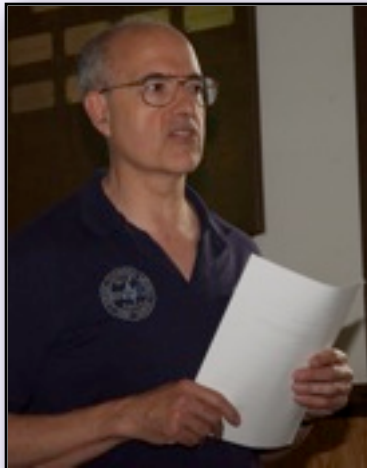
On top of all that there were plenty of items for sale in the mini flea market and a good complement of prototype equipment rumbling by throughout the day to satisfy the railfans.

Congratulations to our new Super and his Officers for putting together a great day. We should look forward to many more great meetings in the future. Plan on joining us for the next meeting. We have new leadership who want to provide meetings with new and interesting programs for us. Let's show up at meetings and support their efforts.

Dick Briggs, MMR

Four Clinics  
presented at  
the Marion  
Meeting

## Clinics at Marion



Division 4's Frank Bongiovanni presents Fairbanks Morse Diesels



Are own Karen Parker presents C&O Hoppers



Division 7's Jim Rollwage presents Layout Planning for Operation



Division 7's Bruce Knapp presents Keep It Clean

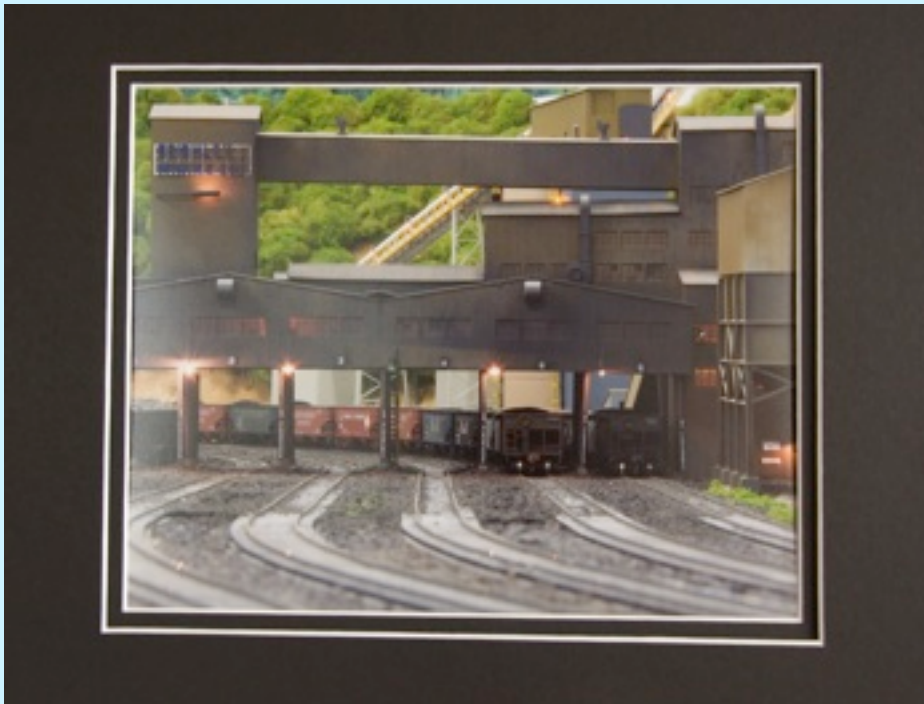


## Ned's *Norfolk & Western*

Ned Harlow's  
*Norfolk &  
Western*



## First Place Contest Winners



First Place –  
Model  
(Diorama): No  
Entries

First Place –  
Photograph  
(Industrial  
Pictures): Don  
Wilke

Additional winners at:

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

By:

**Howard  
R. Smith,  
MMR**

## Division 6 AP Program Report

The Division 6 all day meeting at the Marion Station has come and gone. As usual the meeting was a success with great clinics and train watching. The participation in the Achievement Program Judging was at best disappointing as no models were entered. It was a great opportunity to have your models judged without the hassle of a NMRA Model Contest. We will try again next year. As usual, we are willing to judge models at any Division 6 Meeting. Just complete the Judges Score Sheet form and bring it with the model.

AP certificates were awarded to John Retterer, Master Builder Structures, and John Gafney, Association Volunteer. Congratulations to both on earning these awards.

Over the years as I have been the AP Division 6 Manager I have wondered what is the problem with getting division members to participate in the AP program. I have heard many reasons. From the paperwork is to complex. My models are not good enough and many other reasons.

I plan to present mini-clinics at future division meetings covering the required forms. We will discuss how to fill the out the forms to present the model to the judges in the best possible way. In other mini-clinics, I plan to discuss the requirements for the different certificates.

Come Join Us!

**Howard R. Smith, MMR**

Division 6 AP Chairman



Howard Smith, AP Chairman, presents John Retterer his Master Builder Structures.



Howard Smith, AP Chairman, presents John Gafney his Association Volunteer.

### EXTRA 2011 WEST NMRA CONVENTION

The 2011 NMRA Convention in Sacramento is being billed as the *Unconventional Convention*, and one of the reasons is that the registration fee is only \$99! But, that low \$99 rate will be available only until [September 1, 2010](#), at which time it will definitely increase. Register now to take advantage of this low rate at the Convention's website:

[www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org)

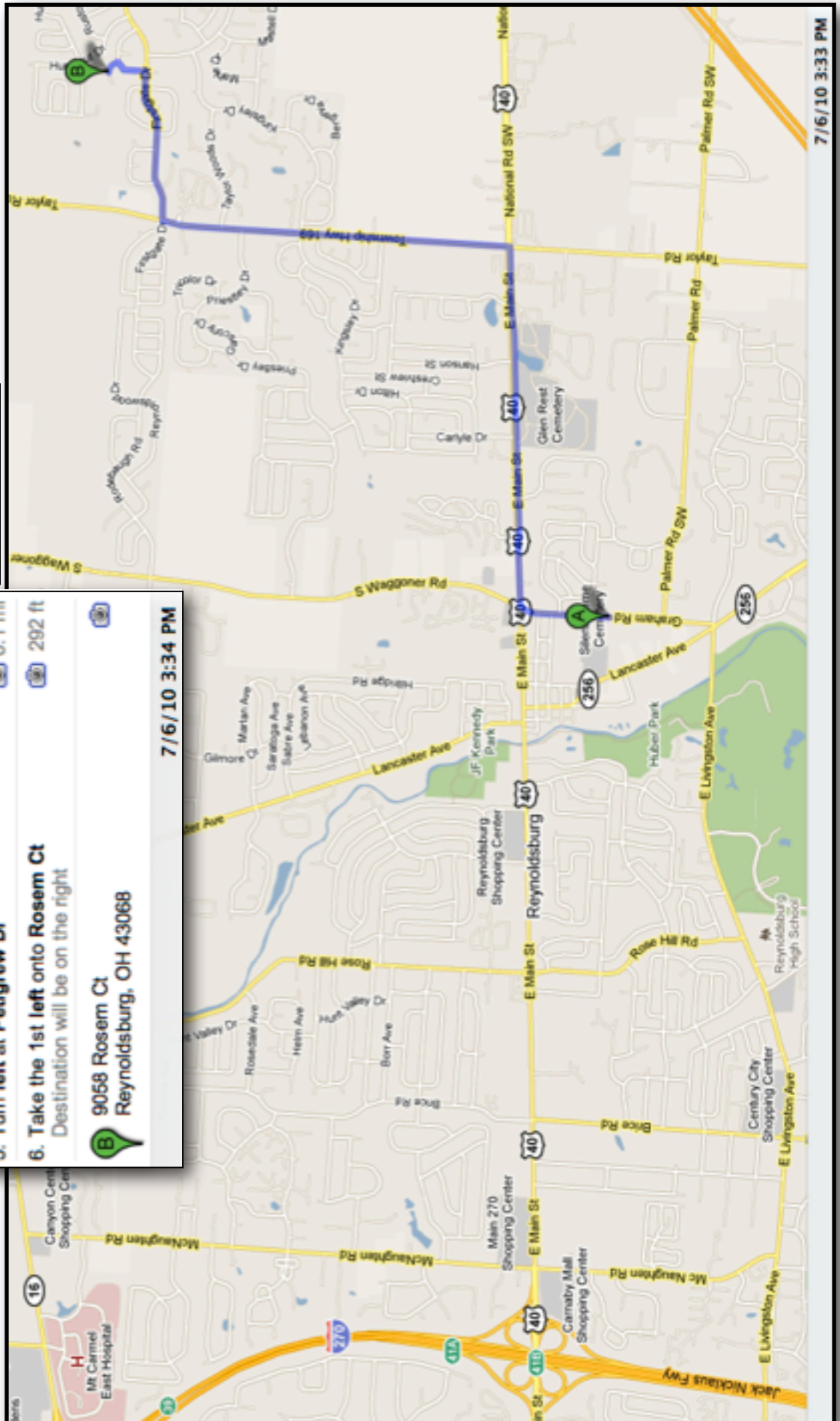


**2011 NMRA Convention**  
[www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org)

A – Reynoldsburg  
United Methodist  
Church,  
1636 Graham Road  
B – Ned Harlow,  
9058 Rosem Court

- 1636 Graham Rd**  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
1. Head north on **Graham Rd** toward **Burkey Ave** 0.3 mi
  2. Take the 3rd right onto **E Main St** 1.3 mi
  3. Turn left at **Taylor Rd SW** 1.2 mi
  4. Turn right at **Firstgate Dr** 0.5 mi
  5. Turn left at **Petigrew Dr** 0.1 mi
  6. Take the 1st left onto **Rosem Ct**  
Destination will be on the right
- 9058 Rosem Ct**  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

7/6/10 3:34 PM





## Tentative 2011 Meeting Schedule

Would any member of Division 6 who would like to open their layout for visitation by the division please contact me, Craig Sonnen, Ass't Superintendent, at 614-871-2601 or by email through the Division 6 web site. I would like to have a list of layouts that the Division could visit in 2011 and/or 2012.

A tentative schedule for 2011 is as follows:

1-23-11 Columbus Club

SATURDAY 2-26 Northern Columbus Layout Tour 2-3 layouts after a division meeting at the Park of Roses

3-27 Zanesville Club

4-28-5-1 MCR Convention Geneva-on-the-Lake

SATURDAY 6-11 Marion w/4 clinics/swap meet

9-25 Byesville Scenic Railroad, meeting and train ride

10-23 Mill Creek/Coshocton

11-20 Southern Columbus layout tour meeting at ??? 2-3 layouts

## Thanks for supporting Division 6

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## Division 6 Timetable

### 12-17 July

75th Anniversary  
NMRA National Convention  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### 1 August

Division 6 Meeting (see page 1)

### 27 August

*Super's Signal Deadline*

### 12 September

Garden Railroads Open House  
Tour  
No division meeting, members  
on their own.

**Model:** None; **Photo:** None

### 29 September

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

### 1 October

*Super's Signal Deadline*

### 17 October

Division 6 Meeting