

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

January 2015

## Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Hello everyone.

Here we are in the joyous holiday season. As we come to the end of another year I hope everyone had a good one. As usual, as I look back on this past year I think where did it go. This has been quite the year for us as a division. Several of us were able to attend the *NMRA National Convention* in Cleveland. For those members that did attend, we made a good showing for our division. We also had some new division officers and then some new division officers soon after (ha-ha a joke).

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14 January

Anyway we did have some good meetings as well as met some new folks. I hope we can continue this trend thru the New Year.

As many will see, we are going to have a little bit different program in the New Year as we are going to meet on a more regular basis. We are also going to shake up the format of the division meetings. We are planning to have more clinics, presentations, and a revamped contest format. We hope this will make it more attractive for our membership to attend the meetings. Even with the makeover that we are doing, I will still be looking at some of the aspects of our meetings to speed them up. This is one of the most heard issues that you, the membership, have given me feedback on – the meetings are just too long.

I know several of you had a great time getting to run trains on the Coshocton Club layout. Like always it ran great. If you have not had the chance to run there, make it a point to do so. The track work is top notch and there are few layouts where you can run a 40 plus car train. Just wear comfortable shoes as you will be walking for a while. The club would also like to extend an invite to our members to join in on their monthly run secessions. Sessions are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted, this is a recent change so it does not conflict with our division meetings. All you need to do is to show up, or if you so desire bring some power to run. The layout is DC for now but they are converting to DCC soon. All the club asks is that you give a donation to help cover the cost of the utilities. Remember the club is heated in the

winter and has a/c in the summer. So let's join in on the fun.

I was also pleased to see quite a nice turnout for the meeting. A lot of new faces and folks we have not seen in a while were there. During the meeting we closed the nominations for the office of Director. Having only 3 members running for the position of Director, a motion was made and passed to accept Howard Smith, MMR, John Retterer, and Don Wilke as our directors. These 3 gentlemen have served well us in the positions and I know they will continue. The other big news from the meeting is we now have for sale a laser cut building kit of the B&O Midland Station in Grove City. So far the sales of the kits have been brisk by word of mouth. Look for

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## 11 January Saint John's Lutheran Church Grove City

1:00: St. John's Church opens (Rooms 103/104)

1:30: Contest submission closes

2:00: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

2:30: Clinic: *Contest Winning Paperwork* by Dick Briggs, MMR

**Model Contest:** Caboose.

**Photography Contest:** Caboose.

## Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Clerk

### Minutes for Division 6, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for November 16, 2014

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

#### Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Dick Briggs
Clerk	Dexter Hill
Paymaster	Paul Farley
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 MCR Convention	Dick Briggs

**New Members in Attendance:** Greg Short. The Superintendent welcomed a new member, Eric Porch, from Mansfield, Ohio to the Division 6 ranks.

**Clerk's Report:** Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any comments or corrections to the September 13, 2014 minutes as published in the *Super's Signal*. John Ret-

terer made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as shown in the *Super's Signal*, Fred Reed seconded. The motion was approved.

**Paymaster's Report:** Paul Farley. The Paymaster gave the Financial Report. Dexter Hill made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as given, subject to audit. Don Wilke seconded. The motion was approved

**Program Report:** Dick Briggs. Dick indicated that the 2015 division meeting schedule would be added to the Division 6 website this week. This was confirmed by Don Wilke. He further said that the 2015 meeting/contest schedule would be printed in the January 2015 *Super's Signal*.

**Achievement Program Report:** Howard Smith, MMR. Howard awarded Matt Goodman a Certificate of Achievement Award for his award-winning caboose.

**Super's Signal:** Don Wilke. Don reminded everyone that items for the next *Super's Signal* are due on October 22. Don indicated that all Division 6 members would receive a hard copy of the January 2015 *Super's Signal*. He asked attending members to confirm their e-mail addresses with him.

**Website Report:** Don Wilke. Don indicated that the website will include the new contest rules page next week and the 2015 Division 6 meeting schedule this week.

**Media Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the division Facebook page has 34 likes to date and the youtube site generally gets about 30 views a week.

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#### DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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#### Directors

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John Retterer,

Donald Wilke:

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#### APPOINTED CHAIRS

**Achieve. Program:** Howard Smith, MMR

**Contest:** Bob Lee

**Media:** Matt Goodman

**Members Aid:** Howard Smith, MMR

**Membership:** Matt Goodman

**Program:** Dick Briggs

**Raffle:** Lon Wilson

**Web Master:** Don Wilke

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#### NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

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**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt indicated that the division currently has 173 members. He mentioned that there are several renewals due soon.

**2016 MCR Convention:** Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick indicated that he would be convening regular convention meeting starting in January 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Division 6 Directors Nominations:** The Superintendent asked if there were any additional nominations for the position of Division 6 Director from the floor. There were none and Don Wilke made a motion to close the nominations for this position, the motion was seconded by Dick Briggs and was approved. Since only three people were nominated for the three Director positions, Dick Briggs made a motion to elect these three people by acclamation, the motion was seconded by Paul Smith and was approved. The newly elected Division 6 Directors are John Retterer, Howard Smith, MMR, and Don Wilke.

**Division 6 Switching Layout:** Dick Briggs indicated that there will be a meeting on this project at his house sometime during the later part of November. There were several comments on good reference material germane to this project provided by the meeting attendees.

**Division 6 Club Listing:** Greg Short reported that he has started a list of Division 6 clubs. He asked the members in attendance to contact him with the names of any smaller clubs in the division. Eric Porch provided the names of several of these smaller clubs that he is aware of in the division.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Convention Building Kit Project:** Dick Briggs indicated that he has received the first shipment of the convention building kits. He said that they are available for sale immediately.

**SPROG Program:** The Superintendent indicated that anyone interested in purchasing this DCC related program should contact Bob Chapman.

**2015 MCR Convention:** The superintendent said that he has been informed that registration for the 2015 MCR convention is open.

**Steering Committee:** The superintendent indicated that the next Steering Committee meeting would be held at the home of Matt Goodman on December 18 starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Super's Signal Deadline:** The next *Super's Signal* deadline is December 18.

**Division 6 Business Meeting:** The Superintendent said that the next Division 6 business meeting would be held at

the St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City on January 11, 2015. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm. The model and photo contest subject will be cabooses.

**Layout Display:** There will be an N-scale, O-scale and S-scale layout display at COSI running from November 20 to November, 23.

**CLUB REPORTS**

**Coshocton Club:** The Coshocton Club president indicated that the club will present a model railroad slide show in March of 2015 at the club building. The club building will be open at 10 am for this presentation. He also indicated that they are targeting March of 2015 to have their layout DCC ready and that they have operating session every 3rd Sunday of the month.

**COMRC:** Paul Smith, speaking for the club, indicated that the club is working on an O-scale display for the Ohio Historical Society building. He indicated that the club would have an open house every Saturday and Sunday during the month of December and that the club's normal operating sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Columbus Model Railroad Club:** Howard Smith, speaking for the club, invited everyone to attend their operating which are held on Tuesday evenings.

**COOSE:** The club is setting up an O-scale display at COSI this week.

**Mini Bunch:** The 2014 fall meet was very successful. They are planning a spring show at Greenford in March of 2015.

**Zanesville Club:** Greg Short, speaking for the Zanesville club, indicated that the main line is operational.

**Zanesville & Western RR:** The Zanesville & Western RR closed for the season.

**Contest Report:** Bob Lee. The winners of each are as follows:

	Model	Photo
1st	Dick Briggs	Paul Smith
2nd	Dick Briggs	Don Wilke
3rd	Don Wilke	Paul Smith & Don Wilke

**Raffle:** Lon Wilson has accepted the assignment to handle the railroad car raffle.

The winner of the 2014 drawing notification card prize is Robert Horner. Bob Lee said that he would contact Mr. Horner about his prize.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Jim Ruisinger made a motion to adjourn.



## Division 6 Paymaster Report

Paul Farley, Division 6 Paymaster

18 December 2014

NMRA MCR Div 6

Financial Statement 7/1/2014 thru 12/18/2014

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

[Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org](mailto:Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org)



## Division 6 – 2015 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
11 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinic: <i>Contest Winning Paperwork</i> , Dick Briggs, MMR	Model: Caboose Photo: Caboose
14 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Reynoldsburg Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg Clinic: <i>Midland RR</i> , Jim Kehn	Model: Diesel Locomotive Photo: Diesel Locomotive
11 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinic: <i>by</i> Howard Smith, MMR	Model: Freight Car Photo: Freight Car
18 Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
12 April	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: B&O Station, Outville Clinic:	Model: Steam Locomotives Photo: Steam Locomotives
14-17 May	<i>MCR Convention</i>	<i>Lexington, KY</i>	Modeler's Choice
20 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
13 Jun (Sat)	Division 6-9 Joint Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion Clinics	Model: Modelers Choice Photo: Modelers Choice
Jul	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Jul/Aug	Division 6 Meeting	Meeting: Guy Thams Layout Tour: Lexington/Mansfield	Model: Passenger Car Photo: Passenger Car
19 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
23-30 Aug	<i>NMRA Nation Convention</i>	Portland, OR	Modeler's Choice
13 Sep (Sat)	Division 6-9 Joint Meeting	Joint Meeting: Division 9, Portsmouth, Ohio OR Nelsonville	Model: Open Load Photo: Open Load
17 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
11 Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Meeting: Hilltop Library Layout Tour: SW Columbus	Model: Photo:
21 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
15 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinic:	Model: Work in Progress Photo: Work in Progress
18 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
13 Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Old Movie Day, Upper Arlington Library	Model: Covered Hopper Photo: Covered Hopper

## 2015 Program Information

*Dick Briggs, Program Chair*

The schedule of events for next year is above. Please save and post it where you can find the dates or mark them on your calendar. Most of the meeting dates and events are firmly scheduled although not yet confirmed. Look for further updates in the *Super's Signal* and the meeting reminder post cards. We intend to have a variety modeling and prototype clinics at as many meetings as possible next year. We hope to see more of our membership attend meetings next year.

## Bring n'Brag Contest

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

### BRING N'BRAG CONTEST RULES

Entrants will bring model(s) and or photo(s) and enter in the Division 6 Contest each meeting. The first, second, and third place winners will receive certificates and will be asked to give a brief description of the model(s) and or photo(s) they entered as they receive their award(s). All other entrants are not required to do this. Entrants get points toward our annual "Modeler and Photo of the Year" award based on what they enter and how many votes they get. The person with the most points at the end of the year is the winner in each category.

Each entry will receive a number and all members present will be permitted to vote for their favorite Model and Photo. A point system will be used as follows:

- The entrant that gets the most votes for their entry gets 5 points.
- The entrant that gets the second highest number of votes gets 4 points.
- The entrant that gets the third highest number of votes gets 3 points.

If there is a tie for first place there is **NO second place** and the next highest vote getter gets the third place points.

If there is a three way tie for first place there are **NO second or third place** winners.

If there is a tie for second place there is **No third place** winner.

If there is a tie for third place they all win the third place points.

Every other entrant get one (1) point for bringing in a model or photo. Even if they bring in ten models or photos they still only get one (1) point.

Every entrant whose model and or photo matches the monthly category gets an additional point.

The first place winner(s) will receive a bonus of one (1) point which equals 6 points.

### SCRATCHBUILDING & KITBASHING RULES

To reward scratchbuilding and kitbashing skills additional points will be added to the points awarded for place.

- Scratchbuilt models will receive Two (2) additional points.
- Kitbashed models will receive One (1) additional point.

The entrant must notify the Contest Chairman if they model is scratchbuilt or kitbuilt at the time of entry. Failure to do so will disqualify the model for extra point(s).

Example:

1. A regular steam locomotive with a Scratchbuilt tender combined does not count as scratchbuilt.
2. A Ready to Run (RTR) car with Kadee couplers and new trucks does not count as kitbashed.

Each member will NOT be permitted to enter the same model again unless you have made some significant modifications to it. Also no RTR (Ready to Run) car can be enter unless you have done something to change it.

Example:	First Place	5
	First place extra point	1
	Bringing a model or photo	1
	Matches Category	1
	Total	8 points

- Scratchbuilt add 2 points
- Kitbashed add 1 point

A running list of entrant names and points will be shown in each issue of the *Super's Signal*.

Contest voting closes 30 minutes before the posted division meeting start time.





## Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On November 16th the Division 6 Contest was held at the Coshocton Model Railroad Club in Coshocton, Ohio. The category was "Tank Cars" for both model and photo.

The first place model winner was Dick Briggs, MMR, for his White Pass & Yukon tank car. Second place model winner was Dick Briggs, MMR, for his Pickle tank car. The third place winner was Don Wilke for his U.S. Navy Helium tank car.

The first place photo winner was Paul Smith for his Phillips 66 tank car. Second place photo winner was Don Wilke for his Staley Corn Syrup tank car. Third place photo winner was a tie between Paul Smith for his Union Oil Company tank car and Don Wilke for his tank cars at loading rack.

Next contest is January 11, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City. The categories are Model: Caboose; Photo: Caboose. Remember we start the new contest format "Bring-n-Brag". Look in your November and January Signal or on line for the new contest rules.

Our Buckeye Division Meeting Reminder card end of year raffle winner was Robert Horner. He received a prize of \$50.00 in the drawing. Congrad's to Bob, so remember to bring your card to each division meeting and drop it in the box.

The 2014 Modeler of the Year winner is Dick Briggs, MMR, and the 2014 Photographer of the Year winner is Don Wilke. Congratulations to both of you. The award placards will be presented at the January Division 6



1st Place Model, Dick Briggs, MMR.



1st Place Photo, Paul Smith.

meeting.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you and your family and let there be peace on earth, also Model Railroading.

## From the desk of the Contest Chair

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

We are starting a new contest format for the year 2015. In this issue of the *Super's Signal* you will find the contest categories for the whole year on the Time Table page. The new contest guidelines are on the opposite page. My goal is to give each division member a chance to plan for an entry in the contest. The categories will remain the same

unless we find that no one has entered a model or photo. We will also review from time to time to see if we need to change. So make sure you post the Time Table page at your work bench for future reference or look on line at the Division 6 web site.

## Pike Ads

Don Wilke, Signal Publisher

**Attention Division 6 Members;** back again for 2015 – Pike Ads. Your Pike Ad will run from the next issue of the *Super's Signal* to the last 2015 issue. Pike Ads may be in a single location or may be used as "filler" to finish out a page.

**Payment:** A check to the Paymaster 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.

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details on the website or in the *Super's Signal* on how to obtain one. The station is now available in N, S, HO and O scales. Oh yea, they would make a great gift for your favorite model railroader, even if that is yourself.

Ok, I meant to have a somewhat shorter report this time, but? Anyway, everyone get out the cookies and egg nog, get the O-scale or G-scale around the tree and have lots of fun with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Greg Short

**AP Report**

Howard R. Smith, MMR, AP Chair

A Merit Award was returned from the Regional AP Manager, Frank Koch, for a RPO/Baggage car model constructed by John Retterer. John's Merit Award will be presented at the next Division 6 Meeting in January.

I am sorry to say that no models were entered at the "AP Judging Event" held at the Coshocton Division 6 Meet-

ing. I know there are many fine models within the division that could earn Merit Awards. It is a shame that more models are not given a chance to earn Merit Awards. The next AP Judging Event will be at the Marion Division 6 Meeting in June.

**Membership Report**

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

**The following membership expire the end of November:**

Jeff Binkley	David Grace	Retta Retterer
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**The following memberships expire the end of December \*:**

Thomas Pearce	Larry Robertson	Bruce Steinfurth
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**\*Note:** Last month it was reported (incorrectly) that there were no expirations in December. This list has been corrected.

**The following memberships expire the end of January:**

Carl Besece	William Reese	John Toft
Scott Brown	Greg Short	Wesley Wolf
John Gafney	Howard Smith	
Steven Myers	Michael Spinks	

**Active Members:**

November: 173	September: 173
October: 173	October '13: 164

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](mailto:MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org)

Have you changed your address or other membership information?

Notify headquarters by email: [nmrahq@aol.com](mailto:nmrahq@aol.com)

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[www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision](http://www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision)

*Division 6 in Facebook:*

*NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]*



## For Sale!

Division 6 MCR, NMRA, Inc. is offering a limited run, laser cut model of the B & O RR, station located in Grove City, OH for sale. The model has a footprint of approximately 50' x 20' and is available in N, HO, S and O scales.

Prices for the models as follows:

N Scale \$25.00 HO Scale \$35.00

S Scale \$59.00

O Scale \$69.00

Models can be purchased at any Division 6 meeting or by mail. Send your order with check or money order, payable to:

Division 6, MCR, NMRA Inc.  
Address:  
Division 6 Building Sales,  
320 S Main St,  
Prospect, OH. 43342.

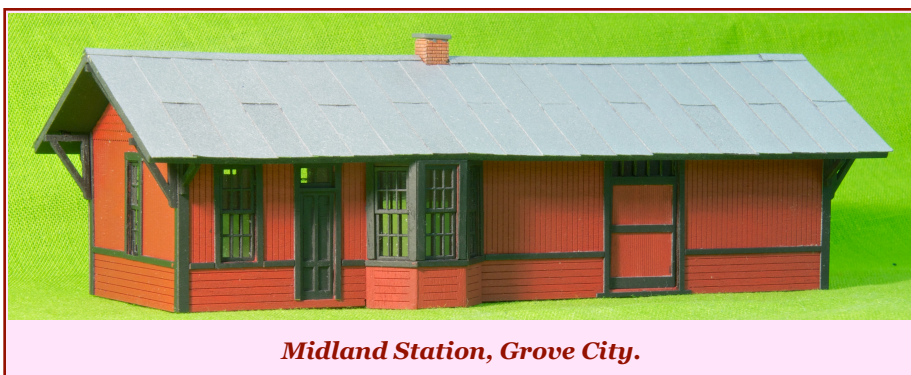
Include \$5.00 shipping charge per kit.  
Shipping charge is waived if the station  
is picked up at a Division 6 meeting.

### GROVE CITY MIDLAND STATION

The Midland Station is currently located next to the Genesee & Wyoming RR track on Front Street, between Park and Grant streets, in downtown Grove City. The Grove City Historical Society owns the building. They plan to eventually relocate it to Century Park where they can preserve it and have future generations enjoy it.

The Cincinnati, Midland City and Columbus RR (The Midland Route) built the station about 1885. The Midland Route only completed the South end of the station housing the station agent and waiting room. The railroad added the freight room at a later date.

In 1891 the Midland Route added daily passenger service between the then village of Grove City and Union Station



*Midland Station, Grove City.*

in downtown Columbus. The passenger service provided commuter service to the factory workers in the area surrounding the Union Station. Passenger service was discontinued in the 1950's. In 1891 the Baltimore and Ohio RR assumed operation of the Midland Route.

## *Super's Signal for 2015*

*Matt Goodman, Membership Chair*

Starting this month members will receive an e-mail via 'Mail Chimp' announcing the availability of the latest issue of the on-line *Super's Signal*. There will be a link you can click on for easy access. All members who have a valid e-mail address will receive this notice.

Most of the members in our division have access to a computer and can download or read the latest issue of the *Signal*. During the first quarter of the year we will work to obtain current email address from the few members we do not have. By the end of April, we will no longer be mailing copies to those members who can access the *Signal* electronically. For those few who do not

have a computer or access to the internet they can contact Division 6 Superintendent, Greg Short. Printing and mailing a lot of copies of the *Signal* when other means are available is cost prohibitive as costs continue to rise. You will also notice that the *Signal* will be available much quicker this way. All division members will continue to receive the first issue of the year because of election ballots, contest and meeting information. If we do not have a current e-mail address for you please contact Matt Goodman so he can add the information to the *Signal* mailing list.

Thanks for your help.



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