

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

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## 21 October 2012 Central Ohio Model Railroad Club Worthington



**12:00:** COMRC opens

**2:00:** Video

**3:00:** Division 6 Business Meeting



### **Contest**

**Model:** Your rolling stock.

**Photograph:** Your rolling stock.

## Superintendent's Report

Robert E. Lee, Division 6 Superintendent

Fall officially arrived on Saturday, September 22, summer is long gone and it's time to do some serious Model Railroading. Clean the cobwebs off the layout and finish that building from last spring or add some detail you have been thinking about.

I attended the fall Mid-Central Region Board of Directors Meeting on September 23 here in Columbus. We had a great meeting and the food was good, as usual. We got an update on the *2013 MCR Convention* to be held in Dayton, Ohio, May 15-18, 2013, also the *2014 NMRA National Convention* in Cleveland, Ohio, and Lexington, Kentucky will host the *2015 MCR Convention*.

All U.S. Region and Division boundaries are now defined by state and county boundaries, rather than zip codes. This will help keep boundaries stable as the U.S. Post Office continues to redefine its zip code areas.

Michiana Division cofounder, Jim Six, a college professor and experienced education expert, has agreed to lead a team charged with developing a standardized clinic format that will help ensure consistency and uniformity for clinics made to available to divisions and regions.

The NMRA Standards & Conformance Department directed that all eight DCC-related Recommended Practices now become NMRA Standards.

The attendance of the *National Train Show* in Grand Rapids, Michigan was the fourth best ever.

The *Peachtree Express*, 2013 NMRA National Convention, team reports that it's putting the finishing touches on a series of short videos featuring selected layouts that will be on tour during the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in 2013. The videos will be posted to YouTube and will be able to be accessed from links on: <http://www.nmra2013.org/>.

Also, the Peachtree team is proud to announce that there will be a number of Civil War related tours—both rail related and general interest—as well as a “Civil War Track.”

**Next Division 6 Steering  
Committee Meeting  
24 October, 7:30 PM  
at Bill Connell's**

We are looking for a replacement for our Division 6 Clerk position. Bob Bowditch, our current Clerk, will be leaving us soon. If anyone is interested in filling the balance of his term please let me know at the division meeting or by email at:

[Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org](mailto:Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org).

The three (3) positions for Division 6 Director are up for election at the end of this year. Anyone interested in these positions let us know.

Our next Division 6 Meeting will be October 21 at *The Central Ohio Model Railroad Club* and the contest will be **Model:** Your rolling stock; **Photo:** Your rolling stock.

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be October 24, at 7:30 PM, at the home of Bill Connell.

Thanks, Your Super - Bob Lee



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### NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

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## Clerk's Report

Donald Wilke reporting for  
Bob Bowditch, Division 6 Clerk

### Minutes for the 8 September Meeting Mark Maynard's, Portsmouth

The September Division 6 Meeting was an informal, joint Division 9 and Division 6 meeting held at the home of Mark Maynard, Portsmouth.

Seven members and officers of Division 6 were present and fourteen members of Division 9 were present. The meeting was called to order at 1:58 PM.

Division 9 Superintendent, Bob Weinheimer, offered thanks to Mark for his hospitality, lunch, and opening his layout. Paymaster, John Gafney, representing Division 6, seconded the thanks.

#### Officers in Attendance:

Pay Master	John Gafney
Director	Paul E. Smith
Director	Donald Wilke

#### Chairpersons Present:

<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke

The meeting started with Division 9 Superintendent Weinheimer asking everyone to stand and introduce themselves to the group.

**Clerk's Report:** John Gafney. After Super Weinheimer gave the Division 9 Report, John said the Division 6 Clerk's Report was in the September issue of the *Super's Signal*. He asked for comments, and there were none.

**Paymaster's Report:** John Gafney. John said the Paymaster's Report was in the September issue of the *Super's Signal* after Bob Weinheimer gave the Division 9 Final Report.

**John Baker:** Bob Weinheimer. The recent passing of John Baker, a former member of Division 6, was noted. It was remembered that John was an avid youth partici-

pant in numerous Division 6 activities, he went to Annapolis and he became a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy before passing at the age of 34. He was the stepson of longtime Division 6 member Jack Brown. Two members of Division 9 attended the services in Annapolis.

**Super's Signal:** Donald Wilke. It was reported that the division server was not responding and the *Signal* was being hosted temporarily on an alternative WEB Site. We send out about 40 *Signals* by snail mail and about 70 email notices that the *Signal* is available on-line. The discussion was preceded by Bob Weinheimer discussion of the Division 9 newsletter, *Up The Holler*.

**Marion Meeting:** Bob Weinheimer. Bob reported that Division 9 had more members present at the joint Marion Meeting than Division 6, but the clinics were great, the train watching was better, and the fellowship was the best.

**Cincinnati Bus Trip:** A brief description of the recent Cincinnati Bus Trip was given. The trip to *Entertrainment Junction* and *Cincinnati Union Terminal* was described.

**Hocking Valley Railroad:** Bob Weinheimer. Division 9 is planning a trip to the *Hocking Valley Railroad*, possibly next June, and has invited Division 6 members to join them. Details to follow.

#### Adjournment

The joint meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

[**Note:** There is no room for photographs of the Portsmouth Meeting in the printed issue of the *Signal*, but the WEB-based issue will have a page nine, with photograph. Don, *Signal* Publisher.]



## AP Report

Howard R. Smith, MMR, AP Chair

Frank Koch, the Mid-Central AP Manager submitted the following 2012 report at the fall MCR BOD meeting. I thought I would share his report with the members of Division 6.

Golden Spike Awards – 4 total, 1 from Division 6

Merit Awards – 33 total, 3 from Division 6

AP Certificates – 20 total, none from Division 6

MMRs Awarded Larry Kline MMR #478 (Div 2) and Ron Gribler MMR #494 (Div 7)

Frank would like to see more Golden Spike Awards as they get modelers started on the path to MMR.



## Program/Contest Notes

Bill Connell, Program Chair  
John Retterer, Contest Chair

Change, is the one thing you can count on; it is with us every day, and yet it is one of the most difficult parts of our lives to accept. Everything around us is changing constantly, in some small or perhaps large way, and typically without warning.

What has this to do with the division-meeting format and program? Everything. The change in the contest format and judging required a readjustment of the division meeting agenda to accommodate the new contest format. Time is needed to judge the contest entries, find qualified judges for the contest, and limit time for entries to the contest; this will allow adequate time to judge the models.

Starting with the January 2013 Division 6 Meeting at the *Columbus Model Railroad Club*, some changes in the Division 6 program and contest start to take effect. We present the first change this month.

### Model Contest Format

The Contest Chair continues to set a theme for the contest just as before; but, contest judging is no longer based on Popular Vote. It is based on judged score of models that are either: Kit Built, Kit Bashed, or Scratch Built. The January Contest is Kit Built models. A kit Built model is not a 'blue box' model, but a 'quality' model, for example, a laser kit.

Please understand, your Kit Built model can include scratch built parts, but the contest is about building the KIT, not the scratch built parts. Each entry is judged using the MCR Contest Judging Form, and points are awarded following those standards. The form will be printed in future issues of the *Super's Signal* and will be found on the Division 6 WEB Site.

### Contest Categories

The realignment of model judging contest categories was the result of what other regions and divisions are doing, and our desire to open up the judging to a more general alignment.

The new categories are broad based and include: Freight or revenue producing cars, Passenger Cars, Military Cars, Non-revenue Cars, Motive Power, Structures, Displays, and Modules. Additional information about each category will be printed in a future issue of the *Super's Signal*.

Yes, the Popular Vote Contest for models continues, but the results do not count in selecting the Modeler of the Year. That is the function of the judged model contest.

### A.P. Contest

The changes in the contest format and the feed back it provides is to encourage division members to bring their entries back to the Annual AP Contest at Marion. However, AP Chair, Howard Smith, is willing to judge any model, with proper paper work, at any division meeting we have a contest, room permitting.

Remember a score of 87 1/2 points or greater, suggests the model is worthy of an AP Merit Award. Take the time required to fill out the appropriate Achievement Program forms for the judging at Marion in June, perhaps in November or at the next division meeting. You did the hard work, building the model. So take one more step, and earn the model an AP Merit award.

### Photo Contest

Changes to the Photo Contest judging will be put off till 2014, pending the development of a judging criteria.

### 2013 Contests

Kit Bashed models are on tap for the April 2013 meeting, and Scratch Built models in June. Remember, June is also the time for AP judging. Get busy and build the models you wish to enter for judging, following the: Kit Built, Kit Bashed, Scratch Built contest plan.

**Note:** These plans are still in a state of flux, and changes to the contest format and/or judging may occur. Additional information will be in future issues of the *Super's Signal*.

### Clinics

I have lined up a couple of live clinics, one for January, another for April. But, that is it; nothing for the remainder of the year. I thought June was coming together; but, as of now, that appears to have fallen a part. It is hard to find anyone who lives in the division to present a clinic, not already presented several times in the past. The issue is simple. The topics were covered several times; the presenter is not available, or because of mobility problems, is no longer able to get around. When the program is short on a clinic presenter, I hope to have a video clinic, perhaps from one of the clinics offered at an NMRA convention.

Anyone who would like to present a clinic, this is the time to step up, earn some points for either an Author or a Volunteer an AP certificate.



## Division 6 Paymaster Report

*John Gafney, Division 6 Paymaster*

		NMRA MCR Div 6			
		Financial Statement 8/22/2012 thru 9/20/2012			
<div><p><b>To see the Division 6 Paymaster’s Report, contact the Division 6 Superintendent at:</b></p><p><a href="mailto:Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org">Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org</a></p></div>					
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Prepared by John Gafney					
Paymaster 9/20/12					



## Division 6 Elections

*Dick Briggs, Teller*

Dick Briggs was appointed to serve as chair of the Division 6 Nominating Committee. Any one interested in running for the office of Division 6 Director should contact him. There will be three directors elected. The election ballots will be included in the *Super's Signal* January issue. Dick's phone number is 614-277-0314.



## Division 6 Derailed Members

Tom Fox, Sr., is now at the  
Volunteers of America Eastland Care Center  
(near Eastland Mall)  
2425 Kimberly Parkway, East  
Columbus, Ohio, 43227  
Room: 203.  
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See The Division 6 WEB Site - News and Notes for up-  
dated information.

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



## Division 6 – 2012 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
4 Jan	Steering Comm Meeting	Bill Connell's, 7:30, Columbus	
25 Jan	Steering Comm Meeting	Bob Lee's, 7:30, Reynoldsburg	
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. John's 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, 7:30, Powell	
22 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
25 Mar (change)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg, Ohio Layouts: Bob Lee, Ned Harlow	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, 7:30, Dublin	
23 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
16 Jun (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion, Ohio Clinics: <i>Motive Power Comparison—C&amp;O vs. N&amp;W in the Diesel Era; The Appalachians in 8-Inches of Space; Weathering With Women's Makeup; Philosophy, Science Fiction, and Model Railroading</i>	Model: Weathered rail car Photo: Weathered or Graffitied rolling stock
25 Jul	Steering Comm Meeting	Bob Bowditch's, 7:30, Powell	
25 Jul	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18 Aug (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting	Bus Trip: <i>EnterTrainment Junction, &amp; Cincinnati Union Terminal</i>	None
22 Aug	Steering Comm Meeting	Howard Smith's, 7:00, Grove City	
22 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Sep (Sat) (change)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Joint Meeting with Division 9, Portsmouth, Ohio Layout: Mark Maynard's N&W	Model: Detailed Passenger Car Photo: Passenger Car
26 Sep	Steering Comm Meeting	John Retterer's, 7:30, Prospect	
26 Sep	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
<b>21 Oct (change)</b>	<b>Division 6 Meeting</b>	Business Meeting: COMRC, Worthington Layout: Central Ohio Model Railroad Club	Model: Your rolling stock Photo: Your rolling stock
<b>24 Oct</b>	Steering Comm Meeting	Bill Connell's, 7:30, Columbus	
<b>24 Oct</b>	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Layouts: MMR Tour (Smith, MMR; Briggs, MMR; Sonnen, MMR)	Model: promote NMRA Month Photo: promote NMRA Month
19 Dec	Steering Comm Meeting	Bob Lee's, 7:30, Reynoldsburg	



## Membership Report

*Dave Matheny, Membership Chair*

**New Member:** We welcome our newest member John Coleman, Wooster, Ohio.

### The following memberships expire September 30, 2012:

J T Burke

Matt Goodman

Robert E Lee

### The following memberships expire October 31, 2012:

Jim Borcz

Lee St John

William Lyon

Todd Westervelt

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

#### Active Members:

176 – September 1, 2012

175 – August 1, 2012

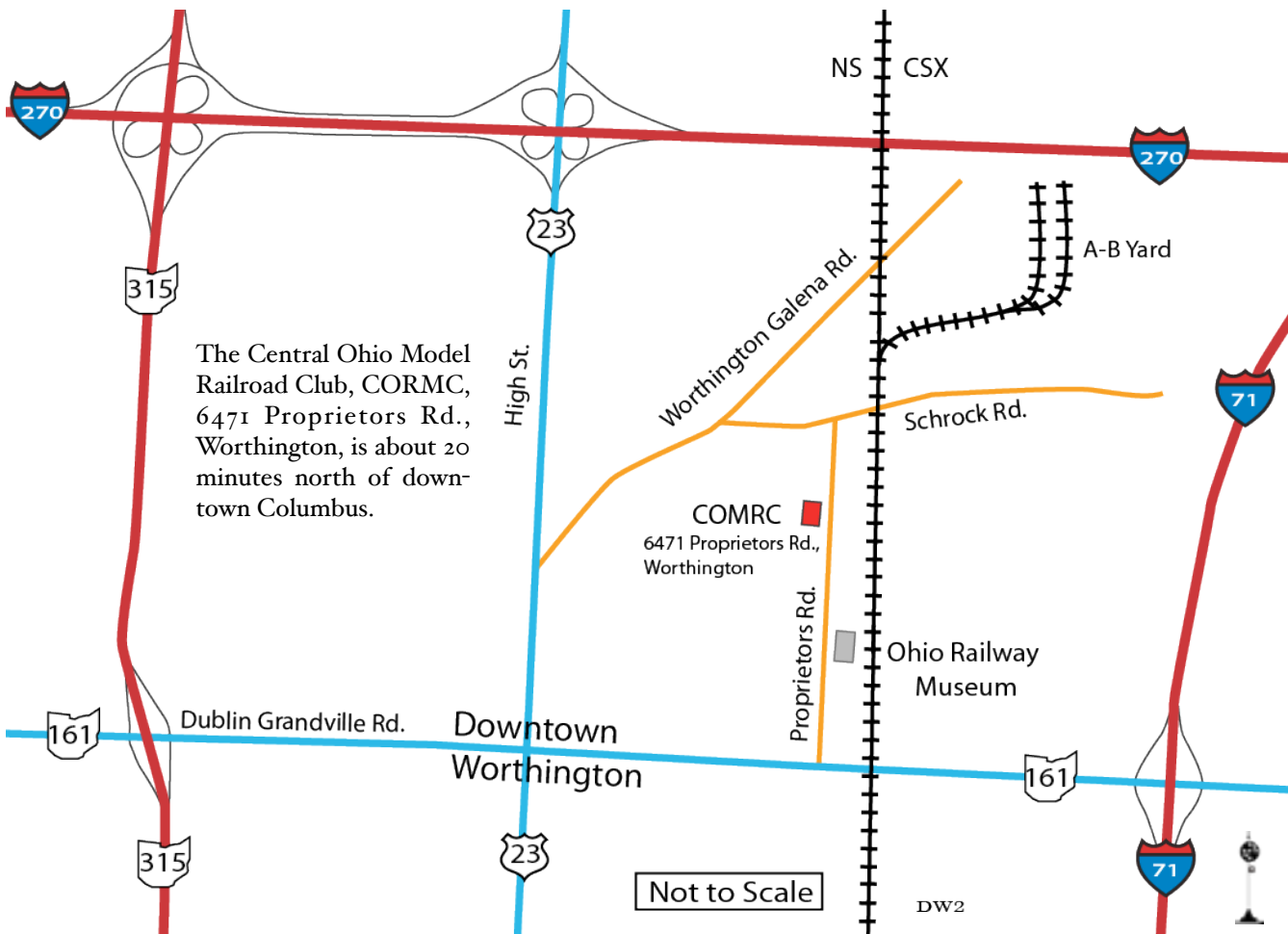
174 – July 1, 2012

186 – September 1, 2011

The membership expiration reminders are provided as a courtesy to our members in case you may have forgotten or misplaced the renewal mailing sent by National.



## COMRC Meeting Map






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## Portsmouth Photographs



*Our Host, Mark Maynard.*



*An industry on Mark's Layout.*



*Brown ink cartridge anyone?*



*One of many detailed models.*



*A bright sunny day for the joint division meeting in Portsmouth.*



*Crusty Mountain & Wiloby Springs Railway engine 1549.*