

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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August 2014

Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Hello all.

My guess is most of you are not aware of a change in the officers in Division 6. Shortly after taking office at the meeting in Marion, Bill Connell had to make the decision to step down as the Superintendent. This meant that as the Assistant Superintendent I was elevated to the position of Super for the division. Trust me this was a huge surprise to me, not that I had not ever thought that it would not happen when I decided to run for the office of

Next Division 6 Steering

Committee Meeting

9 July, 7:00 PM

at Greg Short's

Asst. Super but I knew it could happen. Well here we are now. What does this mean for the membership of the division? Hopefully it will mean nothing as there are lots of great folks in the right places to help me and keep the Division running smoothly.

Now for those of you who do not know me, my name is Greg Short. I have been a member of the NMRA for several years now. I have also been a member of the Zane Trace and National Trail Model Railroad Club, or as most know it the Zanesville Club, since 1981. I am employed by the City of Columbus as a firefighter assigned to Engine Co. 3 in

downtown for the last 26 years, anyone who knows me knows I am very proud of this. In addition I volunteer and work part time at the Hopewell Township Fire Department in Glenford as well as the Thorn Township Fire Department in Thornville. I am married to my wife Amy and have two children Megan and Jon. OK enough about me now to our division.

We held our last division meeting in Marion in June. This is a annual event and as always it was a good time. This year we had not only our meeting but a joint meeting with Division 9 and due to no Mid-Central Region convention and annual meeting due to the *National Convention* held in the region this year we had the Regional Meeting that day also. If you have not guessed it was a

long day of meetings but as always there were lots of trains to break up the time.

We had some good clinics there also with a big thanks to Don Wilke and Frank Bongiovanni for there efforts. I myself missed Don's but did get to see Frank's and I was very pleased. I sat in on the Mid-Central Region BOD meeting and learned several things also.

Oh yea did I say there were trains. The Marion Club was open for us and it was nice to see that they are doing some work on the layout in changing some of the scenery. Also during the meetings Bob Lee passed the reigns of the division to the newly elected officers, and with this need to go a huge thank you to Bob for his term as our Super.

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3 August 2014 Zanesville Model RR Club Zanesville

1:00: Zanesville Club Opens

2:00: Division 6 Business Meeting

Model Contest: Flatcars with Loads.

Photography Contest: Flatcars with Loads.

Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Deputy Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for June 14, 2014

Prior to the start of the Division 6 business meeting, the division officers met to consider a motion from 2016 Convention Manager, Dick Briggs, to move \$1000.00 from the Division 6 checking account to a new account for the 2016 *Mid-Central Region Convention* which will be held in Columbus, Ohio. The motion was presented by Bob Lee and was approved by the Division 6 officers.

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Bob Lee, Division 6 Superintendent, at the Marion Union Station. Bob Lee thanked the Marion Union Station 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
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke

The first order of business was to install the new Division 6 officers. The outgoing Superintendent, Bob Lee, read a proclamation officially announcing that the new Division 6 officers would be:

Superintendent: Bill Connell,
Ass't Superintendent: Greg Short,
Clerk: Dexter Hill,
Paymaster: Paul Farley.

At this point, Bob Lee turned over control of the meeting to Bill Connell.

Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any comments or corrections to the May 4, 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*, Joe Slanser seconded. The motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. The Paymaster gave an interim report (account interest has not been confirmed) as he has not officially taken over the financial accounts yet. Dexter Hill made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as reported, Don Wilke seconded. The motion was approved.

Program Report: Bill Connell. Bill reminded the Division 6 members to attend the next Division 6 meeting in Zanesville on August 3. He said that the 2015 meeting schedule is being worked on at this time.

Achievement Program Report: Howard Smith, MMR. Howard said that two models had been submitted for judging. A N-scale tug boat will be awarded a merit award based on its AP evaluation. He said that the next AP judging would be scheduled for the Coshocton meeting later this year.

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DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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Pay Master

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Directors

Howard Smith, MMR,

John Retterer,

Donald Wilke:

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APPOINTED CHAIRS

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Contest: Bob Lee

Media: Matt Goodman

Members Aid: Howard Smith, MMR

Membership: Matt Goodman

Program:

Web Master: Don Wilke

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Robert Beaty, MMR

Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

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Website Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that he will have the website updated by this coming Wednesday, June 18.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt indicated that there are two new videos of the Marion layout on YouTube.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the division has 146 members, down from 176 as of June 2013.

Contest Report: John Retterer. There were two model entries for the model contest and no photos.

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick was not present, Bob Lee gave the following report:

- * The 2016 Convention theme will be *Rails to The Capital*. This was the most popular theme entry based on Division 6 member input.
- * The artwork is done for the convention insignia.
- * The next convention planning meeting will be held at the Embassy Suite Hotel in Dublin, Ohio on June 18 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Raffle: An HO scale railroad car will given out to each of the three raffle winners.

OLD BUSINESS

NMRA National Convention Road Trip: The Superintendent explained the details of the proposed one day road trip to the *NMRA National Convention* in Cleveland on July 19th. A 25 passenger bus will be used to transport the attendees to the convention. The cost of the trip is \$49.00 and includes the bus ride and convention fees. He said to contact Howard Smith if they were interested in going on this road trip. To date, 5 reservations have been received by Howard.

Division 6 Membership Booth: The Superintendent said a membership booth has been obtained from Division 7. The Superintendent said that he hopes to erect the booth sometime next month to see what it looks like

NEW BUSINESS

InfoNet Items: The Superintendent indicated that the InfoNet provided results of the recent NMRA elections and some current financial news. He suggested looking at the NMRA website for more information from the InfoNet document.

Steering Committee Meeting: The Superintendent indicated that the next Steering Committee meeting would be held at Greg Short's home on July 9. Don asked for members to submit articles of interest to them to the *Super's Signal*.

Division 6 Meeting: The next Division 6 meeting will be held on August 3 at the Zanesville Model Railroad Club. The model and photograph contest for this meeting will be a flatcar with a load.

CLUB REPORTS

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: COMRC indicated that they are tearing down a layout for transport to the Ohio State Fair to participation in a MRR layout there. The club has been getting new members and is planning the 2014 Christmas layout.

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

Janis Center: The club is preparing for a MRR exhibit at the Ohio State Fair.

Zanesville Club: The club reported that they are continuing work on the new layout and have been accepting new members.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Bob Lee made a motion to adjourn.

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He will not be going away as Bob is now the division Contest Chairman. I know he will give it his all as he has done in the past.

Upcoming we have our next Division 6 meeting on August 3 at the Zanesville Club. This will be interesting in that there is a new layout under way. When we first discussed having a meeting there I did bring up the fact that there were not going

to be any operating trains but it was suggested that it would still be a good place to visit as not everyone sees what is involved with building a new layout. I think everyone will be surprised at how far the club has come in a short period of time.

After that meeting we have another joint meeting with Division 9 in Portsmouth in September, then we go to the Central Ohio Club and finally to Coshocton in November. As always be on the lookout for the postcards announcing the up coming

meeting and don't forget to bring them with you to the meeting and turn them for the year end raffle.

If anyone needs to get in contact with me please do so using the link on the Division Web Site and if anyone has any suggestions for places to go for a meeting or other event please pass it on.

Happy Modeling

Greg Short



Division 6 Paymaster Report

Paul Farley, 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

Paymaster for Division 6, MCR, NMRA Inc. 2014

AP Report

Howard R. Smith, MMR, AP Chair

A Merit Award was earned by Mr. Robert Osburn in
and Division 9 meeting in Marion. Robert is from D
Robert's Merit Award is being processed by the Re
Division 9 for presentation.

Congrats to Robert for a very fine model.



Robert Osburn, Division 9, N-Gage Tugboat.



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	<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.

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 the end of June:

David Matheny	David White
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The following memberships expire the end of July:

Robert Alberts	Edward Graves	Peter Scheckermann
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The following memberships expire the end of August:

Randy Broadright	Greg Immel	Karen Parker
Ned Harlow	Kimberly Irwin	

Active Members:	
164 - June 2014	166 - April 2014
164 - May 2014	173 - June 2013

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.

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

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Questions about when your membership expires can be handled by your Division 6 Membership Chair, Matt Goodman, MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org



Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Our June 14 Division 6 contest was held at the Marion Union Station in Marion, Ohio. The contest was Modelers Choice for both Model and Photo. The only entries were for the Model category for which we had (2) two. The first place winner was Patrick Hreachmack for his Renkong Guan Restaurant and the second place winner was Paul Smith for his Walthers Hobby Shop, both were HO models. Both models were nicely done. Pictures will be on the Division 6 Archive WEB Site.

Our next contest will be at the Zanesville Model Railroad Club, Zanesville, Ohio on August 3. The Contest entry is Flatcars with Loads for both Model and Photo.

Remember we need you to participate, the more the merry.



1st Place Model, Patrick Hreachmack.

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Road TRIP

July 19, 2014

Howard Smith, MMR, Road Master

The following letter was sent to the eight Division 6 members who responded with reservations to the National Train Show in Cleveland. The bus would hold twenty five people. The lost to the Division of bus rental fees require the cancellation of the trip. Thanks to all who sent in reservations.

June 30, 2014

Dear Division 6 member,

We have received your reservation for the Bus Trip to the NMRA National Train Show in Cleveland, Ohio. Unfortunately, we did not receive the 25 reservations needed to pay for the bus rental and tickets to the train show.

Therefore, the trip is canceled and we are returning your reservation money (checks). We are sorry the bus trip could not be completed as planned but the lack of reservation monies would be a great lost to the division.

Thank you for your support of Division 6 and its programs.

NMRA MCR Division 6



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