

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Hello everyone and I hope you all have been able to stay warm in the less than warm weather that we have been having. Now that it is getting warmer lets hope it stays that way. For those of you that have been stuck at home I will fill you in on what's been going on. First we have had a couple of division meetings that we need to cover.

We had our February meeting in Reynoldsburg. I felt the meeting was well attended. The temperatures that day were not helpful but many made it out. At the meeting our friends from Division 10 came up from the state of Kentucky to give a presentation on the *MCR Spring Convention*. The presentation contained a lot of useful information. I hope all those planning to attend the convention signed up for it or are planning to soon. Please remember to get your hotel room booked soon because the price is deeply discounted for us.

Following the presentation from Division 10 we had a short business meeting. Outside of our division getting ready for *2016 MCR Convention* there was not anything important to cover. The contest for the meeting was on diesel locomotives and had quite a show of participation. There were several nice models and quite a few photos. Kudos to those who took the time to bring something. Afterward we had a great clinic on the *Midland Road* of the B&O presented by Jim Kehn. Jim put on a good show and was ever mindful to show all the stations on the Midland. You can build or kit bashed most of the stations using the Midland Station kits that the division has for sale. Oh yea, the Midland Station is available in several different scales, so no matter what scale you model, you can fit one on your layout. Thanks Jim.

We then had our March division meeting back in Grove City was well attended. We seem to be getting 20 to 25 members at each meeting now. While I would still like to see more of the members attend I am still happy with the numbers. As for the meeting there was not much that happened, other than I showed a spread sheet I have been working on to catalog the clubs in the division. So please be looking to the division website in the future for the listing as I will start to work with Don on getting the list up. The big reason for this is so that

12 April B&O Station Outville

- 12:30: Outville Station opens
- 1:15: Contest submission closes
- 1:30: Contest voting closes
- 2:00: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle
- 2:30: Clinic: *Rolling Stock* by Lon Wilson

Model Contest: Steam Locomotives.
Photography Contest: Steam Locomotives.

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you can visit the area clubs if you have some time. I would like to see our members get out and support each other.

The contest for the month was on freight cars. Bob had to work really hard on this one as there were a lot of entries and yes my entry was one car (you had to be there). After the meeting, Howard Smith showed us why he is a MMR. He gave us three small but really informative clinics on coal loads, installing decoders in older blue box Athearns, and installing switch machines. Thank you much Howard for you effort and sharing you knowledge.

Hope to see everyone at Outville in April for our next division meeting. I am looking forward to seeing the Outville Station and how many entries we get for the contest. Steam Engines is the subject, there should be a bunch of entries. We are also going to treated to a clinic on Rolling Stock by Lon Wilson, so let's all plan to attend.

If you have not heard, the *Signal* is now electronic only, except the January issue or if you make a special request to me proving that you do not have a way to get it electronically. We have just a hand full of members that still need to get a hard copy. We will do so as it is our duty to ensure that every-

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Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for March 8, 2015

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

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
Media	Matt Goodman
Program	Dick Briggs
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
2016 MCR Convention	Dick Briggs

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 no new division members in attendance.

Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any comments or corrections to the February 15, 2015 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 read the bank accounts details and totals from the his February 2015 Financial Report. Paul Smith had a question as to why the membership didn't receive copies of the financial report. Don Wilke responded that the financial report is not displayed in the online *Super's Signal* for division privacy reason. He said that if Paul wanted a copy of this or any division financial report, he should contact the Superintendent directly as his personal e-mail address. Then, Paul Smith asked why there was a difference in the financial report shown in the *Super's Signal* and the one passed out at this division meeting. Don Wilke and Paul Farley responded that the report in the *Super's Signal* was dated February 15, 2015 and was not a complete report for the month of February. Don also indicated that he "re-works" the financial report submitted by the Paymaster to fit the *Super's Signal* printing format and may have made an error when "re-working" the financial information. John Retterer made a motion to accept the financial report presented at this division meeting subject to audit. Dick Briggs seconded the motion and the motion was approved. For completeness sake, there were several nay votes on this motion.

Program Report: Dick Briggs. Dick said that the next meeting would be on April 12th in Outville, Ohio; Lon Wilson will present a clinic on Rolling Stock. The June meeting will be held at Marion Union Station; there will be several clinics as well as a joint meeting

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Contest: Bob Lee

Media: Matt Goodman

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with our friends from Division 9. The July/August meeting will be on July 12 will be held at Guy Thrums home and lay-out in Lexington.

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 rolling stock car to the Mid-Central Region.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that there continues to be site "going down" problems. He said that he would submit a new trouble ticket the hosting service in hopes that this problem can finally be resolved permanently.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that there is no new information than that provided at the February, 2015 division meeting.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt indicated that there have been no new members added to the division since the last division meeting report.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. Don indicated that the deadline to submit articles to be included in the April Division 6 Supers Signal is March 18. He indicated that the April *Super's Signal* will only be available in an electronic format unless there are special circumstances approved by the Superintendent. Don indicated that there will be a general division notification via MailChimp that the April *Super's Signal* is available and that there will be NO financial report included in the electronic format. There will be some slight layout format changes due to the new electronic format. There will still be a general mail hard copy distribution of the *Super's Signal* every January since it will contain the division election ballots and upcoming year Time Table for meetings/events.

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick indicated that he has scheduled a convention meeting to be held at his home on March 18. He said that the B&O station model structures are available in most model railroad scales and are available in the division Company Store. Dick, again, urged membership to contact him to volunteer to help with convention preparations.

Raffle: Lon Wilson. Lon indicated that he has \$100 that will be turned over to the Paymaster.

OLD BUSINESS

Division Club List: Greg Short. The Superintendent showed a spreadsheet of the division clubs that he has information on so far. He asked the attendees to help get additional information on the Lancaster, Delaware, Fayette County, Janis Center and Ohio Scale Engineers clubs. He said that he is sure that there are more clubs in the division that he is not aware of and said that he needs the membership's help in getting information on them.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Division 6 Business Meeting: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that the next Division 6 Business meeting would be held on April 12 at the Outville Station in Outville, Ohio. The contest subject for this meeting will be steam locomotives.

Cambridge Club Status: Greg Short. The Superintendent told the group that the Cambridge Club will not be closing down as had been reported at the last division meeting. The owner of the building where the club's layout is located has decided to let them stay in the building as tenants.

Super's Signal Article Deadline: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that the April *Super's Signal* article deadline is March 18. Don Wilke asked that articles be submitted earlier, if possible, due to other commitments that he has scheduled.

CLUB REPORTS

There were no club reports given at this meeting.

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

	Model	Photo
1st	Dick Briggs	Paul Smith
2nd	Greg Short, Lon Wilson, Jim Kehn	Matt Goodman, Greg Short
3rd	none (2nd Place Tie)	none (2nd Place Tie)

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Don Wilke made a motion to adjourn.

Division 6 Program Update

By Dick Briggs, Program Chair

April 12th we will be meeting at the beautifully restored B&O station in Outville, just east of Columbus. See the attached map for directions. There will be a presentation by Lon Wilson of our division, on prototype Rolling Stock. The Bring 'n Brag topic will be "steam locomotives." We will also have a raffle and business meeting. The Outville Station will open at 12:30 pm. Bring 'n Brag voting closes at 1:30 pm. The meeting will start at 2 pm. Hope to see you there. As a side note watch your step as "Captain B&O" will be drooling on everything. Maybe we will see a train or two, if we are lucky.

For Sale!

Midland Station Laser Kit

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 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.



Midland Station, Grove City.

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one gets the info provided in it.

If you know of someone that can not get the *Signal* via the internet please forward their name to me as everyone is important. Also if you wish to have the financial statements of the division please email me and I will see that you get a copy. The *Signal* WILL NOT publish the financial statement any longer as we do not want it floating out there on

the web for the world to see. That is information only for the members of the division. If you need to contact me use the Supers link on the website of email me at oc5855@hotmail.com

Well that's it for now see you at Outville.

Greg

p.s. Hope nobody had too much green beer on St. Patrick's Day.

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>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 Gauge	Salem, Ohio	
12 April	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: B&O Station, Outville Clinic: <i>Rolling Stock</i> by Lon Wilson	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
17 Jun	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
12 Jul	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, Contest Chair

On March 8 the Division 6 Contest was held at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City. The category was "Freight Cars" for both Models and Photos.

The first place Model winner was Dick Briggs for his *Steel Bottle Car*. The second place winners were Lon



1st Place Model, Dick Briggs, MMR.

Wilson for his *ATSF Cattle Car*; Greg Short for his *Schnabel Transformer Car* and Jim Kehn for his *B&O Box Car*. Because there was a 3-way tie for second place we had no third place winners.

The first place Photo winner was Paul Smith for his *Transformer Car*. The second place winners were Matt Goodman for his *AC&Y Box Car* and Greg Short for his *C&O 40ft Box Car*. Because there was a tie for second place we had no third place winner.

Remember to arrive early to submit your entries and to vote.

The next contest is April 12 at The B&O Station in Outville, Ohio. The categories are Model: Steam Locomotive; Photo: Steam Locomotive.

See you out there.



1st Place Photo, Paul Smith.

Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary 8 March 2015

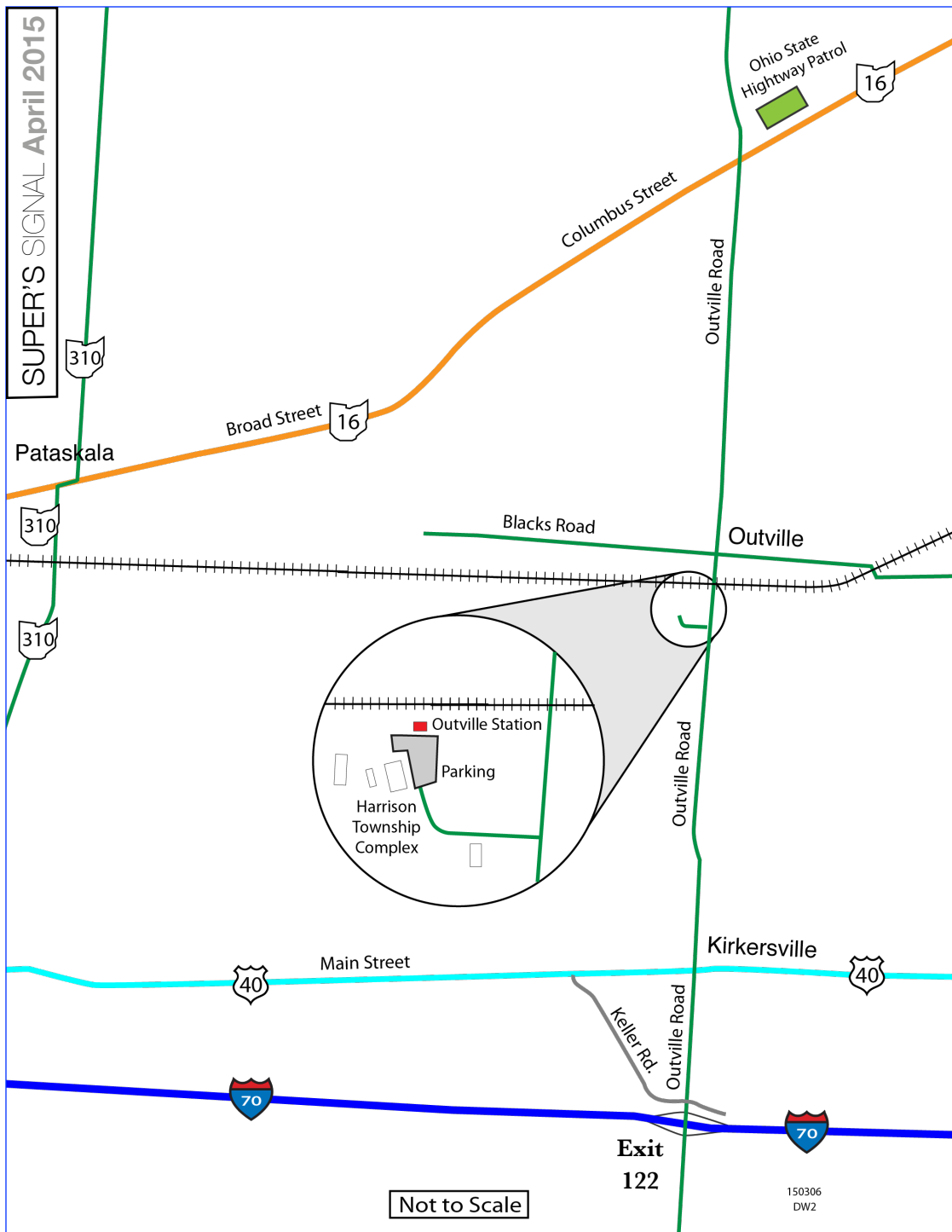
Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Models		Photos	
Dick Briggs, MMR	22	Paul Smith	22
Jim Kehn	13	Greg Short	12
Eric Porch	10	Lon Wilson	12
Jim Borcz	9	Dick Briggs, MMR	10
Bob Lee	9	Don Wilke	10
John Retterer	9	Bob Lee	9
Greg Short	8	Matt Goodman	8
Lon Wilson	8	Eric Porch	8
Al Doddroe	7	Al Doddroe	5
Matt Goodman	4		
Howard Smith, MMR	3		
Fred Rea	2		



**Contest Chair, Bob Lee
counting the votes,
surrounded by models & photos.**





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