

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

A publication of Division 6, Mid-Central Region of The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

November 2015



## Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

### October Super's Report

Hey all, looks like fall is creeping up on us. The leaves are beginning to change, the days are getting shorter and the temps are falling. The first thing I want to do is to let everyone know that our Clerk, Dexter Hill, has had a medical issue. I won't go into details but I want to pass on that I have spoken to him and he is on the mend. I have grown to count on Dexter and have become friends with him quickly as many of you have. I know that I speak for all, as we wish him a speedy and full recovery. Dexter has let me know that due to his illness, he will not be able to fulfill his term as Clerk. He will not be seeking reelection to that position. Along with that we need to pass on well wishes to Dick Briggs better half, Theresa. as she is also on the mend. To both of them our thoughts and prayers.

Now let get on to some better news. We had our annual southern meet with the great folks from Division 9 at Mark Maynard's home in Portsmouth. Once again the food was great and the company was fun. Mark has a great layout for those who have not made the trip. As most know, it is in what we could consider a quite unusual place, the hay loft of an old barn. Mark and his crew have built quite the layout. I want to thank Mark for inviting us to his home and providing the fine meal once again. We had a joint meeting with Division 9.

I only had a couple of item that I need to pass on. First is that we have our nominations for officers coming up at our next meeting. The positions that are up this year are Super, Asst. Super, Clerk and Paymaster. If you wish to run for one of these please review the Division Regulations on how to do it. The Regulations are found on the Division website under the About Us tab. I have also appointed a nomination and elections committee. This consists of

*Super's Signal Deadline*  
*18 November*

15 November

## St. John's Lutheran Church Grove City

1:00: St. John's Church opens (Rooms 103/104)

1:30: Contest submission closes

2:00: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

2:30: Video Clinic: from NMRA Clinic Library

**Model Contest:** Work in progress.

**Photography Contest:** Work in progress.

Chair, Scott Brown, along with Bob Lee and Matt Goodman. Please contact me through the Supers' link on the website if you wish to place your name on the ballot or have questions. I will forward the info to the Chair.

The next thing I need to pass on is through the help of Pat Hreachmack of the Janis Club, the division is creating a HO scale train of club cars. The hope is to build a train used at various events to promote the division and also the various clubs that are in the division to new or prospective members. Look for more information on this as we move forward. Pat is already collecting cars and assembling the train. I hope to have him do a write up for us on this project in a later edition of the *Signal*.

The division has entered into a contract with Accurail to do a project car for our 2016 MCR Convention. The car is a 41' gondola lettered for Buckeye Steel Castings. The first offering for the car will be in the registration for the convention then to all members. Don't get too worried, we ordered enough for you to get a few

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## Clerk's Report

By Greg Short for  
Dexter Hill, Clerk

### Minutes for the joint Division 9–Division 6, Mid Central Region,

#### NMRA Inc. Business Meeting for October 10, 2015

The joint Division 9 and 6 business meeting was called to order by Acting Super Jerry Doyle of Division 9 at Mark Maynard, Portsmouth.

#### Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Director	Jim Borcz

#### Chairpersons Present:

Contest	Bob Lee
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Raffle	Lon Wilson

The Superintendent asked the attendees to put their Division 6 meeting notice postcards in the meeting notice collection box.

**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 published. Being none Bob Lee made the motion to approve minutes with Matt Goodman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was approved.

**Paymaster's Report:** Greg Short. None was given due to Paymaster Paul Farley not in attendance.

**Program Report:** Greg Short Briggs. Superintendent Greg Short reported the program for the next meeting will be video clinics from the NMRA clinic library.

**Achievement Program Report:** None given.

**Website Report:** None given.

**Media Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt reported that our Facebook and YouTube channel are both doing well with numerous hits and views. We still seem to get a number of views from outside the US.

**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt reported that we are still down some members from last year.

**Super's Signal:** None given.

**2016 MCR Convention:** Bob Lee for Dick Briggs. Bob reported that the convention is on schedule and that Dick and Don will be getting started on getting more content in the website possibly this week. Bob gave a quick rundown of the scheduled events for the Division 9 members. It was also reported that the host hotel in taking reservations for the convention at this time.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Car Project:** Greg Short. The Superintendent gave a report that the car project is moving along. Accurail has been sent a partial payment and in turn they have sent proofs of the project for approval. After review the super has given the OK to Accurail to proceed and we are waiting for word back from them.

**Elections:** Greg Short. The Superintendent reminded everyone that nominations for office need to be in by the November meeting. The offices up are Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, and Paymaster.

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#### DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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##### Division 6 Pay Master

Paul Farley:

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##### Directors

Jim Borcz,

John Retterer,

Donald Wilke:

[Director@div6-mcr-nmra.org](mailto:Director@div6-mcr-nmra.org)

#### APPOINTED CHAIRS

**Achieve. Program:** Dick Briggs, MMR

**Contest:** Bob Lee

**Media:** Matt Goodman

**Members Aid:**

**Membership:** Matt Goodman

**Program:** Dick Briggs

**Raffle:** Lon Wilson

**Web Master:** Don Wilke

##### Super's Signal Publisher

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##### Mid-Central Region President

Steve Kaplan

[president@midcentral-region-nmra.org](mailto:president@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

##### NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

### NEW BUSINESS

None reported.

### CLUB REPORTS

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

### BRING N BRAG

Bob Lee presented certificates to those who were the Bring n Brag winners.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Next Division 6 Meeting:** The next meeting will be November 15 at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Grove City.

**Signal Deadline:** The *Signal* deadline is November 18.

**Next Contest:** Work in progress.



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and if we run out we can always order more. I expect this to be a good seller as it is a fit for almost any era and road. Trust me, it would not bother me to see that we needed to do a second run.

To finish up the meeting we had a good contest with open loads being the subject. We had several entries in both the model as well as the photos. Division 9 also had a contest with their subject being servo controlled models or scenes. This make for so really cool ideas

and models. I know everyone there took home some idea for their railroad. I should also say that the weather was great and we are looking forward to the 2016 edition of your joint meeting.

I need to let everyone know that we will be back in Grove City for our next meeting. I hope to see everyone there, till then:

Happy Modeling.

Greg



## Membership Report

*Matt Goodman, Membership Chair*

### Upcoming Expirations –

#### Check Your Membership Expiration Date!

September	3 memberships expired
October	2 memberships are expiring
November	3 memberships are expiring

### New Members

We had three new members in September. Please welcome the following to the division:  
Brody Brightwell of Coshocton  
Kevin Plummer of Logan  
Steven Harvey of Mt. Vernon

### Renewals

May 2015 had four renewals and two re-rails. Welcome back Dave and Darl!

### Active Members:

September: 161	July: 159
August: 160	September '14: 174

### Other Stuff

Questions about when your membership expires can be handled by the Division 6 Membership Chair, Matt Goodman,  
[MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org](mailto:MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org)

### More Stuff

Have you changed your address or other membership information?

Notify headquarters by email: [nmrahq@aol.com](mailto:nmrahq@aol.com)

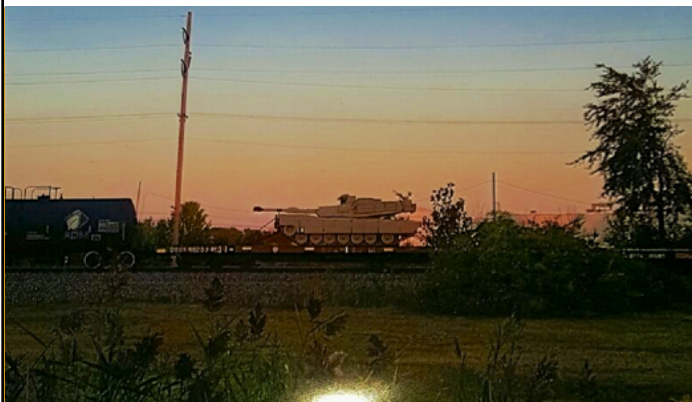
By phone: 423-892-2846 (9am – 4:30pm, ET)

Or by mail to: NMRA, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1328  
Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328



## Contest Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair



**Photo - First Place**  
**Flat with Tank Load**  
**Lon Wilson**

The October Division 6 Contest was held at the home of Mark Maynard in Portsmouth, Ohio. The category was "Open load" for both Model and Photo.

The first place Model winners were Jim Borcz for his Great Northern gondola #72643 and Bob Lee for his Seaboard flat with load #42806. Because we had a tie for first place there was no second place. The third place winner was Lon Wilson for his flat car with back hoe load.

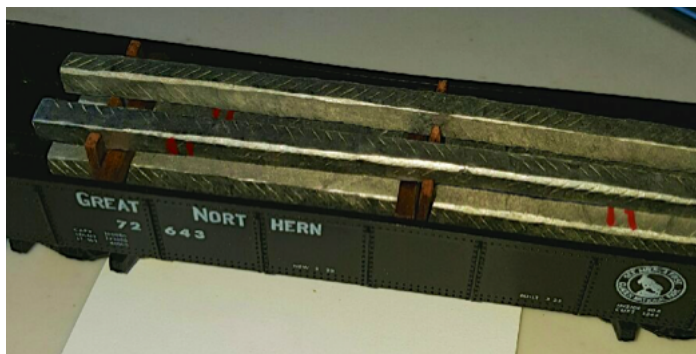
The first place Photo winner was Lon Wilson with his flat car with tank load. The second place winners were Paul Smith with his logging car with logs load and Lon Wilson with his GRW coil car #7093. Because we had

a tie for second place we had no third place winner. **Remember to arrive early to submit your entries and vote!**

Our next contest will be at Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City on November 15. The categories for Model and Photo will be "Work in Progress".

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

**Photos Provided by Bob Lee**



**Model - First Place (tie)**  
**Great Northern Gon #72643**  
**Jim Borcz.**



**Model - First Place (tie)**  
**Seaboard Flat #42806 with load**  
**Bob Lee.**

## November Program Highlights

By Dick Briggs, Program Chair

November 15 will be our next division meeting. The meeting will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, in Grove City. The church opens at 1:00 PM and the meeting will start at 2:00 PM and include our usual business meeting, raffle, and model and photo contest. The subject for the contests is "Work in Progress" We intend on viewing one of the digital clinics provided to us by the national NMRA.

### Program Update

The date for our December showing of Vic Ketchum's railroad movies has been changed to **December 6**. The family theater is not available on our original date because of library needs.

**In addition:** Michael Kaplan, age 45, and son of our Region President Steve Kaplan has passed away. Michael had MS for the last 20-25 years. A copy of the death notice may be viewed at [www.div4.org](http://www.div4.org) For those wishing to send a sympathy card, cards may be sent to Steve and Patty Kaplan, 3238 Belvoir Blvd., Beachwood, OH 44122.

Art Bumpus, MCR Region Secretary

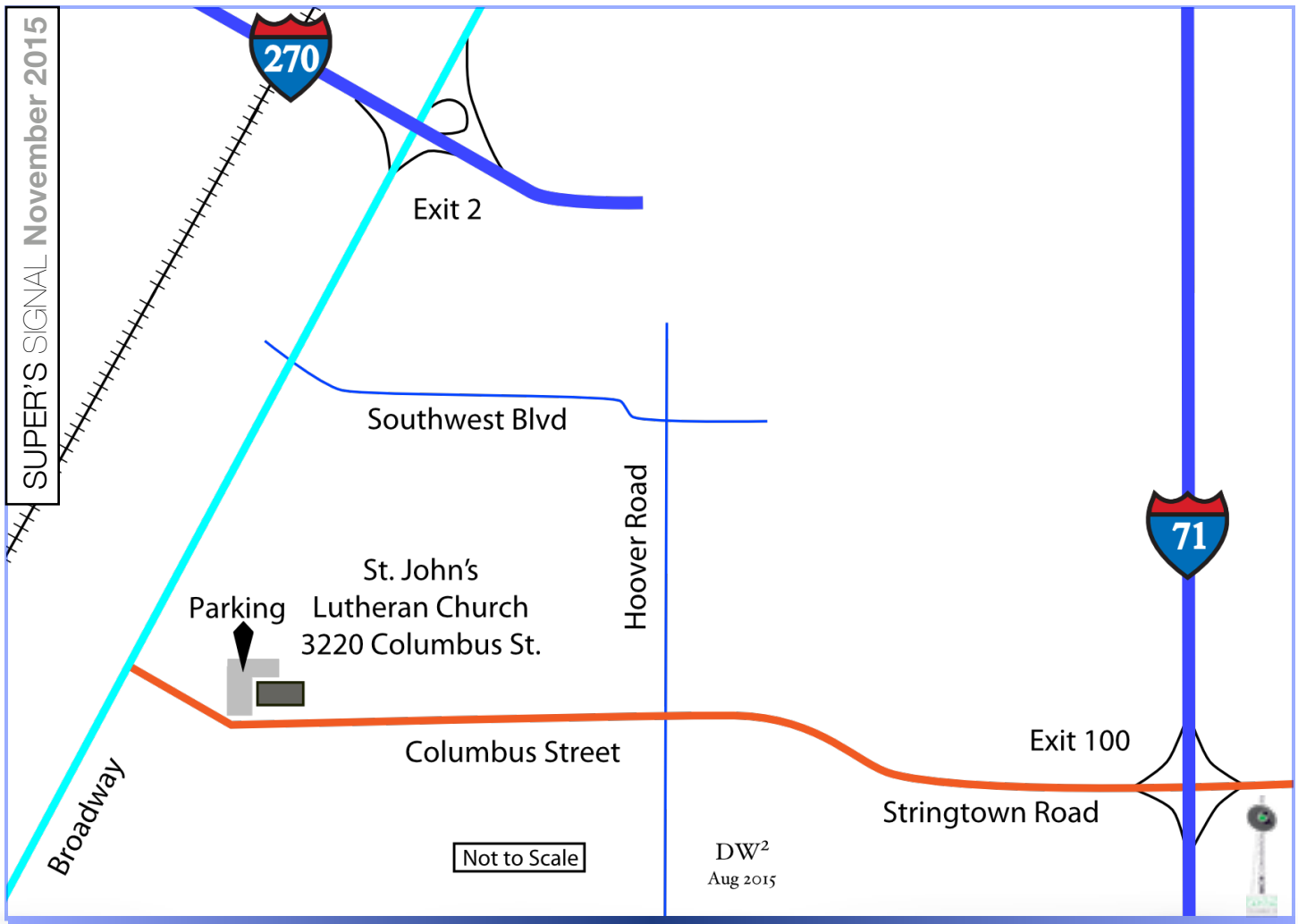


## Division 6 – 2015 Time Table

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: <b>St. John's Lutheran Church</b> , 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		
<b>6 Dec CHANGE</b>	Division 6 Meeting	Old Movie Day, Upper Arlington Library	Model: Covered Hopper Photo: Covered Hopper

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### **Where has Santa gone?**

Dexter Hill has been hospitalized recently and undergone a serious surgical procedure. Thankfully he is on the mend and recuperating at home. Hopefully he will return to share division meetings with us. We encourage you to send a card wishing him well. Send cards to:

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5035 Ashville Fairfield Rd.  
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