

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Hey everyone,

Well, it looks like summer is coming to an end as the days get shorter and temps begin to fall. Football season is in full swing and the end of the all american pastime, baseball, gets closer. So what does that mean for all of us? We will soon be stuck in our homes and complaining about the weather and lack of daylight.

Next Division 6 Steering Committee Meeting 7 p.m., 22 October at Bob Lee's

Hey, why not look at the bright side? This means no more grass to mow, the flowers won't need weeding, and most important-more time to spend working on your layout or at the work bench building something for AP judging. Now I believe that everyone can pull it off and get an AP certificate or two, heck even I might squeeze in some time at it.

Now a few things that have been happening. First we had another joint division meeting with Division 9, this time in Portsmouth at the home of Mark Maynard. This was a great time and was very well attended by both divisions. I myself would have liked to see more of our members there but I understand the other draws of the season and the distance for some to be there, however

12 October Central Ohio Model Railroad Club Worthington

12:00: COMAC Layout opens

2:00: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

4:00: COMAC closes

Model Contest: "Works in Progress."
Photography Contest: "Works in Progress."

you missed a good time. Mark has a very nice layout in a very unusual place. The only way I can describe it to you is it is in a hayloft of an old barn which adds some character to it, you don't see many layouts with outdoor wiring and the need to get a ladder out to get to the staging yard if a problem arises as the only access is by opening up access doors 15 feet in the air. Mark also provided a very fine lunch of BBQ beef and beans with other fixings, I know I enjoyed it. We had a joint business meeting with Division 9 followed by a couple of clinics presented by Mark Maynard and Dick Briggs, both which were very informative.

Another thing that needs to be addressed is we have an upcoming election for division directors and I need to appoint someone to oversee this as the Nomination Chair. If anyone would like

to take on this task please let myself or Dick Briggs know as I plan on having a Nomination Chair in place by the middle of October so that they can get started. The Nomination Chair will be looking for candidates to run for a two year term for division director by the November division meeting.

Remember we are hosting the Mid-Central Region Convention in 2016 and will need lots of help for this. Dick is doing a great job of getting this lined up but he will need all of us to pull it off so please step up and volunteer your time. I think everyone will be surprised at how nice this event will be.

I have started gathering information on some of the model railroad clubs in the area. I believe there are several more than I have found, so if you

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Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for September 13, 2014

The joint Division 6 Business Meeting with Division 9 was called to order jointly by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, and Gary Burdette, Division 9 Superintendent, at the home of Mark Maynard.

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
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
2016 Convention	Dick Briggs

Superintendent's Report: Greg Short. Greg thanked Mark for opening his home and layout for this joint meeting. He also thanked Division 9 for providing a delicious lunch. He said that he would work on arranging a lunch for the Division 9 guests who attend the 2015 joint meeting at the Marion Union Station. He indicated that he was very proud of the Mid-Central Region award winners at the recent *NMRA National Convention* in Cleveland.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Dick Briggs. Dick reminded everyone that Division 6 would be hosting the Mid-Central Region Convention in 2016. He indicated that a full slate of clinics are planned for this convention.

Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any comments or corrections to the August 3 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*, Howard Smith seconded. The motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. The Paymaster was not in attendance, thus there was no financial report. The Division 6 Superintendent said that if anyone wanted details on the division's financials, they should contact him.

Achievement Program Report: Howard Smith, MMR. Howard presented Dick Briggs with an Achievement Award for his M1a locomotive.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. Don reminded everyone that items for the next *Super's Signal* are due by September 17.

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. There was no report as Matt was not in attendance.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. The Superintendent indicated that Division 6 currently has

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DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

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175 members.

Raffle: Dick Briggs. There were four raffle winners of HO-scale freight cars.

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 - Dick Briggs.
- 2nd Place Model - Lon Wilson.
- 3rd Place Model - Bob Lee.
- 1st Place Photo - Paul Smith.
- 2nd Place Photo - Dick Briggs & Dick Briggs.
- 3rd Place Photo - Don Wilke & Paul Smith.

OLD BUSINESS

Division 6 Membership Booth: Greg Short. The membership booth is still at the Superintendent's, Greg Short, home. He said that he is still trying to figure out how to use it. He said that he has contacted several advertising

companies to help in making a respectable membership kiosk but there wasn't any interest.

Rules for 2015 Model and Photo Contests: Bob Lee. Bob said that he has prepared a preliminary write-up of the new rules. He committed to having a final draft of the proposed contest rules ready for inclusion in the November *Super's Signal*.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business items for Division 6.

Division 6 Meeting: Greg Short. The next Division 6 meeting will be held on October 12 at COMAC in Worthington, Ohio. The meeting will start at 2:00 p.m.

Division 6 Steering Committee: Greg Short. The next Division 6 Steering Committee meeting will be held at Bob Lee's home on October 22. It will start at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: The Division 6 business meeting was adjourned in conjunction with the adjournment of the Division 9 meeting.



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know of one, please let me know so that I can get it recorded. If possible I would like to have the name, location, scale and a contact for the list.

As always, remember we have a meeting coming up on October 22 at the Central Ohio Model Railroad Club in Worthington, so I hope to see you all there. Till then, Happy Modeling Greg



The Paymaster's Report was not received in time for inclusion in this issue of the *Super's Signal*.



2015 Division 6 Program

Dick Briggs, Program Chair

Program for 2015, "A Sneak Peek". Plans are now under way for next year's schedule for Division 6 meetings. We are attempting to hold meetings on the second weekend of each month and using venues that are conducive to having clinics at most, if not all, meetings. We will again hold our annual joint meetings with Division 9, in June at the Marion Union Station and in September in Portsmouth. Plans are to have two meetings which include layout tours of new or not recently visited layouts, one in the Columbus area, and the other in Ashland and Mansfield area. Bob Lee our new Contest Chair has come up with a new exciting list of categories and a new way of scoring for the winning entries. Plans are also under way for an "Old Movie Day" later in the year. Our intention is to publish the schedule as complete as possible, in this year's last issue of the *Signal* so that you can mark your calendars early and start working on those contest entries.

September Meeting in Review. What a great day for a meeting! Certainly something to crow about, actually the pet roosters were very vocal for the whole day! The food, provided by Mark Maynard and Division 9 was "great". Lots of bargains at the flea market, super clinic on innovative applications of switch machines, by Mark Maynard. Best news, we almost outnumbered Division 9 in attendance, great job guys. Mark this one on your calendar for next year, plan on joining the good times. Thanks to Division 9 Super Gary Burdette and our friends from Division 9, for a great meeting.

2016 Convention News. We have a hotel, we have great tours scheduled, we have new informative modeling and prototype clinics, and lots of great things planned for 2016. What we do not have is YOU! We need your help. We need members to give us a hand. Please consider volunteering for a few hours during the convention. We need drivers for the vans, clerks in the Company Store and Registration areas, clinicians, layout tour hosts to name a few. Please contact me, if you are willing to help. It is time to get involved, this is our time to step up and get the job done. And you might have a good time!



New Division 6 Contest

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Last month I told you we are changing the way we hold our contest starting in January 2015. This month I will let you know the new name, it will be called "Bring n Brag". Next month you will receive the complete rules on how this will work. Stay tuned.



Fall 2014 Contest Committee

Dick Briggs, Contest Committee Chair

Since there was not a *Mid-Central Region Spring Convention* or contest there is not much to report. Howard Smith and I recently traveled to Lexington, KY, to conduct a training program for the Division 10 members in preparation for next year's convention.

This may be a worthwhile effort to continue in the future. We plan to repeat this clinic next November in Division 6, in preparation for the 2016 MCR Convention.



AP Report

Howard Smith, MMR, AP Chair

A Merit Award was presented to Richard Briggs at the joint Division 6–Division 9 meeting for a PRR M1a steam loco. The merit was earned at the *2014 National Contest* in Cleveland.

Also, Matt Goodman earned a Merit Award for an N&W caboose at Cleveland. Matt's Merit Award will be presented at the next Division 6 meeting.

Well done, Dick and Matt.



Dick Briggs receives his Merit Award from AP Chair Howard Smith.



Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On September 13, the Division 6 contest was held at the home of Mark Maynard in Portsmouth, Ohio. This was our annual joint division meeting with Division 9, as before we had a good turn out and the food and weather was great.

The categories for this meeting Contests was Model: Diesel or Electric Locomotives and the Photos were the same.

First Place Model went to Dick Briggs for his Pennsy Locomotive; **Second Place Model** went to Lon Wilson for his Valley Grain Locomotive; **Third Place Model** went to Bob Lee for his Stone Mountain Central Locomotive.

First Place Photo went to Paul Smith for his Pacific Electric Locomotive; **Second Place Photo** went to Dick Briggs who tied with himself for the Wisconsin Power & Light Locomotive and the Maryland & Pennsy Locomotive; **Third Place Photo** was also a tie between Don Wilke for his Pennsy Locomotive and Paul Smith for his Algoma Central Locomotive.

Remember, don't be ashamed to show what you have done, we all have talent-so use it.

Our next Division 6 Contest is October 12 at the COMRC - Central Ohio Model Railroad Club. The Categories for Model and Photo are the same "Works in Progress". So you ask yourself what does "Works in Progress" mean?

The answer is all of us start out with an idea of what you want on your layout; Buildings; some kind of structure; locomotives; cars; etc. Now you begin to construct your ideas in the form of a building kit; car kit; adding detail to a locomotive; and adding scenery to the layout. You do this in phases. If it is a building or structure you can show what you have completed and still have to do. In the Photo you can show what you have done to that point. Therefore, the name a "Work(s) in Progress". Give it a shot and see what you come up with be creative.



Division 6 – 2014 Time Table

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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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