

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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September 2014



Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Hello all.

Well, here we are, time for another Super's Report. As I stated to several of the members the first one was easy and this will be the hard one. We had a couple of things happen since our last *Signal* one being our regular division meeting and the other being the *National NMRA Convention* in Cleveland. There are some things to pass on from both.

At the Zanesville meeting, the biggest thing to happen was that I appointed Dick Briggs as the new Assistant Superintendent. Dick was very helpful in getting me started as the new Super because I was not really ready for it.

Next Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting 13 September at Mark Maynard's

He will also be there for me as I am sure I will need his guidance in the future.

Another thing brought up at the meeting was Bob Lee has come up with a new format for our contests at the meetings. The changes will start after the first of the year and hopefully it will bring a new interest to the contests. Bob will expand on this sometime in the a future report.

13 September (Saturday) Mark Maynard's Crusty Mountain & Windy Springs Portsmouth, Ohio

7:00: Optional *Breakfast at Bob's* at Great Southern Shopping Center

8:00: Car Caravan departs Great Southern Bob Evens Restaurant

11:00: Mark Maynard's Layout Opens

12:00: Barbecue lunch, Flea Market

2:00: Joint Division 9—Division 6 Business Meeting

3:00: possible Surprise Clinic

Model Contest: Diesel or Electric locomotives.

Photography Contest: Diesel or Electric locomotives.

Another thing that is going to be taking place is that I am going to start a data base on the clubs in Division 6. We have several clubs in the division that we either have not visited for a while or not at all, look for more on this later.

The *National NMRA Convention* was recently held in Cleveland. Although I had planned to attend at least part of the Convention, work had other ideas and I was forced to stay home. I wish I could have attended as there were numerous clinics that I wanted to see as I, like most of you want to be a better modeler, and get new ideas for my railroad. There were several Division 6 members that did attend as well has participate in the contests bringing

home several awards. Good job by all of them.

I did get to attend, along with Matt Goodman, the *National Train Show*. As always the manufactures were all there showing off their new products as well as being there to talk with the customers. I could go thru and pass on all that I seen and the discussions I had with the reps but that would need a few hours. Of course there were layouts there. Some were simple, some complex but all were great. There were two different modular layouts the were really nice. I wish we could show them all to you but we don't have the room, however check

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Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for August 3, 2014

The Division 6 Business Meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, at the Zanesville Club facility. Greg thanked the Zanesville Club for providing the facility for the Division 6 meeting.

Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Dick Briggs
Clerk	Dexter Hill
Director	Howard Smith, MMR
Director	John Retterer
Director	Donald Wilke

Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Howard Smith, MMR
Contest	Bob Lee
Program	Dick Briggs
Media	Matt Goodman
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
2016 Convention	Dick Briggs

New Members in Attendance: Greg Short. The Superintendent acknowledged the presence of a new NMRA member Lon Wilson. He is a member of the COMRC Club.

Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any comments or corrections to the June 14, 2014 minutes as published in the *Super's Signal*. Dick Briggs

made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as shown in the *Super's Signal*, Don Wilke seconded. The motion was approved. It was noted that Larry Harris has requested that he receive a hard copy of the *Super's Signal* in the future.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. The Paymaster gave a Financial Report for the May-June 2014 period. Dexter Hill made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as reported, John Retterer seconded. The motion was approved, subject to audit.

Program Report: Bob Lee. Bob reminded the Division 6 members to attend the next Division 6 meeting in Portsmouth on September 13. This is a joint meeting with Division 9. A map will be included in the next *Super's Signal*. The model and photo subject for this meeting will be steam and diesel locomotives.

Achievement Program Report: Howard Smith, MMR. Howard said that 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 held at the Division 6 meeting in Coshocton later this year.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that a computer system went down which caused the Division 6 website to go out. He was able to re-install the website and fixed several glitches in the process.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt indicated that there has been no activity on Facebook. He said that several new videos, including several from the recent *National NMRA Convention*, have been added to You Tube.

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Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the division has 164 members as of June 30, 2014. He indicated that we added 8 new members since then which brings the July 31 total to 175 members. There are four memberships which expire in August.

Contest Report: Bob Lee. There were many entries submitted for the model and photos contest. The winners of each are as follows:

- 1st Place Model - Jim Ruisinger.
- 2nd Place Model - Dick Briggs.
- 3rd Place Model - Dick Briggs.
- 1st Place Photo - Don Wilke.
- 2nd Place Photo - Don Wilke.
- 3rd Place Photo - Dick Briggs.

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick gave the following report:

- * The 2016 convention has started a checking account. Funds have been transferred from the Division 6 accounts to start this convention account.
- * The artwork for convention signage, letterhead, insignias etc. is complete.
- * The next convention planning meeting will be held sometime later in August of this year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Cincinnati Model Railroad Show: Greg Short. The Superintendent reminded everyone that this show would take place October 11 and 12.

NMRA National Convention Report: Several members of Division 6 attending this meeting gave reports on this convention. All the convention attendees said that the convention was very interesting and well worth the trip to Cleveland. There were nine awards given to models submitted by Division 6 members at this convention. Dick Briggs had a short speaking role on the Model Railroader magazine website. Matt Goodman had a short speaking role on a Train Master TV program.

National Train Show: Several Division 6 members attended this train show. All said that the modular layouts were very good and one from a South Carolina club was very large and exceptionally done.

Division 6 Membership Booth: Greg Short. The membership booth is at the Superintendent's, Greg Short, home. He said that it is partially assembled and is quite large. He said that a pickup truck will be needed to transport the booth and will require at least two people to set it up. He has requested input from the Division 6 membership on how to use it and said that it needs banners and

other signage to indicate the advantages of belonging to the NMRA and Division 6.

2016 Division 6 Convention Model: Dick Briggs. Dick indicated that the convention model, a replica of a C&O station located in Grove City, has been contracted. He gave the Paymaster a bill for the models in the amount of \$3038.80. He requested that the division pay half of the amount now and the balance after the models are delivered. Dick said that the sale price of this model is around \$40 and suggested that the division start selling the convention model as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

InfoNet Items: Greg Short. The Superintendent indicated that the InfoNet didn't have much information in this edition and was considering sending it to members to read at their leisure.

New Ass't Superintendent: Greg Short. Greg indicated that he was approached by Dick Briggs regarding the position of Ass't Superintendent. Dick volunteered to take this position and the Superintendent accepted his offer. Dick Briggs was officially introduced as the new Ass't Superintendent at this meeting.

Steering Committee Meeting: Greg Short. The Superintendent indicated that the next Steering Committee meeting would be held at the Zanesville Club after the membership meeting. Don asked for members to submit articles of interest to them to the *Super's Signal* by 6 August.

Changes to Contest Format: Bob Lee. Bob, Contest Chair, asked that this discussion be delayed until the next Division 6 meeting.

List of Division 6 Clubs: Greg Short. The Superintendent wishes to assemble a list of all the model railroad clubs in Division 6. He has asked the meeting attendees to get the word out and get back to him with the name(s) of MRR clubs in this division.

Division 6 Meeting: Greg Short. The next Division 6 meeting will be held on September 13 in Portsmouth as a joint meeting with Division 9..

CLUB REPORTS

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: COMRC indicated that they getting ready to tear down a layout that was on display at the Ohio State Fair. The club continues to accept new members

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

MiniBunch: The club is working on updated an old layout. There will be several layouts open during their upcoming layout tours.

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

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Division 6 Paymaster Report

Paul Farley, Division 6 Paymaster

	Division 6, MCR, NMRA Inc.				
	Financial Report 6/30/2014				
<p>To see the Division 6 Paymaster's Report, contact the Division 6 Superintendent at:</p> <p>Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org</p>					
	Prepared by Paul Farley				
	Paymaster for Division 6, MCR, NMRA Inc.				



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Coshocton Club: The club continues to expand their layout and indicated that the helix is gone. They are working on upgrading the layout controls to use DCC but don't expect to have it ready for Division 6 meeting there later

this year. The club has an operating session on the 2nd Sunday of each month starting around noon.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Jim Ruisinger made a motion to adjourn.



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 Steering Comm Meeting	<i>Zanesville Club</i> , Zanesville	Model: Flatcars with Loads Photo: Flatcars with Loads
6 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
13 Sep (Sat)	Division 6 Meeting Steering Comm 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	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
12 Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Operation: COMRC, Worthington Layout: Central Ohio Model Railroad Club	Model: Works in Progress Photo: Works in Progress
22 Oct	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Bob Lee's, Reynoldsburg, 7:00	
16 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business/Operation: Coshocton Club, Coshocton Layout: Toledo, Walhonding Valley and Ohio	Model: Tank Car Photo: Tank Car
17 Dec	Steering Comm Meeting <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	Matt Goodman's, Columbus, 7:00	

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our Facebook page or YouTube page on the web for photos and videos that Matt took while he was there. If you ever have a chance to attend the show you need to go.

Along that note, in conjunction with the *National NMRA Convention*, the NMRA has revamped the National web site. I have briefly looked at it and from what I see it has been greatly improved.

There is now a members area that one must be a card carrying member to sign up for. My hope is that we will see more articles as well as more

*Division 6 in Facebook:
NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]*

information on the working of the NMRA. So please check it out.

As I have had numerous thoughts about what to pass on I have also thought about how and what we can do to make our division better. Let me say that you will get out of this what you put in. As I am already

finding out I need to put in a lot of time, but I am finding that there are rewards for doing it. I am making new friends and learning more about the NMRA. I hope to grow our division but I will need your help. In future columns I plan on passing info on, and I am challenging all, pass on this great hobby and the NMRA.

Don't forget our next meeting will be in Portsmouth as the guest of Division 9. This will be my first chance to attend and I am told that it is a really good time. See your post card or the website for the details.

Hope to see everyone there.

Happy Modeling

Greg Short



Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

The following membership expire the end of July:

Philip Wentzel

The following memberships expire the end of August:

Randy Broadright

Ned Harlow

Karen Parker

Greg Immel

The following memberships expire the end of September:

Kenneth Baker

Matt Goodman

John Umstead

Active Members:

July: 175

May: 164

June: 164

July 2013: 173

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.

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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



2014 NMRA National Convention

Donald Wilke

The 2014 NMRA National Convention was held in the Cleveland Convention Center, a three story, two block long, underground facility. The block long northern underground's large windows overlook the Cleveland Amtrak Station, the NS (former Pennsy) mainline to Pittsburgh, the CSX (former Conrail-New York Central) mainline to Buffalo, and other "North Shore" attractions. Large rooms were available for the many clinics, contest room, store, large traveling-operating layout, and auction. Many prototype and layout tours were available including a dinner train on the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad and dinner at the Berea Station.

The southern block long section was empty until late on Tuesday when they began setting up for the Train Show. It was interesting to watch the crates and display booths being unloaded and setup during the rest of the week. Friday morning the Train Show was only open to the registered members of the convention. Most of the hobby dealers were there to answer questions, and show new and coming products. A number of modular layouts were also there including one that was large enough to take a train almost ten minutes to go around.

There were a number of Division 6 members at the convention, either full time or just for a day or two. Some came for the day and some stayed in one of the two convent hotels. The Marriott Hotel was across the street from the Convention Center entrance, but still a block long walk before coming to the main convention rooms. The Renaissance Hotel was adjacent to The Terminal Tower, about three block further southwest of the Convention Center.



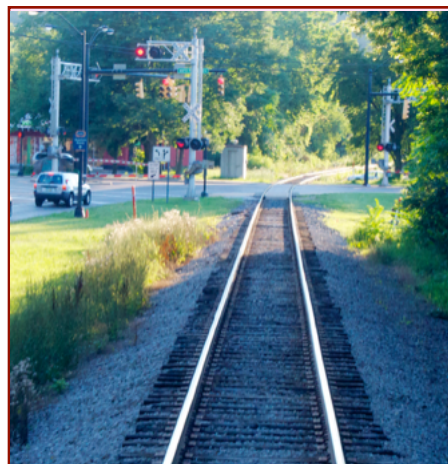
NS #3215 with the NMRA Convention Logo parked outside the Convention Center.



The "Rapid Transit" passing Amtrak's Station.



Cleveland's Terminal Tower and Renaissance Hotel.



Cuyahoga Valley Dinner Train passing through North Arkon.



The National Train Show.



The contest room.

Zanesville Club

Donald Wilke

The long three story stairs to the old Zanesville Club are gone. The club was forced to move a few blocks away after the building was bought by a new owner who wanted to increase his income. The old layout space remains empty after more than a year. The new location of the Zanesville Club has a shorter two story stair with a landing half way up. The space is a little larger and benchwork is progressing. The space between layout counters is large enough for two "wide-load" members to pass easily.

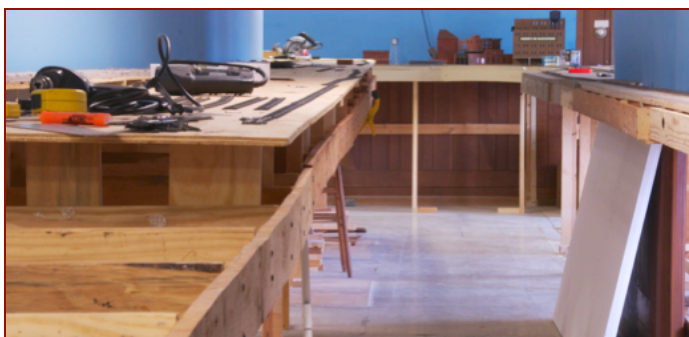
As seen from the front of the layout, three 'bays' are seen, as shown below, and a staging yard is hidden behind a wall of the south bay. A working yard will be seen to the back of the staging yard after the wall ends. Some track is down, but there is some discussion about the best sub roadbed to lay the rest of the track on. The Zanesville Club's layout should provide long runs and keep many members busy running trains. This will be interesting to watch as the layout comes together.



North Bay of the Zanesville Club.



Middle Bay of the Zanesville Club.



South Bay of the Zanesville Club.



Staging Yard to the right and working yard in back.



Steel Mill is coming soon at the Zanesville Club.



Single, non-running train at Zanesville Club.

Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On August 3 the Division 6 contest was held at the Zanesville Model Railroad Club in Zanesville, Ohio. The category for Model and Photo was a flat-car with load. We had eight (8) entries for model and five (5) entries for photo. This was the best turn-out we have had in a long time, let's keep it up.

- 1st Place Model: Jim Ruisinger, a 26' flat/Donkey Skidder.
- 2nd Place Model: Dick Briggs, Pennsey flat/ steel rail.
- 3rd Place Model: Dick Briggs, Pennsey Flat/Army Tank.
- 1st Place Photo: Don Wilke, CSX flat/garbage @ Marion.
- 2nd Place Photo: Don Wilke, flats/passing @ Berea, Ohio.
- 3rd Place Photo: Dick Briggs, NS flat/ with a trailer.

The remaining models and photos were also great. Photos of the top three winner entries will appear on the Division 6 Archive Web Site. Thanks to all who participated, keep them coming.

The contest category for the next meeting will be Diesel or Electric locomotives for both Model and Photo. The meeting will be a joint meeting between Divisions 6 and 9 in Portsmouth, Ohio on (Sat) September 13, see you there.

Note: We are changing the way we hold the Model Contest and Photo Contest starting at the beginning of 2015.

I think it will add a new dimension to the way we do things now. Stay tune for updates.



1st Place Model, Jim Ruisinger.



1st Place Photo, Don Wilke.

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Mark's house is about two hours south of downtown Columbus. Follow US 23 south along the NS double track right of way into Portsmouth. US 23 and US 52 are both **one-way streets** in downtown Portsmouth. Turn west on US 52, 11th Street, in downtown Portsmouth. Brouses Run Road is about 1/4 mile beyond the school and Mark's house is the first house on the right - pull in past the house and barn.

Caravan

A car caravan to the Portsmouth meeting will leave the Bob Evans Restaurant across the street from the Great Southern Shopping Center at 8:00 AM for anyone wishing to join.

