

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

November 2010

21 November 2010

Gary Salzgeber

Urbana, Ohio



Schedule

First Presbyterian Church of Urbana, Urbana, Ohio

1:30: First Presbyterian Church of Urbana open

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

Gray Salzgeber's *Pennsylvania Railroad*

2:30 – unknown: Layout Open

Contest

Model: Heavy Industrial Buildings. Rolling Mill, Grain Elevators,
Saw Mill, Auto Plant, Paper Mill, etc. (with rail access).

Photograph: Heavy Industry. (Should be your own composition.)

By
Division 6
Superin-
tendent
Robert
E. Lee

Superintendent's Report

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The month of November is upon us and what does that mean to you? Perhaps you are thinking Turkey and the wonderful time you will have at Thanksgiving. Perhaps you are getting settled in to watch a lot of football on TV. Well, November is Model Railroad Month. Yes, that means it is time to start working on that layout. Build some models or paint some locomotives and cars. Really, it means time to promote the hobby of Model Railroading. It is time to support your clubs, your Division, and the NMRA.

Get out of the lazy boy chair and do something. Take a friend to the local hobby shop; bring him to the club layout, stir-up some enthusiasm. Get the blood flowing; make this November a month to remember.

At our last Division meeting, Craig Sonnen presented a great clinic explaining his scenery methods. There are many different ways to do scenery and Craig's method is most interesting. With scenery, there is no right or wrong way. It is what makes sense and satisfies you. We also had a chance to visit two fine layouts, Craig Sonnen and Howdy Lamprecht. Their

layouts gave us more great ideas of scenery and presentation techniques. That's what is great about this hobby, the opportunity to visit other modeler's railroads. We see firsthand, what they have done.

We need more participation in clinic and layout tours. This way everyone gets to see what you have done and your ideas at work.

Did you know the Region has a roster of all the clinicians in each Division who are willing to do clinics at Division meetings?

I know there are many of you who have a skill or a project you can share. Please let me know so I can add your name and clinic to the list. Other Divisions use the list to ask the modelers to give clinics at their meetings.

It is time for Division 6 elections again. It is time to elect three Division Directors. There are three director positions to fill. If you are interested, please contact our Nominations Committee Chairman,

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**Next Division Six Steering
Committee Meeting**
5 January 2011
at Dick Brigg's

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Robert Beaty, MMR

Continued: **Super's Report**

Jim Ruisinger at jruisinger@columbus.rr.com to submit your name by the November 21st Division meeting in Urbana, Ohio. For further information, please contact Jim.

The Fall Mid-Central Region Board of Directors meeting was held on October 24, 2010 at Schmidt's Restaurant in Columbus, Ohio. A follow-up report will be given at the November Division Meeting.

Unfortunately all news isn't good news. Jerri Doebelin's husband Ernie was recently diagnosed with advanced cancer.

They have given him little time. We need to keep Ernie and Jerri in our thoughts and prayers as they face this event.

Our next Division Meeting is our last meeting for 2010; I hope to see many of you at the

meeting in Urbana.

The November Division Meeting will be in Urbana, Ohio at the First Presbyterian Church followed by a visit to Gary Salzgarber's, *Pennsylvania Railroad* layout. Also, in Urbana not far from the church, there is an old Pennsylvania Station and a NX23 cabin car on display. This should be a very nice road-trip. See you all there.

I hope everyone will take the time to reflect on the past year activities. Let us know how we did this year. Your feedback is always welcome and very helpful. 2011 promises to be a better year. We look forward to the many exciting events planned for the coming year.

Finally I would like to wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas from Division 6 and our staff and many blessings in the coming year.

Thanks - **Bob Lee**



Division 6 Super's Report (Continued)

New Super's Signal Editors

The new editing staff of Marla Wright and Bill Connell is on-board. With good fortune, everyone who wished a hard copy of the *Super's Signal* did receive his or her copy.



**Bill Connell and Marla Wright,
new Super's Signal editors.**

Marla and I have written, edited, and delivered many technical documents. Editing word documents is nothing new to us. We have been to the "editing well" many times

Basic editing process

Every document submitted is read; if there is room to publish in the next issue of the *Super's Signal*, we start the editing process. We fix the text in the document. We do not write or re-

write your document. As much as possible, we do make corrections by removing, "typos," and other typical written anomaly.

When we make text adjustments, moving or deleting words, we do so for clarity and nothing more. It is not our intent to change meaning.

Once editing is complete, the document is read aloud. This allows us to hear how it will sound and eliminates the eye seeing what is not there.

If possible, include a photo or two with your document. Pictures help the reader visualize what you are presenting. Include captions if you send pictures. Captions tell the reader part of your story.

We welcome your article submissions and look forward to seeing them published.

Remember, there is an Achievement Program (AP) certificate for "Author," what you submit does count toward that certificate. Check with your AP Chairman, Howard Smith, and the NMRA web site for more information.

Bill and Marla



From the new Super's Signal Editors

Clerk's Report

Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA Inc. Minutes

October 17, 2010

St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City.

There were 21 members in attendance.

Officers in Attendance:

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

Chairpersons Present:

<i>Super's Signal</i> Editor	William Connell and Marla Wright
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
Achievement Program	Howard Smith
Members Aid	Howard Smith
Contest Chairman	John Retterer
MCR President	Dick Briggs

Clinic:

Craig Sonnen conducted a clinic "Scenery his way."

Business Meeting:

- Bob Lee called the meeting to order at 1:17 PM.

The following occurred:

- Last meeting's minutes were read and approved by Bob Bowditch/Howard Smith.
- John Gafney presented the financial report. Details are on the website.

Approval moved by William Connell and seconded by Don Wilke.

- Bob Lee raised concern with having the financial details on line and available to the general public. They need to be available to active members only.

- Craig Sonnen presented the Program Report.

Please contact Craig if you would like to have your layout available for tours.

Next meeting is in Urbana, November 21st, and Gary Salzgeber's layout is open following the meeting.

- Contest Chairman, John Retterer, announced the contest results.

Photo of tank cars

1st	Paul Smith and Don Wilke (tie)
2nd	Don Wilke

Model of tank cars

1st	Jim Ruisinger's water tender
2nd	Dick Briggs
3rd	Jim Ruisinger



**Clinic: Scenery his way,
Craig Sonnen, MMR**

Continued: **Clerk's Report**

Detail on one of Craig's module used in his clinic.

• Next month's contest is Heavy Industrial Buildings/Complexes including mini dioramas 12x24 inches.

Photos of the same subjects.

John announced certificates are being processed.

- Howard Smith gave the Achievement Program report.

Howard announced Scott Williamson and Paul Smith were approved for the Golden Spike award.

- Don Wilke gave his website report.

Don will list the schedule and program on the website.

Don is adding two new sections to the website.

They are:

A 'Derailed' section for members who are ill and details regarding their conditions.

Member's Only section for access to financial reports and other sensitive information.

- Bob Lee gave the *Super's Signal* report.

Bob announced the appointment of William Connell and Marla Wright as the new editors of the *Super's Signal*.

- Dick Briggs, president of the Mid-Central Region (MCR), gave his report.

Dick announced the *Kingpin* would be published following the Board of Directors (BOD) meeting.

- Bob Lee presented the membership report.

Current membership is 203, including a new member, Thomas Wester, of Gahanna.

There were 9 membership renewals.

Old Business:

- Paul Smith reported on last month's Garden Railway Tour was a big success.

Paul had reports of over 300 people visiting the layouts.

Jim Ruisinger also reported attendance of 100-150 people at a tour in Granville.

- Bob Lee introduced the new *Super's Signal* editors, William Connell and Marla Wright.

They will edit the November issue.

- Craig Sonnen needs volunteers to do clinics and layout tours.

Please contact Craig if you are interested.



The two display modules Craig used in his clinic.

New Business:

- Please register with the Division if you are willing to conduct a clinic.

Bob Lee is putting together a spreadsheet with this information.

- Scott Williamson was awarded the 'Thumbs' award at the NMRA National Convention. Congratulations to Scott!

**Division 6
Clerk's
Report
(Continued)**

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Division 6 Clerk's Report (Continued)

Continued: Clerk's Report

- A new Central District Director was announced, Robert A. Beatty, from Alabama.
- Division 4, Cleveland Ohio, will host the 2014 NMRA National Convention.
- Plans are in the works for a road trip to the new Sugar Creek roundhouse.
- The following members are on the 'Derailed' List:
Dean Freytag, Ted Wetterstroem, and Tom Fox. All are in nursing care.
- MCR BOD meeting will be held on October 24th, starting at noon, at Schmidt's Sausage Haus.
- Remember, November is National Model Railroad Month. Please support your hobby.
- The Next steering committee meeting is November 3rd at 7:30pm at Howard Smith's home.
- The Columbus Model Railroad Club Open House is November 14th from 2 PM to 4 PM.
- November's *Super's Signal* deadline is November 3rd, 2010.

2011 MCR Convention *Rails Of Ages*

www.RailsOfAges.org

- November 21st is the next Division Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Urbana, Ohio and starts at 1:30PM. Gary Salzgeber's *Pennsy RR* layout is open for a visit following the meeting.

Club Reports:

- Columbus Model Railroad Club Open House is November 14th from 2 PM to 4 PM.
- N Scale Division 3 has a show November 6th and 7th.
- They are also at The Great Train Show on November 20th and 21st, and on December 4th they are at Marion Ohio.

Region news from Paul Smith:

- If you are interested in a Division shirt please see him. \$30 with out name, \$34 with name.
- Jim Ruisinger was appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting by John Retterer.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:31PM.

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Assistant Superintendent's Report by Craig Sonnen

Division 6 Assistant Superintendent's Report November, 2010

If you have any interest in letting your fellow Division 6 members see what you have created, please let me know that your layout is open for a visit. Call me at 614-871-2601 or email me through the division web site under assistant superintendent or program chair.
AssistSuper@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org

We had a good meeting on October 17, 2010. Please try to attend the November 21 meeting at Urbana and see Gary's excellent *Pennsylvania Railroad*.

Remember the next division meeting is at the Columbus Club, Columbus Steel Castings, January 22, 2011. SEE YOU THERE!



**Gary Salzgeber's
*Pennsy Railroad***

Submitted by Craig Sonnen, MMR,
Assistant Superintendent/Program Chair

Division 6 Financial Statement

8/27/10 thru 10/31/10

Income Statement *

By
Division 6
Paymaster
John
Gafney

To see the Division 6 Financial Report,
contact the Division 6 Superintendent at:
Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org

*Subject to Audit

Report prepared by: John Gafney
Paymaster 10/31/10



ELECTION LOOMS BIG!

Division members to elect Directors.

Did you really think you were done with candidates, issues, and stuff???

Well, get ready 'cause it's time to select 3 Directors to serve as Division 6 Board of Directors. We need three Directors to meet State legal requirements for our organization. Being a Director is really a pretty easy gig. If elected, you join the 4 officers on the Board of Directors. You attend about 7 or 8 steering committee meetings per year and help decide on matters of relevance to the Division and its members. If you are interested in becoming one of the movers and shakers of Division 6, please contact the Election Committee Chairman, Jim Ruisinger, to toss your hat in the ring. You need to contact Jim by the end of the November 21st Division meeting being held at the First Presbyterian Church in Urbana Ohio. Gary Salzgeber's *Pennsy* layout is open following the meeting.

Contact Jim by phone: (614) 451-2698

By US. Mail: 2490 Johnston Rd., Upper Arlington, OH 43220-4668

By email: Jimbo2490@yahoo.com

Now, a little editorial comment. It seems many are content to let the same handful of members (make that "old timers") hold offices year after year. Most of us are growing weary and are more than willing to step aside to let some of you "newbie's," or folks who've not held office before, jump into the fun. We're always willing to help out. It just seems in the 30 years I've been a member, it's been the same 20 or so folks that are willing to run things. Please step up to the plate. We used to have a saying here in Division 6 and the MCR. I haven't seen it much lately so it's time to resurrect it...

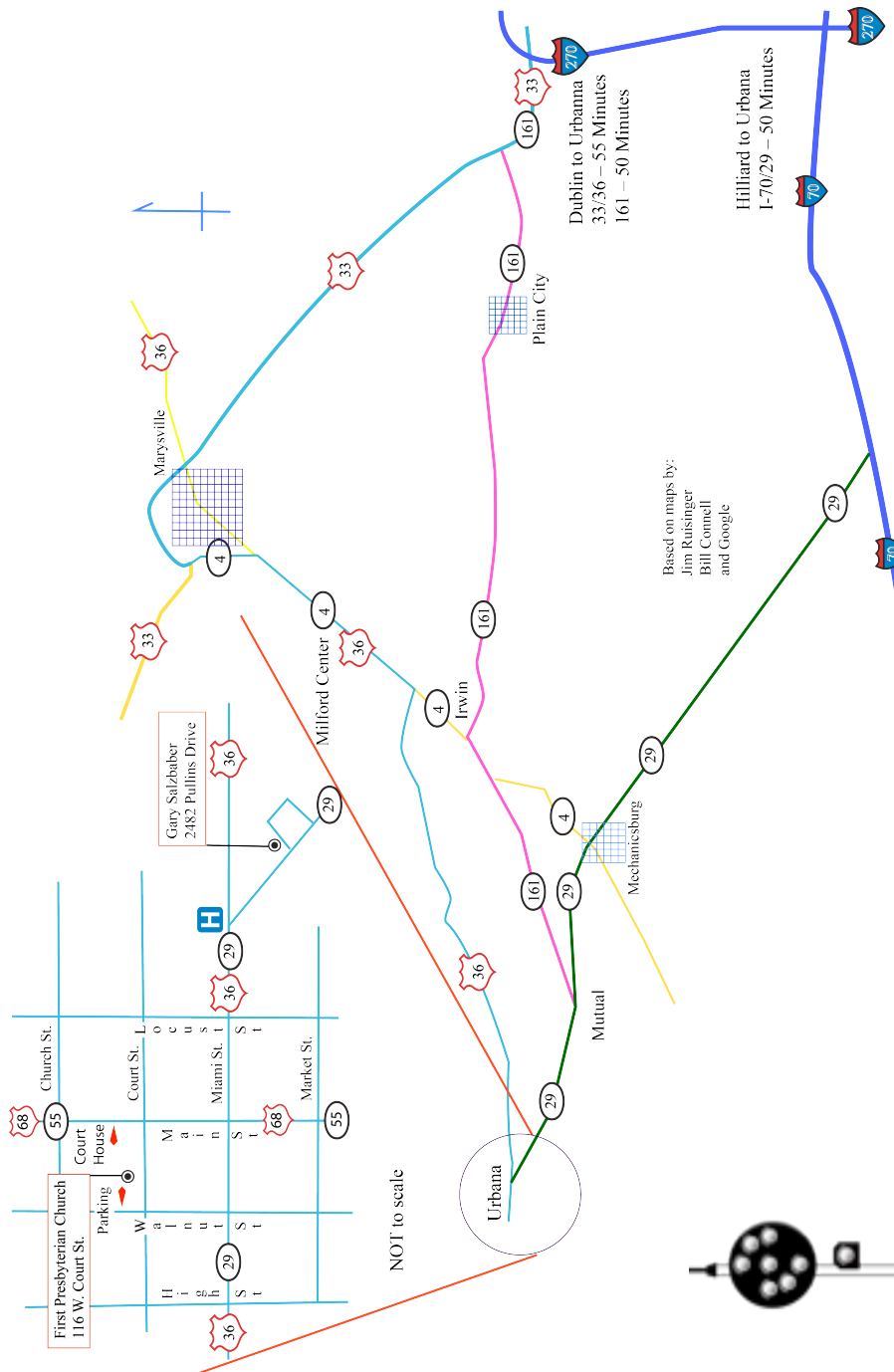
"Don't just belong, PARTICIPATE!."

Folks, it's time to participate!!!!



Directors
Election
by
Jim
Ruisinger

**Division 6
November
Meeting
Map**



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**Division 6
De-Railed
Members**

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Ernie Doebelin

Ted Wetterstroem
Heartland of Ohio Nursing
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Room 156

See The Division Six WEB
Site - News and Notes for
updated information.

First Place Contest Winners



**First Place
Model
(Tank Car):
Jim
Ruisinger**



**First Place
Photograph
(Tank Car):
Tie**

Paul Smith



**Donald
Wilke**

Additional winners at:

<http://div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/Contest101017Fold/101017Contest.html>

I have received two Golden Spike Awards for Paul Smith and Scott Williamson. We will present the awards at the next Division meeting.

It will soon be the cold winter months. Time to dust off those modeling projects and have them judged for AP awards.



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

Division 6 Steering Committee Meetings

The Division 6 Steering Committee combined a number of exciting ideas for the 2011 Division 6 Meetings. We will visit some favorite sites and two new sites. On **Saturday**, the sixth of August, we are planning a family day near Beysville, Ohio. The day will include a ride on the *Beysville Railroad*. The *Beysville Railroad* is located south of Cambridge, a short distance from The Wilds. On **Saturday**, the tenth of September, we have a joint Division Meeting with Division 9 in Portsmouth, Ohio. What could be better; layout tours, the possibility of clinics, and food? See the Division WEB Site and future *Super's Signals* for additional information.

The Division 6 Steering Committee Meetings are open to all Division 6 members. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and rotates among Committee members homes. Input from the Division members is welcome, but only officials of Division 6 may vote on proposals.



Special

**Division 6
2011
Contest
Schedule**

2011 Contest Schedule

January 23	Chapel Car (Church Car)
Model:	Including appropriate lettering, weathering, interior details.
Photo:	Old Country Churches.
February 27	Back Woods Engine House
Model:	Including appropriate tracks, interior & exterior detail.
Photo:	Old Engine Houses or Roundhouses.
April 28 – May 1	Modelers Choice Regional Convention
June 11	Favorite Train
Model:	Modelers favorite train on a section of track.
Photo:	Photographers favorite train.
September 10	Stock Car - Single or Double Deck
Model:	Including appropriate lettering, weathering, with or without stock.
Photo:	Stock cars of any ERA.
October 23	Barns
Model:	Small diorama – farm scene featuring a barn and appropriate animals.
Photo:	Old Barns
November 20	THUMBZ
Model:	THUMBZ.
Photo:	Railroad oddities.

All photo entries must be of your own composition and may be either prototype or model scenes.



2011 Timetable

Date	Meeting	Location	City	Layout
5 January	Steering Comm.	Dick Briggs	Grove City	
23 January	Division 6	Columbus Club	Columbus	Columbus HO Model RR Club
9 February	Steering Comm.	Bob Lee	Reynoldsburg	
27 February	Division 6	St. John's Church	Grove City	None
9 March	Steering Comm.	John Retterer	Prospect	
27 March	Division 6	Zanesville Club	Zanesville	Zanesville Club
28 April–1 May	MCR Convention		Geneva-on-the-Lake, OH	
18 May	Steering Comm.	Bob Bowditch's	Powell	
11 June*	Division 6	Marion Station	Marion	Marion Station Club
3–6 July	NMRA Convention		Sacramento, CA	
13 July	Steering Comm.	Craig Sonnen	Grove City	
6 August*	Division 6 - Family Outing	Byesville	Byesville Scenic Railroad	
24 August	Steering Comm.	Howard Smith	Grove City	
10 September*	Division 6–9 Joint	Mark Maynard	Portsmouth	TBA
5 October	Steering Comm.	Bob Lee	Reynoldsburg	
23 October	Division 6	Coshocton Club	Coshocton	Coshocton Club & Mill Creek Central
2 November	Steering Comm.	Bill Connell	Columbus	
20 November	Division 6	North Division Tour		TBA
* Saturday				



From the NMRA InfoNet

In the future, as appropriate, we will include information from the NMRA. The following from the NMRA InfoNet is an excerpt.

•Kalmbach Memorial Library Scanning Project

Good progress is reported with the *Diamond Club Scanning* project.

The *NMRA Magazine* has an excellent article in the November issue starting on page 16 covering the scanning project. It is a good read and well worth reading.

•RailPass Program

The RailPass Program continues to develop NMRA members. According to statistics, 2 out of 3 RailPass members continue as full members of the NMRA. RailPass originated in 2005 and has since that time shown a renewal rate of some 48%. Since January 1st 2009, 65% of RailPass members renewed their membership.

Fact. People do not renew memberships in any organization unless they feel welcome, see value, and find fellow members helpful and of like mind. So keep making the new, as well as current, members feel welcome and of value.

• 2011 NMRA National Convention

Check your *NMRA Magazine* for information on next year's convention in Sacramento, California. Pages 18 and 19 of the October 2010 issue have an article covering the use of Social Networking as it applies to the convention. The web site for the convention is: <http://www.x2011west.org>. The web site lists clinics, convention layout, prototype tours, reservations, and other activities. Convention information also appears for free on Facebook and Twitter. Follow the instructions given in the article.

• NMRA Winter Board Meeting

Winter Board Meeting is held at the Palace Station Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, from February 22nd through February 24th., 2011. The portion of the meeting open to all members is on February 24th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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EXTRA X2011 WEST National Model Railroad Association Convention

Sacramento - July 3-9, 2011

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 initial registration fee was only \$99! But, that low \$99 rate was only available until September 1, 2010. The registration is now \$139. Register now at the Convention's website - www.x2011west.org

Jack Burgess

Publicity Chairman

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2011 NMRA Convention

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Coming Your Way

So, what might be coming your way in the coming issues?

From time to time, a couple of new columns will appear, those being **NMRA InfoNet** and **Beyond the Rails**.

The **NMRA InfoNet** column contains news from the NMRA Headquarters.

The second column, **Beyond the Rails** takes a look at a scene on the layout and not the whole layout, every layout has at least one good story built in to it, some have many.

Division 6 Timetable

14 November

OpenHouse: Columbus HO Model Railroad Club 2-4 pm

21 November

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

5 January

Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 Dick Briggs's

7 January

Super's Signal Deadline

23 January

Division 6 Meeting
 Columbus HO Model Railroad Club

Model: Chapel Car

Photo: Old County Church

9 February

Division 6 Steering Committee

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