

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Robert E. Lee, Division 6 Super

November, *National Model Railroad Month*, is time to celebrate the most wonderful hobby in the world. Right, well all of us model rail-roader's think so, don't you? The point of all this is, November is the month to acknowledge and support the hobby.

Our Division 6 Meeting this month is at the *Coshocton Model Railroad Club* in Coshocton, Ohio. The theme of this meeting is operation, that's right, operate on their layout. If you have ever dream of running long string of cars with (5) loco's on the head end, then this is the place

*Next Division 6 Steering
Committee Meeting
18 December 7:00 PM
at Bill Connell's*

to do it. So bring your favorite loco and fire it up. What a better way to celebrate!!!!

We will have a presentation by Jerry Krueger from Division 4 on the *2014 NMRA National Convention* in Cleveland, Ohio. This should wet your whistle and toot your horn.

We will have our regular division meeting with a contest to go along with the festivities, so jump on board and ride along for a long day of model railroading.

We rarely acknowledge the accomplishments of our

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Coshocton Model Railroad Club Coshocton, Ohio

12:00 Coshocton Model Railroad Club opens

12:30 Operation begins, bring your DCC engine to operate

1:00 AP Model Judging available

2:00 Contest submissions closes

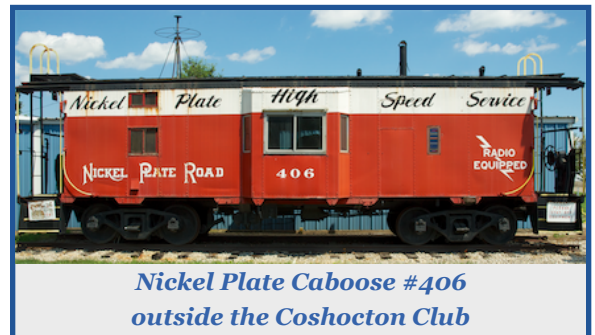
2:30: *2014 NMRA National Convention* slide show

followed by Division 6 Business Meeting
and Bring & Brag

Meeting Close: Operation Continues

Model Contest: Structures

Photography Contest: Unusual Structures



*Nickel Plate Caboose #406
outside the Coshocton Club*

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members, sometimes we don't know about it and other time it is ignored. However we have two (2) members that I would like to recognize today for what they have done. First, Karen Parker has published another steam locomotive primer entitled *How a Steam Locomotive Works*. TLC's Publishing Inc. price MSRP: \$29.95. Karen has done other books on the C&O Railroad and

is a member of *The C&O Historical Society*. Second, Michael W. Flick received the highest honor bestowed by (SFRH&MS) *Santa Fe Railroad Historical & Modeling Society*, *The Lifetime Achievement Award*. Mike is the owner of *The Train Station* hobby shop in Columbus. Our hats are off to both for the continuous dedication they have portrayed.

As a reminder, all nominations for the offices of Superintendent; As-

sistant Superintendent; Clerk; and Paymaster for Division 6 are due to Dick Briggs, Nominations Chair, at the end of the business meeting at Coshocton MRC.

This meeting will be our last Division meeting for this year. I would like to wish all our members a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2014.

**Thanks, Your Super -
Bob Lee**



Charles "Fritz" Prosch

Jim Kehn

Charles "Fritz" Prosch passed away September 22, 2013, while kayaking with his family on the Hocking River. He was 77.

Fritz was a long time member of the NMRA starting with Division Three in the Dayton area.

In the 1960's he moved to Lancaster and was active in the Lancaster Club, Division 6, and the Mini-Bunch. In recent years he was active with the O-Scale group *Central Ohio O Scale Engineers* (COOSE).

He loved model railroading, riding and photographing prototype trains, history, photography, nature, etc., etc.

In his later years he was plagued with health problems and was no longer able to belong to the NMRA.

Fritz had a real zest for life and did not let his health problems keep him from doing the things he loved.

He was an inspiration to many of us. He had a million friends and a million stories. We will miss his sense of humor, his stories and jokes, and his enthusiasm. Fritz lived life to the fullest.

He is survived by his daughter Susan and several grandchildren.



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MCR 2016 Convention

Dick Briggs, MMR, ConventionChair

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:

rbriggs261a@aol.com

or by regular mail to:

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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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Contest Report

John Retterer, Contest Chair

It's that time again. We had a good turnout at Canal Winchester, but it's still the same modelers and photographers. The contest results are as follows:

- 1st Place Model: Howard Smith, with a *Three car work train*, good job.
- 2nd Place Model: Jim Kehn, with a *Four Wheel Bobber*
- 3rd Place Model: Howard Smith scored again with a *Snow Blower*
- 1st Place Photograph: Paul Smith headed the Photo Category by photo of a *Tunnel Scraper*

- 2nd Place Photograph: Don Wilke came in with a *NS Maintenance of Way*
- 3rd Place Photograph: Don also took third place with a photo of a *Crane and Tender at Chama, NM*

The next opportunity to display your talents will be at Coshocton on 17 November. The model contest will be "Structures," Photo will also be pictures of "Unusual Structures." The models may be on line or off line. We will start accepting entries about 12:30 till 1:30.

In the operating portion of the meeting be sure to bring a Locomotive



Paul Smith, 1st Place Photo

(DCC) or diesel Locomotive to run on the great layout.

That is all for now.



Howard Smith, 1st Place Model

Division 6 – 2013 Time Table

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 Deadline</i>		
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 Deadline</i>		
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>Build 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 Deadline</i>		
11 Sep	Steering Comm Meeting	Howard Smith's, Grove City, 7:30	
11 Sep	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
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 Deadline</i>		
17 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Coshocton Model Railroad Club Layouts: Coshocton Model Railroad Club	Model: Structure Photo: Unusual Structure
18 Dec	Steering Comm Meeting	Bill Connell's, Columbus, 7:00	
18 Dec	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		

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 *Division 6 on YouTube:*

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

 *NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]*

AP Report

Howard Smith, MMR, AP Chair

This months report is an invitation to an Achievement Program Judging Event at the November meeting in Coshocton, Ohio. Qualified AP Judges will be available to review your models using the NMRA Judges' Score Sheet form. A copy of the form is included in the this issue of the *Super's Signal* [on page 7]. Please copy as many forms as needed or go to the NMRA web site (www.nmra.org) for additional copies. Also please complete a form for **each** model to be judged.

We will be judging **only** Motive Power, Cars, and Structures categories for this event. It is important to remember that the plan is to score at least 87 ½ points earning a merit award. Merit awards then can be used for the AP Certificate you are seeking. Therefore bring your best models. Models that are

kit-bashed or scratchbuilt and or superdetailed may have the best chance of getting a merit award. You should not bring an out of the box kit and expect to score 87 ½ points.

This is a great opportunity to participate in the AP Program and to have your models judged.

I have received a *Merit Award* for a N&W Caboose entered in the MCR Model Contest at the MCR Dayton Convention by Matt Goodman. I mailed the *Merit Award* to him. Congratulations Matt.

A *Merit Award* was also received for a great model of maintenance of way tool car entered at the MCR Dayton Convention by John Retterer. The *Merit Award* was given to John at the Canal Winchester Division Meeting. Well done John.

Come join us at Coshocton.



Division 6 Election Report

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 eligible 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

Nomination Chair
rbriggs261a@aol.com



Program Notes

Bill Connell, Program Chair

Ah yes, November 17th, Division 6 travels to Coshocton for a visit to the *Coshocton Model Railroad Club*. One wonders what they have accomplished since our last visit in 2012. I am sure much.

At this meet, the Raffle, The model and photo contest theme for this Division meeting is – Structures, as well as the Company store, AP Model Judging, and of course the business meeting. As I understand right now, a presentation covering the 2014 *National Convention* in Cleveland is scheduled. You do not want to miss out on the up coming

convention information. This is your chance to hear the convention scoop first hand.

In addition to all of this, the club railroad is open for you to operate YOUR locomotives, so be sure to bring along one of your DCC equipped locos to run on their outstanding layout before the meeting as well as afterwards.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting in Coshocton, on November 17th.



Division 6 Judges' Score Sheet

JUDGES' SCORE SHEET for NMRA MODEL CONTEST

Model Description _____ Entry No. _____

Describe the model in detail. Check all the items that apply. Add additional data attached sheet. Attach extra pages with photos/plans/drawings and additional description as needed. Add as much additional information as possible about techniques and work incurred. If there is not enough space in any area, continue on attached sheet.

1. CONSTRUCTION (Maximum 40 Points)

Points Awarded

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drew my Own Plans | <input type="checkbox"/> Followed construction article | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit cardstock | <input type="checkbox"/> Soldered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Used Prototype Plans | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit metal | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit glass | <input type="checkbox"/> Made patterns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Used kit plans | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit plastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Crosskitted or kitbashed | <input type="checkbox"/> Made molds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Used commercial plans | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and fit wood | | |

Describe in detail how model was built, complexity of construction , methods used.

2. DETAIL (Maximum 20 Points)

Points Awarded

Describe complexity, difficulty, refinement, amount of additional detail parts added.

3. CONFORMITY (Maximum 25 Points)

Points Awarded

Give information as to prototype modeled or explain logic of design. Include copies of photos, drawings and plans.

4. FINISH and LETTERING (Maximum 25 Points)

Points Awarded

<i>Finish:</i>	Weathered	Non-Weathered	Spray	Airbrush	Mask and Spray.
<i>Signs & Lettering:</i>	Decals	Hand Letter	Dry Transfers	Photo Reduction	Photo Etching

Describe finish and lettering methods in detail

5. SCRATCHBUILDING. (Maximum 15 Points)

Points Awarded

List all parts you have fabricated. Note any special or unusual features added.

This space for contest committee only.

Score Tabulated by _____ Verified by _____

NMRA Contest Form 902 Rev B, 23 July 2000. All previous versions of this Form are obsolete.

FINAL TOTAL



Canal Winchester Report

Marla Wright

Photographs by Marla Wright

October 13, 2013, dawned clear and sunny for our Canal Winchester Division 6 meeting. The *Canal Winchester N-Scale Club* hosted the meeting and opened their historically significant site to us. Every corner revealed interesting features for "rail fan," model railroader, or antique buff. Mike Ippoliti introduced the site where their club resides and invited anyone who brought an N-Scale locomotive to run their locomotive while attending our meeting. The focus of the meeting was on operations. Members of the *Canal Winchester N-Scale Club* ran trains that day and welcomed all viewers. However, those without an engine, or interest in operations, found plenty to investigate while on the site.

Three buildings reside on the site of the *Canal Winchester Club*, the Prentiss School, the O.P. Chaney Grain Elevator, and the "Queen of the Line" Railroad Depot. As usual for the era, one teacher taught grades 1-8 in the Prentiss School's one room. To quote Canal Winchester's brochure, "The Prentiss School was built during the 1850's (some say the 1890's) by the school trustees of Madison Township...the farm on which the building stood was sold in the 1970's." The new owners did not want the building, which was used for different purposes after the school's final closing; so, it was offered to the *Canal Winchester Area Historical Society*. After finding proper funding, the Society successfully moved the building to a site near to the Railroad Depot and, as much as possible, restored the one room school house. The beautiful building was not open the day of our meeting; however, the outside shows the careful care given to the simple brick building.

The Chaney grain elevator traces its origins to 1851. Judge John Chaney and his son Oliver built the "Empire Mill" west of Canal Winchester on the canal bank. On June 2, 1878, a fire destroyed the building. Mr. Chaney realized the canal era was waning; so, he built his new elevator on the south side of the railroad tracks between High and Elm streets. That elevator burned on September 29, 1880! He promptly rebuilt on the intact sandstone foundation. The grain elevator served as a warehouse for storing grain until it was sent to market on railroad cars.

The foundation supports a building 50 feet tall (four stories) with board and batten vertical siding.

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Canal Winchester N-Scale Club



Prentiss School



O.P. Chanery Grain Elevator



Canal Winchester Depot
"Queen of the Line"



Interior ceiling of the Waiting Room
Canal Winchester Depot

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Grain was unloaded from farm wagons at the grain dump on the south side of the building. Buckets on a canvas belt raised the grain to the storage units on the second and third floors. When the grain was ready to be shipped, it was lowered in the same manner to the waiting railroad cars.

The last grain elevator business closed in 1978. The

village of Canal Winchester assumed ownership in 1980 and in 1996 the Historical Society became owners. After discussion concerning whether the building was worth saving, the Society concluded it was. According to the brochure, "It is one of the few elevators still standing in an area once rich with ... The Historical Society is working to preserve it as a farm and grain museum." In 2001 Phase 1 of the restoration was completed and the room in which we met was a part of that restoration.

On January 13, 1869, the depot was built and that same year the first train of the *Hocking Valley and Toledo Railroad* line passed through Canal Winchester. On October 11, 1894, the depot burned when a spark from a locomotive landed on the roof! December of the same year saw the opening of the current depot. Canal Winchester was thriving; so they built a suitable Victorian style building. The depot became known as the "Queen of the Line," for it was and is a beautiful and unique building.

The eaves are supported by ornamental "stick-style" brackets and, according to the brochure has an "Eastlake" influence. The depot has three sections: a waiting room for passengers, the ticket and telegraph office, and the baggage and freight room. The waiting room is octagonal and has stained glass windows in the dome. This room is considered by the Historical Society to be "one of a kind" on the *Hocking Valley Line*. Railroad passenger service was discontinued in Canal Winchester on December 31, 1949.

The depot was placed on the *National Register of Historic Places* on January 28, 1988. In 1989 the *Canal Winchester Area Historical Society* purchased the depot from the CSX Railroad. Restoration was completed in 1992. The goal of restoration was to keep to the original design. Even the exterior paint, in three shades of olive green with Chinese red trim, is accurately reproduced. The inside holds many interesting pieces of railroad memorabilia from the depot's hey day, providing a glimpse into the era.

DCC Tech Tip

John Stuber

After recently purchasing the latest run of Athearn Genesis engines with Tsunami sound and DCC, I discovered that my digitrax Super Chief does not have enough programming power to program these engines.

If any of you run into this problem you will need to pur-

chase a Soundtraxx PTB-100 programming track booster. It is easy to install and will get the job done. They are available at Hobbyland in the Graceland Shopping Center for about \$60.00.

Happy Railroading



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Images From the Canal Winchester Meeting



*Roundhouse at the
Canal Winchester N-Scale Club.*



*Canal Winchester on the
Canal Winchester N-Scale Club.*



Division 6 Officers.



*High Bridge on the
Canal Winchester N-Scale Club.*



*The Other Depot:
The Scioto Valley Traction Company Depot built on the
north side of the Ohio and Erie Canal. It is located at its
original position, about half a mile south of the Hocking
Valley Depot.*



Some of the Division 6 members.



 *Division 6 on YouTube:*

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Video for Mark Maynard's Crusty Mountain and Wiloby Springs Railroad is now on YouTube. This was taken during the September Division 6 / Division 9 joint meeting. Enjoy!

http://youtu.be/GS6xw2XvD_E