


# SUPER'S SIGNAL

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## 17 October 2010

### Southwest Columbus Layout Tour

### Columbus, Ohio



#### Schedule

St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City, Ohio:

**12:30 – 1:30:** Clinic: *Scenery My Way* by Craig Sonnen, MMR

**1:30 – 2:30:** Division Six Business Meeting

Craig Sonnen's *Harper's Valley*, *Mason's Creek I*, *Mason's Creek II*, *N-Trak*

Howdy Lamprecht's *Olive Grove RR*

**2:30 – unknown:** Layouts Open

#### Contest

**Model:** Tank Cars. (Any tank car type including pickle cars and/or other wooden tank car configurations).

**Photograph:** Tank Cars. (Should be your own composition).

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

# Superintendent's Report

Where has the summer gone, in fact where has the year gone? It is fall already, the Leaves will soon be turning and the air will get a little cooler, feels like Model Railroading Time. It is Time to go down to the layout and dust off the cob-webs and do some running.

It has been awhile since our last meeting in August, I want to thank again Reynoldsburg UMC for the use of their hall and Dick Barrett for the clinic, if you missed it you missed a good one, also Ned Harlow for opening his layout again N&W has never looked so good. Well enough of that.

We have a promising line up for the rest of the year, so make plans to attend. Starting in October thru November we will see some great clinics and layouts to boot. Next year look even better, so look at the schedule for this year and next year, which will be posted in December *Signal* and get excited.

I hope everyone had a chance to take The Garden Railroad Tour in September; there are some real fine out-door layouts. It is amazing what you can do with the larger scale and how close it is to the real thing. It gives you a sense of being a Railroad Tycoon.

**3 November  
Division Six Steering  
Committee Meeting at  
Howard Smith's**

The time has come again for the annual Mid-Central Region Board Of Directors Meeting on October 24th at Schmidt's Restaurant in Columbus. We will have the opportunity to hear the latest and the greatest

and express concerns that each division has. Look forward to the feedback in the November issue of the *Signal*.

I asked for and got some things for the Division to do. For those who responded, I thank you and we will look at including some of your ideas in the future.

At the National

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Robert Beaty, MMR

# Division 6 Financial Report

**By  
Division 6  
Paymas-  
ter  
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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CD balances will reflect interest income for the year on next statement					
Prepared by John Gafney					
Paymaster 8/26/2010					

Note: The Special Projects income of \$258.96 on the last Financial Statement reflects income from Sales at the Mid-Central region convention and the N-Trak gathering in May 2010.  
John Gafney, Paymaster

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level, our President Mike Brestel has appointed Robert A. Beaty, MMR to fill the vacant Central District Director position on the Board of Directors. He replaces Dave Thornton who resigned that post upon his selection by the Board of Directors as the new NMRA Vice President-Administration. We would like to con-

gratulate both Bob and Dave on their assignments.

A worthy note, one of our own Scott Williamson won first place at the NMRA National Convention in the Thumbs Category. If you remember he entered the "Thumbs Wye" at our division meeting in April. So if you think you can't

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**Division 6  
Super's  
Report  
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By  
Division 6  
Clerk  
Bob  
Bowditch

[Howard  
Smith,  
Acting  
Clerk]

# Clerk's Report

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

### Business Meeting

#### August 1, 2010

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Bob Lee at 2:03 pm at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

#### Officers in Attendance:

- Robert E. Lee     Superintendent
- Craig Sonnen     Asst. Superintendent
- John Gafney     Paymaster
- Howard Smith     Director
- Paul Smith     Director
- Don Wilke     Director

#### Chairpersons Present:

- Howard Smith     Achievement Program
- Bob Lee     *Super's Signal* Editor
- Don Wilke     Web Master
- Dick Briggs     Modular Layout

Various Columbus model railroad clubs were represented.

Twenty seven Division members total were in attendance.

Superintendent Bob Lee thanked the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities and Mr. Dick Barrett for his clinic and Ned Harlow for opening his layout after the meeting.

Minutes of the Marion Division were approved as published. Motion made by Paul Smith – Seconded by Dick Briggs.



**Clinic:**  
*Columbus Interurban,*  
**Richard Barrett**

### Old Business:

Financial Report was given by the Paymaster John Gafney (subject to audit). Motion made by Jim Ruisinger – Seconded by Don Wilke.

Craig Sonnen updated the membership on upcoming Division meeting. A discussion followed of possible meeting sites. Craig asked for volunteers for layout tours and clinics. The Steering Committee will discuss possible bus tours.

#### Programs:

**Acting Contest Chairman** Jim Ruisinger passed out several past contest certificates. Results of the model contest were;

1st place – Jim Ruisinger, log truck.

2nd place – Ted Wetterstroem, truck on flat car.

#### **Achievement Program Division 6 Manager**

Howard Smith presented two merit awards to Dick Briggs and Bill Connell for models entered in the MCR Convention Contest at Charleston. Dick received his Merit Award for a PRR tower and Bill his Merit Award for a flat car with load. [see page 5]

**Webmaster** Don Wilke discussed up-dates to the web site including incorporation of the new NMRA logo. He again reminded members that they must request hard copies of *The Super's Signal* if wanted to Bob Lee and electronic copies requests to Don Wilke. Bob Lee mentioned he was looking for a new editor for *The Super's Signal*. Bill Connell and Marla

Wright volunteered to be the new editors.

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**AP Manager Howard Smith, MMR, presented a merit award to Dick Briggs, MMR.**



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**MCR President** Dick Briggs reported that Division 9 again invited Division 6 to their September 11, 2010 Division meeting in Portsmouth, Ohio. In addition, he said that Linn Young, past Division 9 Superintendent, will be running for NMRA Director. Dick asked that we support Linn in this effort.

**Superintendent** Bob Lee reported that our Division membership stands at 205.

**New Business:**

- \* A short discussion held on the new NMRA logo and NMRA Magazine.
- \* Bob Lee talked about the Members Aid Program. Contact Howard Smith if members need help.
- \* Volunteers needed for clinics at division meetings. Contact Craig Sonnen.
- \* Bob discussed the need to for participation in the Achievement Program.
- \* Division 4 (Cleveland) has won the bid for the 2014 National NMRA Convention.
- \* The next Steering Committee meeting will be September 29, 2010 at Bob Lee's home. No Steering Committee meeting in August.
- \* Deadline for the September *Super's Signal* is August 27, 2010.

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

\* There will be no Division 6 Meeting because of the Garden Railroad Layout Tour. Details will be in the Octobers *Super's Signal*. The next Division 6 Meeting will be October 17, 2010 at the Grove City City Hall [changed to St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City-Don] with layout tours of Craig Sonnen and Howdy Lamprecht layouts.

\* October's *Super's Signal* deadline is October 1, 2010.

**Club Reports:**

Central Ohio N-Trak - Appearing at the Hartford Fair.

Janis Center – Running for the Ohio State Fair.

Columbus Zoo – Working on layouts. 20 to 25 members attending.

Columbus Model Railroad Club – Annual open house November 14, 2010.

Garden Railroads – Open house.

**Division shirts** are available from Paul Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Howard Smith** – Acting Clerk



19 6:59 PM

To see the Division 6 Layout Tour Addresses,  
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De-Railed  
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See The Division Six WEB  
Site - News and Notes for  
updated information.

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win, think again. All you have to do is enter and see. I know we have some more modeler's out there that have something to show.

Although we run a well oiled and tuned railroad, sometimes we get De-Railed, it is the nature of the beast. With that though in mind I am sad to report that we have a few members that fall into this category and we hope they will recover and be able to ride the rails again. Dean

Fretag, Tom Fox, and Ted Wetterstrom, all are in a rehab or nursing center. Now is the time that they need our support and prayers. If you can stop by and visit, I know this would mean a lot them. We will post the information and addresses in the *Signal* under the heading of De-Rail Members for your convenience. [see page 8.]

**3 November**  
**Division Six Meeting**  
**Gary Salzgeber's**  
**Pennsylvania Railroad,**  
**Urbana, Ohio**

At our last meeting I stated that I am wearing two (2) hats, Superintendent and *Signal* Editor and that I would like to give up the Hat of Editor. I asked for a volunteer to accept the role and got a response. I am proud to announce that we have not only one, but two (2) persons who will accept the role of Editor together; they are Marla Wright and William Connell. They will assume their duty starting with the November issue of the *Signal*. Thank you both.

I look forward to seeing everyone at St John's Lutheran Church for the Division Meeting and Clinic plus the lay-out tours of Howdy Lamprecht and Craig Sonnen.

Finally, we have a new member to our Division, Thomas Wester. Let's all welcome

him in.  
 Thanks-  
**Bob Lee**



**Division 6**  
**Super's**  
**Report**  
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## First Place Contest Winners



**First Place**  
 –Model  
 (Tractor/  
 Trailer  
 Rigs): Jim  
 Ruisinger

**First Place**  
 –Photo-  
 graph  
 (Tractor/  
 Trailer  
 Rigs): No  
 Entries

Additional winners at:

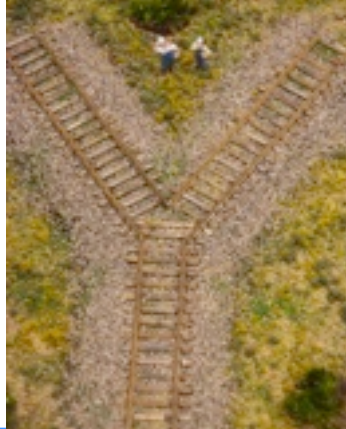
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Special by  
**Jim Ruisinger**

## National NMRA CONVENTION Winner

Scott Williamson, won the "Thumbs" award for his scratch built wye, at this years' NMRA National Convention. Scott is an NMRA member who recently moved to central Ohio from that state up north, and he is a friend of Dean's too.



### Division 6 Timetable

**24 October**

Mid-Central Region  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Schmidt's Restaurant  
Columbus, Ohio

**3 November**

Division 6 Steering Committee  
Meeting  
7:30 Howard Smith's

**5 November**

*Super's Signal Deadline*

**14 November**

OpenHouse: Columbus HO  
Model Railroad Club

**21 November**

Division 6 Meeting  
First Presbyterian Church of  
Urbana  
Gary Salzgeber's *Pennsylvania  
Railroad*

**Model:** Heavy Industrial Build-  
ings

**Photo:** Heavy Industrial

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