

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

February 2012



19 February 2012 St. John's Lutheran Church Grove City, Ohio



Schedule

- 1:00:** St. John's Church opens (Rooms 103/104)
- 1:30:** Clinic: *Converting a DC Railroad to DCC*
by Howard Smith, MMR
- 2:10:** Clinic: *Weathering* by Bob Lee
- 2:50:** Clinic: *Basic Bridges* by John Retterer
- 3:30:** Division 6 Business Meeting



Contest

- Model:** Favorite Locomotive.
- Photograph:** Favorite Locomotive.

Superintendent's Report

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The Division thanks the Columbus Model Railroad Club for hosting our meeting. It is always a rewarding experience. Thank you guys again for your hospitality.

Everyone should have received the January issue of the *Super's Signal*, which contains the ballot for the election of our Division Officers. However there has been a change you should be aware of; Craig Sonnen has dropped out of the race for Assistant Superintendent for personal reasons. This leaves only one person for the position of Assistant Superintendent. Please look at your ballot for the change: do not vote for Craig Sonnen. The deadline for returning the ballot is March 31, 2012.

As a reminder, you should receive the Mid-Central Region newsletter, the *Kingpin*, in the mail shortly. Be sure to pay attention to the convention information found in the *Kingpin*. Also, be sure to make your hotel reservations real soon.

In the February issue of the NMRA magazine there is a ballot for the election of Officers for the NMRA. Be sure to return it no later than April 15, 2012. There are a couple of offices you should not vote for, as they do not

apply to us. They are *Eastern District Director* and *Pacific District Director*. **If you vote for either of them, your ballot is void.**

The Kalmbach Library's immensely popular *The Postwar Freight Car Fleet* book has sold out.

If anyone plans to attend the 2012 NMRA Grand Rails Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan the registration will be handled in a new way. Instead of the large registration package inserted into the *NMRA Magazine*, the full package can be downloaded from www.gr2012.org.

Read the articles in the *Super's Signal* for information of this year's events, so you can plan to attend.

Our next Division meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City on February 19. So let's make a date to be there and enjoy the fellowship and clinics.

Thanks,
The Super - Bob Lee

Next Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting
22 February 2012
at Bob Bowditch's

2012 NMRA Grand Rails Convention Information at;
www.gr2012.org.



Super's Signal Report

Don Wilke, Publisher

This issue of the *Super's Signal* is a short one. There is no Clerk's Report nor Paymaster's Report because the deadline for this issue of the *Super's Signal* was before the Division 6 January meeting. There will be two Clerk's Reports and one Paymaster's Report in the March issue of the *Super's Signal*.



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AP Report February 2012

Howard R. Smith, MMR, AP Chairman

This report continues our look at the requirements for the Achievement Program *Master Builder – Motive Power*. The requirements are taken from the NMRA web site and can be reviewed at the NMRA web site www.nmra.org under the Achievement Program.

The definition of *Motive Power* is any type of steam, diesel, or electric locomotive, traction unit, maintenance vehicle or other type of self propelled vehicle that runs on rails. Everything from speeders to streetcars to Big Boys is included. It does not include powered models of unpowered vehicles (like hand cars) or dummy locomotives.

“To qualify for Master Builder – Motive Power certificate:

1. Build three scale models of railroad motive power, one of which must be scratch built. Motive Power is defined as noted above.

A. To qualify as scratch built, the motive power must contain the following scratch built items as applicable:

- Steam Locomotives: frame, boiler, cab, tender frame and body, either valve gear or main side diving rods.
- Other Motive Power: body, frame cab, power truck frame, pantograph or trolley poles where appropriate.
- All models must be capable of self-propulsion on track of the same gauge as the model. Power trains for all models may be commercial motors and gears.
- All models must be super detailed either with scratch built parts or with commercial parts as defined below.

B. The following parts are specifically excluded from scratch built requirement:

- Motors, gears, drivers and wheels, couplers, light bulbs and electronics, trucks, paint and decals, bell marker and classification lights, brake fittings and basic wood, plastic, metal shapes.

C. The term “scratch built” implies that the modeler has done all of the necessary layout and fabrication that produces the final dimensions, appearance, and operating qualities of the model.

2. Earn a Merit Award of at least 87.5 points with each of the three scale models of motive power either via an NMRA sponsored contest or AP Merit Award Judging event.

3. You must submit a Statement of Qualification which includes the following:

An attachment giving a detailed description of each model, including.

- Identification of all scratch built features
- All commercial components used
- Materials used in building model
- Copies of the plans you used are not required, but many people do submit them.

Verification of the Merit Awards (photocopies of the certificates)

Photos of the models are helpful, but not required.”



Division 6 – 2012 Time Table

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Date	Event	Location	Contest
4 Jan	Steering Comm Meeting	Bill Connell's	
4 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
25 Jan	Steering Comm Meeting	Bob Lee's	
25 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
29 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Columbus HO Model RR Club, Columbus Ohio Layout: Columbus HO Model RR Club	Model: Snow Plow Photo: Snow Plow or Railroad snow scene
19 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: St. Johns Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinics: <i>Converting From DC to DCC, Weathering, Basic Bridges</i>	Model: Favorite Locomotive Photo: Favorite Locomotive
22 Feb	Steering Comm Meeting	Bob Bowditch's	
22 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: C.A.N.S., Canal Winchester, Ohio Layout: East Columbus Tour	Model: Basic Bridge Photo: Basic Bridge
26-29 Apr	<i>MCR Convention</i>	<i>HIGH-LINE to Pittsburgh</i>	Modeler's Choice
23 May	Steering Comm Meeting	John Gafney's	
23 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
16 Jun (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion, Ohio Clinics: <i>tba</i>	Model: Weathered rail car Photo: Weathered or Graffitied rolling stock
25 Jul	Steering Comm Meeting	Howard Smith's	
25 Jul	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18 Aug (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting	Bus Trip: Cincinnati Union Terminal	None
29 Aug	Steering Comm Meeting	Bob Bowditch's	
29 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
23 Sep	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>tba</i> , Chillicothe Layout: <i>tba</i>	Model: Detailed Pass Car Photo: Passenger Car
26 Sep	Steering Comm Meeting	John Retterer's	
26 Sep	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
21 Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Hocking Valley, Nelsonville, Ohio Road Trip: Hocking Valley Railroad	Model: Your rolling stock Photo: Your rolling stock
24 Oct	Steering Comm Meeting	Bill Connell's	
24 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: St. Johns Lutheran Church, Grove City Layouts: MMR Tour	Model: promote NMRA Month Photo: promote NMRA Month



To see the Division 6 Layout Tour Addresses,
contact the Division 6 Superintendent at:

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Membership Report

Dave Matheny, Membership Chair

The following memberships expire February 29, 2012:

James Caldwell	Robert Hilbur	Thomas Wester
Carl Crowe	Richard Nairn	
Karl Emler	Chris Walsh	

Active Members:

178 - January 1, 2012

171 - December 1, 2011

177 - November 1, 2011

The following memberships expire March 31, 2012:

Roberta Armstrong	Barbara Beyer	Paul Farley
Steven Beyer	Michelle Farley	Phil Keogh

Questions about when your membership expires can be handled by your Division 6 Membership Chair, Dave Matheny, MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org



Division 6 Derailed Members

Tom Fox has moved, his new address will be in the March *Super's Signal*.

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





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Thanks for supporting Division 6	Division 6 Timetable
<p style="text-align: right;">Bob the Train Guy www.bothetrainguy.com 740.972.0171</p> <p>RFP Model Railroading Gahanna, OH 43230 (614) 313-0751 {Kadee, NCE DCC, Homabed}</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The Train Station 4430 Indianola Ave. Columbus, Oh 43214 614.262.9056</p> <p>Robbies Hobbies 4578 N. High St. Columbus, OH 43214 614.265.7288</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hobbyland East: 6919 E. Broad St. Columbus, Oh 43213 614.866.5011</p> <p>Hobbyland Graceland: 206 Graceland Blvd Columbus, Oh 43214 614.888.7500</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The Smoke Stack Hobby Shop 368 Lincoln Ave. Lancaster, OH 43130-3716 740.653.0404</p>	<p>19 February Division 6 Meeting: St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Model: Favorite Locomotive; Photo: Favorite Locomotive</p> <p>22 February Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 Bob Bowditch's</p> <p>22 February <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i></p> <p>18 March Division 6 Meeting: C.A.N.S., Canal Winchester Model: Favorite Locomotive; Photo: Favorite Locomotive</p> <p>26-29 April <i>HIGH-LINE to Pittsburgh Convention.</i></p> <p>23 May Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 John Gafney's</p> <p>23 May <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i></p> <p>16 June (Saturday) Division 6 Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion Model: Weathered Rail Car; Photo: Weathered or Graffitied rolling stock</p> <p>18 August (Saturday) – Bus Trip</p>