

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

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## Superintendent's Report

Robert E. Lee, Division 6 Super

Happy New Year and welcome to arctic America, well that is the way it feels outside. We are starting a new year are you up for the challenge? This year will bring some changes, they say, "Change is good" and for the division it looks good. We have started the transition to the new division officers and the future of the division is exciting. So get on board and make it happen!

We missed a lot of you at the January meeting at the Upper Arlington Library. The place is a really nice venue for showing slides and even for holding

*Next Division 6 Steering  
Committee Meeting  
5 March, 7:00 PM  
at Bill Connell's*

a meeting in the future. We looked at many slides including a look at the start of construction of *The Round House* at Sugar Creek.

The NMRA Web Team has requested an update to the e-mail addresses they use to forward the NMRA *e-Bulletin*. It seem they get a lot of mail-demons back for e-mails sent out. We at the division level purged the list that was sent to us and found typo's were the main problem. All has been corrected, which means you should receive your *e-Bulletin* now.

Our members who live in and around the Lancaster Ohio area, *The Smoke*

23 February 2014

## Ned Harlow's Norfolk & Western Reynoldsburg

12:30: Ned's layout opens for operation

(Ned will supply locomotive, but extra Digitrax throttles are welcome)

2:00: Contest submission closes

2:30: Division 6 Business Meeting

3:30 (or meeting close): Operation continues

4:30: Ned's layout closes

**Model Contest:** Small structures, on-line or off-line

**Photography Contest:** Small structures

*Stack Hobby Shop* wants you to know that they are still in business under new management and going strong, so give them a visit when you are in the area.

The Division 6 Meeting after Ned's will be at the *Columbus Model Railroad Club* on March 30. They are planning an operating session on the railroad and of course we will have a meeting too. The next Steering Committee Meeting will be on March 5 at Bill Connell's.

Just a reminder, *The NMRA's National Convention* is this year in Cleveland, Ohio on July 13-20. You do not want to miss it.

**Thanks, Your Super -  
Bob Lee**

*Bad Weather Announcements  
will appear on the division  
WEB Site*

*(<http://div6-mcr-nmra.org>) &  
on Facebook (NMRA Buckeye  
Division). Check either before  
division meetings on  
Winter Storm Warning Days.*

## Program Notes

Bill Connell, Program Chair

The next Division 6 Meeting, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m., is at the home of Ned Harlow. Ned's home layout is an outstanding example of the Norfolk and Western freight and coal operation. The layout room has a huge power-generating complex at one end of the layout; while at various other places, there are coal mines, towns, yards and a mighty fine engine servicing facility.

As would be expected, freight and coal is the mainstay of the railroad, but there is also a fair amount of passenger operation. In short, the layout is well balanced and provides the opportunity to run long trains, as well as a couple of

Peddler freights. Ned has taken great pains to provide the person who wishes to take photos while not operating, some very fine and well-detailed scenes.

When building the layout, Ned included a pretty full set of trackside position light signals that are interlocked. The layout is powered and controlled by Digitrax DCC.

This may be the last time the division will meet at Ned's, as he and his wife Lori, are trying to sell their home, along with the layout. Make sure you do not miss seeing and operating on this layout, as it is one of the finest, large layouts in the Division 6-central Ohio area.



## AP Report

Howard Smith, MMR, AP Chair

Marla Wright was presented a Merit Award at the January Division 6 Meeting, for the Miner's Cabin judged at the Division 6 Meeting in Coshocton. Congratulations Marla.

I have submitted the required forms for the Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical AP Certificate completed by our newly elected Division 6 Superintendent William Connell. Bill's Electrical forms are the first I have reviewed based on a DCC control system. Nice job Bill.

As in the past, AP judging can be arranged at any Division 6 Meeting.



Marla Wright's "Miner's Cabin" received an AP Merit Award.

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## Cleveland 2014 13 – 20 July

Norfolk Southern Railroad has released a specially decorated locomotive, SD40-2 No. 3215, commemorating the upcoming *National Model Railroad Association Convention* in Cleveland – *Cleveland 2014*. Convention organizers hope to have the locomotive on display during the convention.

According to Jerry Krueger, convention co-chairman, this is the first time NS has worked with the NMRA on a special paint scheme. The logo, a vinyl decal supplied by the convention committee of the local NMRA divisions hosting the event, will appear on the locomotive at least through the end of the convention.

Think of the *Cleveland 2014* as a



*Conventional officials pose with No. 3215 in Altoona.  
Photo by Jerry Krueger*

**Cleveland 2014 WEB Site:**  
[www.2014cleveland.org](http://www.2014cleveland.org)



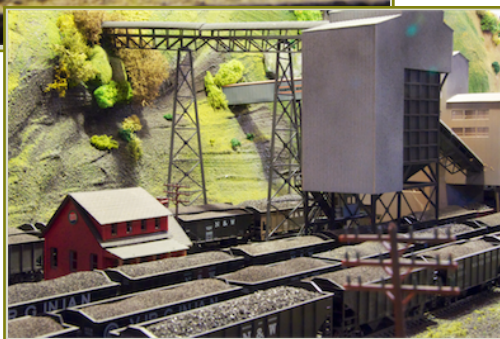
*No. 3215 at Altoona on Jan. 30.  
Photo by Jerry Krueger*

week long regional convention with five to ten times as many attendees, numerous layout tours, operating sessions, and tours to such places as the Age of Steam Roundhouse and more clinics than you can count – many presented by nationally known modelers.

Check the latest issue of the *NMRA Magazine* for full details.

As if that is not enough, at the end of the week your convention registration gets you into the *National Train Show* for no extra cost. Act soon to get your preferred

## Images From Ned Harlow's Norfolk & Western



 **Division 6 on YouTube:**

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



## Division 6 Paymaster Report

John Gafney, Division 6 Paymaster

	NMRA MCR Div 6		
	Financial Statement 12/18/2013 thru 1/31/2014		

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## Division 6 – 2014 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
29 Jan	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Bob Lee's, Reynoldsburg, 7:00	
23 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Operation: Ned Harlow's, Reynoldsburg Layout: N & W	Model: Small structures, on or off line Photo: Small structures
5 Mar	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Bill Connell's, Hilliard, 7:00	
30 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Social/Operation: Columbus HO Model RR Club, Columbus Layout: Scioto Valley Lines	Model: Boxcars with loads, doors open Photo: Boxcars being loaded, or Photo interior tie-down
9 Apr	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Matt Goodman's, Columbus, 7:00	
4 May	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Reynoldsburg Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg Layout: none	Model: Steam Locomotives Photo: Steam Locomotives
7 May	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Howard Smith's, Grove City, 7:00	
14 Jun (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion	Model: Modelers Choice Photo: Modelers Choice
9 Jul	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Greg Short's, Zanesville, 7:00	
13-19 Jul	<i>NMRA Convention</i>	<i>NMRA Cleveland 2014</i> , Cleveland	Modeler's Choice
3 Aug	Division 6 Meeting	OPEN	Model: Flatcars with Loads Photo: Flatcars with Loads
6 Aug	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	TBD	
13 Sep (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting	Business/Operation Joint Meeting: Division 9, Ports- mouth, Ohio Layout: Mark Maynard's	Model: Diesel or Electric locomotives Photo: Diesel or Electric locomotives
17 Sept	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	John Retterer's, Prospect, 7:00	
12 Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Operation: COMRC, Worthington Layout: Central Ohio Model Railroad Club	Model: TBD Photo: TBD
22 Oct	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Bill Connell's, East Liberty, 7:00	
16 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business/Operation: Coshocton Club, Coshocton Layout: Toledo, Walhonding Valley and Ohio	Model: TBD Photo: TBD
17 Dec	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Matt Goodman's, Columbus, 7:00	





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