

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

December Super's Report

Hello all and welcome to 2016. I hope everyone had a good holiday season, now it is back to the grind. It looks like winter has finally arrived, but with that, it means it's modeling season. Time to get out those projects that you have been meaning to finish or open up those gifts and start with them. Santa was nice enough to bring me a couple of things for the railroad this year. I don't even have to do anything with them but put them on the layout. Ok maybe I have to do a little weathering, so I guess they go to the project cabinet for now.

On to the division business. For those who were not there I was not at our January meeting either. I can't give you my take on what happened at the meeting. I took the day and visited our friends in Division 2 and gave a presentation on the 2016 MCR Convention. I must give a big thanks to the Members and Officers of Division 2 for allowing me the time during their meeting for the presentation. Everyone there made me feel welcome and I also got to see how others do their meetings. I guess the highlight of my visit was to see the Ohio Valley Lines, which was the host for their meeting. This is a wonderful HO scale layout located in Ambridge, Pa. I was amazed at the scenery and detail. The first thing that caught my eye was the fact that much of the layout is set in the fall. The color of the scenery really pops out at you. The layout also features a steel mill, coke plants, both beehive and vertical oven, as well as a full lit city scene with a trolley line. The club also has a N scale layout under construction in the basement that according to them is a few years out. I will also add that the club has also taken the time to finish the building which adds to the

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look. They also have a extensive library and artifact collection. All in all one of the finest places I have ever visited and is a level that all clubs should try to strive for. If you ever have the opportunity to visit do so as you will not be disappointed. I know that I am going to plan a visit for the Zanesville Club. As a side note the train watching is pretty good also. NS has the Pittsburgh main thru town. Few places have 4 main line track running thru town. As I stated I was there to promote the upcoming convention. There are several members who are going to be doing this over the next couple of months. If you would like to ride along and visit with some others from other MCR Divisions let Dick know. He has the list of who is doing which meetings.

Well that's about all from here, looking forward to seeing everyone in February. Till then,

Happy Modeling
Greg

14 February St. John's Lutheran Church Grove City

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

1:30: Contest submission closes

1:30: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

2:00: Clinic: TBA (see WEB Site)

Model Contest: Steam Locomotive.
Photography Contest: Steam Locomotive.

Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Deputy Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for January 17, 2015 St. John's Lutheran Church Grove City

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Dick Briggs due to Greg Short's absence on a Division 6 2016 Convention business trip to Pittsburgh. There were 25 division members in attendance.

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Assistant Superintendent	Dick Briggs
Deputy Clerk	Pat Hreachmack
Paymaster	Paul Farley
Director	Jim Borcz
Director	Donald Wilke

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Dick Briggs
Contest	Bob Lee
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Program	Dick Briggs
Raffle	Lon Wilson
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
2016 MCR Convention	Dick Briggs

REPORTS

Clerk's Report: Pat Hreachmack. Minutes for the December meeting were not available as Superintendent Greg, who recorded them, was not present.

Paymaster's Report: Paul Farley. The Paymasters Report details were in his hand-out. The Paymaster's Report was approved by the membership, pending audit.

Visitors/New Members: Charles Scherer from Chillicothe and Bob Weston from Lancaster, were welcomed as transferring members from their respective divisions. Neither has a home layout at present.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt announced that there are currently 162 active members, down from 173 in January of 2015. He also reported there are 608 "Likes" on our YouTube website.

Website Report: Don Wilke. Don reported that the website continues to be updated, and that the next *Super's Signal* deadline is Wednesday, January 20th.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. Don reported that notices and other items for the next *Super's Signal* are due Wednesday, January 20th.

Achievements: Bob Lee. Dick Briggs was awarded Modeler of the Year for 2015. Paul Smith was awarded Photographer of the Year for 2015.

Dick Briggs. Mike Wolf collected four certificates for: Scenery Merit Award; Golden Spike; Certificate of Achievement for Authorship; and Master Builder, Scenery

Well done to all!

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Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

2016 Convention: Dick Briggs. Dick stated that strong work continues on the preparations for the 2016 Convention. Clinics are being staged into various time blocks. Mike Wolf stated there are 7 layout tours and 8 operations sessions already set up. Dick also said there are going to be a number of brand new clinics, including prototype modeling, hands-on, and new technology.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed, thus placing the Name Tag initiative on continued review.

Note: at the Convention Committee meeting of January 6th, it was decided to hold off on the sale of the Club Car project until after the convention.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed due to time constraints.

Welcome back Dexter Hill!

CLUB REPORTS

Due to time constraints, club reports were not provided.

BRING'N'BRAG

Bob Lee announced the Bring'n'Brag winners:

Models:

1st Place: Tie for first place by Al Doddroe for his freight station and Peggy Doerflein for her passenger station.

3rd Place: Darrell Logan for his switch Tower.

Photos:

1st Place: Greg Short for his Scioto Tower

2nd Place: Tie for second by Lon Wilson for his switch heating and Greg Short for his storage building

CLINIC PRESENTATION

Mike Wolf: *Car Cards Without Card Numbers*. Mike provided a comprehensive and detailed review of his system based on Hank TenWolde's system as detailed in the March 2012 issue of *NMRA Magazine*. Well done Mike!

CONVENTION PRESENTATION

Dick Briggs: *2016 MCR Convention*. Dick provided a convention presentation that will be shown to most the the divisions in the Mid Central Region. He asked for volunteers to show the prevention at the divisions.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next Division 6 Meeting: The next division meeting is scheduled for February 14 at St. John's Church. The contest will be steam locomotive modeling and photos.

Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

Upcoming Expirations –

Check Your Membership Expiration Date!

December	2 memberships are expiring
January	13 memberships are expiring!!
February	11 memberships are expiring

New Members

We had no new members in December.

Renewals

December had one re-rail and no renewals.

Active Members:

December: 162	October: 162
November: 162	November '14: 173

Other Stuff

- Have you changed your address or other membership information?
- Are you not getting emails from the division?
- Not sure when your membership expires (or if it already has)?
Notify headquarters by email: nmrahq@aol.com

You can contact either the Buckeye Division membership chair, or the National Headquarters to give updates or get your questions answered:

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Bring'n'Brag Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On January 17, 2016 the Division 6 Bring'n'Brag was held at Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City, Ohio. The category was **"On Line Structures"** for both Model and Photo.

The first place winners were Al Doddroe for his **"O" gauge Freight Station** and Peggy Doerflein for her **"N" gauge Passenger Station**. The third place winner was Darrell Logan for his **"HO" gauge CDL Switch Tower**. There was not a second place winner because of a tie for first place.

The first place Photo winner was Greg Short for his Scioto Switch Tower. The second place winners were Lon Wilson for his Switch Heater and Greg Short for his Storage Building. There was not a third place winner because of a tie for second place.

The Awards for both Modeler and Photographer of the Year were presented at the meeting to **Dick Briggs, MMR**, and **Paul Smith**, again congratulations to both members.



*Model - First Place (Tie)
Freight Station – Al Doddroe.*

Remember to arrive early to submit your entries and vote!

Our next contest location will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, Grove City on February 14. The category will be **"Steam Locomotives"** for both Model and Photo.

The year 2015 gave us the best Contest entries so far, let 2016 be even better. Support your hobby and division by participating.

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



*Photo - First Place
Scioto Tower – Greg Short*



*Model - First Place (Tie)
Passenger Station – Peggy Doerflein.*

Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary

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Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Models

Al Doddroe	8
Peggy Doerflein	8
Darrell Logan	5

Photos

Greg Short	15
Lon Wilson	6



Division 6 – 2016 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
17 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinic: Mike Wolf: <i>Car Cards Without Card Numbers</i>	Model: On Line Structure Photo: On Line Structure
20 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
14 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinic: <i>TBA</i> (see WEB Site)	Model: Steam Locomotive Photo: Steam Locomotive
17 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
6 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Reynoldsburg Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg Clinic: <i>TBA</i>	Model: Diners/Lounge Cars Photo: Diners/Lounge Cars
6 Apr	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
28 Apr – 1 May	<i>MCR Convention</i>	<i>Rails to the Capital</i> , Dublin, OH	Modeler's Choice
15 May	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Reynoldsburg Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg Clinic: <i>TBA</i>	Model: MOW Cars Photo: MOW Cars

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This is a partial listing of planned activities to start off the new year until my replacement can take over the planning of the program. We anticipate clinics at each of these meetings and they will be announced in future Signals

Dick Briggs, MMR

Bring'n'Brag Winners

Bob Lee, Contest Chair



**Dick Brigg, MRR, receives
Modeler of the Year
from Bob Lee.**



**Mike Wolf receives one of many
Merit Awards from Dick Briggs.**



**Paul Smith receives
Photographer of the Year
from Bob Lee.**

Why I Missed the Last Division Meeting

Greg Short, Superintendent

On Sunday, January 17, I made the trip to the Pittsburgh area to attend a Division 2 meeting and give them our presentation to promote the 2016 MCR Convention. Dick Briggs developed and assembled the Convention Power Point program I used. I made the presentation during the division's meeting which I will say was well attended. The convention program is about 10 minutes long and went well. I then gave time for feedback and questions. There were some questions about clinics and the ladies programs that were easily answered. The feedback was helpful and mainly from members who have attended conventions in the past. They discussed how well things are laid out and are being run on our end. I look for several Division 2 members to make the short trip to Columbus for the 2016 MCR Convention.



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