# SUPER'S SIGNAL A publication of Division 6, Mid-Central Region of The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.



# Saturday, June 11, 2011 Marion Union Station Marion, Ohio

# Schedule

8:00: Station opens; Clinic and flea market setup
9:15: Clinic 1: Modeling the Prototype – Dick Briggs, Division 6
10:30: Clinic 2: Comparison and Contrast of Motive Power of the C&O, N&W, & Virginian – Frank Bongiovanni, Division 4
11:30: Flea Market and AP Judging
12:00: Lunch [on your own], Flea Market, and AP Judging [continued]
1:45: Clinic 3: Modeling Conrail's Office Car Special – Matt Snell, Division 7
3:00: Clinic 4: Weathering with Oils – Jerry Krueger, Division 4
4:15: Division 6 Business Meeting
5:15: Train Watching!!!!!!!!!!



**Contest Model:** Favorite Train. **Photograph:** Favorite Train.

# Superintendent's Report

Remember the saying "April Showers bring May Flowers," well it is almost June and we are still getting showers. What's up with that? I made a request to Noah for a reservation on the Ark, in case the Big One does in fact come. The future will be brighter, so they say; I hope so.

If you missed the Regional Convention this year; you missed a good gathering of likeminded folks and some fine models too. The site was Geneva-onthe-Lake Convention Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio. Although the sky was overcast for most of the time, inside the atmosphere was warm

and inviting. The clinics were informative and the tours were great. Also, the silent auction was the largest yet. One of outstanding feature was the contest room, which was filled with some 70 fantastic models and 95 photographs.

However, the Awards Banquet

stood out the most, the guest speaker, Rick Rowlands,--founder of the Youngstown Steel Heritage Foundation, addressed the subject of preservation of some very large steel industry equipment. His organization locates and preserves the equipment from the bygone steel industry. In so doing, his group preserves the history of the bygone industries. So far, his group found and restored a very large stationary steam engine. Then, acquired land and built a large building to house it. The plans are to expand the site and add more items from the steel industry.

Our hat is off to Matt Kross, and Dale Smith, Co-Chairmen, and Division 5 for a job well done. We hope to see all of you next year in Pittsburgh, PA for the 2012 Convention sponsored by folks from Division 2.

The topic of discussion at the Superintendents' Breakfast was "What's working in your Division to generate funds for your annual operations?" Items discussed included: What

Next Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting 13 July 2011 at Craig Sonnen's

too.

is your Division doing? What have you changed? How are you making decisions? And, what other activities are you involved in or planning? The bottom line is what are we doing to generate capital, and build membership. Some of the conclusions were to have fundraisers like shows and flea markets.

Send post cards to notify members of events, and use TV and radio announcements to inform the public of our events.

I hope our members who attended the annual Pennsy Convention, May 12-15, 2011, in Columbus, Ohio, had a great time. I understand both the tour to the station in Denison, Ohio, and to Franklin County Conservatory were

both sold out. Also, the layout tours were "sweet" Continued on page 3.

**Super's Report** 

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#### Continued: Super's Report

It seems this is the season for losing members, yet another lost to our Division. Robert E. Gallagher died on April 30, 2011, at the age of 89. Our condolences to his family, for he will truly be missed from the hobby.

June is coming and it is time again for our annual Division meeting at Marion, Ohio. On June 11th we will have an all day event to include clinics, swap meet, AP judging, division meeting, and all day train watching. The day will start at 8am and ends when the last person leaves. So get your stuff together to bring with you and have a great time.

Again, thanks to the Zanesville Model Railroad Club for hosting the last Division Meeting.

Thanks,

The Super - **Bob Lee** 



# **Clerk's Report**

# Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting March 27, 2011

Hosted by Zanesville Model Rail Road Club, Zanesville Ohio.

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Superintendent	Robert E. Lee		
Director	Paul Smith		
Director	Don Wilke		

#### **Chairpersons Present:**

Super's Signal Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
Contest Chairman	John Retterer
Election Teller	Jim Ruisinger

### **Business Meeting:**

Division 6 Superintendent Bob Lee called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Bob thanked the Zanesville Club for hosting our meeting and opening their layout for our viewing.

#### The following occurred:

- A motion to accept last meeting's minutes was made by Jim Ruisinger and seconded by Darrell Logan. Motion carried.
- A motion to accept the financial report as presented on the website was made by Bill Lyon and seconded by John Retterer. Motion carried.
- The next meeting will be June 11, 2011 at the Marion Station and Club in Marion Ohio. Sta-

tion opens at 8 AM. Clinics are scheduled as follows:

9:15 by Bram Bailey of Div.4 DCC- Moving from DC;

10:30 by Frank Bongiovanni of Div.4 Comparison and Contrast of Motive Power of the C&O, N&W, & Virginian;

1:45 by Matt Snell of Div.7 Modeling Conrail's Office Car Special;

3:00 by Jerry Krueger of Div.4 Weathering with Oils.

Division 6 Business Meeting will be at 4:15.

- The contest at the June meeting both model and photo will be favorite train.
- Howard Smith needs judges for contest judging at the MCR convention. See Howard if you can help judge.
- Don Wilke gave the website report. Don says to look on the web site for news, notes and information.
- Bob Lee presented the membership report. Membership is 199. There were 15 renewals, one family and one new member.
- Bill Connell and Marla Wright are doing a good job as editors of the *Super's Signal*. The latest issue was 12 pages.
- Jim Ruisinger reported that only three ran for election for Directors. Those elected will be Howard Smith, Paul Smith and Don Wilke. Only 10% of the members sent in ballots.

### **Old Business**

• Deadline for Division 6 — Ballots is March 31, 2011.

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#### Continued: Clerk's Report

- Deadline for Mid-Central Region ballots received is March 31, 2011.
- Death of members: Dave Brobst, March 12, 2011; Chuck F. Hyde, March 12, 2011.
- Addition needed for mailing address for Mid-Central Regional Ballot is suite 102.
- Jason Parker reported on feedback on internet (Face Book) account. No cost, set up page, can be updated meeting to meeting.

### **New Business**

- Need a volunteer for Membership Chairperson.
- Need a volunteer for Transportation Chairperson.
- Bob previewed the schedule for the June Meeting at Marion, Ohio.
- There is an inventory of Division 6 Company Store items. Bob Bowditch is trying to sell remaining items. The items for sale are: Store Kits; Beer Cars; Penn Kits.
- X2011 West NMRA National Convention. site went live in January.
- Next Steering Committee Meeting is May 18, 2011 at John Retterer's home, 7:30 PM in Prospect, Ohio.
- Deadline for information for the June Super's Signal is May 20, 2011.
- Next Division 6 Meeting is June 11, 2011 at the Marion Station in Marion, Ohio. (ALL DAY) Contest: Model-Favorite Train, Photo-Favorite Train.
- Dale Smith from Division 5, Western Reserve Division, gave a pitch for the *Rails of Ages Regional Convention\_*, April 28-May 1, 2011 at Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio.
- Reminder, Road trip to Parkersburg, WV to Division 9 meeting/layout tour on May 14, 2011. Two layouts are open.

## Fallen Flag - Robert E. Gallagher

It is with regret, I add the Name of Robert (Bob) Gallagher to our list of Fallen Flags.

Bob was a member of NMRA, MCR Division 6, The Columbus Model Railroad Club and The

### **Club Reports**

- Jim Ruisinger reported that the Mini-Bunch had a meeting on March 12-13 in Canfield, Ohio with 150 people in attendance. Their Fall Meeting will be November 12-13 in Gahanna, Ohio at the New Life Church.
- Jim Borcz reported the HO Club at Martin Janis Center was up and running. The live steam group he belongs to, Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers, is preparing for this summer.
- Greg Short reported the Zanesville Club was having an open house on April 16 and Pennsy Day on May 15, 2011.
- Paul Smith reported the Central Ohio Model Railroad Club was doing OK.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Ruisinger.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

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



Division Six Superintendent Robert E. Lee

# Railway Exposition Co. in Covington Kentucky, as well as many other organizations.

Bob passed away on April 30th at Mount Carmel Medical Center. Bob was 89 years of age at his passing and was buried at Glen Rest Memorial Estate on May 5th 2011.

# **Contest Report**

John Retterer

There was no contest at the Zanesville Club.

It's that time again and we are off to the Marion Depot for a day of contests, clinics and train watching. Railroad story telling goes with the territory.

The contest for this June 11th event is your favorite train model, as well as your favorite train photo. Space is limited, so you should limit your train to; 1 locomotive, and 5 cars, or 4 feet in length, which ever comes first.

AP Judges will be available to judge models for Achievement Program Merit awards. The categories to be judged at this meeting are: Motive Power, Cars and Structures. If you wish to have a model in other categories judged, make arrangements at the meeting with the judges for later date judging. You must have all the paperwork necessary for the judging. The required forms are found on NMRA website. http://www.nmra.org

Jumping ahead to the Division 6 August Meeting, the contest is Stock cars, from any era, single or double deck, with or without loads. The photo contest category is also Stock cars, current or historic photos. Please Identify the Historic photos as we might modify the judging to fit the class of photo.

If you have any suggestions for future contests please feel free to contact me through my e-mail address: gasthill@aol.com.

That's it for now; see you in Marion on June 11th.

# **AP Report**

Howard R. Smith, MMR

INVITATION **Achievement Program** JUDGING EVENT June 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 Division 6 Meeting

Division 6 invites all members to an Achievement Program judging event at the Annual All Day Meeting held in Marion, Ohio, June 11th 2011. Qualified judges will be available to review your models. Your model will be judged and awarded points per AP program rules. Please complete the NMRA National Contest Judging Form #902 and bring it with your model to the meeting. The form is included in the *Super's Signal* as an insert and will also be available at Marion.

For this event, we will judge the following categories: Motive Power, Cars, and Structures categories. Arrangements can be made at this meet for judging other categories.

All AP program rules and forms are available on the NMRA web site at:

http:/www.nmra.org/achievement/

We will display the models during the day for everyone to see and enjoy.

This is a great chance to participate and get your models judged.

Thanks!



# Division 6 Contest Winners at Rails of Ages 2011 Mid-Central Region Convention





First Place: On-Line Display, Dick Briggs, MMR.

First Place: Black & White Model Photograph, Donald Wilke.

# **Beyond the Rail**

Bill Connell

This month's column is for the serious model railroader.

The objective is to create a track plan on paper using the information provided in the following article. Read on and enjoy the ride. You just might find the time and effort interesting and well spent.

Memo To: Phred Richmond

General Manager Central Union Railroad (CUR)

[0] I did as you requested. I arrived in Crystal Springs early in the morning on Monday the 25th and found county taxman, Harold Keeper, already busy trying to figure out his assessment. He had forms spread all over the hood of his sedan when I walked up to him.

I told him what you had said about the tracks being abandoned. He started laughing pretty hard thinking it was another one of your jokes. It got to the point where I thought I was going to have to call the emergency folks, as it appeared as though he was on the verge of a medical situation. Between gasps, he uttered a few words that sounded something like; "You got to be kidding, you know how many times I have heard that one?" But I don't know for sure. What I do know is this, as he was leaving the shop complex he darn near tripped over a bucket of spikes with one foot and all but put his other foot in the sump hole. He was laughing so hard I thought he was going to drive right off the road at Willard's Bluff and in to the river far below. As you know, Sam Katisun has his place along the bank of the river and just down stream from where the road turns sharply above on the bluff. I can report, Harold did make it around the turn; but did in fact knock some rocks loose. The good news is, he did not pollute the river, what with all of his tax papers, hot air, and so forth. Sad. Mighty sad to see a man like that lose control the way he did.

You know, he's an all right kind of guy. He might even make a good neighbor, if it were not for his tendency of showing up at folks places at all hours of the day and night and demanding they pay him their tax money, or give him either a Pig or Cow. He learned the hard way not to accept chickens, what with all that pecking and wing flapping they just seem to have to do. And then there was that one the just had to crow all of the time. What a mess. Speaking of mess, it took him a week to clean out what the chickens left behind in the back seat of his sedan.

I checked with Ronny in the Supply Room at the CUR shops at Crystal Springs, just to see what was new, and if the new tape measure and saw had arrived. The tape measure is on "back order," and the saw is manufacture discontinued. We need to select another type of saw, if we are going to build any freight cars.

He told me of the latest shipment of Rail Polish and the new set of brushes that came with it. He said if you bought Rail Polish by the case, they give you a set of brushes free. I told him he was wrong, that those new fancy brushes were going to cost him and the railroad plenty. But he showed me the invoice and he was right, they were indeed free.

As you know, it is mighty important to keep the rail all dolled up and looking good, as it reduces the friction between the railhead and the wheel tread. Of course you have to be careful and not use too much of the stuff or the locomotive will slip a bit. With that thought in mind, I wonder if that's what's happening over at Baker crossing where the track bends sharply to the right and then climbs the grade up to Dry Creek and the filtering plant. We used to not have to double the hill, but now we seem to have to double it even if the cars are empty. Hmm....

Also I dropped in to see Barney, at the water bottling plant. He says the spring is running full and the folks at the plant are running full speed trying to keep up with the flow. As a matter of fact, they ran right out of glass containers, so Bart Youngblood started a new line of bottled water. He calls it "Water in a Bag." He got a hold of a couple of car loads of burlap bags with cork stoppers and is filling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

them, instead of glass bottles. As I understand it, Bart put the load of bags in warehouse #1, and is storing the filled bags in warehouse #3. Beyond the Rail Continued on page 8.

#### Continued: **Beyond the Rail**

So the Pine Oak and Willowcreek (POW) shuttles a car load of empty bags and corks to the plant every morning and the CUR moves the filled bags to warehouse #3 in the evening, right after they finish up the sawmill job.

I never did think too much of using glass bottles, as they were a pain, what with having to wash and dry each of them. Sort out the good from the bad was another task that just seemed to run up the cost of production. So, maybe Bart has an idea after all. Any way, that's what they are doing while they wait for more new glass bottles. Not sure just how much room they have in warehouse #1 for both the glass bottles and the stacks of burlap sacks and corks. I sure wonder why they don't use the plastic bottles like every one else does.

Speaking of Bart and the bottled water plant, I heard the big boss at the plant is not happy with the way the water is being delivered. According to Jack Manochevits, the water is getting bruised during transportation in the delivery pipe. He took a survey of the pipeline and found there were way too

many turns and kinks in the pipe. He wants the kinks taken out and the number of turns reduced by 40% or he is going to give the delivery contract back to the railroad. I am guessing the folks at CUR and POW will be busy building another tank car may be even two or three. The last one the CUR and POW

(CURPOW) folks built was never delivered, as the shipping railroad refused to deliver the car until they had cash in hand. Smart folks on that railroad; must of heard of the backlog in accounting and the low cash flow at the CUR. I guess the CUR folks will build this one a bit closer to home this time. They are still looking for the tape measure at the shop over in Crescent along with the company saw. You may recall that feeble-minded Thumbs Thompson took off with the tape measure, company saw, along with Miss Sherrie Harlow several years ago. They have four real bright children. Just you ask them and they will tell you so. I don't ask. One thing for sure is this, if they are indeed bright, it did not come from Thumb's Thompson or his side of the family.

Speaking of Miss Sherrie, she had an idea of filling barrels with Man-Over-Board (MOB) and providing a quick drink to the crew at the sawmill during the afternoon 10 minute break. It might work, but I doubt it will increase production any. One problem is going to be to find barrels large enough for the task at hand. Although I am not sure filling barrels with a good grade of MOB fermented grape juice is going to increase the production at the sawmill all that much. It could be a big help with the spouses when they fix the evening meal however. Back in the day, a few years back now, the folks at the MOB plant were known to produce some outstanding stuff. That is, they did until the primary filter, the big brass radiator from Arnold's old dozer, sprung a bad leak. They moved the old filter over to their warehouse where Sammy Briscole is trying to plug the leaks. Once the primary filter started leaking real bad, they replaced it with one they found at Cason's Heavy Repair Yard. The filter they have now has changed the flavor a bit. Kind of has an anti-freeze after taste to it, if you know what I mean. Still, if you drink it on down, you hardly notice the change. Guess it will get better in time, like a bad hair cut and a good story does.

Frank and Sally Cousco, who run the livery stable, came by the shop complex office this afternoon to ask about handling the cattle they wish to ship on the POW from time to time. The issue is, the POW has narrow gauge track and the feedlot is at Cambridge, where the cattle are headed, and is not served by the POW. I told them the CUR, a standard gauge railroad, would be only too happy to transload the cattle. We would only need to build a couple more pens next to the POW tracks. We could water and feed the cattle before they are put on the CUR cars and shipped over to the feedlot in Cambridge or perhaps another feedlot of their choice. So it looks as though the POW is going to have to build a couple of Stock cars as well as more Tank cars.

Well that is about enough of the ramblings from Crystal Springs. Perhaps another time I will remember something of interest. Then again, you might get lucky.

Keep the oil in the tank and the water in the boiler. Jasper forgot that once and it took awhile to get that cleaned up too.

### Continued: Beyond the Rail

Now that you have read through the article, re-read it and either mark on your printed copy or write down all the elements on a piece of paper. Then, on another piece of paper arrange the physical elements you have identified i.e. plants, mills, warehouses, engine facilities etc. in such a way as to form an operational railroad.

Be sure to include the following in your design:

Both standard and narrow gauge trackage, some of which could be dual gauge.

Locations of the:

Car building area	Station buildings		
Appropriate buildings in	ncluding warehouses		
Mills and assorted support buildings.			
Bridges	Industrial sidings	Stub sidings	
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Last. Bring your plan with you to the August Division meet and share with others your new func-  $\downarrow$  tional paper railroad. TOP

# **Division 6 Financial Statement**

Income Statement*				
Beginning Balance		03/01/11		\$1,797.5
Income				
Special Projects				
Total Income			\$0.00	\$0.
Expenses				
Super Signal Printing			\$53.62	
Total Expenses				\$53.
Income/loss for period				\$1,743.
Ending Balance*		04/30/11		\$1,743.
Money Market accoun	t*			
	3/1/11			\$16,937. <sup>,</sup>
interest	3/31/11			\$1.
interest	4/29/11			\$1.
Balance as of 4/30/2017				\$16,940.
Net Worth as April 30th.	2011			\$18,684.
*subject to audit				
Prepared by John Gafney				ģ
Paymaster 5/1/2011				

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# **News from**

# Marla Wright

May 21, 2011, Bill and I attended the dedication of the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot in Urbana Ohio. The Pennsylvania Railroad built a new station in Urbana in 1894. The station has housed different businesses in recent years. The Simon Kenton Pathfinders purchased the building and has renovated it as close as possible to its original state. The building now houses a very nice coffee shop. The shop is convenient to those following the Simon Kenton (Johnny Appleseed) trail and is a popular path for those on bicycle and for those out for a walk.

The site is now on the Ohio Historical Registry. An old caboose serves as a historical museum and education site, the Marion W. Parks Railroad Educational Center. Gary Salzgaber, an NMRA Mid-Central Region, Division 3 member, compiled local railroad history for the station. Gary received sincere thanks at the dedication for his effort.

#### The marker is inscribed as follows:

"Construction of the Columbus, Piqua, and Indiana Central Railroad started in 1850 and was finished in 1854. Later referred to as the "Panhandle Railroad," it ran from Columbus to Bradford. During the Civil War, the line carried supplies and troops and it was extended from Bradford to Richmond, Indiana. President Lincoln's funeral train traveled the route on April 29, 1865. Eventually, three railway lines crossed Urbana: the Big Four, the Pennsylvania, and the Erie. "Corn Brooms," woolen cloth, horse carriages, and tinware were shipped by railroad to national markets and regular passenger service carried residents to destinations across the country, including Chicago, St. Lois, New York, and Washington, D.C.

The Pennsylvania Railroad built a new station in Urbana in 1894. The firm of Yost and Packard from Columbus, the architects of the Urbana Presbyterian Church, designed the station. Inside were a ticket office, bathrooms, central fireplace, and separate waiting rooms: one for mend and another for women and children. The depot was also conveniently located near stations of other railroads serving Urbana, the Big Four and the Erie and is 46.751 miles from Columbus. In 1976, the station became part of the Conrail System. Since then, several businesses had occupied the depot until the Simon Kenton Pathfinders purchased it and sold it to the City of Urbana in partnership to provide amenities for users of the Simon Kenton Trail. The newly restored depot was rededicated in 2007."

This new dedication dedicated the site as an Ohio Historical Landmark. Many of the buildings around the depot have their own story to tell in the history of this railroad site.

Photographs: Marla Wright & Bill Connell

We encourage you to visit the site, walk around the grounds, and enjoy the refreshments in the railroad depot.



Urbana Depot as it looked back in the days when the PRR was running trains through Urbana to either Columbus or Indianapolis.



Picture depot before the dedication ceremony.





# NMRA NATIONAL CONTEST JUDGING FORM

Entry No.

NMRA Form #902 Rev. D, 10/15/10 All previous forms obsolete. Please print. Entry Name\_\_\_\_\_

1. CONSTRUCTION (Maximum 40 points)       (*May qualify for AP scratch built)       Points Awarded         Model Basis – Select the description that best applies to your model       Image: Construction Complete) *- SB struc. + details (>90%)       Image: Kit Bash – Multi kits/ comm. parts assem. not per kit Bash – Multi kits/ comm. parts assem.         Mode. Comm. – Shells, frame, struc. or major parts (>50%)       Image: Mode. RTR – Some mod. (<20%) to finished comm.         Name kit or major comm. parts & manufacturer       Image: Construction Techniques – Select all methods & materials that apply to your model <th></th>	
2. DETAIL (Maximum 20 points)     Points Awarded     Describe complexity, difficulty, refinement & quantity of detail parts <u>added</u> . <u>Identify all commercial parts</u> .	
3. CONFORMITY (Maximum 25 points) Points Awarded Describe prototype design. Include prototype documentation (beyond what may have been supplied in kit).	
4. FINISH & LETTERING (Maximum 25 points) Points Awarded Weathered Hand Lettered Decals Dry Transfers Spray Airbrush Dry brush Stain Non-Weathered - Describe methods & materials	
4. SCRATCH BUILT (Maximum 15 points) - <u>Kit Built Classification</u> Points Awarded          List all parts scratch built; note special refinements	
4. TOTAL POINTS (Staff only) -     Final Score       Tabulated by     Verified by	



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### **Division 6 Timetable**

#### 11 June (Saturday)

Division 6 Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion Clinics: Modeling the Prototype; Comparing & Contrasting Motive Power; Modeling Conrail's Office Car Special; Weathering with Oils

9-11 July EXTRA 2011 WEST, NMRA National Convention, Sacramento, California

**13 July** Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 Craig Sonnen

**15 July** Super's Signal Deadline

6 August (Saturday) Division 6 Meeting: *Byesville Scenic Railroad*, Byesville, Ohio

17August Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 Howard Smith

**19 August** Super's Signal Deadline

10 September Division 6 Meeting: Mark Mayard, Portsmouth, Ohio