

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

August Supers Report

Well looks like we made it thru another summer as fall officially starts in a few days. But on the bright side this is a great time for Railfanning as the days are warm and sunny. We will still have our green trees for a little while then we get into the fall foliage and all the bright colors that come with it. It also means that we are starting to migrate indoors as the days grow shorter and the time start the new modeling projects has arrived. If you are like me, you still have the unfinished projects from last year still on the workbench. But hey, that's ok you can still get a new project or two started and let the old ones set, what's it going to hurt. I made a pledge to myself to not go to something new till I got some of the clutter known as the last few years' projects done. With that said have you ever picked up a box of parts and thought to yourself what was I building out of this? Well I can say with some regret it has happened to me. I guess if you have never done that you are better than most of us.

On to other things we as a division have a couple of things coming up that I need to make sure I pass on. One is that we have an upcoming election. I recently found a new election chair. His name is Scott Brown. Scott is a newer member who wishes to see how the division works. What better way than to start with a small but important task, Thank you Scott. As far as for nominations and the election please check the web site and the division regulations for the procedures.

The other thing is we are in the early stages of getting a new project started. This time we will be doing a freight car.

This will also go in step with the 2016 Mid-Central Region Convention. We have done well in the sales of the Grove City Station and we need another sale item for the Company Store at the convention. After having a discussion at the Steering Committee meeting, the Steering Committee decided to do an Accrual GS gondola as the project. Thanks to the efforts of Don Wilke we have a photo of a similar car lettered for Buckeye Steel Castings. This should be a easy item to move.

Super's Signal Deadline

21 October

10 October

(Saturday)

Mark Maynard's Crusty Mountain & Windy Springs Portsmouth, Ohio

7:30: Optional *Breakfast at Bob's* at Great Southern Shopping Center

8:30: Car Caravan departs Great Southern Bob Evens Restaurant

11:00: Mark Maynard's Layout Opens

12:00: Barbecue lunch, Flea Market

2:00: Joint Division 9—Division 6 Business Meeting

Layout: Crusty Mountain & Windy Springs

Model Contest: Open Loads.

Photography Contest: Open Loads.

Every layout has needs for gons and many of our division members and region members model the steel industry to some extent. Also this car has a definite tie to central Ohio.

I need to pass on for everyone to check the division website and visit the new area Club Listings page. I have worked on this for about a year or so. The plan is getting a list together of the clubs in the area, with contact info, so we can get out and visit our friends in the

hobby. If you are a member of a club or know of a club not listed send me the info and I will add it to the list.

I would like to thank those who had their layouts open for the Southwest Columbus Tour. I made it to three of the four. The one I missed was Matt Goodman's so I hope Don was able to get photos of them so that I can catch. The others I visited were all nice. Craig's table top N-Scale modules are

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Clerk's Report

By Greg Short for
Dexter Hill, Clerk

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

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, at the St Johns Lutheran Church in Grove City, Ohio with 28 members in attendance.

Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Dick Briggs
Paymaster	Paul Farley
Director	Donald Wilke

Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Dick Briggs
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
<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: Greg Short. As the Clerk was not present due to illness, the Super asked for any additions of corrections to the minutes as published. Paul Smith brought up that there had not been a raffle at the last meeting as published, and a correction was made. Don Wilke made the motion to approve minutes as amended with Matt Goodman 2nd. Motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. Paul gave his report with the division being financially sound. Printed reports were available at the meeting. John Gaffney made the motion to approve with Pat Hreachmack making the 2nd. Motion approved.

Program Report: Dick Briggs. Dick stated the next meeting will be on October 10 at the home of Mark Maynard in Portsmouth. This will be a joint meeting with Division 9.

Achievement Program Report: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick reported he still has a Certificate for John Retterer and also has some other members in the pipeline for awards toward achieving their MMR.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don stated the web will be updated soon with some new content.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that our Facebook and YouTube channel are both doing well with numerous hits and views. We are seeming to get a numbers of views from outside the US. Facebook has 484 "likes."

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that we are down some members from last year but we have gained 1 in the last month. We have also had a recent re-rail to the Division.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. Don reported that the deadline for the next *Super's Signal* is September 17. He also asked for

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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

input over the content and if the membership enjoyed having the additional content especially the photos. All were in agreement the content was great and the photos are a great feature.

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs, MMR. Dick Briggs stated the convention is coming along well although we are still in need of members to volunteer their time toward this. It was reported that the hotel registration is now on line and the online registration for the convention it self will be on line soon. The convention has a website so be on the lookout for more info as it is posted on it.

OLD BUSINESS

Switching Layout: Greg Short. Greg passed on that the Switching Layout is on hold for a time due to needing a place to work on it. We have giving up on the plan to use the 3rd floor of the Columbus Club as the location is not suitable. Once we find a new place, work will resume.

up for those who may need them. One issue will be the cost involved.

More to come on this.

Club Cars: Pat Hreachmack. Pat brought the idea of having a club car from each model railroad club in the division made. These cars will run on the Janis Center layout during open houses and during the Ohio State Fair. The purpose of the cars will be to promote the clubs in the division. They could also be used for other events in the division. Pat was named chairman for this project and is free to move it forward. The Super will provide Pat with the list of clubs in the division that has been assembled.

Operating Secession Needs: Mike Wolf. Mike has been named Operating Secession Chair for the 2016 MCR Convention. He needs to know who will be able to have their layout open for operating secession during the Convention. Look for more info on this in the *Super's Signal* and on line.



Division Member's View of the Meeting.

Car Project: Greg Short. The Superintendent gave a report about doing a car project at the last meeting. The Steering Committee discussed modifying the project from a newer welded box car to doing a gondola. Don Wilke had found a photo of a general service gondola for Buckeye Steel Castings. The committee felt this would be a much easier car to sell and it fit the area. We plan to have them ready for the 2016 MCR Convention and sell them as part of the registration. Division 10 did this at the last convention and they sold well. The Superintendent is in contact with Accurail to move the project along and should have the info soon. All in attendance felt it would be a good project with several indicating their desire to buy some.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Chair: Greg Short. The Superintendent reported that Scott Brown has been good enough to step up and volunteer to be our Election Chair. Look for information on the web and in the *Super's Signal*.

Name Tags: Greg Short. The idea of having name tags for all division members at meeting was brought up. All members thought the idea was a good one. For today the Super brought stick on tags for the attendees. The Steering Committee will look at the possibility of getting name tags made

Division 6 Regulation Changes: Dick Briggs. Dick brought up that we are in the process of making some changes to the Division 6 Regulations. The purpose of this is to allow the Division to piggyback onto the up coming 501(c)(3) status that the NMRA is working toward. The changes to the regulations mainly involve changing some language in them. By doing this the division will be able to achieve tax exempt status. We will keep everyone advised of this as it will happen soon.

Myrtle Beach Club: We were given a heads up about the Grand Strand Model Railroad Club in Myrtle Beach SC. They have 3 operating layouts in O, HO, and N scales. If you are on vacation in the area please visit them.

CLUB REPORTS

Due to time constraints on the meeting there were no club reports for this meeting.

BRING N BRAG

Since we are doing a layout tour following the meeting there was no Bring N Brag at the meeting.

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

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OCTOBER MEETING

Next Division 6 Business Meeting: Greg Short. The next meeting will be October 10 at the home of Mark Maynard in Portsmouth. This will be a joint meeting with Division 9.

Signal Deadline: The *Signal* deadline is September 17.

Next Contest: The next contest for both models and photos will be open loads.

ADJOURNMENT:

Matt Goodman made the motion to adjourn.

Division members off to the South-west Columbus Layout Tour.

September Program Highlights

By Dick Briggs, Program Chair

Wow! What a great turnout for the September layout tours! Thanks to the members who opened up their layouts for the rest of us to enjoy. It was a beautiful day to be out and about and the layouts were spectacular.

October will be another road trip month where we will be traveling to Portsmouth, Ohio, on **Saturday October 10th** to visit Mark Maynard's home for our annual meeting hosted by Division 9. For those who have not attended in the past, Mark and Division 9 have a great barbecue lunch served at noon prepared for us, we get operate a really great

railroad, rub elbows with some really cool modelers, and pick up a bargain or two at their swap meet. By the way if you have an item or two that you want to dispose of you are welcome to bring them along for sale. If you are interested in carpooling to Portsmouth we will meet at Bob Evans on South High Street just North of I-270 on US-23 and leave from there at 8:30 AM sharp. Some of us will meet for breakfast at Bob's around 7:30. You are welcome to join us.

The contest for this meeting is "Open Loads" both photo and model. See the map for directions.

Crusty Mountain and Wiloby Springs Railroad

Mark Maynard



Mark Maynard



Matt Goodman's iCar.



Jet Transshipment, Inkjet that is.



CMWS #34.

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		
10 Oct (Sat)	Division 6-9 Joint Meeting	Joint Meeting: Division 9, Mark Maynard, Portsmouth, Ohio Layout: Crusty Mountain and Wiloby Springs Railroad	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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Southwest Columbus Layout Tour



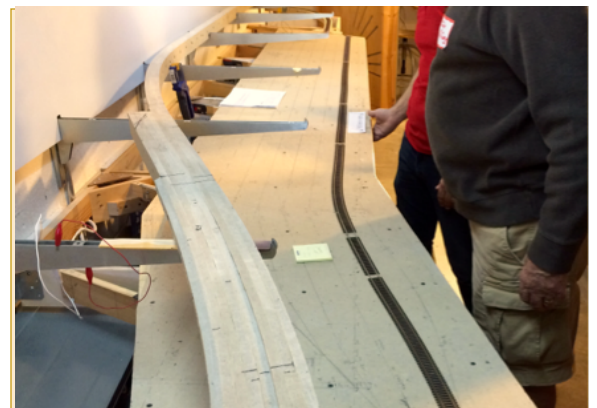
Howdy's Shack by the Tracks.



Rail Competition on Logan's.



Howdy's City on a Hill.



Goodman's "Pull-Out" Yard.



Sonnen's N-Scale Module Layout.



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Tower on Logan's Layout.

Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

There was no contest during the Southwest Columbus Layout Tour

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



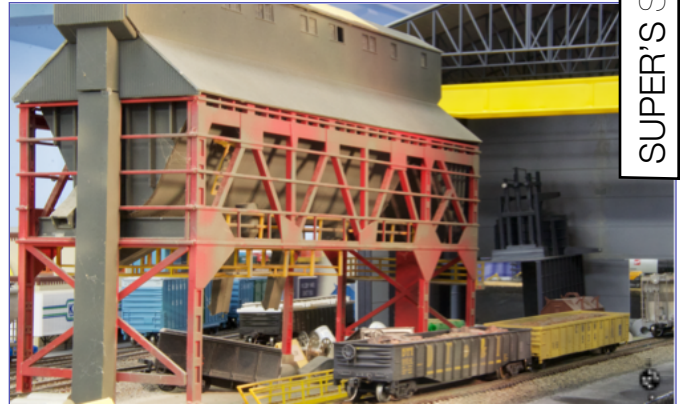
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Crusty Mountain and Wiloby Springs Railroad

Mark Maynard



Lunch Line.



Steel Mill.

Southwest Columbus Layout Tour



Sonnen's N-Scale Campgrounds.



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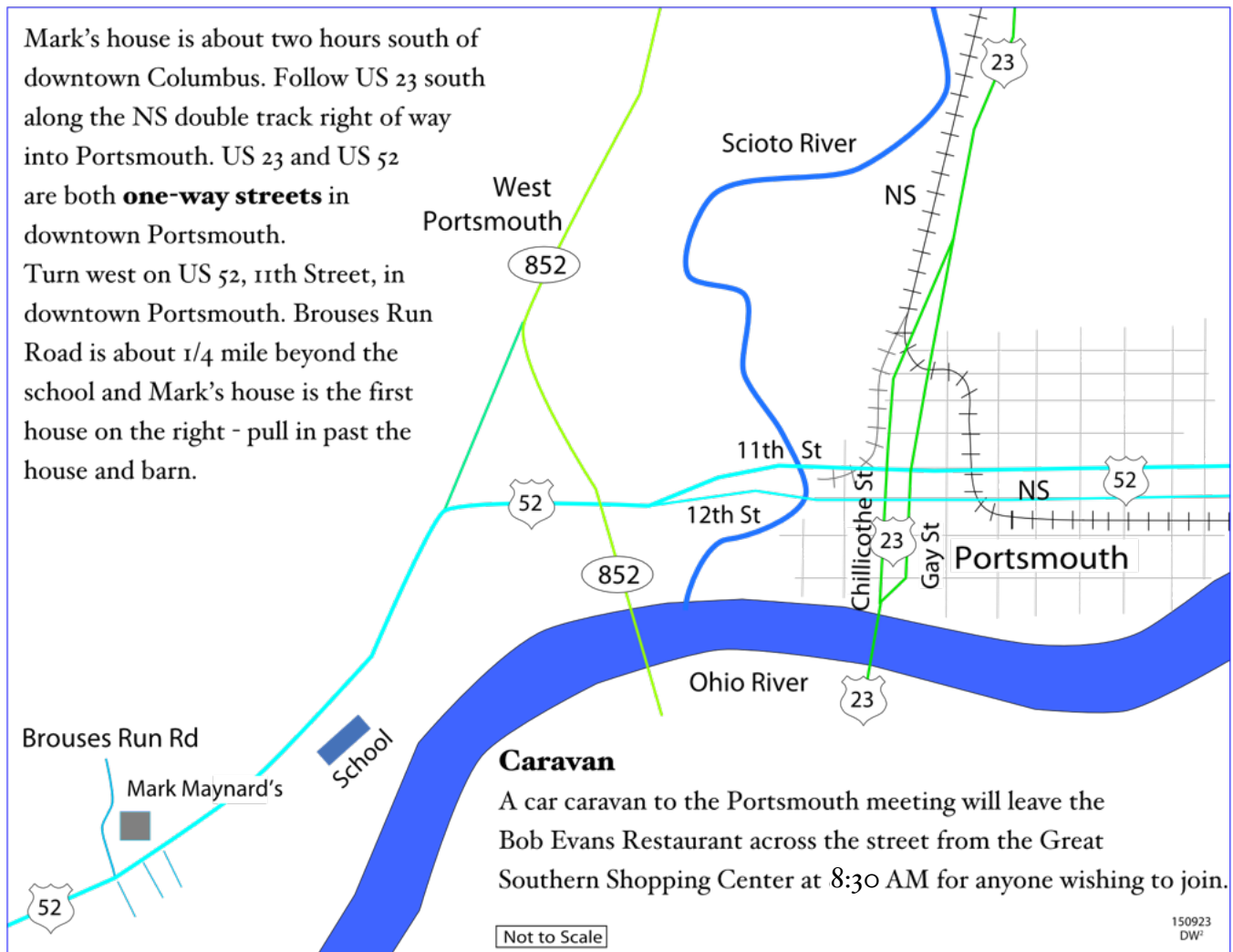


Howdy's Main Yard.



Logan's Shay.

Mark's house is about two hours south of downtown Columbus. Follow US 23 south along the NS double track right of way into Portsmouth. US 23 and US 52 are both **one-way streets** in downtown Portsmouth. Turn west on US 52, 11th Street, in downtown Portsmouth. Brouses Run Road is about 1/4 mile beyond the school and Mark's house is the first house on the right - pull in past the house and barn.



Caravan

A car caravan to the Portsmouth meeting will leave the Bob Evans Restaurant across the street from the Great Southern Shopping Center at 8:30 AM for anyone wishing to join.

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an idea that could catch on. I liked the idea that you can change the layout by simply placing the modules in a different order, clever. Darrell and Judy's layout is super with the ability to run sizable trains on a home layout. I have visited their several times over the years and I am still impressed at what they have. Howdy's layout blew me away. What a great layout in a small place. His attention to detail and creativity are impressive. Hopefully he will peruse his MMR as he deserves. All these modelers should inspire the rest of us with what they have done.

For those who can make it, in October we will once again be going to Mark Maynard's home in Portsmouth as the guest of Division 9. If you have not had a chance, try to make it. Mark Has a nice layout in all places, a barn, and to see it you would never expect it. There will also be a lunch served and if it is like last year it is good eating. Don't forget the contest will be open loads.

Well that about does it for now, Happy Modeling.

Greg

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