

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

August Supers Report

Hey everyone, I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Looks as if the dog days are here. As everyone knows August is always a hot muggy month but no complaints here as I know what comes later and I really despise that weather. I hope you have had plenty of time to model as well as watch trains this summer. I have been slipping a bit and have spent little time on the hobby. Just a couple of days watching trains and even less time doing any modeling. The only excuse I can give you is DON'T buy old tractors that needs repair. They will bleed you of time and money faster than model railroading will any day. Oh yea, did I say I bought mine to use, not restore and look at.

Anyway things for the division have been going well. We had a nice meeting in July at the home of Guy Thrans. We visited his layout as well as paid a visit to Ken Hyle's layout while we were in the neighborhood. I must say thanks to both for allowing us to visit and see your fine work. There was not a lot on the agenda for the division meeting. The biggest issue being the fact we still need someone to step up and volunteer to be our Nomination/Election Chair. I have had no response to the request to this date. If no one steps up I will have to appoint or railroad someone into it at the next meeting. I would like to see someone new step up the job. It is simple job as it entails collecting the names of those who wish to run for the upcoming spots and tabulating the votes if necessary. The only stipulation is the Chair cannot be running for an elected spot.

There was a bit of light heartedness for our contest although Bob didn't see the humor. It seems that you must specify that when you have a contest for passenger cars that you say *railroad passenger cars*. I was really disap-

Super's Signal Deadline
17 September

13 September Southwest Columbus Layout Tour St. John's Lutheran Church Grove City

1:00: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

2:00: Depart for Southwest Columbus layout tours
(maps provided at the meeting.)

Layouts: Matt Goodwin, Howdy Lamprecht,
Darrell & Judy Logan, Craig Sonnen, MMR

Model Contest: None.

Photography Contest: None.

pointed my 68 Chevrolet Impala didn't win. The contest said passenger car, sorry Bob I will behave in the future. Anyway there were numerous entries in the contest with some very nice models. Thanks to all who participated.

I hope everyone pays attention and notices we had a change in location for the next meeting. The southwest Columbus layout tour will be on September 13 starting at the St John's Lutheran Church in Grove City. The meeting will be at 1pm with the layout tour following. There will be no contest for this meeting. So hope to see everyone there.

One more thing, I need to remind everyone that Dick is still in need of volunteers to help with the 2016 Mid-Central Region Convention. So please mark your calendars for the dates, 28 April-1 May, and come out a help us make this a great event. Contact Dick for more information.

Happy Modeling

Clerk's Report

Dexter Hill, Clerk

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

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, at Guy Thrams, Lexington.

Officers in Attendance:

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

Chairpersons Present:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Achievement Program | Dick Briggs |
| Contest | Bob Lee |
| Media | Matt Goodman |
| Program | Bob Lee |
| <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 June 13, 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*, Dick Briggs seconded. The motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. Paul recapped the June 2015 Financial Report. Dexter Hill made a motion to accept the Paymaster's Report as presented, Jim Kehn seconded. The motion was approved.

Program Report: Dick Briggs. Dick said that the next meeting would be on September 13th at the Grove City Hilltop Public Library and will include a layout tour of SW Columbus layouts. [The location has been changed to St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City-Editor]

Achievement Program Report: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick presented John Retterer with his Achievement Certificate.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don indicated that the website would be updated on 7-14-2015.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt said that he plans to add a video showing Guy Thrams' layout.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt indicated that the June 2015 report shows 158 members. That is a decline of 6 from the June 2014 report.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. Don said that the next *Super's Signal* deadline for articles is August 19, 2015.

The Clerk's Report
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Contest: Bob Lee

Media: Matt Goodman

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Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick indicated that the Age of Steam Roundhouse Tour is a definite "go." He said that the convention committee would start having monthly meetings starting in July. He again asked for folks to volunteer to help with the 2016 Convention.

OLD BUSINESS

Convention Building Sale: John Retterer. John did not have a current total for the convention building sales. It was mentioned that the division needs a new supply of track cleaners.

Switching Layout: There was no report on this project.

2016 Nominations/Elections Chairman: Greg Short. The Superintendent asked again if anyone was interested in assuming this duty. He indicated that if no one volunteers, he will appoint someone at the September meeting.



Greg's View of the Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Super's Signal Article Deadline: Greg Short. The Superintendent reiterated that August 19, 2015 is the deadline to have articles included in the next division *Super's Signal* and that the next division meeting would be held on September

13, 2015 at the Grove City Hilltop Public Library. [The location has been changed to St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City-Editor]

CLUB REPORTS

Columbus Model Railroad Club: Paul Farley. Paul invited everyone to visit the club during their regular Tuesday operating sessions. He said that the club is beginning to experiment with "smart phone" throttles.

Mini Bunch: They indicated that they have two events coming up. The first is on October 15, 2015 at Kirkland, Ohio; the second, is on September 14-17, 2016 in Augusta, Maine.

CORMC: Paul Smith. Paul, speaking for the club, said that they have beginning to tear down the layout for assembly at the Ohio State Fair. He also indicated that the club has recently been getting new club members.

CONTEST RESULTS

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

| | Model | Photo |
|-----|----------|------------|
| 1st | Bob Lee | Greg Short |
| 2nd | Jim Kehn | Paul Smith |
| 3rd | Jim Kehn | Don Wilke |

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Next Division 6 Business Meeting: Greg Short. The Superintendent said that the next Division 6 Business meeting would be held on September 13 at the Grove City Hilltop Public Library. [The location has been changed to St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City-Editor] There will be **NO Contest**.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim Ruisinger made a motion to adjourn.

September Program Highlights

By Dick Briggs, Program Chair

The division will meet at **St. Johns Lutheran Church, 3220 Columbus St., Grove City**, for a short business meeting at 1:00 P.M. We will then visit four local Southwest Columbus model railroads. We will pass out maps and directions to the layouts at the meeting. We will be visiting Darrell Logan's super detailed layout which we have not visited in some time. Howdy Lamprecht's layout in Grove City which has had some more of Howdy's skillful modeling. Craig Sonnen will treat us to a new modular layout which he will display in his garage. Last but not least Matt Goodman's

layout will be on public display for the first time. Matt has some innovative bench work he developed on his under construction pike. Plan on joining us for the tour and enjoy these great layouts, and of course borrow an idea or two along the way.

Thanks to Guy Thrums for hosting our last Division 6 meeting and visiting his layout. And thanks to Ken Heyl for opening his super layout so that the division could enjoy viewing it. Those of us that attended saw two great layouts and enjoyed some pretty good snacks at Guys.

Candidates for the 2016 Election

From John Stevens, NMRA Secretary:

National Nominating Committee Chair, Tony Koester, has submitted the Combined Nominating Committees' Final Report to the National Board of Directors. The candidates for the 2016 election are shown below.

Atlantic District Director

- Peter Bowen - Kathy Millat

At Large World Wide Director

- Mike Brestel

Western District Director

- Steve Barkley - Don Fowler - Stephen Priest

Members may petition to the NMRA to nominate additional candidates by using the By Petition process which can be found in Sec A 10.1 paragraph 3 of the EHB (Executive Handbook) available as a PDF on our website at <http://www.nmra.org/executive-handbook>. All petitions must be received by the NMRA Secretary by September 15, 2015. For more information, contact NMRA Secretary John Stevens at snevets4@bellsouth.net.

The three strikes policy:

What is it and what does it mean? From John Stevens, NMRA Secretary:

A message from Mike Brestel,
NMRA At Large Worldwide Director

We've been getting a lot of questions about the Visitor Policy that the NMRA Board adopted and publicized in February of this year, limiting visitors to NMRA meetings to three visits during their lifetime.

This isn't really a new policy, since it was first adopted in 2007 and explained in the "President's Car" column in the November, 2007 issue of *Scale Rails*. Then, as now, the needs of our insurance provider played a large part in the adoption of this policy, but there are also issues of basic fairness, as well as tax issues in the U.S.

Here's the policy: Visitors are allowed three visits to an NMRA meeting IN THEIR LIFETIME. If they don't join by their third visit, they cannot attend any more meetings.

A lot of the questions we've been getting are from members trying to over-complicate the policy, worrying about this or that exception and making up complicated what-ifs. The policy does NOT apply to spouses who come along to the meetings so that they can go to dinner afterwards. It does NOT apply to non-member caregivers who aren't modelers, but who provide a ride to a member who cannot drive himself. It does NOT apply to events that are organized for the general public, like mall shows, swap meets, beginner clinic series, and the like, nor does it apply to things like joint meetings with another group or family picnics or outings.

Allowing freeloaders to participate as if they were members is unfair because it takes advantage of our members who HAVE paid up. We're all paying to keep the organization going – what are the freeloaders doing, besides getting a free ride on our backs? **And tolerating permanent freeloaders can give our insurance providers a reason to cancel your coverage if you have an incident, leaving individual officers and members responsible for paying the claim.** The IRS has rules about giving benefits of membership to non-members,

too – they say don't do it, and there are tax consequences if you do.

Now, if your Division and Region are already following the rules (which would be a really good idea if you want the protection of our NMRA Liability Insurance policy), this is not the big deal you might think it is. We all know that if someone comes and tries us out three times and still doesn't join, they're not going to join. So after the third turn-down, don't worry about it – just move on to the next prospect.

If you're still wondering whether your group is in compliance, just ask yourself: are you allowing people who aren't members to come to your meetings month after month, year after year, and participate as if they'd paid their dues? If the answer is no, then fine, just keep doing what you're doing. If the answer is yes, then you have some changes to make.

If you have additional questions about this policy or how to implement it, please feel free to contact an NMRA officer, director, or NMRA HQ. We'll get your question to the right person.

Mike Brestel - At Large Worldwide Director

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You will find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in the NMRA Magazine

If the person holding a region or division office changes, or their email address changes, please contact me at tcdrider@aol.com with the corrected information.

Regards,

Tom Draper – HLM, DSA, FA, MSA, PA

Director – Support Services

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 |
| Jul | <i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline | | |
| Jul/Aug | Division 6 Meeting | Meeting: Guy Thrums 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 | Business Meeting: St. John's Lutheran Church , Grove City Layout Tour: SW Columbus Layout Tour | Model: None Photo: None |
| 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 |

Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On July 12, 2015, the Division 6 Contest was held at the home of Guy Thrums, Lexington, Ohio. Along with a side trip to Ken Heyl layout in Ashland, Ohio. The category was "Passenger Cars" for both Model and Photo.

The first place Model winner was Bob Lee for his ATSF Budd Big Dome Lounge #555 with interior detail and lighting. The second place winner was Jim Kehn for his C&O Coach #723. Also Jim was the third place Model winner with his C&O Baggage Car #284.

The first place Photo winner was Greg Short with his Pennsy Coach #492193. The second place winner was Paul Smith with his Disney Land RR Coach. And our Third place winner was Don Wilke for his Hocking Valley RR Coach *City of Logan*.



1st Place Model, Bob Lee.



1st

Place Photo, Greg Short.

We will not have a contest at our next Division 6 meeting in September, instead we will meet at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City for a SouthWest Columbus Layout Tour.

The next contest will be in Portsmouth, Ohio on October 11, 2015. The categories for Model and Photo will be "Open Loads". 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

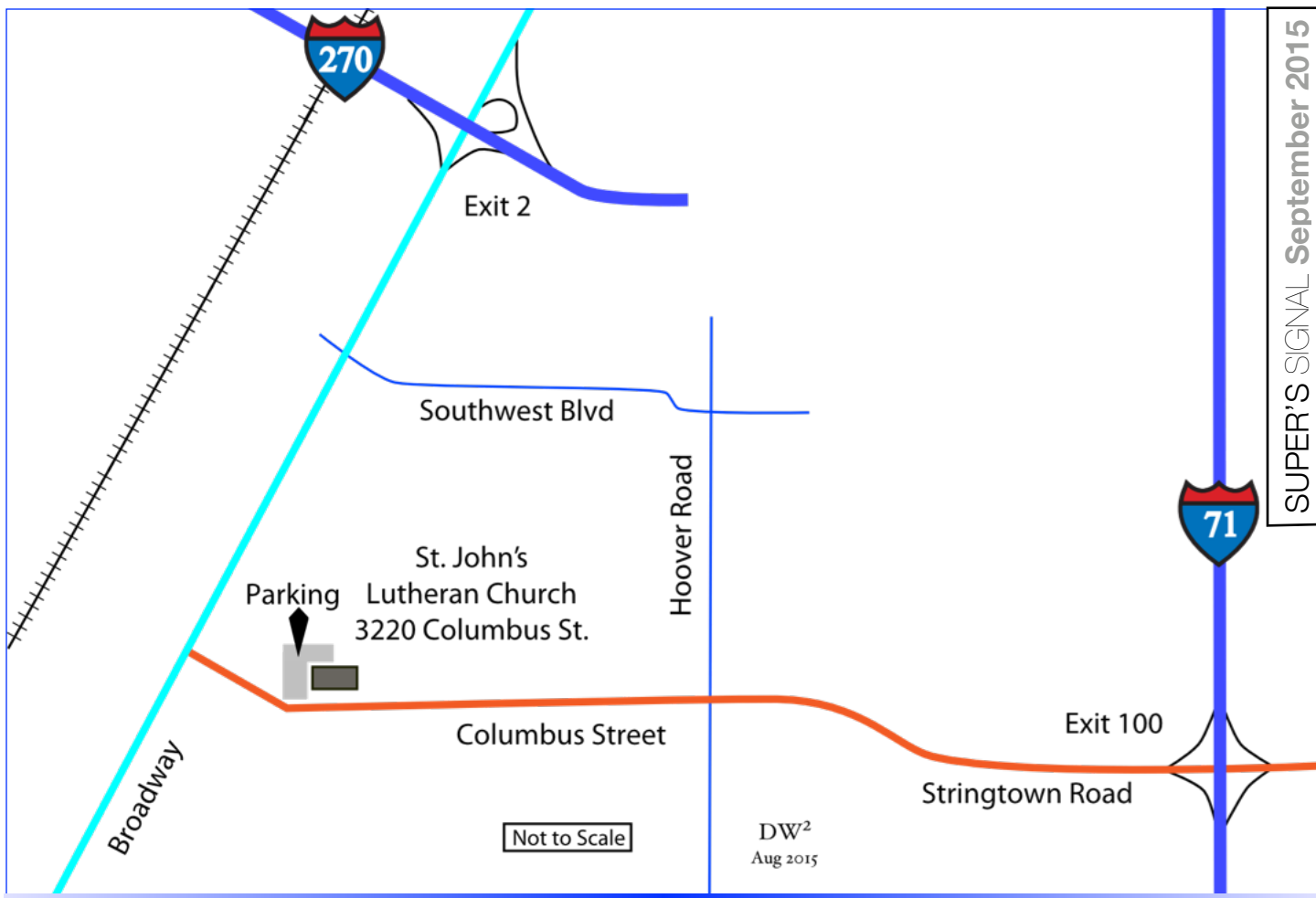
Bob Lee, Contest Chair

| Models | | Photos | |
|-------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Dick Briggs, MMR | 38 | Paul Smith | 42 |
| Jim Kehn | 34 | Greg Short | 37 |
| Bob Lee | 19 | Don Wilke | 21 |
| Jim Borcz | 17 | Dick Briggs, MMR | 18 |
| Pat Hreachmack | 15 | Bob Lee | 13 |
| Greg Short | 14 | Lon Wilson | 12 |
| Eric Porch | 12 | 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 | | |
| Don Wilke | 2 | | |



The Super's
Passenger Car Entry.





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*One Working Yard on
Ken Hyel's Layout.*



*High Bridge on
Guy Thrums' Layout.*



*What Are The Ohio State Patrol Doing on
Ken Hyel's Layout.*



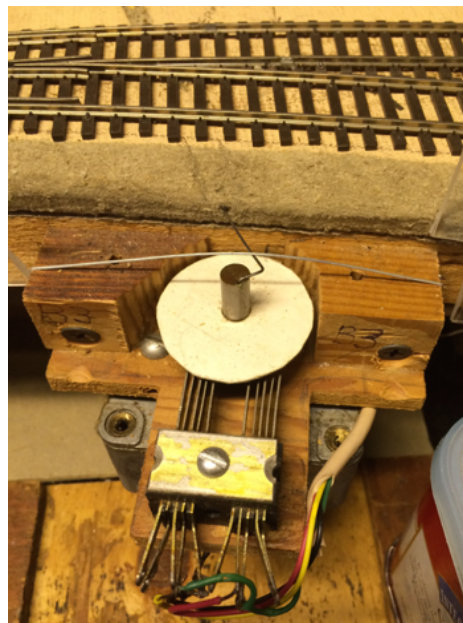
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*Old School Switch Machine on
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