

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Hello everyone.

Hope you are all having a great start to your summer. With the warmer weather comes seemingly less time for the hobby but there are things to still do. For me, this is research time for the hobby, time spent exploring and taking photos of future modeling projects, and gathering information on the history of the local railroads. I don't know how many of you have trips planned but I can tell you I have a couple in the works. With the warm weather also comes the chance for me to do some model painting. I really don't like to paint in the cold weather as I still like to spray with solvent based paints. We all know the smell they can send out as well as the fire hazard of having all the open solvents. So as one can see I look to have a very busy this summer.

For those who couldn't attend our annual Saturday meeting in Marion this past week, I can say that once again it was a success. Many members told me we had three very nice clinics because I didn't get a chance to set in them. So thanks to our clinicians for their efforts and time. With out the efforts of these folks we could not pull it off.

We has about 40 members of both Division 6 and Division 9 come to the event. We also had a few members from other divisions come and enjoy the festivities. Some of the other divisions present were 1, 4 and 5. We were lucky enough to have our new Mid-Central Region President, Steve Kaplan, present for a good bit of the day and for our meeting. I wish to thank him for coming as well as giving his input during our meeting.

The number of bring n' brag entries was a little less than usual. I will say that the entries were all great. It is good to see everyone come and show off your talents.

The Supers of the joint meeting with our sister Division 9, kept the meeting as short as possible. I brought up three things of interest. The fact that we still need someone to step up and be our election chairman. I covered this in our last issue of the *Signal*. If you have been looking for something to

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do at the division level here is your chance. A second thing discussed was the new three-meeting rule put in place from National. I will cover this in more detail in a later edition of

the *Signal*. The third thing is a new fundraising project. As everyone should now know we are currently doing a project in the form of a building kit of the Midland Station in Grove City. Sale of these are doing quite well and we are close to recovering our investment. I had a talk with our company store manager and we hit on the idea of doing another project. The emails and phone calls began and I came up with doing a freight car project. The car that we are thinking of doing will be a Accurail 50' welded boxcar decorated for Ohio Central. The Steering Committee will be getting all the information that I have on this and review it. If they feel we should take on this project the issue will then come back to the membership at a regular meeting for the final decision. I will add that we will not undertake this till we are well in the black on the building project. It is also my plan to do this closer to the 2016 MCR Convention

12 July

Guy Thram's Lexington, Ohio

12:00: Guy's Layout opens

12:30: Contest submission closes

12:45: Contest voting closes

1:00: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

2:00: Depart for Ken Heyl's layout

(maps provided at the meeting.)

Model Contest: Passenger Car.

Photography Contest: Passenger Car.

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Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Clerk

Minutes for Division 6, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for June 13, 2015

The joint Division 6 business meeting with Division 9 was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, at the Marion Union Station in Marion, Ohio.

Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Dick Briggs
Clerk	Dexter Hill
Paymaster	Paul Farley
Director	Jim Borecz

Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Dick Briggs
Contest	Bob Lee
Media	Matt Goodman
Program	Dick Briggs
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. Paul Smith indicated that two perspective members were in attendance. They were Bruce McDonald and Bob Stiles.

Clerk's Report: Dexter Hill. The Superintendent asked if there were any comments or corrections to the April 12, 2015 minutes as published in the *Super's Signal*. Dick Briggs made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report as shown in the *Super's Signal*, Jim Kehn seconded. The motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. Paul recapped the May 2015 Financial Report and gave an update on the 2016 MCR Convention model structure sales. Dick Briggs made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as presented, Dexter Hill seconded. The motion was approved.

Program Report: Dick Briggs. Dick said that the next meeting would be on July 12 at the home of Guy Thrums. He indicated that the September and October meeting locations will be swapped. The September 13th meeting will be held at the Hill-top Library and will include a layout tour of Southwest Columbus layouts. The October 10th meeting will be a joint meeting with Division 9 and will be held in either Portsmouth or Nelsonville.

Achievement Program Report: Dick Briggs. Dick said that John Retterer will be presented an Achievement Certificate

Website Report: Don Wilke. There was no website report given at this meeting.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that Facebook has had 431 likes. Matt indicated that the Facebook page has recently become very popular. The YouTube site currently has 26 subscribers.

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Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt indicated that the May 2015 report shows 158 members. That is decline of two members from the April 2015 report and a decline of six from the May 2014 report.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. There was no *Super's Signal* report given at this meeting. However, the Superintendent indicated that items to be included in the July *Super's Signal* must be submitted by June 20.

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick indicated that he had given a presentation about the 2016 MCR Convention at the 2015 MCR Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. He said that brochures for early registration had been printed and were passed at the 2015 MCR Convention and he had some with him for anyone interested in registering early. A convention meeting will be on June 18th at the convention hotel.

OLD BUSINESS

New Board Director: Greg Short. The Superintendent formally announced that Jim Borcz had been elected to fill the term of the recently deceased Howard Smith.

2015 MCR Convention Report: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that he thought that Division 10 did a pretty good job with their convention; this comment was echoed by Division 9's Bob Weinheimer. Steve Kaplan, the MCR President, thought everything went smoothly. Finally, Jim Kehn said that he expects to have more non-rail activities at the 2016 MCR Convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Freight Car Project: Greg Short. Greg Short, Dick Briggs and John Retterer contacted Accurail regarding the production of a 2016 MCR Convention car. A single door boxcar with an Ohio Central road name was proposed with an estimated cost of \$20. Greg Short, the Superintendent, indicated that he does not intend to proceed with this project until the convention structure sales have exceeded the model structure costs.

Division 6 Election Chairman: Greg Short. The Superintendent asked the Division 6 attendees if anyone would volunteer to be the Division 6 Election Chair for the 2016 division elections. No one volunteered for this duty.

Three Meeting Rule: Steve Kaplan. The Mid-Central Region President, Steve Kaplan, explained this rule. In brief, if a person attends three NMRA functions and does not join the NMRA at that time, he/she will be barred from using NMRA resources or participating in NMRA activities.

CLUB REPORTS

Zanesville Club: Greg Short. Greg reported that the Janesville Club layout is running. They are working on cut-

ting in various sidings and will start installation of DCC equipment in July.

Columbus Model Railroad Club: Paul Farley. Paul invited everyone to visit the Columbus Model railroad Club during their regular Tuesday operating sessions.

Janis Center Club: Pat Hreachmack. Pat indicated that the Janis Center Club operated Thursday afternoon and evening and will be open during the entire Ohio State Fair. He said that they are updating portions of the layout that have issues due to its age. Pat also indicated that the club has added six new members recently.

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

CORMC: Paul Smith. Paul speaking for the club, said that they have received a N-scale layout from a local family, have acquired three new members, and are preparing their Thomas the Train layout for use at the Ohio State Fair.

Ohio "O" Scalers: The club is getting ready for their exhibit at COSI in November.

Coshocton Club: The Coshocton Club started running their layout using DCC, however, they have encountered several programming issues and are working to resolve them. According to Jim Kehn, he had a conversation with them on June 12 and the DCC system was not working.

RAFFLE

Lon Wilson held the meeting raffle.

CONTEST RESULTS

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

	Model	Photo
1st	Pat Hreachmack	Paul Smith
2nd	Pat Hreachmack	Greg Short
3rd	Jim Borcz	Greg Short

WRAP UP

Next Division 6 Business Meeting: The Superintendent said that the next Division 6 Business meeting would be held on July 12, at the home of Guy Thrans. The contest subject for this meeting will be passenger cars.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Kehn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.



Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

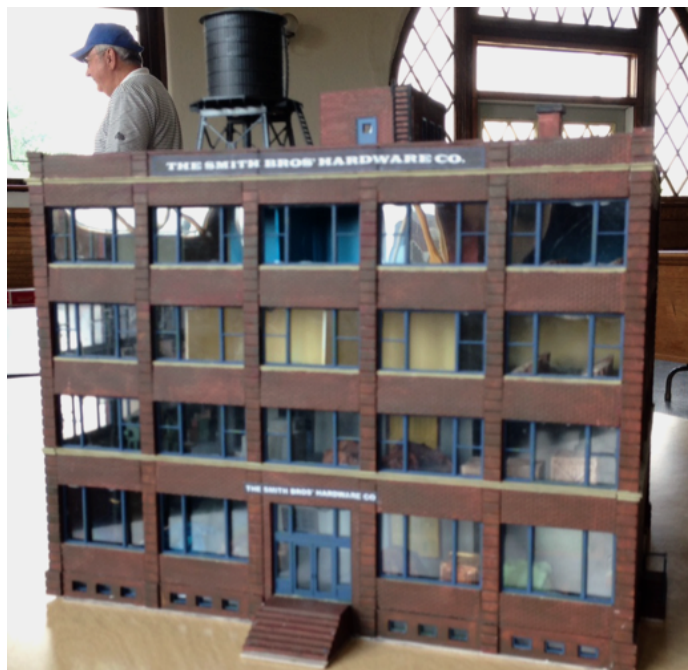
On June 13, 2015 the Division 6 Contest was held at the Marion Union Station, Marion, Ohio. The category was "Modeler's Choice" for both the Model and Photo contests.

The first place Model winner was Pat Hreachmack for his Smith Bro's Hardware building, this had outstanding interior detail. Pat was our second place winner with his Pennsy MOW water car that was scratchbuilt. The third place Model winner was Jim Borcz for his Burned Car-boose on a flat car.

The first place Photo winner was Paul Smith for his Bush Presidential Tour Car. The second place winner was Greg



1st Place Photo, Paul Smith
(Photo by Matt Goodman)



1st Place Model, Pat Hreachmack.
(Photo by Matt Goodman)

Short for his DT&I Jackson Back Shops and our Third place winner for his Ohio Central MOW Truck.

Remember to arrive early to submit your entries and vote!

The next contest is July 12 at the home of Guy Thams in Lexington, Ohio. This will be the last time to see Guy's layout. He will be moving out of state in the near future. The contest categories will be Model: Passenger Car and Photo: Passenger. So mark your calendar for this date and be sure to attend.

Remember, Show up and Put up, models and pictures that is.

Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary 8 March 2015

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Models		Photos	
Dick Briggs, MMR	30	Paul Smith	36
Jim Kehn	21	Greg Short	29
Jim Borcz	17	Dick Briggs, MMR	18
Pat Hreachmack	15	Don Wilke	12
Eric Porch	12	Lon Wilson	12
Greg Short	12	Bob Lee	11
Bob Lee	11	Matt Goodman	8
Fred Rea	10	Eric Porch	8
John Retterer	9	Al Doddroe	5
Lon Wilson	8	Jim Borcz	2
Al Doddroe	7		
Matt Goodman	4		
Howard Smith, MMR	3		



1st Place Model, Pat Hreachmack.
Interior
(Photo by Matt Goodman)

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 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	Division 6 Meeting	Meeting: Hilltop Library Layout Tour: SW Columbus: Darrell Logan, Craig Sonnen, MMR, Matt Goodman and Howdy Lamprecht	Model: Photo:
17 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
11 Oct	Division 6-9 Joint Meeting	Joint Meeting: Division 9, Portsmouth, Ohio OR Nelsonville	Model: Open Load Photo: Open Load
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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next spring. We need the footwork and ordering to be done no later than this fall. There will be more on this later.

I presented a couple of awards during the meeting. I gave Bob Lee a plaque for his service as Superintendent of Division 6. Thank you Bob for your service.

The other award is something new that I have created this year. That is the *Howard Smith Memorial Award* for service and dedication to Division 6. As you all know Howard worked tirelessly for Division 6 as well as for the NMRA in general. Howard put his heart into this organization so I felt it was only proper to start this award. The Superintendent will choose the

person who receives this award. He will give the award to whom the Super feels has given the most to Division 6 during the past year. So it is with great pleasure that I gave the award to Dick Briggs. I can not thank Dick enough for all the help he has been in the last year. So congrats Dick.

As you see we had a pretty good day, Oh yea, there were trains and for most of the day we had sunshine even if it was a bit muggy. I hope that everyone can be there next year as we booked Marion Union Station for the 2nd Saturday of June, 2016.

Well that about covers things so with that,

Happy Modeling!

Greg



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.



Program Report

Dick Briggs, MMR, Program Chair

JULY DIVISION 6 MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Sunday, July 12, 2015

Location: Guy Thrames, 121 Oxford Rd, Lexington, OH

Meeting Starts: 1:00 PM

Program: Layout tours. We will be visiting the layouts after our business meeting. Guy has a great layout with lots of tunnels and bridges, which many have never seen or have not seen in a number of years. We will also visit the layout of Ken Heyl in Ashland, OH. Ken's layout is beautifully

done and fully scenery. There may be one other layout on the list.

Bring 'n Brag: "Passenger Cars", Voting Closes at 12:45.

Hope to see everyone there!

CHANGES TO 2015 SUMMER SCHEDULE

August: No Meeting

September 13: Southwest layout tour

October 10: Joint meeting with Division 9, Portsmouth, OH

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Guy Tham's Layout 2008



Guy Tham's Layout 2008



Guy Tham's Layout 2008



*Greg Presents Dick with the
Howard Smith Memorial Award
(photo by Matt Goodman)*



*Greg Presents Bob with a
Special Service Award
(photo by Matt Goodman)*

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