

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

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October 23, 2011 A.M.R.E.C. Coshocton, Ohio



Schedule

12:30: A.M.R.E.C. layout opens

12:30: Mill Creek Central opens

2:00: Division 6 Business Meeting

4:00: A.M.R.E.C. closes



Contest

Model: Barn diorama

farm scene featuring a barn and appropriate animals.

Photograph: Old barn.

Superintendent's Report

Would you say that summer is over? From the look of the weather, I think it is. Now is time to do some serious Model Railroading, so let's get started.

Our second road trip to Portsmouth, Ohio was a blast. We must thank Division 9 and Mark Maynard for a lovely time. The weather was marvelous and the food was great. Mark has added to his home layout since our last visit and it is on the way to becoming a first class railroad. Bob Weinheimer, Division 9 Superintendent, had a great idea to combine Division 9 and Division 6 business meeting, this was a first and lead to interesting bed fellows. However it turned out great and we will continue to do joint meetings by inviting Division 9 to our annual meeting in Marion, Ohio in June of 2012. The future is looking great.

As a reminder, our next road trip is October 23, 2011 to Coshocton, Ohio. We will visit the *Coshocton Club, A.M.R.E.C.*, with a side trip to *Mill Creek Central*. The business meeting and contest will be at the *Coshocton Club*. So don't forget to bring your model and photo. The fall colors should be at their peak for the ride over and I promise you will have a ball.

Don't be surprise when you receive a phone call from one of your Division 6 Officers. You ask why?

We have a short survey we are conducting to find out a couple of things. We want to purify our membership roster by verifying addresses; telephone numbers; email addresses; and etc. We would like to know why some of you haven't attended a Division 6 meeting and what can we do to help you with your model railroading interests. We hope that all members will be responsive to our calls. To coin a phrase from the late John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your Division can do for you, but what can you do for your Division".

**Next Division 6 Steering
Committee Meeting
26 October 2011
at Bill Connell's**

The time has come again for election of Division 6 Officers. Nominations for Superintendent; Assistant Superintendent; Clerk; and Pay Master need to be received by November 30th to the Election Teller (to be announced). If you are interested in fulfilling a 2-year term, it is time to prepare a resume. A fresh look will keep Division 6 healthy.

On the same note we are in need of a person or persons to fill the duties of Editor for the *Super's Signal*. Our former Editors have resigned. Remember stand up, be proud and serve your division.

Regretfully again, I must announce the lost of yet another member of our

Division. Theodore "Ted"
David Wetterstroem

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DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

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pasted away on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at the age of 84 years old. Funeral services were held on Monday, September 26 at 1 pm at North Broadway United Methodist Church, interment followed at Kingwood Memorial Park. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his loving wife, Dorothy Helen of 59 years and Family. He was a great modeler and

asset to the hobby of Model Railroading, we will truly miss Ted.

Finally, I am having knee replacement surgery on my right knee October 18th. In my absent our Assistant Super, Craig Sonnen, will be in the engineer seat, your support during this time will be appreciated.

Thanks,

The Super - Bob Lee



Clerk's Report

Bob Bowditch

Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting September 10, 2011

The Division 6 Business Meeting was held in Portsmouth, Ohio jointly with Division 9. It was hosted by Mark Maynard. Mark had his layout on display. He also had a great 'brunch' for the members. There was a swap meet where several members brought 'treasures' to sell.

Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Robert E. Lee
Clerk	Bob Bowditch
Pay Master	John Gafney
Director	Howard Smith, MMR
Director	Paul E. Smith
Director	Donald Wilke

Chairpersons Present:

A.P. Chairman	Howard Smith, MMR
Membership Chairman	Dave Matheny
Member's Aid Chair	Howard Smith, MMR
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke

Mid-Central Region Officer Present:

President	Dick Briggs, MMR
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Business Meeting:

Division 6 Superintendent, Bob Lee, called the meeting to order at 1:57 p.m.



Steel handling on Mark Maynard's layout.



Oil terminal on Mark Maynard's layout.

Clerk's Report

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Continued: **Clerk's Report****The following occurred:**

- Last Meetings Minutes were read and approved. Motion and second was made.
- The Financial Report was presented by Paymaster, John Gafney. Details are on the website. Motion and second was made.
- The Superintendent's Report was presented by Bob Lee. He thanked our host, Mark Maynard, and Division 9 for making the venue available. He also said he was pleased with the turn out by both divisions. Division 6 had 12 members in attendance.
- Program Chairman, Craig Sonnen, was not in attendance. Bob Lee mentioned the 2012 calendar is done. Announcement in a future *Super's Signal*.
- Contest Chairman, John Retterer, was not in attendance. Upcoming contests will be in a future *Super's Signal*.
- Achievement Program Report was presented by Howard Smith. Howard announced no new A.P. Certificates at this time.
- A presentation was made to Gary Burdette, a member of Division 9. Gary is the Mid-Central Region's newest Master Model Railroader. Also in attendance were Master Model Railroaders Howard Smith, Dick Briggs, Bob Weinheimer, and Ed Keith.
- The Website Report was presented by Don Wilke. He reports no major changes.
- The Members Report was presented by Dave Matheny. Division 6's membership is currently 186.
- The Newsletter Report was presented by Bill Connell and Marla Wright. The position is now open and needs to be filled. See Bob Lee for details and job description.

Old Business

- Bill Connell and Marla Wright commented on the 2011 *National Convention*, held in Sacramento CA. The convention was very busy, too many clinics. Featured great tours. He estimated 10% attendance by

NMRA members. Commented on quality and quantity of models for judging. MCR gets as many, if not more than were seen at the National. Also the quality of models is comparable.

- Division 6 Road trip to Blyseville was a big disappointment. Very low attendance, only 4 members.
- The Company Store Report to be presented by Bob Bowditch at the next steering committee meeting.

New Business

- Division 6 has a new member, Ray Thibaut.
- The next Steering Com-

Clerk's Report

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Division 9's Superintendent, Bob Weinheimer, conducts the Division 9's portion of the joint meeting as Division 6's Paymaster, John Gafney, prepares to give his Financial Report.



Host Mark Maynard watches Jim Henry work the main yard.

Continued: Clerk's Report

mittee Meeting will be September 28th at Bob Lee's House.

- The *Super's Signal* deadline is September 30th.
- The next Division Meeting is October 23 at the Coshocton Club. Model Contests is Barn Diorama, and Photo Contest is of a Old Barn Scene.

Club Reports

- S-Scale Club's* next meeting is in late September See John Gafney for details.
- Central Ohio MM Club*. Paul Smith announced that the modular layout was set up at the fair this year.
- Columbus MMR Club*. Howard Smith announced the upcoming Open House.
- Janis Center*. Jim Borcz reported the club is slowly converting to DCC.
- Division 9 asked all members, of both Division 9 and 6, in attendance to introduce themselves and state their modeling interests.



It was not really necessary to climb the ladder to view Mark's layout.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



Division 6 Paymaster Report

Due to a computer glitch and since there was neither income nor any expenses, our check book balance and money market balance has not changed since the last report.

John Gafney

Paymaster

Subject to audit – 9/29/11



AP Report

Howard R. Smith, MMR

“It’s sad to report that there is nothing to report.” That was the August AP Report. This report is a bit different. I received two Merit Awards this month for models I had judged at the Division 6 meeting in Marion. These models are of a B&O Section Gang House and a B&O Pump House. Both models are of small structures, however, they are scratch built. My point is size is not always the only criteria for AP Merit Awards. A small well done model can also score the 87 1/2 points for a Merit Award. There are five other areas to receive points as part of the over all score.

Construction, maximum of 40 points; *Detail*, maximum of 20 points; *Conformity*, maximum of 25 points; *Finish and Lettering*, maximum of 25 points; and *Scratchbuilding*, maximum of 15 points.

Detail is the only area “complexity, difficulty, refinement, amount of additional detail parts added” where size could influence the overall score with respect to size. Of course the other areas must score in the upper range for points. So let’s remember size is not the only criteria for a Merit Award.



Division 6 Derailed Members

Tom Fox remains at the
Franklin Woods Rehab-Care Center
2770 Clime Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43223

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.



Fallen Flags Ted Wetterstroem

Theodore "Ted" David Wetterstroem, Jr., age 84, died on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

Ted was the owner of *D & T Enterprises*, named for his wife, Dottie, and himself. They sold model railroad supplies for over 25 years.

He was a Life member of *The National Model Railroad Association, Inc., Division 6 of the Mid-Central Region*, and *Columbus Model Railroad Club*. He was a longtime member of *The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society* and *The Western Maryland Railway Historical Society*.

Ted created the art work and helped produce over 28 different model railroad freight car projects as well as designing the logos for *Division 6* and *Mid-Central Region* of NMRA.

In 1974, Ted co-authored *Chesapeake & Ohio freight cars prior to 1945* with long time friend, Dean Freytag, for *The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society*.

He wrote many short articles for model railroad magazines, including *Model Railroader Magazine*, and various NMRA publications, national and local.

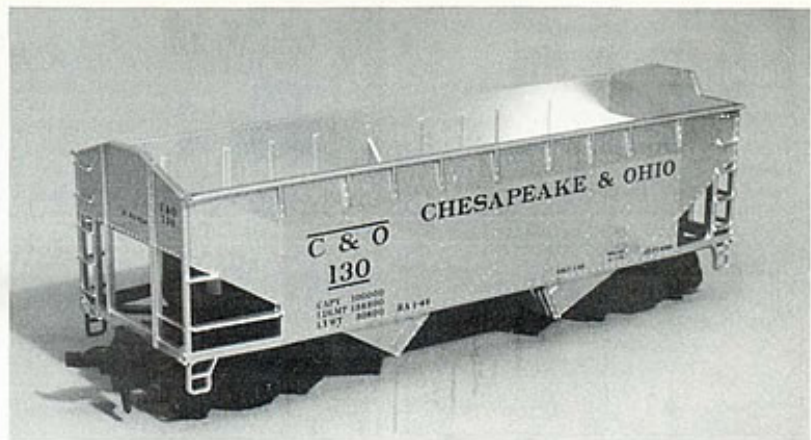
Ted was an excellent modeler and he won a number of Divisional and Regional Contests. His affection for the *Thumz* cartoon in the old *NMRA Bulletin* caused him enter as many privies in contests as he thought he could get away with. He even entered a two story privy in one contest.



Ted Wetterstroem
Painting by
Dave Wetterstroem

New Products

The Chesapeake & Ohio rebuilt five of their hoppers in January of 1948 with aluminum bodies (according to the C&OHS magazine). The Mid-Central Region of the NMRA, c/o Ted Wetterstroem, 197 E. Tulane Rd., Dept. MRG, Columbus, OH 43202-2221, is offering Athearn models in those markings at \$7.50 postpaid.



Ad from May 1988 - note the price of \$7.50.



MODELING TIP

(originally in Division 10's *The Lantern*, September 2000)

(Compliments of Ted Wetterstroem)

To avoid wasting time crawling around on the floor, looking for a "launched" part (which you may NEVER find), try this: take an old hand towel and tape one end to the edge of your workbench, and tuck the other end into your belt (if you wear overalls, you're on your own).

Now, if you drop a part, it'll likely land on the towel.

Just remember to unhook from the towel before leaving the work bench.



Mid-Central Region's Newest Master Model Railroader



Master Model Railroaders Howard Smith, Bob Weinheimer, Dick Briggs, Gary Burdette, and Ed Keith.

The joint Division 6 & Division 9 meeting at Mark Maynard's house in Portsmouth, Ohio was the scene of the induction of the Mid-Central Region's newest Master Model Railroader. Mid-Central President, Dick Briggs, presented Gary Burdette with his newly earned Master Model Railroader Award. Gary was surrounded by four MMR's from both divisions during the presentation.

Gary's layout, the *Hinton Division of the C&O*, captures the spirit of the *C&O Railroad* through its Hinton division in the 1950's steam to diesel transition. Featured towns along the New River include Thurmond, Prince, Quinimont, and of course,

Hinton. Also included are the towns of Alderson and Alleghany to the east and the town of Cass and the Mower lumber operations. The layout includes over 150 structures scratch built or kitbashed over 30 years of modeling. Locomotives and rolling stock are scratch built or kitbashed to C&O standards using vintage models. The layout occupies a 24' x 36' room and scenery is about 15% complete. Control is DC. Also of interest is a replica of a 60's era hobby shop in a separate building that includes "1960s items at 1960s prices". The only catch is - nothing is for sale!



X2011 West Convention

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Bill Connell

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Tours

Tours, yep, there were many and very well orchestrated too. You just have to give a tip of the old beanie to that group, as they had their collective hands full and sometimes with a belligerent patron at that.

One of the tours we took was billed as the Sierra Sunrise and it was indeed that, as it left with a full load promptly at 7:30 am for a visit to a couple of outstanding layouts. We watched as our bus driver took that huge block of metal into some real interesting places and managed to turn the thing around and get it out of the trap it had entered more than one occasion. Some of the roads in the foothills of the Sierras are not at all friendly to buses. While on this tour, we stopped at *Railtown 1897 State Historic Park* at Jamestown for lunch, a tour of the shops and a ride on the train they were using that day. Yes, it was pulled by a steam engine, one of two we came across during our stay. The other one was found operating the *Sacramento Southern* train at the *California Railroad Museum* in Old Sacramento.

Contest Room

Well folks, if you want to see some top notched models, go to the Region convention. What? Yep, that is right. We have right here in the Mid-West Region far better models entered in our convention than what was entered at the NMRA National Convention. And yes, after the judging was complete, the usual cry of being robbed was heard through out the room. One of the judges wrote on the back of the entry form "Wrong Scale." The model was of a Steel Mill Press Shop, very well animated, and lit. What puzzles me is what the heck does the Scale have to do with the model. When judging, you judge the model on its merits not the scale of the model. The model as I recall was in HO scale and was huge even in that scale.

Next year

Next year the convention is a bit closer to home, in Grand Rapids Michigan. That state up North. It is

Due to space limitations in the last issue, this article is continued from the last issue of *The Super's Signal*.



John Zach's Sierra Railroad



John Zach's Sierra Railroad

Photographs: Marla Wright

not to early to register, so you might be well to release the brakes, open the cylinder cocks and pull gently on the throttle.



WEB Site Report

Don Wilke

The 2012 Timetable Page is now available on the Division WEB Site at:

http://div6-mcr-nmra.org/TimeTable_Page.html

The 2012 Contest Page is now available on the Division WEB Site at:

http://div6-mcr-nmra.org/Contest_Page.html

Both the Timetable and Contest will be in the December *Super's Signal*.



Coshocton Map

Directions A.M.R.E.C.: (Coshocton County Fairgrounds, 707 Kenilworth Ave) East on Route 16, passed Conesville. Route 16 then turns north paralleling the Muskingum River. East on Chestnut Street, also known as Restaurant Row, south on 7th Street. The entrance to the Coshocton County Fairgrounds is at the south-east of the intersection of 7th and Orange Street. A.M.R.E.C. is the large building with a Nickel Plate Caboose and a signal in front. Parking is across from the building.

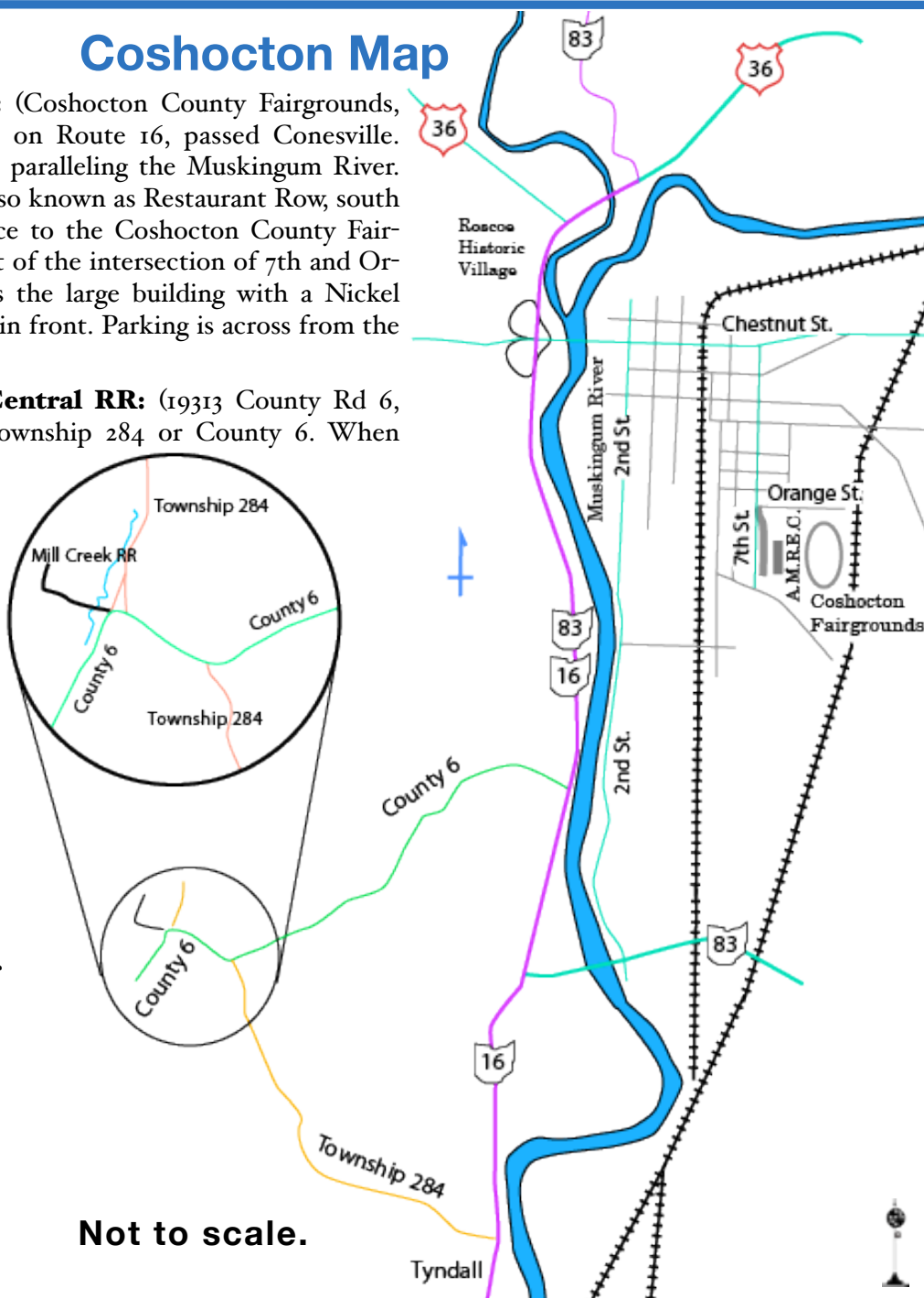
Direction Mill Creek Central RR: (19313 County Rd 6, Coshocton) Take either Township 284 or County 6. When County 6 takes a sharp left, go straight on to Mill Creek RR's driveway

Distance: About 65 miles, 1 hour and 20 minutes, from I-270 and Route 161 according to Google Maps.

In the Area: Roscoe Historic Village on the west side of the river and north of Chestnut Street, Canal Boat ride north on Route 36, and Age of Steam Roundhouse south of Sugarcreek.

Notice from the Age of Steam WEB Site: "We are not prepared to give tours, especially during the construction phase of this project.

We will politely refuse all such requests for reasons of safety, insurance and time constraints."





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Division 6 Timetable

23 October

Division 6 Meeting: Coshocton Club, Coshocton

26 October

Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 Bill Connell's

28 October

Super's Signal Deadline

November

National NMRA Month

12-13 November

Mini-Bunch Fall Meet, Gahanna, Ohio

13 November

Columbus HO Model Railroad Club Open House, 2:00-4:00

20 November

Division 6 Meeting: TBA

4 January

Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 TBA

6 January

Super's Signal Deadline