

SUPER'S SIGNAL

A publication of Division 6, Mid-Central Region of The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

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23 January 2011 Columbus HO Model Railroad Club Columbus, Ohio



Schedule

12:00: Columbus HO Model Railroad Club open

12:30 – 1:30: Division 6 Business Meeting

1:30 – 4:00: Layout Open

Contest

Model: Chapel Car – Appropriate letting, weathering, and interior detail.

Photograph: Old County Church.



Dean Freytag Eulogy and
Memorial Ceremony information on Page 4.

By
Division 6
Superin-
tendent
Robert
E. Lee

Superintendent's Report

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Happy New Year to everyone, another year has slipped away. I hope you had a pleasant holiday season. Now it is time to get back to the old grind, work, the kids back in school, and the daily chores.

However there is a bright side, you have a whole year of model railroading to look forward to. The new locomotive that you got from Santa is ready to pull the new set of passenger cars that appeared on the layout and so on.

The face of the NMRA is changing and so we have to change also. Hopefully this is the year we pull together with our support to strengthen the hobby and keep it alive for future members.

Once a month I receive a membership roster from the NMRA for our Division. As I look through it, I notice that our membership is starting to decline. The question is why? What are we not doing right? As I look out at the Division Meetings, we only have 10 to 20 members present out of 191 on record. Where are the rest? Can you, as a member, give me some feedback? I am always willing to listen.

We at the Division are looking forward to serving you better this year. We hope the schedule of events will fill you with excitement and encourage you to participate and contribute to the cause.

In the *Signal* this issue, you find a ballot for the position of Division 6 Director. The deadline for nominations was at the end of the business meeting in November. I hope that anyone who was interested submitted their application. However, please take the time to vote for the ones that did, we need your support.

I regretfully announce the death of two of our members. Carl Albrecht in November and in December, Dean Freytag. Both are missed. You will find more information concerning the arrangement in the *Signal*.

We have created two new headers in the *Signal*, Derailed and Fallen Flags to track members that are sick or deceased and to show our concern and respect. We hope this information is helpful.

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**Next Division 6 Steering
Committee Meeting
9 February 2011
at Bob Lee's**

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The January Division meeting is, once again, held at the Columbus HO Model Rail Road Club on Parsons Avenue in Columbus. So get out of the house and come down to enjoy some train watch-

ing and fellowship. You won't be disappointed. Don't let the cold or snow keep you away! And there is plenty of Free Parking too.

Thanks - **Bob Lee**



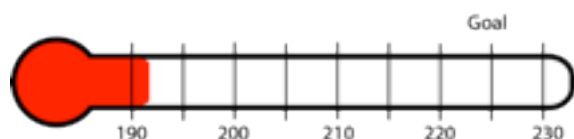
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Membership Column

Well folks, we seem to be slipping a bit in the membership area these days. Last November the membership for this Division was 203. Today, as I write, I find the membership has dropped to 191.

With this in mind, I have included in this issue, and in future issues from time to time, the health, or, if you wish, status of our membership.

Are there folks out there who could be members? Yes, of course there are, but the real question is this. Have you, as members, done anything to sign them up? From what I see, looking at past rosters, it appears the answer is not as much as could be done.



What do we need in the way of new members? We need anyone, without respect to Scale, Gauge, or ability, who is interested in Model Railroading. I suspect there are many of you who know someone just waiting to be asked. Or you know someone who needs to be prodded a bit to join.

Last year, I managed to influence a couple of folks to join the NMRA, you could do the same this year too. I convinced them to join NMRA by telling them about the achievement program. People like to be recognized for their efforts, and this program does just that.

Bottom Line. This is your organization, if you do not support, use, and feed it, who will?

Currently, the goal is set at 225 for 2011. Let's see what you can do to beat the goal.



Member- ship Column by Bill Connell

Fallen Flags

Below, is this *Super's Signal* issue listing those who's Flags have Fallen. Please remember them and the families they have left behind.

Carl Albrecth November 2010

Longtime COOSE member Carl Albrecth died Monday at Arlington Court nursing home. He had been in poor health for some time.

Carl was active in all phases of model railroading and active in the Z scale group and Div. 6 of the NMRA. He had retired several years ago from the Ohio Historical Society. The last COOSE event he attended was the cookout at August at the Richters' house. He

and Al Doddroe were engaged in building several modules featuring a grain elevator operation.

Dean Freytag December 25th 2010

Calling hours were in Ashland at Heyl Funeral Home on Thursday (Dec. 30th.) from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM Friday (Dec. 31st.) at the funeral home.

There will be an unofficial memorial service in Ashland toward the end of January for Deans many modeling friends.

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Fallen Flags by Bill Connell

"Dean of Styrene"
**Dean Freytag
(1924 – 2010)**

Flags are flying at half staff today over model railroads throughout Ohio and beyond, mourning the passing of model railroad legend Dean Freytag.

Freytag, 86, passed away Christmas night at the assisted living facility in Ashland, OH, where he had resided for the past 11 months. He leaves a sister Carol, a brother-in-law Jim, and a niece and nephew. He was preceded in death by wife Ann Elizabeth (Davies) in 1999.

Dean had four loves in his life. In no particular order, they were Ann, railroading, steel mills, and Ash-

land University. It is to the latter he left most of his estate, being honored with the grandstands in their new football stadium being named in his and Ann's honor. He was a lifetime member of the National Model Railroad Association, a Master Model Railroader, and the contest director for that organization for a number of years. Interest-

ingly, he never attended Ashland University, never worked on a railroad, refused to ride on the trains calling them rough-riding and dusty, and never ever worked in a steel mill.

But he probably knew more about the steel-making processes than many who did work in the industry. He was a prolific modeler of all things about railroading, but especially steel mills. Indeed, it was steel that dominated the 13' x 38' main room of his HO model railroad. His models of the various components of the

steel mills that dominated the landscape in what he called the Ruhr Valley of the United States – that section of the country between Cleveland and Pittsburgh – are the prototypes for the the Walthers series of steel-making structures used by modelers throughout the world.

Freytag was an author of at least two books used extensively in modeling, *The Cyclopedia of Industrial Modeling* and *The History, Making & Modeling of Steel*, and his "how-to" articles appeared in the

modeling press frequently over the past 50 years. He was published in *Model Railroader*, the leading model railroading magazine, more than 50 times. His manuscripts were "banged out" – literally – in all caps on a manual typewriter, as were his letters, notes and even post cards.

Dean was a proponent of work-

ing with styrene – he was featured in an instructional video about styrene – and Plastruct shapes, and virtually everything he built was from scratch and/or kit bashed. He seldom, if ever, felt the structural "iron work" of bridge and industry models were "heavy" enough and nearly always "beefed them up" with his beloved Plastruct components. His modeling transcended craftsmanship into art. His discerning eye saw



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a steel mill ladle in the discarded cap from a whiskey bottle, the conveyor belt rollers in the used throw-away razor blade guards, and literally dozens of other such applications. Not always the most patient of teachers, he nevertheless was a mentor to dozens – maybe even hundreds – of modelers, and to listen to and learn from Dean was to learn from a master.

Not to think he was one or two dimensional, Dean was a avid reader of war novels – particularly World War II in which he served – and deeply interested in Civil War history, having visited the battlefields on numerous occasions. He wore out two exercycles, putting thousands of miles on each of them as he watched the Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Cavaliers. He

always had cats that were given railroad names, i.e., “Smokey”, “Cinders”, and “Chessie”.

He spent a lot of time on the telephone with modeling friends all over the country discussing a myriad of topics, but usually related to railroading. It was Dean Freytag who put train watching into perspective when he once said to someone questioning the time spent, “I’m with friends who share interests, we’re sitting outside in lovely weather and when there aren’t trains going by we discuss the world, the economy, football, and all sorts of things.”

The lights are dimmed on Dean Freytag’s South Ridge Lines, and fires are out at his Davies Steel complex. Model railroading has lost an icon, and I have lost a friend.

Originally appeared in the Winter issue of The Kingpin.

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Dean Freytag
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“ ‘A Memorial Walk with Good-Old-Dean’ will be held on Saturday 29 January 2011 at Ashland University at Noon. It will be a luncheon and cost \$12 each, payable at the entry. Please commit by an RSVP to this email [at: doghouse6@cox.net] by

Walk With Good-Old-Dean
29 January
Ashland University
RSVP by
24 January

midnight of Monday 24 January. Directions to the memorial ceremony will be provided at that time. Bring your favorite “Dean story” to share in remembering our “Good Old Dean”.

Take care,
Roger



First Place Contest Winners



Additional winners at:

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

First Place Model
(Heavy Industrial Buildings):
No Entries

First Place Photograph
(Heavy Industry):
Donald Wilke

Clerk's Report

Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA Inc. Minutes October 21, 2010

First Presbyterian Church Urbana, Ohio
Thirteen members attended the business meeting. Others not at the business meeting, visited the layout.

Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Robert E. Lee
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

Business Meeting:

Bob Lee called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM. Bob thanked Gary Salzgeber for obtaining our meeting site and opening his layout for our viewing.

The following occurred:

Last meeting's minutes were read and a motion by Scott Williamson and seconded by Mike Wolf was made to accept. Motion carried.

Paul Smith presented the financial report. Details are on the website.

- Approval moved by Paul Smith and seconded by Howard Smith Motion carried.

Meetings were announced as printed in the November *Super's Signal*. Next meeting will be January 23, 2011 at the Columbus HO Model Railroad Club in Columbus.

Future contests were mentioned as listed in the November *Super's Signal*. Next contest at January meeting will be Model: Chapel Car (Church Car) including appropriate lettering, weathering, and interior details. Photo: Old Country Church.

Don Wilke won 1st and 2nd place in the photo contest. No models. Previous certificates were handed out.

Howard Smith gave the Achievement Program report.

- Golden Spike awards were given to Paul Smith and Scott Williamson.



Achievement Program Chairman Howard Smith, MMR, presents Scott Williamson with a Golden Spike Award.

Don Wilke gave the website report.

- Don is working on a new map site and a listing of the number of hits our website receives.

Bob Lee presented the membership report.

- Membership as of November I was 199. There were seven renewals and no new members.

Bill Connell and Marla Wright gave the *Super's Signal* report.

- The November *Super's Signal* was their first Signal as editors and all went OK.

Old Business

Bob Lee thanked Bill and Maria for the fine

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job they did on their first issue of the *Super's Signal*.

Bob Lee asked if there was anyone missed at the last meeting who would like to sign up to do a clinic and have their name added to the Clinician's Database.

New Business

Bob Lee reported the recent death of Gerri Doebelin's husband, Erine. Gerri is a Division 6 member.

Division 6 Directors election will be in



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January. Nominations are due by the end of today's business meeting.

Division 6 meeting schedule and contest schedule for the year 2011 are in the November *Super's Signal*.

Two new articles for the upcoming *Super's Signals* are by *NMRA Info* and *Beyond the Rails*.

There will be a membership wide mailing of the *Super's Signal* in January because of the ballots for Directors. In addition, it will again contain information on how members want to receive their *Super's Signal* - email or snail mail.

Next Steering Committee Meeting will be January 5, 2011 at the home of Dick Briggs.

Deadline for information for the January *Super's Signal* is January 7, 2011.

Next Division 6 Meeting will be January 23, 2011 at the Columbus HO Model Railroad club.

Membership as of November is 199, down four from 203, with seven renewals and no new members.

Club reports were given by:

- Howard Smith reported the Columbus Club held their second open house on November the 14 with 15-20 visitors attending. They were celebrating their 76th year.
- Jim Borcz reported the HO club at the Martin Janis Center was up and running on Thursday nights and Fridays. The Central Ohio O Scale was going to be at COSI again this year from December 16 through the 23rd. The live steam group he belongs to, Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers, has shut down for the winter.

Paul Smith is handling the sale of Mid Central Region logo shirts.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Howard Smith.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

In the absence of the Division 6 Clerk, Bob Bowditch, Paul Smith recorded these minutes.



A thought for you, the members to work on a bit.

In the last Division Steering Committee meeting, a short discussion took place concerning placing some video clips of visited layouts on YouTube. Nothing to this date has been done, but here is what I, the editor of the *Signal* wish to know: What are your thoughts on the subject? How would you feel if video clips of your railroad were placed in this information medium? What protection if any, is needed?

Please do address this issue with your good minds and voice your thoughts to your Division representatives.



Division 6 Clerk's Report (Continued)

**Topic For
Thought
by
Marla
Wright &
Bill
Connell**

Thousands of negatives still need



your positive support.

So do the thousands of plans, photos, and slides from our Kalmbach Memorial Library that we're working to digitize so that members can access them from their own computer. The good news is that the scanning is well underway. The better news is that our image library is even larger than we thought!

Which is why we still need your help. The more funds we receive, the more images we can make available.

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Make a contribution that will make a difference for decades.
Visit www.nmra.org/diamondclub
or call HQ at 423-892-2846 to contribute.



Division 6 January Meeting Map

To see the Division 6 Layout Tour Addresses,
contact the Division 6 Superintendent at:
Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org

Division 6 Derailed Members

Tom Fox remains at the
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Dick Wagner

Ted Wetterstroem
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See The Division 6 WEB Site
- News and Notes for updated
information.

Please do take some time to visit with these members if you are able.

Division 6 Financial Statement

By
Division 6
Paymaster
John
Gafney

Income Statement

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To see the Division 6 Financial Report,
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Prepared by John Gafney
Paymaster 12/31/2010

NMRA Info Net

While the snow is somewhat fresh on the ground and it is too cold to work in the yard, here is an idea for entertainment. It costs very little, a good thing in these somewhat rough times. Insert an NMRA DVD Clinic and pop some popcorn. Sit back in your armchair, or kick back on the couch, and enjoy the work others have done. Oh yes, and maybe, just maybe, learn a new technique, or be exposed to an area of the hobby you had not considered. Maybe there is an area you had some doubt about trying.

Oh yes. I almost forgot, you could also use the DVD Clinics to develop interest in the hobby in other folks. Boy Scout Merit Badge Councilors, you could use these with the whole Scout Troop to promote the hobby and plant the seed of membership.

Whereas I have mentioned the Boy Scout program, there are many worthwhile youth programs that could benefit from exposure through the Clinic DVD collection.

There are better than 50 DVD Clinics, and a whole host of VHS Clinics, for you to choose from. So, it might be wise to make the popcorn in proper size batches. Don't forget to clean up dropped popcorn; just like mom said to do.

From what I have read, the process is rather simple. For the cost of processing and postage, you have yourself an afternoon of viewing enjoyment.

Call the NMRA Kalmbach Memorial Library at 423 894-8144 for a complete listing, or go the NMRA website www.nmra.org and view the listings.



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Then, get that popcorn ready.

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NMRA
Info Net
by Bill Con-
nell

Howard R. Smith, MMR

I am a retired Engineering Manager and live in Grove City with my wife Sharon. We have three grown children and 6 grandchildren. I was born in 1940 in Columbus, Ohio, and have been interested in trains since childhood.

I have been a member of the Columbus Model Railroad Club all of my adult life and have served as President many times. I am currently President. I joined the NMRA in 1971 and have served as Division Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. I am currently the AP Chairman and have given many clinics at the division, region and national level. I am a member of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society.

I am currently building a large layout based on the Sandpatch Grade area of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and a small outdoor "G" scale layout.

As in the past, my goal, if elected as a Director, is to provide leadership and a great modeling program to the members of Division 6.

PAUL E. SMITH

I have served two terms as Chief Clerk and am serving a second term as Director of Division 6. I am currently serving as Treasurer of the Mid-Central Region. I am a past and current Trustee for the Central Ohio Model Railroad Club. I worked part time at the Blue Caboose Hobby Store and currently, as needed, at Robbies Hobbies. I have volunteered as Cub Master, Scout Master, and am a Merit Badge (Railroading) Counselor for the Boy Scouts of America.

I am an OSU graduate with a major in accounting. I have experience in private and public accounting as office manager, finance manager, and accounting supervisor while working for a mortgage company, appliance store, two auto dealerships. I retired after 33 years from the Columbus Public Schools Treasurer's Office. I was active for over 20 years on a private church school board and 40 years on church boards in various positions as board member, treasurer, and chairperson. I am treasurer of School Employee Retirees of Ohio, Inc. I have been an Education First Credit Union member for 37 years.

I served as:

- Director for the past 14 years.
- A member of the Supervisory Committee
- Treasurer - 5 years
- And on several other committees
- Chaired the ALM and Nominating
- Attend credit union seminars.

Donald Wilke

As the son of a Division 4 O-Scaler, it was too dangerous to think of Lionel. So my first layout was an HO 4 x 6 in the early 60's. I was active in Division 6 in the early 70's and became an NMRA life member in the mid-70's. Family responsibilities caused my absence from Division activities starting in the mid-80's. I resumed active status in the Division about six years ago. Since then, I became the Division 6 WEB Master in 2007. I have attended almost every Division and Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting. I attended the 2009 MCR Convention Meeting. In 2009, I was elected to serve as one of three Division 6 Directors for 2010.

I have built five layouts to various stages of completion over the years. My current plan calls for a double-layer, folded dog-bone, which I will start on someday. I am a retired Science teacher, having spent 35-years at the same building. I've been working behind the scenes for both Division 6 and The Mid-Central Region.



2011 Division 6 Election Ballot

2011
Division 6
Directors
Election
Ballot

Division 6 Director Candidates (vote for no more than three)

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Howard Smith, MMR

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Donald Wilke

Void

Please vote for no more than three of the listed candidates to serve as Division 6 Directors. All Directors will serve for a two year term.

Every voting member of Division 6 should receive this copy of *The Super's Signal*. Some households will receive more than one copy of *The Super's Signal*.

The Officer Election Ballots must be handed to Jim Ruisinger by the 31st of March or postmarked by the 31st of March and mail to:

Division 6 Inspector of Elections

c/o Jim Ruisinger

2490 Johnston Road

Upper Arlington, OH 43220-4668

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Super's Signal Request Form

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Super's Signal Editor

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Please reply by 28 February to receive the March *Super's Signal*.

Rails Of Ages

Just a reminder: If you have not registered for the "Rails Of Ages" NMRA MCR convention, you really need to move it up on your list of things to do before the snow melts and the grass starts growing.

The convention, April 28th through May 1st will soon be here. Remember, it is being held this year at: The Lodge & Conference Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake, a real nice place. Lodging reservations are limited.

You would do well to check the convention web site:
<http://www.railsofages.org/Convention/index.html> for more information.

Thanks for supporting Division 6

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Division 6 Timetable

23 January

Division 6 Meeting
 Columbus HO Model Railroad Club

Model: Chapel Car

Photo: Old County Church

9 February

Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 Bob Lee

11 February

Super's Signal Deadline

27 February

Division 6 Meeting
 St. Johns Lutheran Church,
 Grove City
 Clinic: TBA

27 March

Division 6 Meeting
 Zanesville Club

28 April- 1 May

MCR Convention
Rails Of Ages