

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Robert E. Lee, Division 6 Super

Fall is in the air and summer is about to fade away. The kids are back in school and the vacation memories linger on, but we know what time it is. It is time to start Model Railroad again. So go down in the Railroad Cave and get busy.

The PRT&HS, *Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society*, has a plan trip to *The Age of Steam Roundhouse* for their next chapter meeting on September 15. The roundhouse is located in Sugarcreek, Ohio. The February 2013 issue of *Trains Magazine* said about *The Age of Steam Roundhouse*: "The first true operating roundhouse built in the U.S. since 1951." You don't want to miss this grand opportunity to see the latest in U.S. Railroad

Steam Locomotive History, in the great state of Ohio. It should be a great tour.

As a reminder, some of the Officers of Division 6 are at the end of their terms. If you are interested in running for office, contact Dick Briggs, Nomination Chair, with your resume.

For those of you who missed the road trip to Mark Maynard's layout in Portsmouth, Ohio for the joint meeting with Division 9, we had a great time again. Mark was a great host and

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has upgraded his layout with remote switching from the hand held throttle.

If you are looking for some new or old stuff for the layout, *The Train Show* in Berea, Ohio will start on October 5-6, 10-5pm Sat and 11-4pm Sun.

Our next Division 6 meeting is October 13 at the Canal Winchester. Look for the time and directions in your *Signal*. Our next *Steering Committee Meeting* will be October 23 at Dave Matheny's home.

Thanks, Your Super - Bob Lee

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Canal Winchester N-Scale Club Canal Winchester, Ohio

12:00: Canal Winchester N-Scale Club Opens

1:30: Contest Submissions closes

2:00: Division 6 Business Meeting and Bring & Brag

4:00 (or meeting end): Raffle Drawing

Model Contest: Non-Revenue Cars.

Photography Contest: Non-Revenue Cars.



Canal Winchester Station

**Next Division 6 Steering
Committee Meeting**
23 October 7:00 PM
at Dave Matheny's

Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Deputy Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for the June 15, 2013

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The Division 6 Business Meeting was called to order by Bob Lee, Division 6 Superintendent, at the Marion Union Station. Bob thanked the *Marion Station Historical Society* for hosting this Division 6 meeting.

Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Bob Lee
Assistant Superintendent	Bill Connell
Pay Master	John Gafney
Deputy Clerk	Dexter Hill
Director	Howard Smith, MMR
Director	John Retterer
Director	Donald Wilke

Chairpersons Present:

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

Mid-Central Region Officer Present:

Past President	Dick Briggs, MMR
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Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 7, 2013 meeting minutes as shown in the latest *Super's Signal*. None were suggested. Don Wilke made a motion to accept the minutes are presented, John Retterer seconded. The motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: John Gafney. The Paymaster read the Paymaster's Report to the attendees. Paul Smith made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as presented, Don Wilke seconded. The motion was approved.

Program Report: Bill Connell. Bill reviewed the remaining 2013 program and contest schedule. He indicated that the 2014 Division 6 meeting at the *Marion Union Station* would be held on June 22, 2014. He is currently working on the 2015 schedule. He suggested that the first meeting in 2014 be held on 30 March 2014. He said that Division 3 MCR is interested in selling the track cleaning pads that Division 6 is currently selling. Bill said that sales have gone very well and that he is considering purchasing a second order on these track cleaning pads.

Achievement Program Report: Howard Smith, MMR. Howard said that an AP merit award submission is being processed for Pete Scheckermann for a boxcar that he modeled. He indicated that Matt Goodman's Caboose won best of show for cabooses award and John Retterer won best Non-Revenue Car and People's Choice Award for his Maintenance Car at the recent *MCR Convention* in Dayton.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don reported that he is in the process of updating the MCR website.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the Facebook and YouTube accounts have had one new like for each. He reiterated that the name of these

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DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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Contest: John Retterer

Media: Matt Goodman

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Membership: Dave Mathney

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Robert Beaty, MMR

Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

Continued: **The Clerk's Report**

accounts is "NMRA Buckeye Division".

Membership Report: Dave Matheny. Dave was not present for the meeting. The Superintendent reported for him that the division has 175 members as of June, 2013. The division has one new member, Brian Wolfe. The Superintendent said the current Division 6 members that live in the Wooster area were asked if they would rather belong to Division 1 as they live closer to the Akron area. Most of these Division 6 members responded that they would like to be transferred to Division 1. This was brought to the *MCR Board of Directors* and it was decided to effect the transfer of these eight Wooster area members to Division 1.

Contest Report: John Retterer. John reported that one model had been entered in the model contest. Obviously, it won first place. Three photos were entered into the photo contest.

- 1st Place, Model - Pete Scheckermann
- 1st Place, Photo - Don Wilke
- 2nd Place, Photo - Don Wilke
- 3rd Place, Photo - Don Wilke

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick was introduced as the Chair for the *2016 MCR Convention*, to be hosted by Division 6 in 2016. Dick indicated that the *MCR Board of Directors* had accepted the bid of Division 6 for the *2016 Convention*. He indicated that there would be a meeting at the *Embassy Suites Hotel* in Dublin on June 19 to review the hotel's proposal to host this convention. The convention will be scheduled for the last weekend of April, 2016. Dick said that more details would be available at the June 19th convention meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2013 MCR Convention in Dayton: The Superintendent gave his opinion of the *2013 MCR Convention*. He said that the convention was well planned and all of the major activities, e.g., contest, clinics, and awards dinner went well. He thought that the host hotel was fine. The new MCR Officers were installed. They are:

- President: Merlyn Jarman
- Vice President: Bob Weinheimer
- Secretary: Art Bumpus
- Treasurer: Jerry Doyle

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Meeting With Division 9: The Superintendent reminded the attendees about the joint meeting with Division 9 in Portsmouth. It will be held on Saturday, September 14. This joint meeting will be the next Division 6 meeting also. The model contest and photo contest at the September 14th joint meeting with Division 9 are both Coal Handlers.

Steering Committee Meeting: The Superintendent reminded everyone that the next Steering Committee Meeting would be August 14 at John Retterer's home.

Signal Deadline: The *Super's Signal* deadline is August 14.

CLUB REPORTS

Zanesville Club: The club reported that they might be "close" to getting a building to rebuild their club layout. They still intend to join the Conesville Club until they have a new Zanesville Club layout ready.

COMRC: They reported that the club has been getting some new members. They are working on a layout expansion and are getting ready to display a traveling layout at this year's Ohio State fair.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: John Gafney made a motion to adjourn, motion approved. Meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.



First Place Model, Marion, Scheckermann



First Place Photo, Marion, Wilke



Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision



NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]



Publisher's Note

by Donald Wilke, *Super's Signal* Publisher

Because the deadline to submissions to this issue of the *Super's Signal* is three days before the Division 6 meeting in Portsmouth, the Portsmouth Clerk's Report will appear in the next issue of the *Signal*.

Division 6 – 2013 Time Table

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Date	Event	Location	Contest
19 Dec	Steering Comm Meeting	Bob Lee's, 7:30, Reynoldsburg	
27 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Columbus HO Model RR Club Layout: Columbus HO Model RR Club	Model: Revenue Car Photo: Unique Revenue Car
20 Feb	Steering Comm Meeting	Bill Connell's, Hilliard, 7:00	
20 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
7 Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Layouts:	Model: Steam Locomotive Photo: Steam Locomotive
8 May	Steering Comm Meeting	Matt Goodman's, Columbus, 7:30	
8 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
15-18 May	<i>MCR Convention</i>	<i>Operations Dayton</i>	Modeler's Choice
15 Jun (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion, Ohio Clinics: <i>Introduction to Division 6 Media</i> by Matt Goodman <i>Built a Laser kit Model</i> by Dick Briggs, MMR, \$15, Limited <i>Quick, Cheap & In A Hurry</i> by Dave Stout	Model: Small Modular Layout, theme Motive Power Photo: Motive Power
14 Aug	Steering Comm Meeting	John Retterer's, Prospect, 7:30	
14 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
11 Sep	Steering Comm Meeting	Howard Smith's, Grove City, 7:30	
11 Sep	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
14 Sep	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Joint Meeting with Division 9, Portsmouth, Ohio Layout: Mark Maynard's	Model: Coal Haulers Photo: Coal Haulers
13 Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Canal Winchester Layout: Canal Winchester Club	Model: Non-Revenue Car Photo: Non-Revenue Car
23 Oct	Steering Comm Meeting	Dave Matheny's, Galloway, 7:30	
23 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
17 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Coshocton Model Railroad Club Layouts: Coshocton Model Railroad Club	Model: Structure Photo: Unusual Structure



DIVISION 6 OFFICER ELECTIONS

for Dick Briggs, MMR, Nominations Chair

It is election time for the offices of Division 6: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster and Clerk. Any Division 6 member interested in running for one of these positions must present a petition to the Nominating Committee Chair before the close of the November 17 Division 6 Meeting at *Coshocton Model Railroad Club*, to be eli-

gible to be placed on the Division 6 Election Ballot which will be mailed to all division members in January 2014.

The petition must have your name, membership number, expiration date and the office you are seeking. The candidate's petition must have the signatures of ten (10) current members of Division 6 to be valid. It must include their legible name [printed], NMRA membership

number, expiration date and signature.

Interested parties who have questions can contact the Nominations Committee Chair, Dick Briggs, MMR, at 614-277-0314 or rbriggs261a@aol.com

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MCR 2016 Convention

Dick Briggs, MMR, Convention Chair

WANTED! A few great members, a few good ideas.

Division 6 will be hosting the 2016 *Mid-Central Region Convention* here in Columbus. The Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio, the last week of April 2016.

A planning committee has been formed and will start meeting later this year to start working on the details. We can use more help and input from other members as we work on the planning. Please join us.

Speaking of input, the 2016 *Convention* has yet to be named, so we need your ideas for a name. We ask that you submit your idea for a name for this event. The winning entry will win free registration to the 2016 *Convention* (a \$60 value).

Columbus and Central Ohio have a rich history of diverse rail activity with many railroads operating in and through the area. We would like to focus on these

interactions and the importance of Columbus in rail history as the central theme for the Convention program.

Please submit your entry to Dick Briggs before October 1, 2013 at:

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or by regular mail to:

Dick Briggs
4397 Hidden St
Grove City, OH 43123

Our selection committee will announce the winning entry at the following Division 6 meeting.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Dick



**2016 MCR Convention
Chair**

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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 2014 issue 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.

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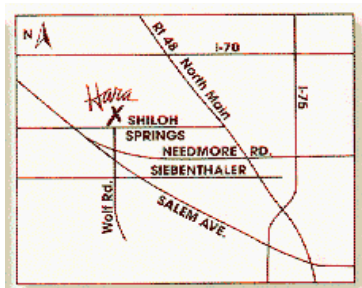
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Images From the Marion Meeting



***Built A Model
by Dick Briggs, MMR***



***Introduction To Division 6
Media by Matt Goodman***



***Quick, Cheap, and in a Hurry by
Dave Stout, Division 9***



***MCR President Dick Briggs
presents Past MCR Treasurer,
Paul Smith, with an
MCR Award of Appreciation***



***MCR President Dick Briggs
presents Don Wilke with an
MCR Award of Appreciation***



Super Bob Lee



And Trains

Bubba

Marla Wright

Bubba is an arthritic, American Saddlebred Horse. He is old, slow, and rough – but oh such fun. The Durbin *Rocket*, of the *Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad* is old, slow, and rough – but oh such fun. On our recent trip to Durbin, West Virginia, for a ride on the *Rocket*, I kept thinking about Bubba. The ride was the same – rough and fun. I turned to Bill and said “This is no Rocket! This is just like Bubba!” Of course the *Rocket* gets its name not from its speed, but from the engine’s piston arrangement. The piston placement resembles a rocket launching on an angle toward the front of the engine.

The Durbin *Rocket* was built in 1910 for the Moore-Keppel Lumber Co. in Randolph County, West Virginia. She puffs and whistles her way along the free-flowing Greenbrier River during her 10.5 mile two-hour round trip. We passed vacationers staying in caboose cars used as cabins. They waved, smiling at our passing. We stopped about half way to take on water from one of the clear streams which flow into the Greenbrier River. A brief video of taking on water is on my Facebook page, Marla Wright. The engineer simply dips a “steam siphon” in the creek and water flows.

All along the way we passed through intermittent brilliant sunshine and sudden pouring rain! We road in the first car behind the engine; this is an open car. I love riding that close to the engine; I can feel its power and pull. Also I get its soot and spray!! A look at a picture of me shows me soaking wet; but, smiling at the ride! A link on Division 6 WEB Site may show a brief video taken as the Durbin *Rocket* pulls in for our ride. This one, also,



*The Durbin Rocket,
a Climax geared logging locomotive
Photo by Mountain Rail Adventures*

is on my Facebook page.

The *Durbin Rocket Excursion Train*, powered by “Old No. 3,” is one of only three Climax geared logging locomotives operating on earth, according to the railroad’s promotional brochure. A search of the internet shows this to be not far

from wrong. One Climax is in restoration at *Cass Scenic Railroad*, Cass, West Virginia. We saw that one during this trip to West Virginia. Restoration is in the very early stage. The other, located at *The Roaring Camp and Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad* in Felton, California, is also under restoration. The internet alludes to one at *The White Mountain Central Railroad* at Clark’s Trading Post in Lincoln, New Hampshire. It operates Climax #6 built in 1920 (builder number 1603) on its tourist line. The *Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad* operates a 70 ton Hillcrest Lumber Climax, #10. That makes three in operation and two under restoration in the United States, that I could find mention of on the internet. Internationally, New Zealand and Australia each have one either on display or under restoration. There was not much detail available on those. Never the less it means the *Rocket* at Durbin is a unique “iron horse.”

I ride Bubba whenever his owner lets me and I would ride the Durbin *Rocket* “whenever,” if the *Rocket* was as near as my friend Bubba!



Program Notes

October Canal Winchester Layout

Bill Connell, Program Chair

Coming up, October 13th the Division 6 Meeting will be held at the Canal Winchester N-Scale Model Railroad layout. This is the first time in several years the division has visited this layout and site. I understand Mike Ippoliti will give a short presentation and has invited anyone who has an N-Scale locomotive to bring it along for operation during the meet.

During your visit, please do take a look at the various buildings, artifacts and such on the site. Last I heard the club layout is DC powered. Operation is the focal point of the this meeting, so be sure to take opportunity to dabble a bit in the world of N-Scale.



AP Report

Howard R. Smith, MMR, AP Chair

I have presented an AP Certificate *Association Official* to our Division 6 Superintendent Robert E. Lee and a Merit Award to John Retterer for his *Crane Tender Car* at the joint Division 6-9 meeting in Portsmouth. I have sent a *Merit Award* to Pete Scheckesmann for a very nice box car he had

judged at the *Marion Division Meeting* in June. I'm awaiting two AP Certificates for *Model Railroad Engineer Electrical* and *Chief Dispatcher* for Michael Wolf submitted to the NMRA MCR AP Manager. Congratulations to Bob and John.



Canal Winchester Meeting Map

**To see the Division 6 Layout Tour Addresses,
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