

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Saturday, August 6, 2011

Byesville Scenic Railroad

Byesville, Ohio



Schedule

10:00: Byesville Station opens to sell tickets

11:00: First train trip of the day

12:00: Byesville Station re-opens to sell tickets

1:00: Second train trip of the day

Division 6 Business Meeting – None

Train Watching!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

See page 4 for more information



Contest

Model: None.

Photograph: None.

Superintendent's Report

Well, we are half way through summer and it is getting hotter. I hope everyone is enjoying vacations and time spent with the family. This means that our favorite past time of Model Railroading has taken a back seat and has begun to collect a little dust. However all is not lost, because there are short trips that can include train rides and train watching. So be patient our time is around the corner.

I have to say the turnout at our last Division meeting at Marion was rather disappointing. The Marion Station that hosted our annual meeting has a lot to offer plus you get to watch trains all day! The Clinics this year were better than last year. The weather was great and parking is no problem. It seems we are missing the boat as to what the membership is really interested in doing. If I am wrong please let me know. Thanks again to the Marion Historical Society for their hospitality.

The NMRA National Convention was held in Sacramento, California July 8th-10th; we hope to have a report on it from our Editors when they return for the next *Super's Signal*.

Our next Division Meeting on August 6, 2011 (**Saturday**) will be a family outing at the *Byesville Scenic Railway* in Byesville, Ohio. Byesville is located south of Cambridge on I-77 Exit 41. We will not

have a meeting or contest on this date. A map will be in the *Super's Signal*.

This is a real train to ride plus plenty of activities for the spouse and kids to do. The train ride schedule for the day will be at 11 am and 1 pm. Adults fares are \$12.00, children (ages 3-12) are \$9.00, and under 3 are free. You need to purchase your tickets (1) hour before the train ride. The town of Byesville has a number of quaint shops for the spouse to browse and a park for the kids to play all next to the station. Driving time is

about 1-2 hours from Columbus, Ohio. This should be a great road trip and a fun day for both the family and you to enjoy. Hope to see you!

Our next regularly scheduled Division Meeting will be on (**Saturday**) September 10th, in Portsmouth,

Ohio. This meeting is a joint meeting with Division 9 with a swap meet and free food, another good road trip. If you plan to attend let me know by email no later than August 17th so I can let Division 9 know the count.

Thanks,

The Super - **Bob Lee**



**Next Division 6 Steering
Committee Meeting
17 August 2011
at Howard Smith's**

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Division 6 New Member

Dave Matheny

Here is the info on our new Division 6 member:

Raymond Thibaut
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Let's make him feel welcome.



Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report for the June 11 Meeting at Marion Union Station will appear in the next issue of the *Super's Signal*.



Division 6 Financial Statement

Income Statement *

To see the Division 6 Financial Report,
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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.



Byesville Scenic Railroad – Family Fun Days

The Byesville Scenic Railroad has installed thousands of crossties to ensure a safe and smooth, enjoyable ride, built a siding for our train at our station in Byesville, expanded the original excursion route by 1.5 miles. We now travel beyond the State Route 821 crossing to our “Milepost 10,” near old *Banner Mine* over the old B&O Eastern Ohio Branch. The Byesville Scenic Railway is now working to re-open the remaining 7 1/2 miles of the old B&O Eastern Ohio Branch from the “Milepost 10” southwest to Cumberland. Once re-opened, the route of our passenger excursion will be 25 miles round trip. Someday our excursion train could possibly operate a few miles further southwest near the huge wild animal preserve known as *The Wilds* to enjoy one of their safari tour adventures.

Byesville Scenic Railway	
2011 Fares	
Adults	\$12.00
Children (Ages 3-12)	\$9.00
Children under Age 3	FREE



Byesville Scenic Railroad

In the Area:

While visiting the Byesville Scenic Railroad, you may want to stop by the five area wineries, the Warthers Train Museum, The Wilds, or the “good eats on Main Street.”

*Bring the family –
enjoy the fun.*



Division 6 Contest Winners at Marion, Ohio

Don Wilke



***Powder Puff Train
(1949)
William Connell***



***Conrail with Sumersets
David Matheny***



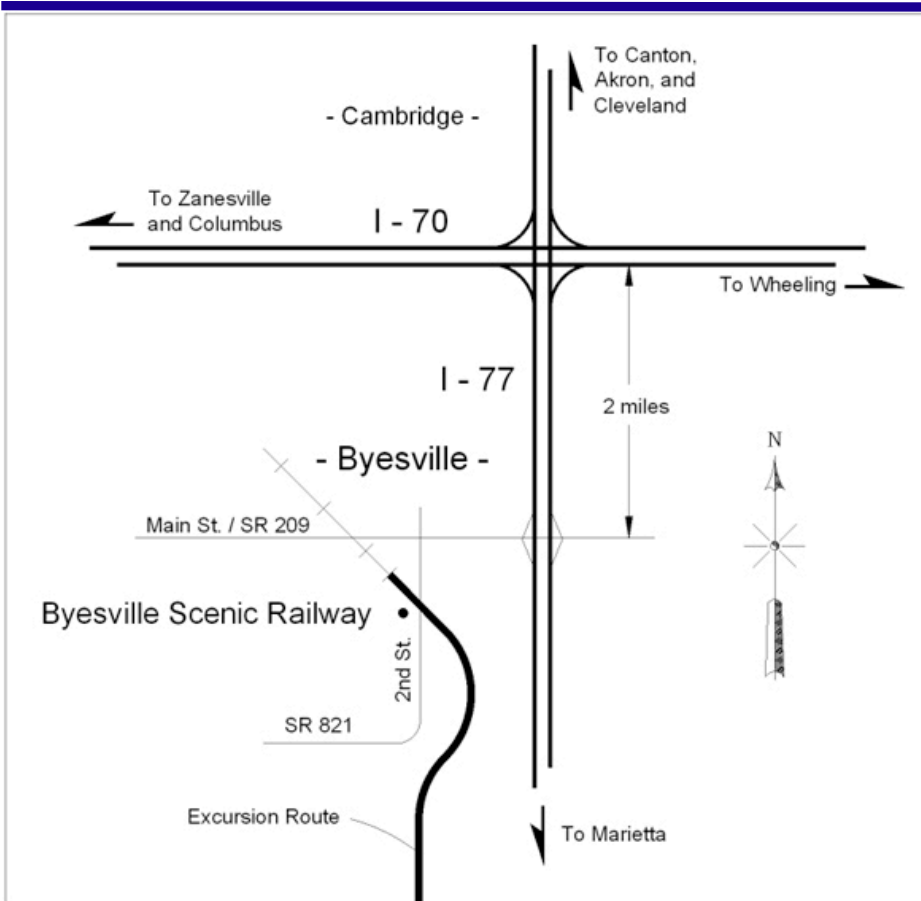
AP Report

Howard R. Smith, MMR

The Division 6 all day meeting at the Marion Union 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 but better than last year with two models judged. The two models entered were a B&O Section Hand Shed and a B&O Pump House. Both models were small in size but earned enough points for AP Merit Awards. Many AP Award models are not complex large models. Cars and structures that are small but well done models can earn Merit Awards. Remember each model is judged on its own merits.

AP judging at a Division meeting is a great opportunity to have your models judged without the hassle of a NMRA Model Contest. 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.

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 too complex. My models are not good enough and many other reasons. I think the two models at Marion this year being small simple but well done should be a lesson to everyone.



Directions

Take I-70 East to the I-77 interchange.

Take I-77 south to the Byesville exit (exit 41). As you exit the ramp, turn right onto Main St.

Follow Main Street to the traffic light in downtown Byesville.

At the light, turn left onto 2nd Street (SR 821).

Free parking is available along 2nd Street and also along Seneca Street.

The station site is conveniently located at the 2nd street railroad crossing.

About 90 minutes from downtown Columbus according to Google Maps.

**Map thanks to
Byesville Scenic Railroad**





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Division 6 Timetable

6 August (Saturday)

Division 6 Meeting: *Byesville Scenic Railroad*, Byesville, Ohio

17 August

Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 Howard Smith

19 August

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10 September (Saturday)

Division 6, Division 9 Joint Meeting: Mark Mayard, Portsmouth, Ohio

28 September

Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30; Bob Lee

30 September

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November

National Model Railroad Association Month

12-13 November

Mini-Bunch Meeting, Gahanna, Ohio

13 November

Columbus HO Model Railroad Club Open House, 2 - 4