

SUPER'S SIGNAL

A publication of Division 6, Mid-Central Region of The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

June 2014



Superintendent's Report

Robert E. Lee, Division 6 Super

We are almost there, I think. Summer is around the corner, but wait—what happened to spring? Did we miss the jump? Or are we on another planet, who knows.

Four of us made the trip to Parkersburg, WV on Saturday, May 3, 2014, to *The Steel is King Day* meeting that Division 9 holds every year. The (2) two members of Division 9 that host the meeting are Paul La Pointe and Dave Stout. Both of these gentlemen model the Steel Industry on their layouts and both have done an outstanding job. Paul's layout is still a work in progress and Dave's for the most part is finished. If you have not seen either layout it is worth the trip next year.

Next Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting

9 July, 7:00 PM
at Greg Short's

As promised at the division meeting on Sunday, May 4, we were treated to a great presentation by Ted Goodman on *The Age of Steam* roundhouse near Sugar Creek, Ohio. Ted is the architect who designed the buildings that make up the roundhouse complex. We saw the process from the concept to finish in detail. The processes for the foundation; walls pit; turntable; water tower; windows and doors were all explained in its entirety. After you see and listen

to this presentation and have the opportunity to see the roundhouse in person you will realize it is a gem.

The feedback we got at the meeting about the post card reminder was good, everyone thinks it is a good idea, so we will continue the process. Don't forget to bring the post card to each meeting and drop it in the box for the drawing at the end of the year.

I just received a message from the Dispatcher at the next division point that the new crew has arrived and are waiting for my arrival. As I look at my watch, I notice that I am on time so there should not be a delay in the crew change and *Ole Number 6* will keep steaming along on schedule. I have enjoyed the last (4) four years as you're super and I will continue to work in the division in

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14 June 2014 (Saturday)

Marion Union Station Marion, Ohio

9:00: Marion Union Station Opens

9:30: Clinic: *Simple Changes to your Digital Photograph* by Don Wilke

10:30: AP Model Judging (1 hour)

10:30: Flea Market, Swap Meet, & Popular Vote (4 hours)

11:00: Contest entry closes

11:30: Lunch (on your own); Flea Market & Popular Vote continues

1:00: Clinic: *The Toledo & Ohio Central; Some History and Modeling Thoughts* by Frank Bongiovanni,

2:00: MRC Board of Directors Meeting

3:05: Mid-Central Region Membership Meeting

3:15: Joint Division 6 & 9 Business Meeting

4:00: Train Watching!!!!!!!!!!!!

Model Contest: Modelers Choice (no modules).

Photography Contest: Modelers Choice.

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some capacity going forward.

I hope that you, the membership, will continue to support your new Super and his crew in the future to build and maintain the division. See you on the station platform.

Reminder: *National Train Day*: May 10 go to www.nationaltrainday.com for more information.

NMRA National Convention: July 13th-20th Cleveland,

Ohio.

Train Show at National: July 18th-20th, road trip to the show on July 19, contact Howard Smith.

Next *Steering Committee Meeting*: July 9 at Greg Short's home.

Next *Division 6 Meeting*: August 3 at the Zanesville Model Railroad Club, Zanesville, Ohio.

**Thanks, Your Super -
Bob Lee**

Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Deputy Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for the May 4, 2014

The Division 6 Business Meeting was called to order by Bob Lee, Division 6 Superintendent, at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church. Bob thanked the Reynoldsburg UM Church for providing the facility for the Division 6 meeting.

Officers in Attendance:

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

Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Howard Smith, MMR
Program	Bill Connell
Media	Matt Goodman

Super's Signal Publisher

Don Wilke

Web Master

Don Wilke

Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any comments or corrections to the March 30, 2014 minutes as published in the *Super's Signal*. Paul Smith made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as shown in the *Super's Signal*, Don Wilke seconded. The motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: John Gafney. The Paymaster was not present. The Superintendent asked the members to see him for details of the division's current financial status.

Program Report: Bill Connell. Bill encouraged the Division 6 members to attend the June 14 Division 6 Meeting in Marion. He reminded everyone there will be several clinics and a swap meet at the Marion meeting.

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John Retterer,
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Contest: John Retterer

Media: Matt Goodman

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Robert Beaty, MMR

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Achievement Program Report: Howard Smith, MMR. Howard had no report for this meeting.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that he will have the *Super's Signal* updated by May 7.

Media Report: Matt encouraged members to view the Division 6 videos on You Tube and to visit the division's Facebook page.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the division has 166 members, with 9 renewals and 5 new expirations.

Contest Report: Dave Mathney for John Retterer. Howard Smith had the winning steam locomotive entry and Marla Wright had the winning steam locomotive photo entry for this meeting's contest

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick was not present and did not have anyone else report on the convention status.

OLD BUSINESS

Division 6 Meeting Notification: The Superintendent asked the Division 6 members to turn in their meeting reminder postcards. Postcards will continue to be mailed to each Division 6 member about future meetings. The Superintendent said that members should bring postcards to the meetings and put them in the designated container. At the end of the year, a postcard will be drawn from this container and the named division member will win a prize.

Steel is King Day: The Superintendent said that 4 members of Division 6 attended this event. He said that both Mr. LaPointe's and Mr. Stout's layouts were very good and provide some construction details used on LaPointe's layout.

MCR Newsletter - The Kingpin: The Superintendent indicated that the *Kingpin* would only be distributed electronically (e-mail) in the future. He said that the *Kingpin* had good information about the 2015 MCR Convention and other future MCR events (including a list of future train shows).

NEW BUSINESS

Infonet Items: The Superintendent said that the education section of the NMRA needs volunteers for to assist with the EduTrain program and to review the new Beginners Info section of the NMRA website.

Marion Station Trainfest: The Superintendent again encouraged members to attend this event. He also said that the Mid-Central Region would hold their Board of Directors meeting and Spring Membership meeting at this event.

NMRA Convention Road Trip: The Superintendent explained the details of the proposed one day road trip to the NMRA Convention **Train Show** in Cleveland on July 19. He said to contact Howard Smith if they were interested in going on this road trip.

Cincinnati Model Train Show: The Superintendent mentioned that this show would take place on October 11 and 12.

Steering Committee Meeting: The Superintendent indicated that the next Steering Committee meeting would be held at Howard Smith's home on May 7.

Super's Signal Deadline: The deadline for submission of material for the next *Super's Signal* is May 7.

Division 6 Meeting: The next Division 6 meeting will be held on June 14 at the Marion Union Station in Marion, Ohio. The model and photograph contest for this meeting will be modeler's choice.

National Train Day: The Superintendent reminded the members that May 10 is *National Train Day*. The NMRA website plans to have some interesting videos and other info on trains on that day.

CLUB REPORTS

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: COMRC indicated they are running all three trains on the circus layout. The club has completed all new benchwork and legs for this layout.

Columbus Model Railroad Club: The club invited all Division 6 members to visit the club on Tuesday evenings.

Zanesville Club: The club reported that they are installing scenery.

N-Scale Club: The club reported that their N-Scale weekend event will be held May 17 and 18 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Don Wilke made a motion to adjourn.



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Division 6 Paymaster Report

John Gafney, Division 6 Paymaster

	NMRA MCR Div 6				
	Financial Statement 4/9/2014 thru 5/5/2014				
<p>To see the Division 6 Paymaster's Report, contact the Division 6 Superintendent at:</p> <p>Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org</p>					



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,



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Guy Thrums
Ferroequinologist

Cell - 980-329-8252
Email - guythrums@yahoo.com
Subject – G&O RR

121 Oxford Rd.
Lexington, Ohio 44904

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 – 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 Photos of 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	<i>Zanesville Club</i> , Zanesville	Model: Flatcars with Loads Photo: Flatcars with Loads
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: 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	

Media Report

Matt Goodman, Media Chair

YouTube Update

Our YouTube channel (NMRABuckeyeDivision) has had one new video of a Division 6 layout added, as well as some minor organization changes.

Marion Model Railroad Club

In April, Matt Goodman and Bill Connell visited the Marion Union Station to attend the Central Ohio RPM meet. While there, the *Marion Club* graciously allowed Matt's camera car to take to their tracks.

There are two videos, one Eastbound, and one Westbound; the first is at the head of the train and the second is about four cars back from the head end so that you can see the signals change. The tour is fascinating, from the wonderful sounds the mechanical DC relays make as the route is being lined, to the over-my-head DC controls, to the great scenery. The crazy loop in the mountain was especially interesting as the train stalled momentarily going up-grade, and wheeled crazily downhill at breakneck speeds going the opposite direction. It's a fun watch, even if it was in the dark.

Thanks to Brandon Townley for getting the train safely over the road.

To view the videos, click the link below, or go to YouTube and search "NMRABuckeyeDivision"

Part 1 (12 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iBNV-IibeI>

Part 2 (12 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4AM3bmlhmOo>

To view all the layout tours non-stop, go to our YouTube channel (NMRABuckeyeDivision) and scroll down to the "Layout Tours" section and click "Play".

If you have your own YouTube account be sure to subscribe to the channel and let us know what you think!

Facebook Update

If you don't have a YouTube account, but DO have a Facebook 'like' our Facebook page (search for "NMRA Buckeye Division") - it needs a growth spurt. Division news and links to our YouTube page is found in the newsfeed. Be sure to comment on what you find interesting and what the Division is doing that you like.

We've also added more Calendar events. If you Like the page, you will get automatic invites to the events.



Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

The following memberships expire April 30, 2014:

Alan Evans	Kim Irvwin	Don White
David Evers	Gary Piggrem	

Active Members:

166 – April 2014

168 – March 2014

162 – February 2014

The following memberships expire May 31, 2014:

Terry Hansley	Jim Henry	Donald Reventlow
Robert Harmon	Don Ingwersen	

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.
P.O. Box 1328
Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328

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

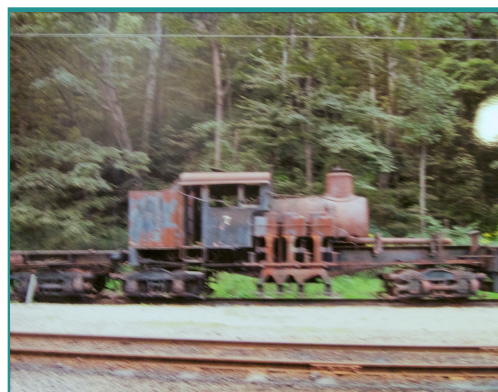


Contest Report

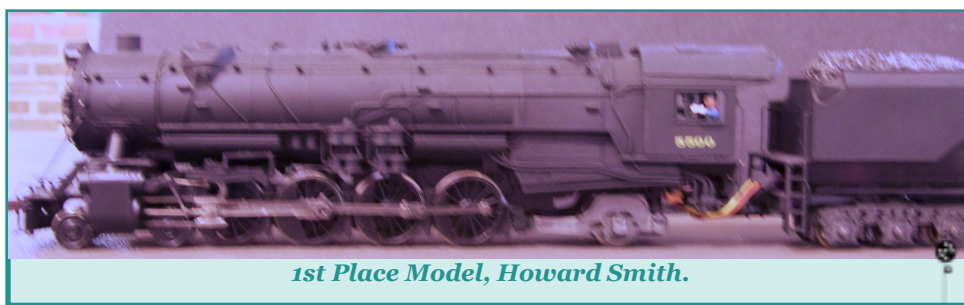
Dave Mathney & Don Wilke for
John Retterer, Contest Chair

The contest results for Reynoldsburg Meeting are as follows:

- 1st Place Model: Howard Smith, *B & O 4-8-2*.
- 2nd Place Model: Phil, *Southern Pacific 0-4-0*.
- 3rd Place Model (Tie): Bill Connell, *Pink Lady 2-6-0*.
- 3rd Place Model (Tie): Bill Connell, *Central Union Railroad 2-10-20*.
- 3rd Place Model (Tie): Bill Connell, *Southern Pacific 4-8-4*.
- 1st Place Photograph: Marla Wright, *Cass #7*.
- 2nd Place Photograph (Tie): Marla Wright, *The Rocket (a.k.a. "Bubba")*.
- 2nd Place Photograph (Tie): Marla Wright, *Cass #11*.
- 2nd Place Photograph (Tie): Donald Wilke, *D & S #487*.
- 3rd Place Photograph (Tie): Donald Wilke, *D & RGW on "Doc" Sage's Layout*.
- 3rd Place Photograph (Tie): Howard Smith
- 3rd Place Photograph (Tie): David Mathney, *NKP 1*.
- 3rd Place Photograph (Tie): David Mathney, *NKP 2*.



1st Place Photo, Marla Wright.



1st Place Model, Howard Smith.



Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision



NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

Check your brakes!

A couple weeks ago I experienced a catastrophic brake failure while driving my 2000 model truck. The culprit was a rotten brake line. According the mechanic who does the Fix Or Repair Daily for me, this is becoming a common problem with copper fuel and brake lines when exposed to the deicing chemicals used on our streets and roads in the winter. It might be worth asking for someone to give your brake lines a visual check at your next oil change or service.

Happy motoring- Dick Briggs

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Road TRIP

July 19, 2014

Howard Smith, MMR, Road Master

Additional Information by Don Wilke

Division 6 is 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 25 passenger bus. The bus will leave the rear of the McDonalds on the south-west corner of the I-71, and routes 36-37 (Delaware-Sunbury exit) **promptly** at 8:00 a.m.

The bus will leave Cleveland for the return trip to Columbus promptly at 3:00 p.m.

The cost of this Road Trip is \$49. That includes the cost of the bus ride and admission to the *Train Show*. Lunch is on your own.

The capacity of the bus is 25 people. Division 6 cannot sponsor the trip for only a few members, so the division reserves the right to cancel the trip if only a few division members sign up. The signup and payment deadline is 30 June 2014. The decision to cancel will be may on 30 June and members will be notified.

Division 6 members may bring family members. Do not miss this opportunity to see a great Train Show. Bring you money and *Bus Trip Form* (on the facing page) to Marion and give it to Howard Smith to reserve your spot. Remember, first come, first served—or at least, get a seat on the bus.



Steel is King Day

Parkersburg, West Virginia

by Don Wilke

After a filling breakfast at the Canal Winchester Bob Evans; Bob Lee, Howard Smith, Dexter Hill, and I took a leisurely two hour trip to Parkersburg, West Virginia for

Steel is King Day. Both HO railroads of Dave Stout and Paul LaPointe were great viewing.



Coal Mine on
Paul LaPoint's Layout.



Rolling Mill on
Paul LaPoint's Layout.



Ore unloading on
Paul LaPoint's Layout.



Open hearth furnace on
Dave Stout's Layout.



Detailed Street scene on
Dave Stout's Layout.



Davis Steel cars waiting
to be loaded on
Dave Stout's Layout.



BUS TRIP TO THE NMRA NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW JULY 19, 2014

DIVISION 6, MCR, NMRA, HAS CHARTED A 25 PASSENGER BUS FOR A TRIP TO THE NMRA NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW IN CLEVELAND, OHIO. COST OF THE TRIP INCLUDES THE BUS RIDE (TO AND FROM) AND A TICKET TO THE TRAIN SHOW. SPACE WILL BE LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE ONLY.

THE NATIONAL TRAIN INCLUDES MOST MANUFACTURES, SUPPLIERS AND VENDORS OF THE MODEL RAILROADING INDUSTRY. SEE THE LATEST MODEL RAILROAD EQUIPMENT FROM MANUFACTURES. ALSO INCLUDED ARE A NUMBER OF MODULAR LAYOUTS IN MOST SCALES.

SCHEDULE:

8:00 AM - LEAVE COLUMBUS (meet at McDonalds I-71 and Routes 36 & 37 Delaware-Sunbury Exit)

3:00 PM – RETURN TO COLUMBUS

COST: \$49 PER PERSON (includes admission to Train Show)

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 30 2014.

TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED IF NOT ENOUGH MEMBERS DO NOT SIGNUP BY JUNE 30.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DIVISION 6, MCR, NMRA, INC.

SEND TO: DIV 6, MCR, NMRA, INC.

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