

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Hello All and welcome back.

It's been a little while since our last Super's Signal issue and I have a few things to keep everyone up on. Don't forget the June division meeting in Marion, we have a full day of fun planned. There will be several clinics, flea market space, our usual bring and brag contest, and of course the reason for going there Trains, Trains and more Trains.

Before we get any farther I need insure that everyone is in the know on some division issues. As I am sure everyone one knows of the passing of Howard Smith, because of this there was a vacancy for one of the directors. The Board of Directors decided to use our media outlets and ask for those who wished to submit their names to me for the Board to consider. We did this and during a BOD meeting we decided to have Jim Borcz fill the vacancy. So welcome aboard Jim. Along with that Dick Briggs decided to take on the job of handling the Division 6 Achievement Program.

Going forward we are going to need a couple of folks to step up and take on some very important jobs. One is Chairman of Nominations. We have a upcoming election at the first of the year and someone need to over see it. The only stipulation to the job is by taking this on you can not run for office, or be someone who is already in office. If interested, please contact me as this is an appointed position. We also need members to step up and sign up to help at the 2016 MCR Convention. Dick still has many needs for people.

As for conventions I took the time to attend the latest MCR Convention in Lexington. Kudos to the guys and gals in Division 10 as they did a nice job. The hotel was top notch (except for the TV channel selection), the clinics were good and I had a good time with the other members from the MCR. I will go into more detail in a future report on some of the things I learned we as a division can do to better ourselves. My plan is to send items out a little at a time so everyone can get a

13 June (Saturday) Marion Union Station Marion, Ohio

9:00: Marion Union Station opens.

9:45: AP Judging, Flea Market, Swap Meet, & Bring 'n Brag entries.

10:00: Clinic: *Researching, Rail Fanning and Modeling the Winding Gulf* by Frank Bongiovanni; Another surely entertaining presentation from our favorite clinician from Division 4.

11:00: Clinic: *Modeling Railroad Depots* by Gary Burdette

12:00: Lunch (on your own)

1:30: Bring 'n Brag voting closes

1:30: Clinic: *Prototype Rail Cars* by "Lucky" Lon Wilson

2:30: Joint Division 6 & 9 Business Meeting, raffle, and awards.

All Day: Train Watching!!!!!!!!!!!!

Model Contest: Modelers Choice.

Photography Contest: Modelers Choice.

chance to think about them before we act. There were several discussions on what the NMRA, MCR and Divisions needs to plan on for the future and how we can get there.

Well I think I have given everyone enough to talk about for a few weeks so with this I will say Happy Modeling and See you in Marion.

Greg

Super's Signal Deadline
20 June

Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for April 12, 2015

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, at the Outville Station in Outville, Ohio.

Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Dick Briggs
Clerk	Dexter Hill
Paymaster	Paul Farley
Director	John Retterer
Director	Donald Wilke

Chairpersons Present:

Contest	Bob Lee
Media	Matt Goodman
Program	Dick Briggs
Super's Signal 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 March 8, 2015 minutes as published in the *Super's Signal*. John Retterer made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as shown in the *Super's Signal*, John Stuber seconded. The motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. The Paymaster read the bank accounts details and totals from his March 2015 Financial Report. The Paymaster explained an unexpected service charge to the Division 6 Money Market account. According to the bank, the Money Market account the division has requires a minimum \$10,000 balance to avoid a service charge. He said that the bank's agent agreed to void the service charge for February and March but added the service charge for April. The bank's agent suggested that the division move this account to a different account that doesn't have a minimum balance. A motion was made by Craig Sonnen to move the Money Market account to an account that does not have a minimum balance service charge. Darrell Logan seconded this motion. The motion was approved. A motion was made by Paul Smith to approve the March 2015 financial report, subject to audit, with Dick Briggs seconding the motion. The motion was approved.

Program Report: Dick Briggs. Dick said that the next division meeting would be on June 13th at the Marion Union Station. The June meeting will have several clinics as well as a joint meeting with our friends from Division 9.

Achievement Program Report: There was no Achievement Program report.

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APPOINTED CHAIRS

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Contest: Bob Lee

Media: Matt Goodman

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Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

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Website Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that the site "going down" problems have been resolved. He said that the problems were caused because the site was being handled by two different companies. Don has arranged to have this website handled by only one company.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that Facebook has had 269 likes but there have been no additional hits to the YouTube site.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt indicated that there will be no report this month because his computer has problems.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. Don indicated that the deadline to submit articles to be included in the June 2015 Division 6 *Super's Signal* is May 20, 2015. He asked if there were any comments on the new format of the *Super's Signal*. There were no comments regarding the new format.

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick indicated that he is working on a presentation to be given at the 2015 MCR Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. He said he has arranged an additional tour for the 2016 MCR Convention. It will be a tour of the Taste Bourbon Middle West Spirits facility in Columbus. Dick, again, urged membership to contact him to volunteer to help with convention preparations.

OLD BUSINESS

Division Switching Layout: Dexter Hill. Dexter had no report on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Position Opening: Greg Short. The Superintendent told the membership that he plans to hold a Board of Directors meeting after this division meeting to discuss qualifications of Division 6 volunteers to fill the position formally held by Howard Smith.

Achievement Program Chair Opening: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that the division is in need of a new Achievement Program Chair. He said that the candidate must have a MMR certificate. Dick Briggs volunteered to fill this position with Craig Sonnen and Eric Porch to provide assistance where requested.

CLUB REPORTS

Zanesville Club: Greg Short reported that the Zanesville Club layout is running. They are working on various sidings and the main rail yard.

Columbus Model Railroad Club: Dick Briggs reported that the club is still mourning the passing of the former club president, Howard Smith, MMR. The club's Board of Directors has elected a new president, John Howard, and a new director, Bob Lee.

N-Scalers: John Stuber reported that the club is getting ready for the upcoming Buckeye Railroad Show to be held in Columbus. He said that the club will be participating in the annual N-Scale weekend to be held in Columbus on May 16 & 17.

Janis Center Club: The club is operating during its normal operating times.

Live Steam Club: Jim Borcz reported that the club will be operating during the second weekend of July 2015 and the second weekend of September 2015.

Zane & Western Railroad: Fred Rea reported that this non-commercial railroad will open for business beginning on Memorial Day weekend. The price to ride on this railroad excursion is expected to be \$7. The passenger pickup point is off of Rt. 204 at Mt. Perry Foods.

RAFFLE

John Retterer handled the Division 6 rolling stock car raffle for this meeting. Three cars were awarded. As luck would have it, all of the cars were won by women attending the meeting.

CONTEST RESULTS

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

	Model	Photo
1st	Dick Briggs, Jim Kehn	Dick Briggs
2nd	----	Greg Short, Eric Porch, Paul Smith
3rd	Fred Rea	----

WRAP UP

Next Division 6 Business Meeting: The Superintendent said that the next Division 6 Business meeting would be held on June 13 at Marion Union Station in Marion, Ohio. The contest subject for this meeting will be Modeler's Choice.

Super's Signal Article Deadline: The Superintendent said that the June *Super's Signal* article deadline is May 20.

ADJOURNMENT

Darrell Logan made a motion to adjourn.



Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On April 12, 2015 the Division 6 Contest was held at the Outville Station in Outville, Ohio. The category was "Steam Locomotives" for both Model and Photo.

The first place Model winners were Jim Kehn for his C.O.& S. #3 and Dick Briggs, MMR, for his Pennsy N-2, 2-10-2. We had no second place winners due to a tie for first place. The third place winner was Fred Rea for his scratch build Mason, 2-4-6.



1st Place Model (Tie), Jim Kehn.

The first place Photo winner was Dick Briggs, MMR, for his East Broad Top #5. The second place winners were Paul Smith for his Durango & Silverton #480, Eric Porch, MMR, for his Durango & Silverton #482 and Greg Short for his Nickel Plate #763. We had no third place winners due to the tie for second place.

Remember to arrive early to submit your entries and vote!

The next contest is (Saturday) June 13 at the Marion Union Station, Marion, Ohio. The Categories are Model: Your Choice; Photo: Your Choice. Marion is our all-day event with Division 9 so bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the trains.



1st Place Photo (Tie), Dick Briggs.



1st Place Model (Tie), Dick Briggs, MMR.

Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary 8 March 2015

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Models		Photos	
Dick Briggs, MMR	30	Paul Smith	28
Jim Kehn	21	Dick Briggs, MMR	18
Eric Porch	12	Greg Short	18
Jim Borcz	11	Don Wilke	12
Bob Lee	11	Lon Wilson	12
Fred Rea	10	Bob Lee	11
Greg Short	10	Matt Goodman	8
John Retterer	9	Eric Porch	8
Lon Wilson	8	Al Doddroe	5
Al Doddroe	7	Jim Borcz	2
Matt Goodman	4		
Howard Smith, MMR	3		

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>	Thoroughbred Limited, 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 Clinic: <i>Researching, Rail Fanning and Modeling the Winding Gulf</i> by Frank Bongiovanni Clinic: <i>Modeling Railroad Depots</i> by Gary Burdette Clinic: <i>Prototype Rail Cars</i> by Lon Wilson	Model: Modelers Choice Photo: Modelers Choice
20 June	<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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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

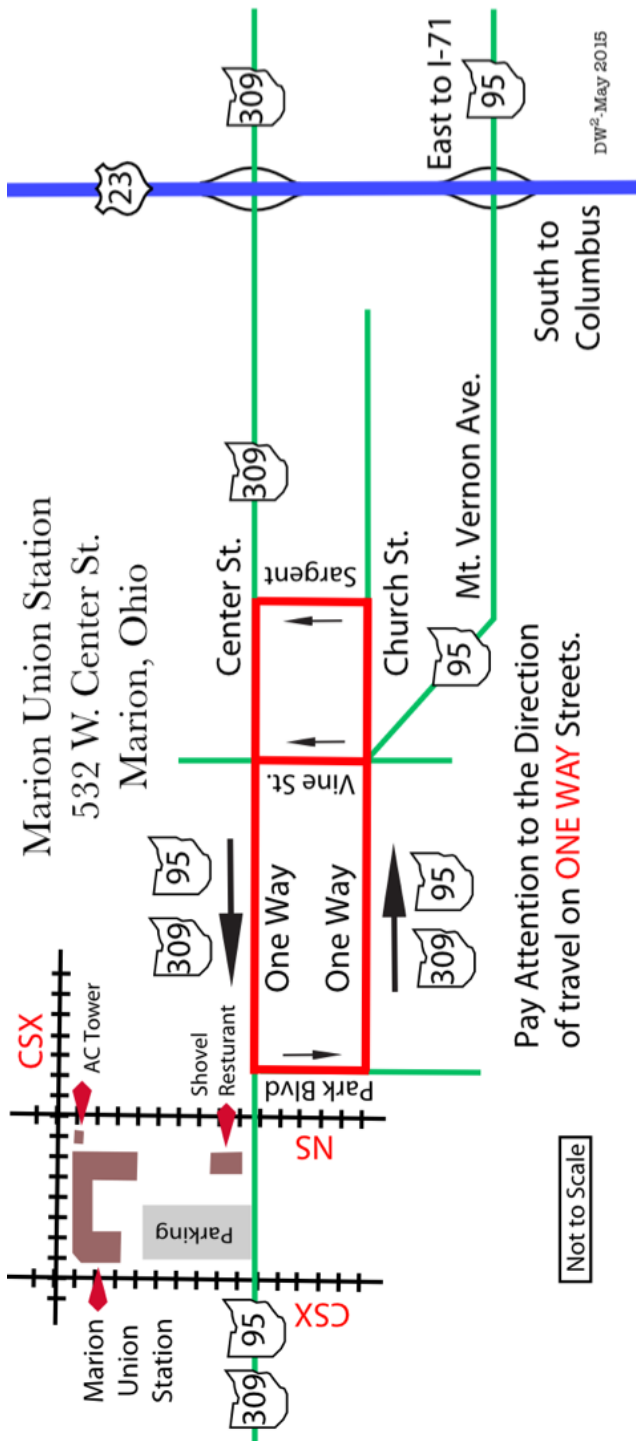
eventually relocate it to Century Park where they can preserve it and have future generations enjoy it.

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.



Bob Chapman

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