

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to 2015. As some of you know, it is a new start for our division. We have some new formats in place for our meets and we have a few changes in how we are going to stay in touch with you, the member. First off, if you have not noticed we will now be meeting almost every month on the second Sunday. Please see the posted schedule on the division web site or on the Time-Table Page of the *Signal*. Along with that we will now have a monthly edition of the *Signal* for you. Now with that said the new editions will

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most likely be a bit smaller in content but this is due to it coming out more often. We need this to happen so that we can keep everyone up on what has happened in the previous meeting. We post the minutes of the meeting as well as other information such as what the program covered and the contest results.

Now for the big bomb, as of this issue the *Signal* will now be electronic with a few exceptions. The exceptions are the January issue, required by the division regulations and may have voting ballots; and to those members who can prove they do not have internet access in writing to me. The discussion of the reasons have gone on for several months if not for a couple of years. The big reason is the cost of providing the *Signal* (print-

ing and mailing) to our members is very high and is draining our bank account. Now let's face it we live in a electronic age and can send out a nice color version of the *Signal* for no cost and a portion of the time required. I know some of you will say as I have already heard it why don't we do it in house. I even had one member ask me why I am not doing it myself. As I have explained to some already, we all have lives and our time is used up enough. Don puts in a lot of time to get the *Signal* ready and all the officers put in their time getting their reports ready for the *Signal*. How much more time are we expected to donate? The member asked why I didn't do the copying, labeling, stamping and mailing. I replied, why don't you step up and volunteer to do it for the division. All I got was some grumbles and they

walked away. Now that is over, on to more fun.

The January division meeting was well attended with some faces that I have not seen in a while. We had a brief business meeting followed by a great clinic presented by Assistant Superintendent Dick Briggs on how to complete and submit contest paperwork. As always it was well prepared and I heard a lot of good feedback.

The contest for this month was Carbooses for both models and photos. All I can say is WOW!

I have never seen so much participation in a division contest. All the models were very good and the photos were really nice. I know that Contest Chair Bob Lee

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Kirsh Hall

United Methodist Church

Reynoldsburg, Ohio

12:30: Kirsh Hall opens

1:30: Contest submission closes

2:00: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

2:30: Clinic: *Midland RR*, by Jim Kehn

Model Contest: Diesel Locomotive.

Photography Contest: Diesel Locomotive.

Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for January 11, 2015

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City.

Officers in Attendance:

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

Chairpersons Present:

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Achievement Program | Howard Smith, MMR |
| Contest | Bob Lee |
| Program | Dick Briggs |
| Media | Matt Goodman |
| Super's Signal Publisher | Don Wilke |
| Web Master | Don Wilke |
| 2016 MCR Convention | Dick Briggs |

New Members in Attendance: Greg Short. The Superintendent asked for new Division 6 members to introduce themselves. There were no new members attending the meeting.

Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any comments or corrections to the November 16, 2014 minutes as published in the *Super's Signal*. Don Wilke made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as

shown in the *Super's Signal*, Fred Rea seconded. The motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. The Paymaster was not in attendance so the Superintendent, Greg Short, read the bank account totals from the Financial Report as published in the January, 2015 *Super's Signal*. Paul Smith made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as given, Don Wilke seconded. The motion was approved.

Program Report: Dick Briggs. Dick indicated that the February 2015 division meeting would be held at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church and the clinic would be presented by Jim Kehn. He indicated that Howard Smith, MMR, would be presented several clinics at the March Division 6 business meeting.

Achievement Program Report: Howard Smith, MMR. Howard presented John Retterer with a Merit Award for his PRO Baggage Car.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that he has updated the website to show the date as 2015. He plans to update the welcome page on January 12 and will add the names of the Division 6 business meeting contest winners to the website next week.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the division continues to get youtube viewings.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt indicated that the division has added one new member since the last meeting. He mentioned that there are quite a few renewals due soon.

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Media: Matt Goodman

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Program: Dick Briggs

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Robert Beaty, MMR

[Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke]

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. Don indicated that the January Division 6 *Super's Signal* had been sent to the printers. He indicated that January 14 is the deadline to submit articles to be included in the February *Super's Signal*.

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick indicated that he has scheduled a convention meeting to be held at his home on January 21. He invited anyone interested in getting involved in the convention preparation to attend this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Railroad Station Structure Kit Update: Dick Briggs. Dick indicated that sales have been very brisk and he has had to order additional kits in O-scale.

Division 6 Switching Layout: Dexter Hill. Dexter informed the attendees that the turnouts for the switching layout have been ordered from Bob Bowditch (Bob the Train Guy). He further indicated that the Digitrax equipment for the layout would be ordered next week from Bob Chapman.

Meeting Notification Postcards: Greg Short. The Superintendent told the attendees that the meeting notification post card program started last year would be continued for 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Company Store Manager: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that John Retterer would be taking over the duties of managing the Company Store for the division.

Division Meeting Raffle Chairman: Greg Short. The Superintendent indicated that Lon Wilson has volunteered to become the Division 6 Raffle Chairman.

Lego Display: Dick Briggs. Dick encouraged everyone to consider visiting the Lego Display set up at the Columbus Museum of Art. He said that it portrays a very realistic view of downtown Columbus.

Digitrax UR91 Radio Receivers: Dick Briggs. Dick indicated that Digitrax will be discontinuing sales of the current version of the UR91 radio receiver. It will be replaced with a different version of the radio receiver. He suggested that the model railroaders that use existing Digitrax controller purchase another current UR91 as a spare for their system.

Division 6 Shirts/Hats: Dick Briggs. Dick asked if there was any interest in getting Division 6 shirts and/or hats. There seemed to be some interest, so Dick said that he would start a list of those interested in these division-related items.

2015 MCR Convention Registration: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that registration for the 2015 MCR

Convention is open. He indicated that representatives from the sponsoring division for the 2015 MCR *Convention* would be visiting us at the next division business meeting to give a presentation of this convention.

Division Steering Committee Meetings: Greg Short. The Superintendent indicated that the Steering Committee would begin holding quarterly Steering Committee meeting. He expects to hold Steering Committee meeting in February, May, August and November.

Super's Signal Deadline: Don Wilke. Don indicated that deadline for submission of articles to be included in the February *Super's Signal* is January 14.

Next Division 6 Business Meeting: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that the next Division 6 Business Meeting would be held on February 15 at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church. The contest subject for this meeting will be diesel locomotives.

CLUB REPORTS

Coshocton Club: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that the club would be open for operations next Sunday. He indicated that the club has operating sessions on every 3rd Sunday of the month.

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

Janis Center: Pat Hreachmack. Pat, speaking for the club, said that the club is open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. of Thursdays. He encouraged the attendees to visit the club to operate. The club has both DC and DCC capability. Pat said that the club is revising some parts of the layout due to age deterioration.

CONTEST REPORT

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

| Model | Photo |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st Dick Briggs | Paul Smith & Dick Briggs |
| 2nd John Retterer & Jim Borcz | [No second place] |
| 3rd [No third place] | Bob Lee & Al Doddroe |

2014 Modeler & Photographer of the Year: Bob Lee. Dick Briggs was present an award as the 2014 *Modeler of the Year*. Don Wilke was presented an award as the 2014 *Photographer of the Year*.

Raffle: Lon Wilson. Lon announced the winners of three freight cars.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Wilke made a motion to adjourn.



Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On January 11, 2015 the Division 6 Contest was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City. The category was "Caboosees" for both Model and Photo.

The first place model winner was Dick Briggs, MMR, for his CIS-MOW Caboose-Kitbashed. The second place winners were John Retterer for his Big 4-NYC Transfer Caboose and Jim Borcz for his UP Caboose-Kitbashed. Because we had a tie for second place there was no third place winner.



1st Place Photo (Tie), Paul Smith.



1st Place Model, Dick Briggs, MMR.



1st Place Photo (Tie), Dick Briggs.

The first place Photo winners were Dick Briggs, MMR, for his Caboose and Paul Smith for his Lackawanna Caboose. Because we had a tie for first place there was no second place winner. The third place winners were Bob Lee for his ATSF Caboose #443 and Al Doddroe for his ATSF Caboose #502.

This contest began the season for the new contest Rules and I must say I was impressed with the entries it received. We had 12 Models and 18 Photos entered, that is most I have ever seen. Surely this a good sign of things to come in the future.

Remember the Modeler and Photographer awards are based on the highest amount of points received at the year end. So look for the tally in the Signal.

The next contest is February 15 at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church in Reynoldsburg. The Categories are Model: Diesel Locomotives; Photo: Diesel Locomotives.

The duties of Raffle and Reminder cards collection have been assigned to Lon Wilson, so look for the silver container to put your cards in.

Happy New Year to everyone and let's keep on Model Railroading.



Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary January, 2015

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Models

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Dick Briggs, MMR | 8 |
| Jim Borcz | 7 |
| John Retterer | 6 |
| Howard Smith, MMR | 3 |
| Bob Lee | 2 |
| Matt Goodman | 2 |
| Al Doddroe | 2 |
| Jim Kehn | 2 |
| Eric Porch | 2 |

Photos

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|------------------|---|
| Dick Briggs, MMR | 8 |
| Paul Smith | 8 |
| Bob Lee | 5 |
| Al Doddroe | 5 |
| Lon Wilson | 2 |
| Don Wilke | 2 |
| Matt Goodman | 2 |
| Eric Porch | 2 |



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 | | |
| 15 Feb | Division 6 Meeting | Business Meeting: Reynoldsburg Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg Clinic: <i>Midland RR</i> , Jim Kehn | Model: Diesel Locomotive Photo: Diesel Locomotive |
| 15 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 | | |
| 19-20 Mar | Mini[Bunch Meeting/ Mid-West Narrow Gage | Salem, Ohio | |
| 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>Thoroughbred Limited</i> , Lexington, KY | 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> | <i>Portland Daylight Express</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 |

Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

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will list all the winners in his report. One thing that I would like to add is this is the first time I can remember someone entering a 4 x 6 photo and getting a award. That shows it doesn't need to be a 11 x 14 photo to win, remember a good photo will be that in any size. As Bob told us he changed the contest up bit. As

a part of winning the winners get a chance to "brag a bit" about their entry if they so desire and everyone did so thanks guys. Now lets all get the models and photos out and enter them.

Well Folks that all for now, hope to see you at the next meeting in Reynoldsburg.

Greg Short



Program Report Highlights for the February Meeting

Dick Briggs, MMR, Program Chair

Our next division meeting will at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The clinic will feature long time Division 6 member Jim Kehn. Jim will be presenting a prototype clinic on the *Midland Route* featuring the depot building the division is currently marketing as a fund raising project. Jim is one of our resi-

dent historians active in several railroad historical societies. Join us for an informative and entertaining program.

Speaking of programs and meetings. What a great turnout we had for our first meeting of the year. Lots of old familiar faces.



Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

The following membership expire the end of December:

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| Thomas Pearce | Bruce Steinfurth | Larry Robertson |
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The following memberships expire the end of January:

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| Carl Besece | John Gafney | Howard Smith |
| Scott Brown | William Reese | Michael Spinks |

The following memberships expire the end of February:

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| Randy Ackerman | Fernand Dussault | Robert Sieving |
| Robert Albert | W Frost | Darl Stephenson |
| James Caldwell | Robin Harris | Clyde Whitaker |
| Keith Canniff | Robert Homer | James White |
| Edward Chanda | Gary Kubina | |
| Bill Cochran | Larry Morgan | |

Active Members:

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|---------------|-------------------|
| December: 173 | October: 173 |
| November: 173 | November '13: 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.

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

New Members

Robert Baker of Powell. Welcome Robert!

Renewals

December 2014 had 6 renewals and 1 re-rail.

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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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.

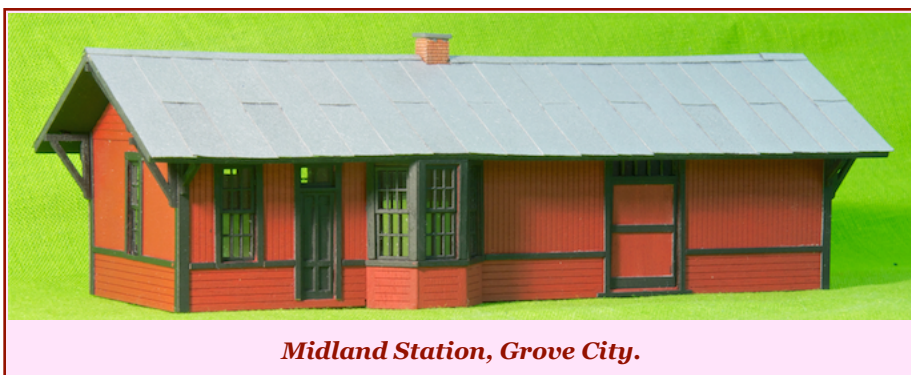
Include \$5.00 shipping charge per kit.
Shipping charge is waived if the station
is picked up at a Division 6 meeting.

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 in January members received 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 March, 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 (see page 2). 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.

The Ikea Railroad Connection

by Patrick Hreachmack

My wife and I have collected a number of Ikea furniture pieces over the last few years, including book cases, a desk, TV/stereo credenza, and even an Ikea six foot high CD storage tower. One day as we were re-arranging our furniture, I was lamenting about the need to build a third wall storage unit for my HO scale rolling stock. As we were wondering what to do with a no longer needed six foot Ikea CD storage tower, my wife Cathy said; "Can you use this down in the train room for train storage?"

My first thought was no, since much rolling stock is longer than the shelves are deep & wide, the rolling stock would probably not display nicely. Then Cathy suggested I could attach the tower to the wall in a horizontal position. She had seen that same Ikea CD tower in a magazine repurposed as a book shelf. That was the genesis for the Ikea Railroad Connection.



The former CD tower attached to the wall below the storage cabinets.

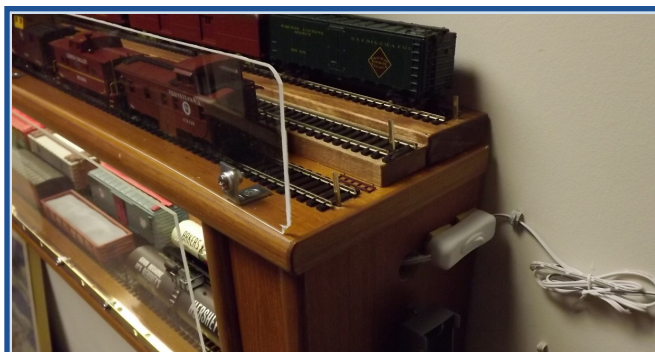
As I thought the project thru, my first step was to mount the CD tower on the wall horizontally below my home made display cabinets. I located a half dozen large wall penetrating bolts, added a dozen large washers, and proceeded to attach the CD tower to the wall. Later I learned this could have been a costly mistake, but more on that aspect later.

Within the Ikea CD tower, there are several shelves that are permanently attached to the tower to give it rigidity and stability. These are at the former bottom shelf, half way up the tower, and two at the top. I left these in place when I mounted the tower to the wall.

Measuring the interior surface, I realized that using flex track; I had enough space to run three sets of rails down the length of the two compartments. Then to create a nice storage display, I determined to place the track on steps. The local Lowe's had the wood I needed.



Note the wood steps with attached track and the piano hinges for the Plexiglas compartment doors.

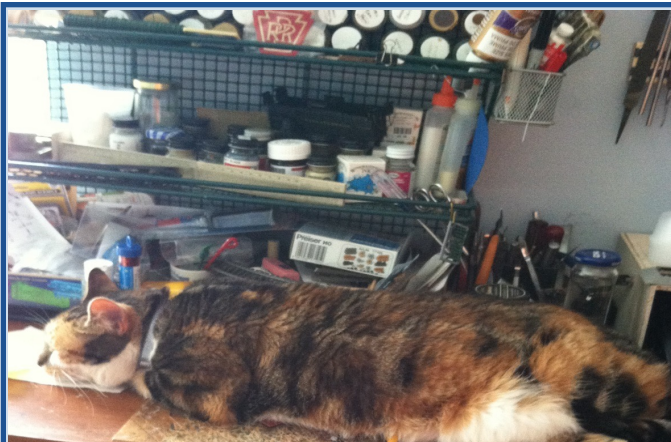


The end of the tower was drilled to accommodate the LED lighting kit. Note the "L" brackets holding the upper Plexiglas shield in place.

Note that when purchasing wood, you need to remember that a 2" x 4" actually measures 1.5" x 3.5". Thus I took a tape measure and purchased eight foot long sections of poplar wood strips measuring an actual 1" x 2" and 2" x 2". With two of each poplar strip, you will have enough to place one set of shelves inside the compartments and another set on the new top of the cabinet. The track was fastened to the wood strips and the compartment floor utilizing common track nails.

Walking in the narrow gap between my layout and the new storage unit, I recognized the need to protect the rolling stock from being knocked off the former CD storage unit. This meant a second trip to Lowe's to pick up a long piano hinge, two pieces of Plexiglas measuring 24" x 48", "L" shaped brackets, wood screws, and bolts with washers and nuts to attach the Plexiglas to the cabinet, handles for the proposed compartment doors, and magnetic cabinet door closures to hold the cabinet doors closed.

Next I cut the piano hinge into two sections corresponding to the length of the two compartments. The Plexiglas may be cut on a common table top saw providing you utilize a fine tooth blade and cut slowly. I cut the Plexiglas into lengths designed to fit the interior of the compartments. I then carefully drilled into Plexiglas to take the bolts, and attached a piano hinge to the bottom of the two compartment doors. Holes were carefully drilled in the Plexiglas to accommodate the magnetic closures and the handles.



Miss Kevin providing her usual wonderful assistance to Mr. Hreachmack's model railroad projects.

At this point I realized the whole unit was beginning to pull away from the wall. My error was attaching the cabinet to the wall using heavy bolts thru the very thin back wall of the former CD tower. To rectify this error, you can see a pair of heavy shelf braces attached to the wall directly below the cabinet. If as a first step, you replace the light Ikea tower original backing with a nice piece of half inch thick plywood cut to match the back of the cabinet, this problem will not occur. Don't forget to stain or paint the interior surface of the plywood.

After the cabinet was securely attached to the wall, it was an easy job to drill 1" diameter holes in the former top and the interior of the now vertical former shelves. This accessibility allowed me to run LED strip lighting inside the compartments. I used one package of the Utilitech #0406061 tape light start kit. Be sure you purchase the LED kit with all white lights. This kit comes with plug, switch, and two 18" light strips. I also purchased an Utilitech #0406066 extension kit with two 12" light strips. As these strips have adhesive backing and the kits contain special keyed connectors, it was a simple effort to run the light strips inside both compartments of the new rolling stock storage unit. Total cost of the lighting kits was \$48 plus tax. Total costs of this Ikea repurposing project was under \$100 including the hardware, lighting kits, wood, and Plexiglas. The result is a wonderful display cabinet that utilizes a piece of no longer needed furniture.

During the four years since Mr. Patrick Hreachmack entered the model railroad hobby, he has created a late 1930's era HO scale layout set in the fictional middle Pennsylvania town of Carolina Crossing, named for his first granddaughter. He is an active member of the NMRA, and a member of the Janis Model Railroad Club of Columbus. Assistance with the creation of the Carolina Crossing layout and the Ikea Connection is credited to Patrick's wife Cathy and their family calico cat Miss Kevin.

All photos provided by Patrick Hreachmack, NMRA.

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