

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

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## Superintendent's Report

Robert E. Lee, Division 6 Super

The leaves are changing; the air is cooler; the days are becoming shorter. What does that mean to you? Answer, the month of November is around the corner and November is *National Model Railroad Month*. Now you have no excuse not to go down into your basement, blow off the dust, and remove the cobwebs. Start where you left off last spring! It is time to do some model railroading again.

We missed some of you at our last division meeting. The *Central Ohio Model Railroad Club* was our host. They have moved a couple of times, but they found a new home and have a great HO module layout. They also have an O gauge, N gauge, and a Z gauge layout! You can't ask for more.

We viewed a video tape from a few years back of a clinic given in Wisconsin at the *NMRA National Convention*. The clinic detailed things you need on your work bench which are easily found around the house. In addition, some scenic techniques were shown using those common items. I thank all who did attend.

I officially welcome three new members to Division 6, they are: Fred Dorsten, Ken Farnham, and Patrick Rhoton. Fred was present at this meeting. We all hope to see Fred, Ken and Patrick at our meeting in November.

18 November 2012

## St. John's Lutheran Church Grove City



1:00: St. John's Church available (Rooms 103/104)

1:30: Division 6 Business Meeting

2:30: Layouts Open

5:00: Layouts Close



### Contest

**Model:** None.

**Photograph:** None.

Next Division 6 Steering  
Committee Meeting  
19 December, 7:00 PM  
at Bob Lee's

For your information, the NMRA Marketing Department is working with Amtrak stations in major cities to get modular layouts placed there in an effort to raise awareness of our hobby. In addition, The NMRA website is undergoing a facelift under the direction of our new IT Director, Ben Sevier, and his web team. Members should see the

changes sometime in the coming year. This is part of an effort to improve communications with members, especially those who don't receive the *NMRA Magazine*. The NMRA leadership team is discussing adding an "eBulletin"-a short, concise emailed newsletter which will list NMRA news, announcements, and important information. It won't replace the *NMRA Magazine*, but instead will be an adjunct to it. It will be available free to those members with email.

Remember, if you are interested in running for the

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## Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Deputy Clerk

### Minutes for the 21 October Meeting

#### Central Ohio Model Railroad Club, Worthington

The Division 6 Business Meeting was called to order by Bob Lee, Division 6 Superintendent, at the *Central Ohio Model Railroad Club*, COMRC, facility. Bob thanked COMRC for the use of their facility for the division meeting.

#### Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Bob Lee
Assistant Superintendent	Bill Connell
Deputy Clerk	Dexter Hill
Director	Howard Smith, MMR
Director	Paul E. Smith
Director	Donald Wilke

#### Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Howard Smith, MMR
Contest	John Retterer
Membership	Dave Mathney
Program	Bill Connell
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke

**Clerk's Report:** (Bob Lee). There was no formal Clerk's Report. Don Wilke indicated that the minutes for the joint meeting with Division 9 in Portsmouth were in the latest issue of the *Super's Signal*. Various attendees of the meeting with Division 9 related their personal experiences from that meeting. A motion to approve the Clerk's Report as presented was made by Dick Briggs and seconded by Al Doddroe. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**Paymaster's Report:** (Bob Lee). The Paymaster's Report for the period starting at 8-12-2012 thru 9-20-2012 was presented by Bob. A motion to approve the Paymaster's Report as presented was made by Paul Smith and seconded by Don Wilke. The motion passed by a voice vote. Don Wilke indicated that the Paymaster's Report is purposely not shown in the online version of the *Super's Signal*. Members should contact Bob Lee if they would like a copy of the Paymaster's Report.

**Program Report:** (Bill Connell). Bill Connell said that the next Division 6 Meeting would be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City on November 18. He said that the format for the contests in 2013 is still in a state of flux. He is proposing a change to the current program format regarding contests. His new format would have Kit-Built rolling stock (excluding blue box items)/structures being judged at January meeting, Kit-Bashed rolling stock/structures at the next meeting and Scratch-Built rolling stock/structures at the following meeting. Then the cycle would repeat.

**Contest Report:** (John Retterer). John indicated that the Contest Report had been covered in the Program Report given by Bill Connell. There were three models presented for the contest at this meeting. Dick Briggs' Bottle Car (exhibit 2) was voted the winner.

**Achievement Program Report:** (Howard Smith, MMR). Howard presented an Achievement Program Merit Award

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#### DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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John Gafney:

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#### Directors

Howard Smith, MMR,

Paul E. Smith,

Donald Wilke:

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#### APPOINTED CHAIRS

**Achieve. Program:** Howard Smith, MMR

**Contest:** John Retterer

**Media:** Matt Goodman

**Members Aid:** Howard Smith, MMR

**Membership:** Dave Mathney

**Program:** Bill Connell

**Web Master:** Don Wilke

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#### NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

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to Jim Borcz for a bridge and Bill Connell for a small structure, both judged at Marion.

**Website Report:** (Don Wilke). The Division 6 website was "down" for 12-18 hours due to a domain name issue. A registration fee that had inadvertently not been paid was the underlying problem. The fee was paid and the website returned to an "up" status.

**Super's Signal Report:** (Bob Lee). Superintendent Bob Lee indicated that there are continuing issues with mailing of the *Super's Signal* and that he would investigate these issues. If a member has a problem with getting the *Super's Signal*, they should contact Bob Lee directly. He said that everyone will receive a "mailed" copy of the January 2014 *Super's Signal*.

Don Wilke indicated that there was an extra page in the web version of the *Super's Signal* that contained photos of the joint Divisions 6 and 9 meeting.

**Media Report:** (Bob Lee). Bob reported that Dick Briggs' layout has been videoed and is available on YouTube. Bob said to contact Matt Goodman if anyone is interested in having their layout videoed.

### Division 6 on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision](http://www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision)

**Membership Report:** (Dave Matheny). Dave indicated that currently, Division 6 has 180 members as compared to having 185 members at this time last year. Regarding life members, there has been a decrease of one from last year, the division currently has 46 life members. The division has three new members: Fred Dorsten, Ken Farnham, and Patrick Rhoton.

**MCR President's Report:** (Dick Briggs). Dick indicated that the MCR's *Kingpin* has been sent to the printers. Ballots for the election of Mid-Central Region Officers will be in the January 2013 issue of the *Kingpin*. Dick said that the region is in need of some volunteers to perform some unspecified duties.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Joint Division 6 Meeting with Division 9:** Seven members from Division 6 attend the joint meeting with Division 9.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Mid-Central Region Board of Directors Meeting:** (Bob Lee). There was no formal report presented. Bob described the concept of an overhead camera that can project down on a presenter and show the image on a screen; eliminating the need for a projector. He indicated that Division 6 has gone forward with purchasing this camera. Also, Bob said that a computer would be needed to take advantage of this camera's capabilities. Dick Briggs made a motion to have the division purchase a

computer for use with this camera. The motion was seconded by John Retterer and passed with a voice vote.

**Nominees for Mid-Central Region (MCR) Offices:** (Bob Lee). Bob indicated that December 1 is the deadline to submit your name as a candidate for a MCR office. The candidates of record for MCR offices are: President: Merylyn Jarman, Vice President: Bob Weinheimer, Secretary: Tom Atherton and Art Bumpus, Treasurer: Jerry Doyle.

**Nominations for Directors/Election Teller:** (Bob Lee). Bob indicated that the current Directors, Howard Smith, Paul Smith, and Don Wilke have agreed to run again for the Division 6 Director's position. If anyone else is interested in running for this position, they must submit their name to Dick Briggs by the November Division 6 Meeting.

**Replacement for Division Clerk:** (Bob Lee). Bob reviewed the Division 6 and Mid-Central Region bylaws for replacement of the Division Clerk. He decided to use the procedure outlines in the division bylaws which states that the Superintendent cannot replace the Clerk, but can appoint a Deputy Clerk. He indicated that Dexter Hill will fill the position of Deputy Clerk until division elections are held to elect a new Division Clerk next year.

**NMRA Info-net:** (Bob Lee). Bob reported that he had received the September Info-net and mentioned several items from this document. These included:

- Region and Division boundaries are now defined by state and county boundaries.
- Attendance at the *National Train Show* in Grand Rapids was the fourth best ever.
- The 2013 *NMRA National Convention* will be held in Atlanta, Georgia; the 2014 *NMRA National Convention* will be held in Cleveland, Ohio.
- All eight DCC-related Recommended Practices now become NMRA Standards.
- Work is progressing on a standardized clinic format.

**2013 Mid-Central Region Convention:** (Bob Lee). The website for the convention is "up." Bob presented some details shown on the website for the convention.

15-18 May 2013  
Operations Dayton  
MCR 2013 Convention  
Dayton, Ohio  
[www.mcr2013convention.com](http://www.mcr2013convention.com)

**Steering Committee Meeting:** (Bob Lee) The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held on October 24 at Bill Connell's home. The starting time was changed from 7:30 to 7:00 PM.

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**Super's Signal Deadline:** (Bob Lee). The deadline for the next *Super's Signal* is October 24.

**Contest theme for November Division 6 Meeting:** (Bill Connell). Bill indicated that due time constraints, there will not be a contest at this meeting. Instead, there will be tours of three Master Model Railroader, MMR, member layouts.

**CLUB REPORTS**

**N-Gauge:** Will be at division show in Dayton.

**Central Ohio Model Railroad Club:** Meets every Tuesday and welcomes all model railroaders to join them.

**Columbus Model Railroad Club:** In the same location and invites fellow model railroaders to come and run trains.

**Marion Club:** Marion club will have a model railroad flea market on 1st Saturday in December.

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Retterer made a motion to adjourn, motion approved. Meeting ended at 3:02 PM.



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office of Division 6 Director, you need to contact Dick Briggs at 614-277-0314 before the November Division 6 Meeting.

The November meeting is the last scheduled division meeting for this

year. Make sure you read the January 2013 issue of the *Super's Signal* for the 2013 schedule of events. It promises to be a little different from this year.

Our first meeting in 2013 will be held at the *Columbus Model Railroad Club*. The exact date will be announced. Our last Steering Committee meeting of

the year is on December 19, 7:00 PM at my home.

From all of us at Division 6 we wish you a safe and happy holiday and continue success in all your endeavors. Until next year, be blessed.

Thanks, Your Super - Bob Lee



**Program Notes**

*Bill Connell, Program Chair*

There are more changes to next year's program. So, fasten your seat belt, and place your tray in its up-right and locked position.

The changes are not that big; but even small adjustments to the norm tend to throw some of us off our track (pun intended).

In the latest *NMRA Magazine*, there is a very good article on the subject of a *Junk Meet* held at a museum in the Denver, Colorado, area. It was a means of disposing of unwanted N-scale railroad items and was very well attended.

For some time, we have kicked around the swap meet topic in our

division steering committee meetings. That is, to hold a Division 6 "Swap, Junk, Left Over, Unwanted Stuff," meet at selected division meetings where the space is adequate for such an activity.

The *Marion Union Station* meeting in June might be where such a meet could take place. The *Marion Union Station* has adequate room and the meeting is usually well attended. Of course there are other meeting sites where this activity could be held.

When a swap meet is included in the program, 10% of what you make in sales or trades go to the Division 6 treasury. You are required to bring

your own table, chair(s), and man your table. That is firm.

A few other changes to the program are in the works, but are far from firm at this time, so watch for more information in the *Super's Signal* in the coming months.

I am always interested in hearing your program ideas; use the email address on the Division Web Site as a means of communication.

Have a great day, and while you are at it, support your hobby and the NMRA. Get involved in your division, and hold an office, we really do need your talents and ideas.



**2013 Contests**

Date	Location	Model	Photo
January 27	Columbus Club	Revenue Cars	Unique Revenue Cars
April 7	St. John's Church.	Diesel, electric Locos	Diesel or Electric Loco
June 15	Marion Station	Small modulars, Motive power	Motive power AP judging available.
September	Joint Meeting with Div 9		No Contest
October 13	Canal Winchester	Non-Revenue Cars	Non-Revenue Car
November 17	Coshocton Club	Structures	Unusual Structures



## Division 6 Paymaster Report

*John Gafney, Division 6 Paymaster*

### NMRA MCR Div 6

Financial Statement 9/20/2012 thru 10/23/2012

**To see the Division 6 Paymaster's Report,  
contact the Division 6 Superintendent at:**

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Prepared by John Gafney  
Paymaster 10/23/12



## 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 by the November division meeting. 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.  
Phone number 614-868-9306, Ext. 203.

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.





## Contest Notes

John Retterer, Contest Chair

The committee meeting in Delaware resulted in several good suggestions but little actual methods of implementation. That's probably my fault for being less than diligent in my duties as Contest Chair. I intend to correct that. The meeting laid out a total revision of the contest program and a readjustment of the meeting agenda to accommodate the contest format.

Some of the main points to be addressed include:

- \* Time to judge the contest entries.
- \* Qualified judges for the contest.
- \* The use of NMRA and regional forms, primarily the NMRA form 902.
- \* Perhaps a clinic on preparation of the forms, and the importance of a brief statement to guide the judges to better evaluate what the builder intended.
- \* Realignment of the categories of models, to be discussed below in more detail.
- \* Limited time for entries to the contest, this will allow adequate time to judge the models.
- \* The use of popular vote entries, judged entries, and AP entries.
- \* A new category is Build and Brag entries.
- \* Selection of *Modeler of the Year*, and applicable categories.
- \* Photo judging will be put off till 2014, pending the development of a judging criteria.
- \* Photos will continue to be judged by popular vote.

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

**REVENUE CARS:** Freight or revenue producing cars would include: Boxcars, Coal Hoppers, Flatcars, Logging buggies, Ore Cars, Tank Cars, Bulk Commodity Cars including: Plastics, Grain, Cement, Wood Chips, and Pulpwood Cars; Lumber Cars, Auto Transport Cars, Steel Cars, Cars built to handle outsized cargo or equipment, Bulkhead Flatcars, Refrigerator Cars, Cattle Cars, etc. When the contest calls for Revenue Cars any of the above mentioned cars may be entered. This would include Build and Brag entries and models requested to be judged by Popular vote as well.

**PASSENGER CARS:** While passenger cars are revenue producing cars, they fall in a unique category because of there transportation of human riders and unique

scheduling and specific routing. These cars include Baggage Cars, RPO Cars, Combine Cars Coaches, Diners, Kitchen Cars, Cafe Cars, Lounge Cars, Observation Cars, Express Box Cars, Express Refers, Milk Cars. Business Cars, Military Cars; Kitchen, Bunk, and Passenger Cars.

**NON-REVENUE CARS:** This include Fire Train Cars, Maintenance of Way Cars, Cranes, Tunnel cleaning Cars, Rail Carriers, Snow Plows ,etc.

**MOTIVE POWER:** This includes Steam Locomotives, Diesel, Diesel-Electric, Electric, Special use motive power.

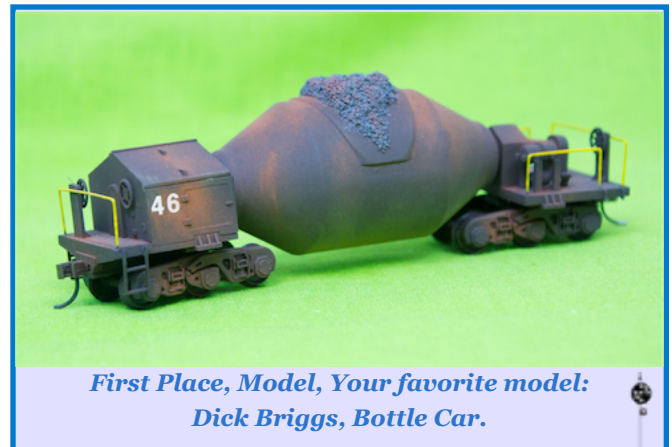
**STRUCTURES:** These models could be on-line or off-line structures. This category would include bridges, trestles, and viaducts.

**DISPLAY:** Displays may include, structures, motive power, or cars in a fully scenic environment usually a single subject presentation.

**MODULE:** Modules are usually theme related, they should not exceed 24 by 48 inches. This restriction is for three reasons: first, it's easier to transport and handle; second, it's a commonly accepted size to be integrated into a layout; last, the judges don't get over whelmed by a larger size.

**General Comments:** AP judging will require the full set of forms. After you make out the initial set and you receive a minimum score of 87.5 points (you're eligible for an AP Merit Award) you should make a second copy of the paperwork, both to be submitted by the AP Chair. I would also make a copy for your self, as a record copy and a guide for the preparation of any future paperwork you submit.

I think this covers about everything.



*First Place, Model, Your favorite model:  
Dick Briggs, Bottle Car.*

## AP Report

Howard R. Smith, MMR, AP Chair



*Howard Smith, AP Chair, congratulates Jim Borcz on his Achievement Program Merit Award.*



*Howard Smith, AP Chair, congratulates Bill Connell on his Achievement Program Merit Award as Tom Fox and new division member, Fred Dorsten, look on.*

## Membership Report

Dave Matheny, Membership Chair

**New Members:** We welcome our newest members: Patrick Rhoton, Mt Vernon; Ken Farnham, Mt Vernon; and Fred Dorsten, Columbus, Ohio.

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

Lee St John	Todd Westervelt
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**The following memberships expire November 30, 2012:**

David Grace	Joyce Hartley	John Stuber
Robert Harmon	Thomas Kennedy	Daryl White
Larry Harris	Barbara McCann	
Richard Hartley	Bruce Steinfurth	

Active Members:

180 – October 1, 2012

176 – September 1, 2012

175 – August 1, 2012

185 – October 1, 2011



*One of newest members, Fred Dorsten.*

Have you changed your address or other membership information?

Notify headquarters by email: [nmrahq@aol.com](mailto:nmrahq@aol.com)

By phone: 423-892-2846 (9am – 4:30pm, ET)

Or by mail to: NMRA, Inc.  
4121 Cromwell Rd  
Chattanooga, TN 37421-2119

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.

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)

## 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		
21 Oct (change)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: COMRC, Worthington Layout: Central Ohio Model Railroad Club	Model: Your rolling stock Photo: Your rolling stock
24 Oct	Steering Comm Meeting	Bill Connell's, 7:30, Columbus	
24 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
<b>18 Nov</b>	<b>Division 6 Meeting</b>	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
<b>19 Dec</b>	Steering Comm Meeting	Bob Lee's, 7:30, Reynoldsburg	



## Pike Ads

Don Wilke, Signal Publisher

**Attention Division 6 members;** back again – Pike Ads. Your Pike Ad will run from the next issue of the *Super's Signal* to the January issue of the next year for \$15.

**Requirements:** Division 6 member in good standing, a check to Paymaster John Gafney (payable to Division 6), and a business card (or a photo with business card ratio – NO pdfs) to Publisher Don Wilke.

Pike Ads may be in a single location or may be used as “filler” to finish out a page.



## Grove City Meeting Map

**Stringtown Road Construction:** Stringtown Road is one lane each way, with only a few left turn lanes causing backups at some intersections as left turn cars wait for oncoming traffic.

Better route maybe I-71, I-270, US 62 south and east on Columbus Street.

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

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## Media Report

Matt Goodman, Media Chair

I spent a couple of hours at Dick Briggs' *Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Ashtabula Railroad* in September to video record his immense layout. We recorded a couple of test runs - one at the head end of a train and another with the camera mounted about ten cars behind the locomotives. The second attempt has been edited and published on our YouTube channel. Other than losing the camera (an iPhone) in a tunnel for several minutes, all went very well and left us with ideas on how to improve these and future videos of other Division 6 layouts.



**Dick Briggs'**  
***Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Ashtabula Railroad***  
***as seen on YouTube.***

Things we will be working on are ways to manage layout lighting, documenting the layouts while on-site to get location names on the railroad and layout details that owners want to share. The latter can be anything from the inspiration behind the railroad to specific layout de-

tails such as control systems, construction details, scenic highlights and other items of interest.

Along with Dick's layout,

I've also linked several other videos to the NMRABuckeyeDivision channel. You can find the following content (newest to oldest):

- Three videos of the fascinating Sergeant Engineering scale couplers.
- Video review of the iCar.
- *Columbus Model Railroad Club* layout tour.

If you are reading this and have videos that you would like to see on the channel, or you are interested in arranging a layout video recording, please contact me using the media chair email address.

Be sure to visit our channel and subscribe to get updates when new videos are posted.

To find our channel:

If you're reading this update on the web, click: <http://www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision>

If you are reading a hard copy of the Signal:

Open a browser on your computer and visit [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com)

Enter "NMRABuckeyeDivision" [without the quotes] in the search box at the top of the page

Our channel will be one of the search results - look for our *Buckeye Division* Logo.

## COMRC Photographs



**COMRC President,**  
**Don Sells.**



***One of many industries.***



***House for sale, great location.***

## COMRC Photographs



*HO & O-scale layouts.*



*N-scale, under construction.*



*One of many industries.*



*Z-scale layout.*

## NMRA Headquarters

Did you know that NMRA members can download high-resolution photos from the NMRA online archive? Drawings, diagrams, and maps are also available for \$2

each. Visit [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) and click on "NMRA Online Archives."

## *The Tragedy at the Loomis Street Crossing*

*Chuck Spinner, Author*

Joe Tait will be signing copies of Chuck Spinner's book, *The Tragedy at the Loomis Street Crossing* at Akron's Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Sunday, December 2, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Many people know that Joe was the Cavaliers' announcer since its start in 1970. He has since retired, but few people know he has been a life long railroad enthusiast.

Chuck Spinner's book is the definitive work on the forgotten Naperville, Illinois, train wreck of April 25, 1946. The crash took the lives of forty-five people and was the worst disaster in *Burlington Railroad* history. Spinner lived just a block from the disaster and has spent five years

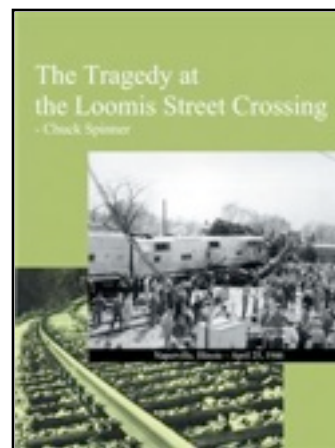
researching the lives of all forty-five victims, interviewed the only two surviving eyewitnesses, and talked with the injured and with rescue workers who helped at the crash site.

Joe was nine years old at the time of the crash and was living in Aurora, just seven miles from the tragedy.

Recently Joe Tait named the ride from Aurora (through Naperville), Illinois to Chicago, and the return on the *Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy* to be among his five favorite all time train trips.

Joe and Chuck will be appearing December 2 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. for this unique signing at the Barnes

and Noble Bookstore at 4015 Medina Road in Akron, Ohio. The book makes the perfect Christmas gift for that rail buff relative or friend.







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