

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

March 2015

Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Hey all.

As some noticed the timing this month is a little off for the division meeting and the *Super's Signal*. I am not going to have a report on doings at the meeting this month and will combine it with next month's report. But what I am going to do is bend your ears with some of the issues that are facing Division 6.

First of all I have said this is not just my division it is the member's division. That said we all need to put in a little more. As everyone knows or should know we are hosting the *2016 MCR Convention*. We need to have more members step up and volunteer to help.

Super's Signal Deadline

18 March

I know it is a long time off but start looking at your calendar and get some time built in for YOUR Division. Now how does that sound to you? Our division will only be a success if YOU give of yourself and help. Dick Briggs has a large list of things that he needs help with for the convention so let's mark up to help. I know we have a lot of great members in the division and when the time is here they will be there. We just need to commit to this before the last moment. This takes a lot of pressure off the guys heading it up.

The other big thing is the division finances, we have been slowly bleeding our funds for some time. The Steering Committee has looked at this for a while and

has been tossing around thoughts on how we can bring in more funding for the future. We have been lucky in that there has always seemed to be a decent amount of money in the accounts but we need be sure it stays that way. We have taken steps to reduce our costs by reducing the number of printed issues of the *Signal*. In times past there were ways that we had raised money that we are not utilizing for various reasons. We, as the membership today, have the responsibility to insure that the division has a stable bank account for the future. We now have higher costs of operation than in time past so my big question to everyone is what your thoughts are. Do we have a train show, do more building kits, do custom run car

kits, I need your input for this, or what? Everyone put a little thought into this and forward your ideas to me. Just remember whatever it is we all need to be ready to act, either helping with time or purchasing an item.

I know that the way I put some of this seems a bit offending but to be quite honest we should not have to beg for more participation for the division. But this always seems what has to happen. To all the members that have helped in the past, please pass on to others the satisfaction that comes with helping out. For those who have had a bad experience, please try again and see if it is better the next time. again and see if it is better the next time.

8 March 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: *Cheap Coal Loads*, by Howard Smith, MMR

Clinic: *Add DCC to Older Athearn Locos*, by Howard Smith, MMR

Clinic: *Mounting Tortoise Switch Machines*, by Howard Smith, MMR

(OR *Why didn't I drill holes for throw rods before installing turnouts*)

Model Contest: Freight Car.

Photography Contest: Freight Car.

Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for February 15, 2015

The Division 6 Business Meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, at the Reynoldsburg Methodist Church in Reynoldsburg.

Officers in Attendance:

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

Chairpersons Present:

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

The Superintendent asked the attendees to put their Division 6 meeting notice postcards in the meeting notice collection box.

New Members in Attendance: Greg Short. The Superintendent asked for new Division 6 members to introduce themselves. There were two new members in attendance. They are Eric Voll who models in HO and S scale and Don

White who models in HO scale. The Superintendent welcomed them to the meeting.

2015 MCR Convention Presentation: Greg Short. The Superintendent introduced Bruce Demeyer of Division 9. Bruce is the Convention chairman for the 2015 MCR Convention in Lexington, Ky. He gave the group a short presentation on 2015 convention activities, convention tours and hotel accommodations.

Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any comments or corrections to the January 11 minutes as published in the *Super's Signal*. Fred Rea made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as shown in the *Signal*, Don Wilke seconded. The motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. The Paymaster was not in attendance so the Superintendent, Greg Short, read the January 2015 bank account totals from the Financial Report as supplied by the Division Paymaster. Don Wilke made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as given, subject to audit, Jim Kehn seconded. The motion was approved.

Program Report: Dick Briggs. Dick indicated that the March 2015 division meeting would be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City and three clinics would be presented by Howard Smith.

Achievement Program Report: Howard Smith, MMR. Howard said he has submitted paperwork for John Retterer to receive the Master Builder-Cars award and a Merit Award for his

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Robert Beaty, MMR

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rolling stock car.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that he will update the February 2015 contest winners page after he completes the March *Super's Signal*. He plans to have the March *Super's Signal* complete next week.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the division has 111 Facebook likes. Many likes are from folks out of the central Ohio area.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt indicated that the division membership stands at 174 members. There have been no new members since the last meeting.

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that the deadline to submit articles to be included in the March Division 6 *Super's Signal* is February 15 (today). He said that he will need articles for submission in this edition of the *Super's Signal* by February 16. He indicated that the March 2015 *Super's Signal* will be the **last** general distribution of hard copies of the *Super's Signal* to the membership unless there are special circumstances approved by the Superintendent. There will still be a general hard copy distribution of the *Super's Signal* every January since it will contain the division election ballots and Timetable.

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick indicated that he has scheduled a convention meeting to be held at his home during the second week of March. He said that the convention tours are being finalized and the clinic schedule is approximately 50% complete. He said that the model structure to be used in the *Modeling with the Masters Clinic* will be unique and **not** available in the Company Store. Dick, again, urged membership to contact him to volunteer to help with convention preparations.

OLD BUSINESS

Railroad Station Kit Update: Dick Briggs. Dick indicated that sales continue to be good. He said that the April *NMRA Magazine* will have an advertisement promoting sales of this convention structure.

Division 6 Switching Layout: Dexter Hill. Dexter indicated the Columbus Model Railroad Club has given their permission to use the third floor of their building as a location to build and store this switching layout. The turnouts for this layout have been received from Bob Bowditch.

NEW BUSINESS

Mailchimp Notification System: Matt Goodman. Mailchimp is the new method being used to notify Division 6 members that the *Super's Signal* is available on the division website. Matt Goodman asked the attendees if they had any comments or suggestions on using Mailchimp to distribute Division 6 meeting information via e-mail. Several members said that they have not been receiving e-mails using Mailchimp. Matt said that he would look into this.

Several members indicated that Mailchimp could be used to distribute other division information, such as, division meeting cancellation.

Steering Committee Meetings: Greg Short. The Superintendent indicated that the Steering Committee would begin holding quarterly Steering Committee meetings. He said that the next Steering Committee meeting would be held at Dick Briggs' home on February 25.

Super's Signal Deadline: Greg Short. The next *Super's Signal* deadline is March 18.

Division 6 Business Meeting: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that the next Division 6 Business Meeting would be held on March 8 at the St. John's Lutheran Church. The contest subject for this meeting will be freight cars.

CLUB REPORTS

Coshocton Club: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that the club would be open for operations on Sunday, February 22nd. He indicated that the club usually 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 sessions which are held on Tuesday evenings. He indicated that the club would be closed on February 17th due to inclement weather.

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. on Thursdays. He indicated that the club has three new members bringing the membership to 45 and encouraged everyone to visit the club to operate. Pat said that the club is revising some parts of the layout due to age deterioration.

COMRC: Lon Wilson. Lon, speaking for the club, said that the club is in the process of revising its HO and S scale layouts. The club has accepted 5 new members since its last report. The club is investigating construction of a switching layout which would be similar to the one being developed by the division. Lon indicated that the club is looking for technical support in revamping the hinged bridge (pass through) on one of their layouts.

Zanesville Club: Greg Short. Greg, speaking for the club, said that the club has decided to use Digitrax for their club layout DCC system.

Northeast Ohio Live Steam Club: Jim Borcz. Jim, speaking for the club, said that the 2015 events schedule has been set. Jim said that the club has been sending out its newsletter but it appears that it is not being received by most members. The Superintendent suggested that Jim send the newsletter to him and he would distribute it.

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Division 6 Paymaster Report*Paul Farley, Division 6 Paymaster***11 February 2015**

	NMRA MCR Div 6				
	Financial Statement 11/31/2014 thru 2/11/2015				
Income Statement *					

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

Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org

*subject to audit					
Prepared by Paul Farley					
Paymaster for Division 6, MCR, NMRA Inc. 2/11/2015					



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: Midland RR, 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>Cheap Coal Loads</i> , by Howard Smith, MMR <i>Add DCC to Older Athearn Locos</i> , by Howard Smith, MMR <i>Mounting Tortoise Switch Machines</i> , by Howard Smith, MMR (OR <i>Why didn't I drill holes for throw rods before installing turnouts</i>)	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

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

	Model	Photo
1st	Eric Porch	Lon Wilson
2nd	Dick Briggs	Paul Smith, Don Wilke & Greg Short
3rd	Jim Kehn & Bob Lee	

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Kehn made a motion to adjourn.



AP Report

Howard R. Smith, MMR, AP Chair

By the time you read this in the *Super's Signal* a Merit Award will be on the way to the Regional AP Manager, Frank Koch, for a B&O 70 ton cement car model constructed by John Retterer. John's Merit Award will be presented at a future Division Meeting.

In addition, this is John's eighth car for Master Builder Cars and his completed forms were sent with his Merit Award. If approved, his certificate will also be presented at a future Division meeting..



Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

The following membership expire the end of January:

Carl Besece	William Reese
John Gafney	Michael Spinks

Active Members:

January: 174	November: 173
December: 173	January '14: 162

The following memberships expire the end of February:

Randy Ackerman	Fernand Dussault	Robert Sieving
James Caldwell	W Frost	Darl Stephenson
Keith Canniff	Robin Harris	Clyde Whitaker
Bill Cochran	Larry Morgan	James White

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.

The following memberships expire the end of March:

Steven Beyer	Michelle Farley	Paul Ward
Barbara Beyer	Ryan Hoover	
Paul Farley	Delbert Russell	

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

New Members

None this month

Renewals

January 2015 had 13 renewals.

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

Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328



Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On February 15 the Division 6 Contest was held at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The category was "Diesel Locomotives" for both Model and Photo Contests.

The first place Model winner was Eric Porch for his Pennsey F7 A-A # 9764. The second place winner was Dick Briggs for his Pennsey F7 A-B # 8788. The third place winners were Bob Lee for his (TPW) Toledo Peoria & Western GP-20 #2002 and Jim Kehn for his Wabash GP-35 #543.

The 1st place Photo winner was Lon Wilson for his CSX #6051. The second place winners were Geg Short for his Ohio Central SD-40-2 #5855 and Don Wilke for his ATSF # 8284 and Eric Porch for his Conrail E-8 # 4022 and Paul Smith for his Algoma Central #201. Because we had a tie for second place there was no third place winner.

Remember you have to enter in order to win. Try to come early if you are entering a Model or Photo the cut off time is 1:30 pm for entering and voting.

The next contest is March 8 at Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City. The categories are Models: Freight Car; Photo: Freight Car.

High Green to Grove City!



1st Place Model, Eric Porch.



1st Place Photo, Lon Wilson.

Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary February, 2015

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Models		Photos	
Dick Briggs, MMR	14	Paul Smith	14
Eric Porch	10	Lon Wilson	10
Jim Borcz	7	Dick Briggs, MMR	8
Jim Kehn	7	Eric Porch	2
Bob Lee	7	Don Wilke	8
John Retterer	6	Greg Short	6
Howard Smith, MMR	3	Bob Lee	5
Al Doddroe	2	Al Doddroe	5
Matt Goodman	2	Matt Goodman	2
Greg Short	2		
Lon Wilson	2		



Contest Chair, Bob Lee
counting the votes.



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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.



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 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 in downtown Columbus. In 1891 the Baltimore and Ohio RR assumed operation of the Midland Route.



Midland Station, Grove City.

Program Report

Dick Briggs, Program Chair

The program for our last meeting was presented by Jim Kehn on the Midland Route. The program was very informative and Jim's presentation was well done. Thanks, Jim.

The program for our March meeting will feature Howard Smith, MMR, who will be presenting three different modeling topics including a how to demo on installing DCC decoders in Athearn locomotives.

April will take our division on a bit of a road trip when we visit the restored B & O station in Outville, OH.

Further details and directions will be in next months *Signal*.



Jim Kehn says you can make most of the Midland Stations shown in his presentation using the Grove City Midland Station kit.

Super's Signal for 2015

Don Wilke, Super's Signal Publisher

As previously announced, this will be the last print issue of the *Super's Signal* until the January 2016 issue. All Division 6 members should 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.



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