

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

June 2016



Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Ok, here we are again another report to the peeps. Hope all is well. If you have not been living under a rock, or if you have; we just finished hosting the 2016 MCR Convention. WOW what a great time. I must congratulate Dick Briggs and the whole staff on an absolutely fabulous job. I would like to list all those that helped but I know that I would miss some so rather I will say thanks to all. I hope that you all had a chance to get there and see some of the wonderful clinics and other programs.

Dick kept me busy selling raffle tickets most of the time. Except when I had to step out and attend my daughter's graduation from Ohio University. So I would like to congratulate her also on all the hard work she has done.

Ok back to the program. Although I did not get a chance to see any clinics, I did have a ball getting around and talking with many members from other divisions, some who I knew and some I met for the first time. One of the true highlights was the program at the dinner. It was a program on the day in a life of a coal miner at the start of the last century. Dave Adair, with assistance from his brother Dan Adair, presented the program. These guys put on an emotional, movable and entertaining show. If you ever have a chance to see it do so as it is worth it. The way that they portray the men from those days is awesome. It brought back memories for me. I can remember as a kid listening to my grandfather and uncles talk about their dads and uncles working the coal mines of Perry County long before I came along. Those days still go through my mind as I sit here typing this. I just wish I had photos and maps as that would make a great clinic. I think the highlight of my time at the convention was the time spent setting and talking with Steve Kaplin, Mike Brestel and some others. We talked in a quite after hours about the future of the NMRA and what we can do to make it better.

Super's Signal Deadline

22 June

18 June (Saturday)

Marion Union Station Marion, Ohio

8:00: Marion Union Station opens.

8:45: AP Judging, Flea Market, Swap Meet, & Bring 'n Brag entries.

9:00: Clinic: *Son of Imagineering*, Steve Kaplan & Greg Short

10:30: Clinic: *Operation Lifesaver* by Gina Sheldon

11:30: Lunch (on your own)

1:15: Bring 'n Brag voting closes

1:30: Division 6 Business Meeting, raffle, and awards.

3:00: Clinic: *Scratch Building Cars Stick by Stick*, Gary Burdette

All Day: Train Watching!!!!!!!!!!!!

Model Contest: Modelers Choice.

Photography Contest: Modelers Choice.

The division also had a meeting on the 15th of May in Reynoldsburg that was well attended. A couple of things to hit on. First we still need to find a Asst. Super, I am sure that by the time we get one I will have most of the duties for the year done. If you want a position in the division please let me know.

The second is that we have new name badges. Jim Borcz printed them and are quite neat. The idea is to use the badge holders from the convention and wear them to the meetings. For those who did not attend the convention we have left over badge holders for you. The intent is to get a name badge for everyone and have you wear them at the meetings so everyone will learn your name. It will also be a way to identify our members if we are on an outing.

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Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for May 15, 2016 Reynoldsburg Methodist Church

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, at the Reynoldsburg Methodist Church, in Reynoldsburg.

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Available
Clerk	Pat Hreachmack
Director	Jim Borecz
Director	John Ritter
Director	Donald Wilke

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

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

Clerk's Report: Pat Hreachmack. Motion for approval of prior meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved by membership.

Paymaster's Report: Dexter Hill. Dexter reported a the net total in Savings and Checking accounts. There were several overdraft fees reported, and membership asked additional questions. Financials were approved by John Ritter and seconded by Don Wilke with approval of the membership. The Superintendent later in the meeting stated that additional discussion of the financials would take place at the upcoming Steering Committee Meeting.

Program Report: Greg Short. Superintendent Greg stated that he is working on programs for the next meeting to be held in Marion. Clerk Patrick stated that Gina Sheldon from Operation Safety has been invited.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. Dick announced Mike Wolf has earned his NMRA Civil Engineering Certificate.

Web Master Report: Don Wilke. Don Wilke reported that the website is currently up to date but one link needs some improvement.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that the NMRA Facebook page for Buckeye Division is up and running.

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. Don reported that notices and other items for the next Super Signal are due May 18. He has requested that members send additional articles and photos.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt shared that last May Division 6 membership was 158 members, but as of this May the membership is now 180 members. We have gained 18 new members since January.

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DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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APPOINTED CHAIRS

Achieve. Program: Dick Briggs, MMR

Contest: Bob Lee

Media: Matt Goodman

Members Aid: Available

Membership: Matt Goodman

Program: Available

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Robert Beaty, MMR

Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

2016 MCR Convention: Dick Briggs. Dick personally extends his thanks to all who worked so hard to make the recent convention a success. He has heard from a number of regional folk that the convention was a very positive event for them. Region President Steve Kaplan stated he was "very impressed". Dick stated that the convention was "marginally successful" and will provide a full report at the June meeting. He handed out checks to those who sold products thru the Company Store. Over 130 Buckeye Steel gons and a number of our buildings were sold thru the convention. Approximately 170 NMRA members and 60 spouses were in attendance.

Superintendent Greg Short. Greg reported that the Mid Central Region Board of Directors voted to transfer several areas of the Mid Central Region. The region has added territory all the way to Buffalo, NY but also transferred out three counties in northern Indiana.

OLD BUSINESS

Name Tags: Superintendent Greg Short. Greg issued name badges to each member present and says we will use the lanyards received at the convention plus the badge holder, for our name cards. Each member shall be responsible for maintaining his/her name badge.

NEW BUSINESS

New member Bob Weston (Lancaster) was introduced.

CLUB REPORTS

Columbus Model Railroad Club: Discussion centered on the Columbus Model Railroad Club currently based in a building on the grounds of the Columbus Steel Casting plant. The plant has now closed, but pay is still owed to a number of former employees. Rumors are flowing and the closure is indefinite. Apparently the foundry is over \$10M in the hole. CMRS is very concerned that they might have only a very short time left in the current location. The club is facing either a new buyer allowing the club to stay active, relocation to a yet to be determined new location, or club closure. This is a sorry state for an 84 year old club.

Janis Model Railroad Club: The Janis Model Railroad Club is very active since the City of Columbus has decided to allow the Janis Center to stay open for at least a full term of four years.

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: The Central Ohio

Model Railroad Club has sold out of the 85 Hocking Valley box cars.

Hocking Valley Model Railroad Club: The Hocking Valley Model Railroad Club is establishing a new layout in the Smoke Stack Hobby Shop. The new layout will utilize only merchandise available at Smoke Stack, and will also demonstrate multiple steps in the layout building process.

Live Steam Club: The Live Steam Club has their annual live steam test day coming up soon but the actual date has not yet been set. The club is now operating and has scheduled July 10 for their first main meeting this year.

BRING'N'BRAG

Models:

1st Place: Darrell Logan for his pile driver.

2nd Place: Shared by Jim Borcz for his Maintenance of Way train and by Lon Wilson for his M&W #212.

3rd Place: None because of the second place tie.

Photos:

1st Place: Shared by Peggy Doerflein for her hand car photo and by Paul Smith for his B&W clearance car.

2nd Place: None because of the first place tie.

3rd Place: Shared by Greg Short for his GMRY #901 side dump car, by Rich Hartley for his Russel Snow Plow, and by Paul Smith for his speeders.

The next contest will be in Marion and be for member's choice for both models and photos.

Raffle: The first two drawings were won by Lon Wilson, and the third by Bill Frost.

Video: Mike Wolf demonstrated the hand laid track project that earned his achievement award and discussed the techniques he utilized.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next Division 6 Meeting: The next meeting will be on Saturday, 18 June, at the Marion Union Station in Marion.

Signal Deadline: The *Signal* deadline is 22 June.

Next Contest: Model's Choice.

Meeting was adjourned with approval of the membership.



Dick's New Truck

Have you seen Dick's new truck?

Apparently the lease on his two year old truck ran out about the time of the 2016 Convention and he received a new truck.

It has been reported that while Dick is in Alaska "Riding the Rails" Bob Lee borrowed the truck to move something or other. And of course, something happened. No one is

sure exactly what happened. Bob felt so bad he decided to get the paint job a slight touchup.

Broadway Limited Imports is so impressed with the new paint job they are considering making a model of Dick's new truck. Email Dick to let him know what you think.

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Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

What a difference a year makes! In May of 2015, our membership numbers were at a five year low of 158; by the end of April this year, that number had increased to 180!

Why?

My best guess was that it was due to the buzz around the MCR Convention that our division hosted at the end of April. A look at the numbers seems to bear this out; in the eight months following that low last May, our membership was relatively static - it increased by a net of four people. Over the next four months - the four months preceding the convention - it increased by *eighteen*. Additionally, seven of those eighteen new members - 38% - are RailPass members.

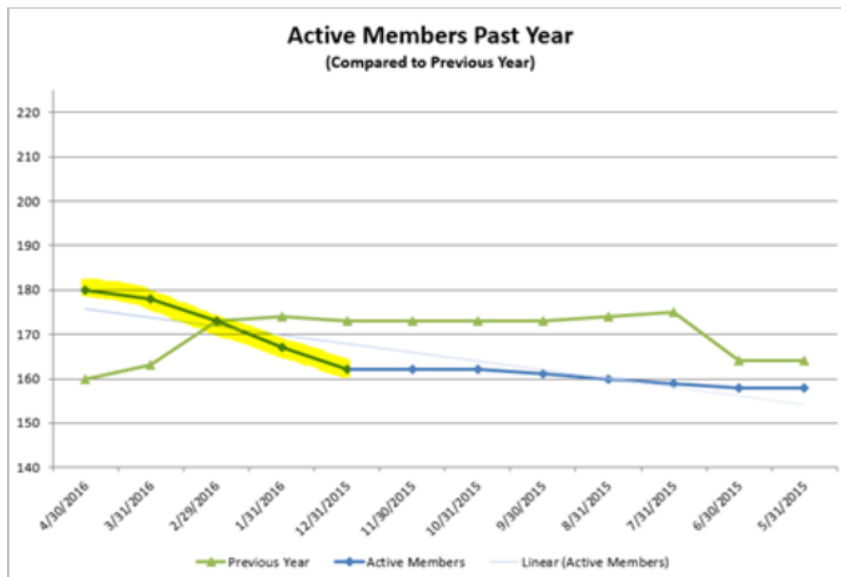
My take away from those numbers is that:

1. The convention was recognized as a great opportunity to learn new things and meet others in the model railroading community.
2. In a significant number of cases, the RailPass was an inexpensive way to gain that access.

Some of the details behind these numbers lead me to believe that some of those new RailPass memberships were likely purchased by current mem-

bers sponsoring others. What a great way to leverage that benefit! Consider sponsoring someone who has expressed interest in the hobby - we all benefit from new folks joining the fold with their talents. The next master builder, rail historian or painter may be out there waiting for the opportunity to share their knowledge!

And to all you new members, WELCOME!



Note: In the chart above, the newest dates are to the left instead of the right.

New Members

We have seven new members this month; five Railpass and two full year. The new members hail from:

- Lancaster
- Reynoldsburg
- Granville
- Prospect
- Grove City
- Pickerington
- Columbus

Renewals

Nineteen members renewed their memberships in March and April. Three members, from Columbus, Hilliard and Lancaster re-railed. Welcome back!

Active Members (end of the month):

April	180	February	173	March '15:	163
March	173	April '15:	160	February '15:	173

Upcoming Expirations – Check your dates!

April	7 memberships may have expiring
May	2 memberships are expiring
June	3 memberships are expiring

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:

National

Email: nmrahq@aol.com

Phone: 423-892-2846 (9am – 4:30pm)

Mail: NMRA, Inc.
P.O. Box 1328
Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328

Buckeye Division Membership Chair

Email: MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org

Phone: 614-313-3681 (please leave a message)

Mail: Matt Goodman
130 S. Algonquin Ave.
Columbus, OH 43204

It will be each member's responsibility to bring the name badge with you to the meetings. I am also trying to get a rewards program for wearing them.

I also have some bad news in that I have sent the idea of the bus trip to Indy to the scrap yard.

Congratulations to Mike Wolfe. Mike picked up an AP Certificate towards his Master Model Railroader. I hope that we get more participation in the AP as we move forward. Dick Briggs is now going to put all his efforts toward this as he steps back from all other duties and offices in both the division and region. He has stated he will begin going over each of the areas in the AP and wants to help us get more MMR's in the future. So let's follow his lead and jump in.

We had a contest on MOW cars that had quite a few participants. Congrats to the winners as once again we had some nice models and photos

I hope that I get to see you in Marion next month. I am planning on having a pretty decent program for everyone. The hope is to have at least a couple of clinics as well as a visit from the folks at Operation Lifesaver. We will also have a contest with the topic being modeler's choice. Also an area for you to bring your used and unneeded trains, remember to bring you own tables. And my favorite part, watching trains. Well I think I have covered it for this time so.

Happy Modeling

Greg

Bring'n'Brag Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On May 15, 2016 the Division 6 Contest was held at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The category was "**M.O.W. Car**" for both Model and Photo.

The first place Model winner was Darrell Logan for his "**Pile Driving Car**". The second place winners were Jim Borcz for his "**M.O.W. Train**" and Lon Wilson for his "**M.O.W. Car #212**". Because of a tie for second place we had no third place winner.

The first place Photo winner was Peggy for her "**Hand Car**". The Second Place winners were Greg Short for his "**GMRY Side Dump Car #901**"; Rich Hartley for his "**Snow Plow**" and Paul Smith for his "**Speeder's**". Because of the tie for second place there were no third place winners.

Photographs
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Note: Due to a disqualification, the winners of the Photo Contest have changed. All parties concerned will be notified. The above winners are accurate after the change.

I have clarified the contest rules for Photo's, please take a look at them in this issue of the Signal for the changes.

Remember to arrive early to submit your entries and vote!

Our next contest location will be at Marion Union Station in Marion, Ohio on (Saturday) June 18th. The category for Model is Modeler's Choice and the category for Photo is Modeler's Choice, **Black/White or Color (note change)**.

Support your hobby and division by participating.

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

Contest Rules Review
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Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary 14 February 2016

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Models

Photos

Darrell Logan	29	Peggy Doerflein	8
Robert Doerflein	11	Fred Rea	6
Lon Wilson	11	Eric Porch	6
Al Doddroe	10	Bob Lee	2
Pat Hreachmack	9	Greg Short	2
Jim Borcz	8		

Greg Short	27	Paul Smith	6
Peggy Doerflein	16	Jim Borcz	5
Lon Wilson	6	Al Doddroe	5
Rich Hartley	6	Eric Porch	5

Bring'n'Brag Rules

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

BRING' N' BRAG CONTEST RULES

Entrants may bring model(s) and or photo(s) and enter in the Division 6 Contest each meeting. The first, second, and third place winners will receive certificates and will be asked to give a brief description of the model(s) and or photo(s) they entered as they receive their award(s). All other entrants are not required to do this. Entrants get points toward our annual "Modeler and Photo of the Year" award based on what they enter and how many votes they get. The person with the most points at the end of the year is the winner in each category.

Each entry will receive a number and all division members present will be permitted to vote for their favorite Model and Photo. A point system will be used as follows:

- The entrant that gets the most votes for their entry gets 5 points.
- The entrant that gets the second highest number of votes gets 4 points.
- The entrant that gets the third highest number of votes gets 3 points.

If there is a tie for first place there is **NO second place** and the next highest vote getter gets the third place points.

If there is a three way tie for first place there are **NO second or third place** winners.

If there is a tie for second place there is **No third place** winner.

If there is a tie for third place they all win the third place points.

Every other entrant get one (1) point for bringing in a model or photo. Even if they bring in ten models or photos they still only get one (1) point.

Every entrant whose model and or photo matches the monthly category gets an additional point.

The first place winner(s) will receive a bonus of one (1) point which equals 6 points.

SCRATCHBUILDING & KITBASHING RULES

To reward scratchbuilding and kitbashing skills additional points will be added to the points awarded for place.

- Scratchbuilt models will receive Two (2) additional points.
- Kitbashed models will receive One (1) additional point.

The entrant must notify the Contest Chairman if they model is scratchbuilt or kitbuilt at the time of entry. Failure to do so will disqualify the model for extra point(s).

Example:

1. A regular steam locomotive with a Scratchbuilt tender combined does not count as scratchbuilt.
2. A Ready to Run (RTR) car with Kadee couplers and new trucks does not count as kitbashed.

Each member will **NOT** be permitted to enter the same model again unless you have made some significant modifications to it. Also no RTR (Ready to Run) car can be enter unless you have done something to change it.

*Note: All Models and or Photos must be finished or taken by Entrant, no second party entries will be accepted.

Scoring Example:	First Place	5
	First place extra point	1
	Bringing a model or photo	1
	Matches Category	<u>1</u>
	Total	8 points

- Scratchbuilt add 2 points
- Kitbashed add 1 point

A running list of entrant names and points will be shown in each issue of the *Super's Signal*.

Contest voting closes 30 minutes before the posted division meeting start time.

Contest Rules Review

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Division 6 – 2016 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
17 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Saint John's Lutheran Church, Grove City Clinic: <i>Car Cards Without Card Numbers</i> , Mike Wolf	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 Video Clinic: <i>Turning Inexpensive Styrene Kits Into Front Row Buildings</i> , Katharine Alley	Model: Steam Locomotive Photo: Steam Locomotive
17 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
6 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	<h1 style="margin: 0;">New Time Table on Page 9</h1>	Model: Diner/Lounge Cars Photo: Diner/Lounge Cars
6 Apr	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
28 Apr – 1 May	<i>MCR Convention</i>		Modeler's Choice
14 May	Ohio N-Scale Weekend		
15 May	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Reynoldsburg Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg Clinic: <i>TBA</i>	Model: MOW Cars Photo: MOW Cars
18 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18 June	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion Clinic: <i>TBA</i> Clinic: <i>Operation Lifesaver</i> by Gina Sheldon Clinic: <i>TBA</i>	Model: Modeler's Choice Photo: Modeler's Choice
22 June	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

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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 *Super's Signals*.

Dick Briggs, MMR

Continued: **Contest Rules Review**

PHOTOGRAPHY REQUIREMENT

Photograph Presentation:

Framed Photographs are NOT permitted.

Photographs are not to be covered by glass, plastic, or placed in folders.

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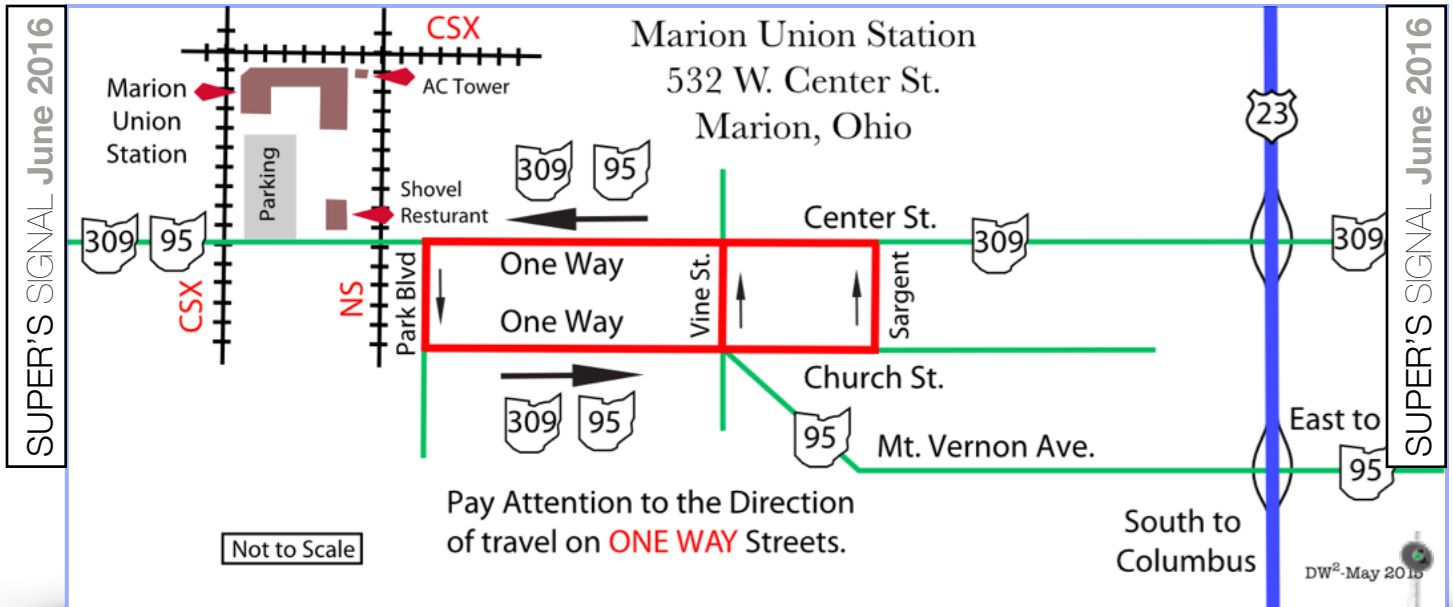
Photography

Minimum mount size: 8 x 10.

Maximum size, print or mount: 12 x 16.

Maximum Height, panorama: 8 inches (width of panorama may be a factor of: 2, 3, or 4.)

Note: No photograph may be **re-entered** in a Division 6 contest if it has won in any category, First Place in a previous contest or any place in a National or Regional contest.



Bring'n'Brag Contest Winners

Bob Lee, Contest Chair



*Model - First Place
Pile Driver
Darrell Logan.*



*Photograph - First Place
Hand Car
Peggy Doerflein.*



Dick's New Truck.

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28 Apr – 1 May	<i>MCR Convention</i>	<i>Rails to the Capital</i> , Dublin, OH	Modeler's Choice
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20 July	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
14 Aug	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Bowling Green Township House, Brownsville, Train Ride: Zanesville & Western	
18 Aug	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
10 Sept Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Joint Business Meeting 6 & 9: Mark Maynard, Portsmouth	
15 Sept	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
15 Oct Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: TBA, Coshocton Train Ride: <i>Mill Creek Central Live Steam</i>	
20 Oct	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
13 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: CA&C (PRR) Depot, Mt. Vernon Clinic: <i>TBA</i>	
	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
11 Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Upper Arlington Library <i>Slide/Movie Show</i>	
15 Dec	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		

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PHOTOGRAPHY REQUIREMENT

Photograph Categories:

- A. Prototype Black & White C. Model Black & White
- B. Prototype Color D. Model Color

Note: The Photo category will be chosen by the Contest Chair each time.

Photograph Presentation:

- Framed Photographs are NOT permitted.
- Photographs are not to be covered by glass, plastic, or placed in folders.
- NO identifying text, including name, permitted on the front of photograph.
- Photograph may have a generic title on the front.
- Maximum of (3) three photos per entrée.

Photograph Size:

- Minimum print size: 5 x 7.
- Minimum mount size: 8 x 10.
- Maximum** size, print or mount: 12 x 16.
- Maximum Height, panorama: 8 inches (width of panorama may be a factor of: 2, 3, or 4.)

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