

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Robert E. Lee, Division 6 Super

I can see the light at the end of the tunnel or I can feel spring at the end of winter. However you want to say it, I think we are in for better weather.

We all had a great time at the Division 6 Meeting held at Ned Harlow's house. The meeting was short so we could have more time to operate the layout.

Next Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting

*9 April, 7:30 PM
at Matt Goodman's*

This spring and summer is shaping up to be a fun filled time starting with the March meeting at the Columbus Model Railroad Club. We will have an operating session, all you need to bring is your loco (DCC only) and you can couple up to the many consist on the layout. In May we will have a special presentation at the Division 6 Meeting also two members of Division 9 will open up their layouts for *Steel is King Day*. June is the all day event at Marion coupled with the Mid-

Central Region Business Meeting and a joint meeting with Division 9. Finally the *NMRA National Convention* in Cleveland in July. You will receive more details before each event. So get ready, 2014 is going to be a great year.

We would like to welcome our new members, Delbert Russell and John Umstead, all aboard.

Our next Division 6 Meeting will be held at the Columbus Model Railroad Club on March 30.

30 March 2014

Columbus HO Model Railroad Club



12:00: Columbus Club Opens

1:30: Submissions to Contest closes

2:30: Division 6 Business Meeting

4:00: Columbus Club Closes



Model Contest: Boxcars with loads, doors open

Photography Contest: Boxcars being loaded, or interior tie-downs

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be held at the home of Matt Goodman.

**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.

Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Deputy Clerk
Information Supplied by Matt Goodman

Minutes for Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA Inc. Meeting for the February 23, 2014

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Bob Lee, Division 6 Superintendent, at the home of Ned Harlow. Bob Lee thanked the Ned for hosting this Division 6 Meeting.

Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Bob Lee
Director	Howard Smith, MMR
Director	Donald Wilke

Chairpersons Present:

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

Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. Minutes were not taken at the February 23 meeting at the Upper Arlington Library as it was considered a "social gathering" not a business meeting. There was a slide show presented for the attendees.

Paymaster's Report: John Gafney. The current financial report was read to the meeting attendees by the Superintendent. Paul Smith made a motion to accept the report, subject to audit, Don Wilke seconded. The motion was approved. The Superintendent encouraged the members to buy a pike ad.

Program Report: Bill Connell. The program report was read by the Superintendent. The entire 2014 meeting schedule is included in the *Super's Signal*. The membership

was also reminded that the track cleaning pads are still available.

Achievement Program Report: Howard Smith, MMR. Howard reported that one achievement award is in progress for Bill Connell.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that corrections to content and format of the site are complete.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt had no report for this meeting.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the division has 164 members, 1 new member, Edward Chanda. Expirations are pending for Larry Robertson, Pete Schaefer and Brian Wolf.

Contest Report: Don Wilke for John Retterer. Don reported the results of the photo contest. Don Wilke took first place with a photo of the Huntington Valley Station from the *Coshocton Club* layout, Matt Goodman took second place.

- 1st Place, Model - Don Wilke, *Yard Office*.
- 1st Place, Photo - Don Wilke, *Huntington Valley Station*, *Coshocton Club* layout
- 2nd Place, Photo - Matt Goodman, *gas station*.

The contest for the next meeting will be:

- **Model:** Boxcar with open door
- **Photo:** Boxcar loading or boxcar interior.

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DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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John Retterer,
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Contest: John Retterer

Media: Matt Goodman

Members Aid: Howard Smith, MMR

Membership: Matt Goodman

Program: Bill Connell

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NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

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2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs. Howard Smith reported for Dick. He encouraged the members attending to consider volunteering to help with the *2016 MCR Convention* to be held in Columbus in 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Infonet Items: The Superintendent discussed the following *Infonet* items:

- * DCC information tidbit: If DCC-equipped locomotives in a consist and the operator only wants the lead locomotive lights to operate, setting CV22 to zero on the other locomotives will prevent operation of their lights.
- * Jim Fitzgerald of the *Amtrak MRR Society* passed away on October 24, 2013
- * Forms for the *NMRA National Convention* are included in the February 2014 issue of the *NMRA Magazine*.

NMRA National Convention Keynote Presentation:

Ted Goodman (Matt Goodman's dad) will present a preview of the keynote presentation that he will present at the *NMRA National Convention* at the May 4, Division 6 Meeting.

Division 7 Swap Meet: Division 7 asked Division 6 to distribute flyers for a one day swap meet that are planning to hold in Cincinnati. The Superintendent distributed the flyers at the local MRR hobby shops.

Railfest 2014: There will be *Railfest* on March 15 and 16, 2014. It will be held at the Lakeland Community College in Kirkland, Ohio.

Steel is King Day: Dave Stoudt and Paul LaPointe are holding their annual *Steel is King Day* on May 3. The Superintendent said a lunch will be provided, he is planning to attend, and suggests carpooling if enough members are interested in going too.

Cincinnati Model Train Show: The *2014 Cincinnati Model Train Show* will be held October 10 and 11 at the Locata West High School.

2014 Spree: Alan Evans said that the *2014 Spree* will be held at the Veteran Coliseum at the Marion, Ohio fairgrounds on May 2 and 3. The *Cleveland Cuyahoga Valley and Miami Valleys S-Gauge Clubs* are some of the participants.

Steering Committee Meeting: The Superintendent indicated that the next Steering Committee Meeting would be held at Bill Connell's home on March 3.

Super's Signal Deadline: The deadline for submission of material for the *Super's Signal* is March 3.

Division 6 Meeting: The next Division 6 Meeting will be held on March 30 at the *Columbus Model Railroad Club*.

CLUB REPORTS

S-Gaugers: The *S-Gauge Club* is getting ready for the *2014 Spree* mentioned by Alan Evans.

COMRC: COMRC indicated that the circus layout is fully operational. The club is looking for funds to do some renovations to the circus layout. COMRC is in the process of rebuilding the *Thomas the Train* layout. The club has modified club operating times:

- * Adults on Tuesday.
- * Families on Thursday.

The *O-Scale layout* at the *Ohio Historical Center* was a success.

CMRRC: The club is looking forward to hosting the Division 6 Meeting in March 2014. The layout will be open for operations.

Zanesville Club: The club reported that benchwork has been completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Bob Lee made a motion to adjourn, motion approved.

**Pike Ads**

Don Wilke, Signal Publisher

Attention Division 6 Members; back again for 2014 – Pike Ads. Your Pike Ad will run from the next issue of the *Super's Signal* to the last 2014 issue. Pike Ads may be in a single location or may be used as “filler” to finish out a page.

Payment: A check to Paymaster John Gafney (payable to Division 6, MCR-NMRA) at 2460 Tevis Ann Court,

Dublin, Ohio 43016, c/o of John Gafney and a business card (or a photo with business card ratio – NO pdfs) to Publisher Don Wilke.

Division 6 member in good standing: \$15.

A division member small business: \$20.

Central Ohio Hobby Shop: \$30.



Division 6 Paymaster Report

John Gafney, Division 6 Paymaster

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

Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org

Prepared by John Gafney
Paymaster 3/5/14



Views of the Columbus Club



Division 6 – 2014 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
19 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Social: Upper Arlington Tremont Road Library Layout: None	Model: None Photo: None
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: TBD Photo: TBD
5 Mar	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Bill Connell's, Hilliard, 7:00	
30 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Social/Operation: <i>Columbus HO Model RR Club</i> , Columbus Layout: Scioto Valley Lines	Model: TBD Photo: TBD
9 Apr	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Matt Goodman's, Columbus, 7:00	
3 May	<i>Steel is King Day</i>	Division 9, Parkersburg, WV	
4 May	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Reynoldsburg Methodist Church</i> , Reynoldsburg Layout: none	Model: TBD Photo: TBD
7 May	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Howard Smith's, Grove City, 7:00	
14 Jun (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting	Annual Membership Meeting: <i>Marion Union Station</i> , Marion	Model: TBD Photo: TBD
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	<i>Zanesville Club</i> , Zanesville	Model: TBD Photo: TBD
6 Aug	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Dexter Hill's,	
13 Sep (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting	Business/Operation Joint Meeting: Division 9, Portsmouth, Ohio Layout: Mark Maynard's	Model: TBD Photo: TBD
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: <i>Coshocton Club</i> , Coshocton Layout: <i>Toledo, Walhonding Valley and Ohio</i>	Model: TBD Photo: TBD
17 Dec	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Matt Goodman's, Columbus, 7:00	



STEEL IS KING DAY

May 3, 2014

Parkersburg, WV

Division 9 is inviting us to their annual *STEEL is KING DAY*. There will be two layouts open that have a strong emphasis on the steel industry.

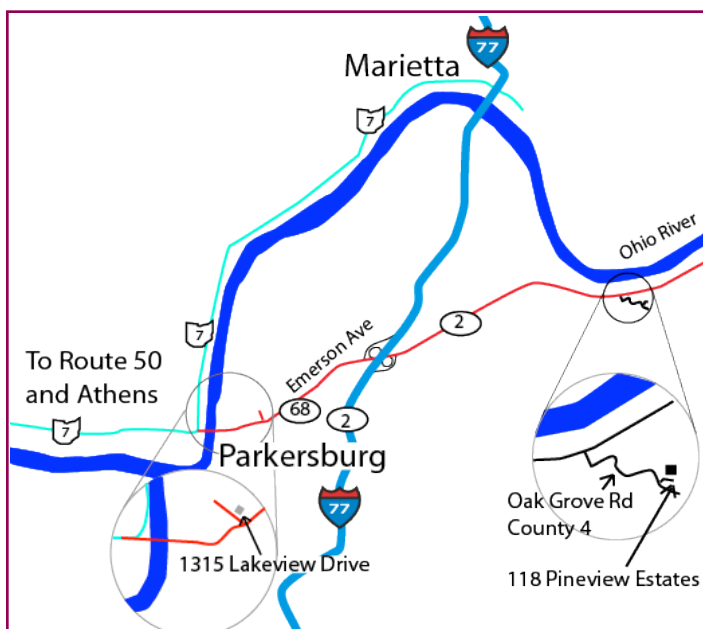
The railroads of Dave Stout and Paul LaPointe will be open for your viewing pleasure. Again this year a picnic lunch will be provided for those in attendance.

If you have any questions and/or need directions contact Dave Stout at: MOV1315@Hotmail.com

Parkersburg is approximately a two hour drive from central Columbus.

From Athens: Take Route 50 east, until you come to State Route 7, continue on Route 7 when 50 turns south to cross the Ohio River, cross the Ohio River on Memorial Bridge when Route 7 turns north, Memorial Bridge will become Emerson Ave, Route 68, in Parkersburg.

From Cambridge: Take I-77 south, cross the Ohio River, and exit on Emerson Ave., Route 68.



Road TRIP

July 19, 2014

Howard Smith, MMR, Road Master

Division 6 will be sponsoring an all day trip to the *NMRA National Train Show* in Cleveland, Ohio at the Cleveland Convention Center on Saturday, July 19

using a 12 or 15 passenger van. Exact details of the road trip will be available shortly. Reservations will be accepted when details are completed.

Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

The following memberships expire March 31, 2014:

Steven Beyer	Barbara Beyer	Justin Colley
Ryan Hoover	Tim Adams	

New Members

Delbert Russell	Powell
John Unstead	Canal Winchester

The following memberships expire April 30, 2014:

Gary Piggrem	Alan Evans	John Roberts
Kim Irvwin	David Evers	Don White

Active Members:

162	– February 1, 2014
175	– February 1, 2013
173	– February 1, 2012

Have you changed your address or other membership information?

Notify headquarters by email: 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, Matt Goodman,
MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org

Contest Report

Don Wilke for
John Retterer, Contest Chair



1st Place Photo, Donald Wilke.



1st Place Model, Donald Wilke.

The contest results for Ned Harlow's are as follows:

- 1st Place Model: Don Wilke, *Yard Office*.
- 1st Place Photograph: Donald Wilke, *Huntington Valley Station*., *Coshocton Club* layout.
- 2nd Place Photograph: Matt Goodman, *Gas Station*.



Program Notes

Bill Connell, Program Chair

March 30th finds Division 6 members at *The Columbus Model Railroad Club* for our annual visit. We scheduled this meeting for late March in the hopes of having warmer weather, less snow and ice.

This year, the *Columbus Club* celebrates its 80th year of operation in what is now the third layout location. As I recall, the first layout was at the *Columbus Union Terminal*, then it moved to the *A&P Store* at 3rd and Rich Street, and now, finally, at the *Columbus Steel Castings* facility on Parsons Avenue.

The current layout falls into the mature category, as it is pretty much complete. Since this is so, operation of the layout is where the action is, with as many as 6 engineers handling through train movements and, perhaps, a couple of peddler freights setting out and picking up cars at various places on the layout. It of-

ten is a busy place. Then, of course, the *Newark Switching District* can keep an operator busy for a couple of hours. So the choice is yours, what type of train do you wish to run?

If you have a DCC equipped locomotive, and wish to take photos of it as you, or your helper, make a run across the layout it might provide you with an increased level of enjoyment.

While you are not operating a train, you can shoot some video, or take a few still shots for later use at an upcoming division meet, and enter them in the Photo Contest.

Hope to see you at the *Columbus Club* in March. It is all there, waiting for you.

Bill





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