

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

September 2016



## Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

### August Super's Report

Hey everyone. I hope that you are all surviving the humidity. I like the heat but boy has it been muggy. I would think that if you are a garden modeler the weather has been great for you. The season also brings some outings for some of our members. They have are involved with modular layouts at both the State and county fairs. I applaud the efforts made by them to promote the hobby. If anyone has a chance while attending one of the fairs please visit with them and thank them. Hopefully this will also bring some more interest to both the local clubs as well as the NMRA. As far as I know the last fair to have a exhibit will be at Coshocton during their fair. Remember these are great events that are fun for your whole family. Where else can you get a chocolate dipped, bacon wrapped, deep fried Twinkie on a stick if you want one.

Ok on to other things. We just had a division meeting a couple of days ago and it was quite fun. As it is summer and generally not much happens the meeting was rather brief with just a few thing to fill you in on.

First off we now have a Assistant Superintendent. Judy Logan has stepped up and volunteered to take the responsibility of the office. This means that we finally have all the division officers positions filled. Thank You Judy.

Next, Bob Lee has closed out the bank account from the 2016 Mid Central Region Convention. Bob gave a nice report on this and handed a sizable check over to the division. Let's just say that the effort put for in hosting the convention was worth it. If anyone who was not at the meeting wishes to see a copy of the report please see me. We will not be publishing any of our division finances in the *Signal* or on the web.

There was a question raised in the meeting about whether we should bond the paymaster or not. A member thought the NMRA insurance handled the bonding. The members direct-

10 September

(Saturday)

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

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: Refrigerate Car.

Photography Contest: Prototype—Refrigerate Car,  
color or black & white.

*Super's Signal Deadline*  
*15 September*

ed me to find if this was true. I sent a email to our Region President, Steve Kaplin, to ask him if he had any information about bonding. This raised the question with him so he sent a email to the National. It turns out bonding is not done

through the National and each level may do it. It was also stated this can be very costly, and most divisions and regions do not do it. Steve Kaplin and I both agree that it is something that we need to look into. Steve will add it to the agenda for the next Mid Central Region BOD Meeting. The thought is that we may be able to find a underwriter to do the region as well as all the divisions for one price.

Bob Lee brought his intention to step down as Contest Chair January 1, so we will need a new contest chair. If you are interested in doing this please talk to Bob so he can fill you in on what he has in place. Bob has done a great job with this and has made it easy

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## Clerk's Report

Greg Short for  
Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

### Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for August 14, 2016 Brownsville Township Garage

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Greg Short in the Office of the Brownsville Township Garage.

#### Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Paymaster	Dexter Hill
Director	Donald Wilke
Director	John Retterer

#### Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

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

**Clerk's Report:** Greg Short. The Super asked for any additions of corrections to the minutes as published in the *Signal*. Don Wilke made the motion to approve minutes with Matt Goodman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was approved.

**Paymaster's Report:** Dexter Hill. The Paymaster gave the Paymasters Report. Paul Smith made the motion to accept with John Retterer making the 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved, pending audit. There was also a question that arose about the bonding of the Office of Paymaster. Several of the members believed that this is done through the NMRA. The Super will inquire the NMRA on this issue.

**Program Report:** Greg Short. The Super gave a brief overview of the program for the remainder of the year.

**Achievement Program Report:** Dick Briggs. Dick reported that we have several members who have been judged and are awaiting AP Certificates.

**Website Report:** Don Wilke. Don reported that the website will be updated in the next week to reflect the upcoming schedule as well as today's meeting.

**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt reported on our numbers and that we have several rail pass that will be expiring soon.

**Media Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt reported on our face book page activity as well as on our twitter account.

**Super's Signal:** Don Wilke. Don brought up the *Signal* deadline is Wednesday August 17, 2016.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Name Tags:** Greg Short. The Super brought up the name tags and passed out several. He will continue to bring these with him to the meetings. Please remember to wear them to the meetings. We will also use them for special outings such as today's train ride and our up coming visit to the *Mill Creek Central* in October.

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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

**Raffle:** Lon Wilson

**Web Master:** Don Wilke

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Robert Beaty, MMR

Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

**2016 Convention Report:** Bob Lee. Bob gave a report on closing out the books from the 2016 Convention. There was a very nice profit seen by the division. If anyone wishes to view a copy of the final report please see the Super at a upcoming meeting as the report will not be published or placed on the website.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Assistant Superintendent:** Judy Logan was introduced as our new Assistant Superintendent This means that we finally have all our officer positions filled. Thank you Judy

**Contest Chairman:** Bob Lee indicated he will step down the first of the year as the Contest Chairman. A search for new one will begin

**Steering Committee Meeting:** There will be a Steering Committee Meeting on August 31, 2016 7PM at Judy Logan's home

### CLUB REPORTS

**Columbus Club:** The status is in limbo due to the sale of the foundry. The club will continue to run till told otherwise.

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for someone to take it on. Along with this, we will also need an Election Chair for this year's elections. Please contact me on this if interested.

Ok there are the highlights of the meeting, on to the fun part. The program part of the meeting was from the Zanesville & Western Scenic Railroad. They were at the meeting and gave a talk on what they are up to and to promote the railroad and even possibly gain some more help. After their presentation we made a short drive to the railroad itself for a train ride. For those who missed it we had a great time. The train ride is rather short due to uncrossable bridges. We made the trip several times so everyone had a chance to get a cab or caboose ride. Fred Rea was our engineer for most of the trips and did a great job. Fred is a regular at the railroad and gives a lot of time to it. We were then graced with a guest engineer. He was a bit rusty at first but once he got the feel for the brake stand he looked

**COMRC:** The club had some small issues to overcome at the Ohio State Fair but had a good showing otherwise and hopes to go back next year.

**ZTNT (Zanesville):** The club reported that they recently had a small layout donated and will be setting it up as a operating layout for kids to operate during open houses. It was also reported that scenery in several area is under way and that the club is looking at doing a open house in the future

### BRING'N'BRAG

None for this meeting.

### RAFFLES

None for this meeting.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

**Next Division 6 Meeting:** The next meeting will be September 10, 2016 at Mark Maynard's home in Portsmouth.

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

### Next Contest:

**Models:** Refrigerated Cars

**Photos:** Color or B&W **prototype** Refrigerated Cars

like the old pro he is. And even though he said he didn't want to run it he had a ball doing so. A big thanks needs to go to the crew at the Z&W for their time and effort both to us as well as for the everyday stuff they do. If you have a chance go take a ride, the cost is not much and it is for a good cause. And if you really feel the need to model in the 1 to 1 scale I am sure that they will welcome you. They are all volunteer and always in need of help.

Ok remember a couple of things we have a Steering Committee meeting on August 31 at Judy Logan's home at 7 pm. And our next Division meeting will be with our friends from Division 9 in Portsmouth. Check the signal as well as the website for updates and more info. Hope everyone enjoys the rest of summer.

Well that's about all for now. I look forward to seeing you all and Happy Modeling.

Greg

*Division 6 on YouTube:*

[www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision](http://www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision)

*Division 6 in Facebook:*

*NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]*

## Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

### Summary/Comments

Our membership grew over 3% in the month of July - up to 185 from June's 179 - and is up **16%** since this time last year. In fact, our current membership is now higher than any time since September 2011 (almost five years ago!) when it was also 185. It's good to see our roster growing so healthily over this past year. Earlier this year, I attributed the gain since the end of last year to the buzz around the *Rails to the Capital Convention* that we hosted in April. I'm scratching my head a bit over the cause of this past month's spike! I'm happy to see it nonetheless.

There is a caveat to July's increase - five of the six new

members are RailPass members, which means the rest of us have six months to make an impression - hopefully a good one! More broadly, twelve of our division's members (about 6.5%) is made up of RailPass members and seven of those will have their memberships expire by the end of November. So if you see a new face at the next meeting (or if you are one of those new faces), introduce yourself to one another and get that new face involved! If you are a current RailPass member, seek a regular member out and let us know what you think about your division and let us know what we can do better.

On a different topic, we have relatively few expirations coming up - but be sure to check and see if you are due for renewal.

### New Mem-

We had six new members join in July - five RailPass and one Family member. They hail from Delaware, Marion, Pickaway and Franklin counties. Welcome Marc, Tom, Jeffrey, Dane, Daniel and Kimberly!!

### Renewals

Eight members renewed their memberships in July.

### Active Members (end of the month):

July	185	July '15	159
June	179	June '15	158
May	178	May '15	158

### Upcoming Expirations - **Check your dates!**

**Note:** If you have questions about when your membership expires, check your magazine address label or contact Membership Chair Matt Goodman.

July	1 membership is expiring
August	2 memberships are expiring
September	2 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](mailto: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 Contest Point Summary 18 June 2016

### Models

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

### Photos

Darrell Logan	35	Peggy Doerflein	8
Eric Porch	15	Fred Rea	6
Robert Doerflein	11	Jim Kehn	6
Lon Wilson	11	Judy Logan	5
Al Doddroe	10	Bob Lee	2
Pat Hreachmack	9	Greg Short	2
Jim Borc	8		

Greg Short	35	Paul Smith	6
Peggy Doerflein	27	Jim Borc	5
Lon Wilson	6	Al Doddroe	5
Rich Hartley	6	Eric Porch	5



## 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	Business Meeting: Reynoldsburg Methodist Church, Reynoldsburg Clinic: <i>TBA</i>	Model: Diner/Lounge Car Photo: Diner/Lounge Car
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
14 May	Ohio N-Scale Weekend	Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard	
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 Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion Clinic: <i>Son of Imagineering</i> , Steve Kaplan & Greg Short Clinic: <i>Operation Lifesaver</i> by Gina Sheldon Clinic: <i>Scratch Building Cars Stick by Stick</i> , Gary Burdette	Model: Modeler's Choice Photo: Modeler's Choice
20 July	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
14 Aug	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Bowling Green Township House, Brownsville, Train Ride: Zanesville & Western	Model: None Photo: None
18 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Sept Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Joint Business Meeting 6 & 9: Mark Maynard, Portsmouth	Model: Refrigerate Car Photo: <b>Prototype</b> –Refrigerate Car, color or black & white
15 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
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</i> Deadline		
13 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: CA&C (PRR) Depot, Mt. Vernon Clinic: <i>TBA</i>	Model: Tank Car Photo: <b>Model</b> –Tank Car, color or black & white
16 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
11 Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Upper Arlington Library <i>Slide/Movie Show</i>	
15 Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

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## Zanesville & Western Scenic Railroad

It was a dark and stormy night ... Sorry, rather it was a dark and stormy afternoon and the ride on I-70 to Brownsville was interesting. Almost no one was going ten miles an hour over the speed limit. Arriving at the Brownsville Township complex we found we were not invited to the birthday party held in the building originally scheduled for our meeting. Instead the division meeting was held in the Brownsville Township garage office. Parking was at a premium, and some members parked on the other side of Route 40. The office had a few tables and numerous chairs for all. After a short, well attended meeting, a brief presentation was made about the Zanesville and Western Scenic Railroad; its history, its equipment, its route, and a plea for volunteer help. The rain letup by the end of the meeting and many of your members and guests made the 8 mile trip to just a little south of Mount Pleasant.

A small boarding platform was across the road from an ample parking area. The train consisted of a 55 ton GE diesel electric locomotive, a blue painted gondola, and a caboose. Most of the people elected to ride in the gondola, a few in the caboose, and a few in the locomotive. Our own Fred Rea was the locomotive's engineer and explained handling the train by using the reverse lever, the throttle, and two braking systems. Fred also explained he was not in charge of the train and he had to wait for the conductor's orders before he could move the train.

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*Zanesville & Western Scenic Railroad*

## Crusty Mountain and Windy Springs Railroad

Mark Maynard



*Mark Maynard*



*Matt Goodman's iCar.*



*Jet Transshipment, Inkjet that is.*



*CMWS #34.*



After the boarding ramp was removed and the conductor waved her flag, Fred blew the whistle twice, released the brakes, advanced the throttle and we were off, caboose first. We paralleled the road for a short distance, made a sweeping curve into a thick forest before coming to a bridge blocked by a fallen tree. Fred explained that the railroad crossed the stream multiple times but none of the bridges were approved by the Federal Railroad Administration and could not be crossed until some work was done on each of them.

After the conductor waved her flag again, Fred blew the whistle three times and we proceeded back up the line for about one and a half miles passing the loading platform on the way. We stopped



*Happy Second Engineer*

at the southern side of Mt Pleasant, waited for the conductor and Fred whistled off

twice and we returned to the boarding platform.

A second trip was then taken with different people in the gondola, caboose, and locomotive with Fred as the engineer again. The view of the through girder bridge over the stream as seen from the rear platform of the caboose was interesting. The massive bridge ties rested directly on the web of the girders. We were told if the ties were rotated the bridge would be approved for use and the train ride could be extended another half mile to a through truss bridge.



*Bridge Out*

Most people left after the second trip. One lucky member talked Fred into giving up his engineer's seat and took control of the locomotive. He had a little trouble releasing the brakes at first and had to be reminded to whistle off but then proceeded down the track at a very good clip with a huge grin on his face. He kept looking for trackside signals but couldn't find any.

The trip home was dry.



*GE Control Stand*



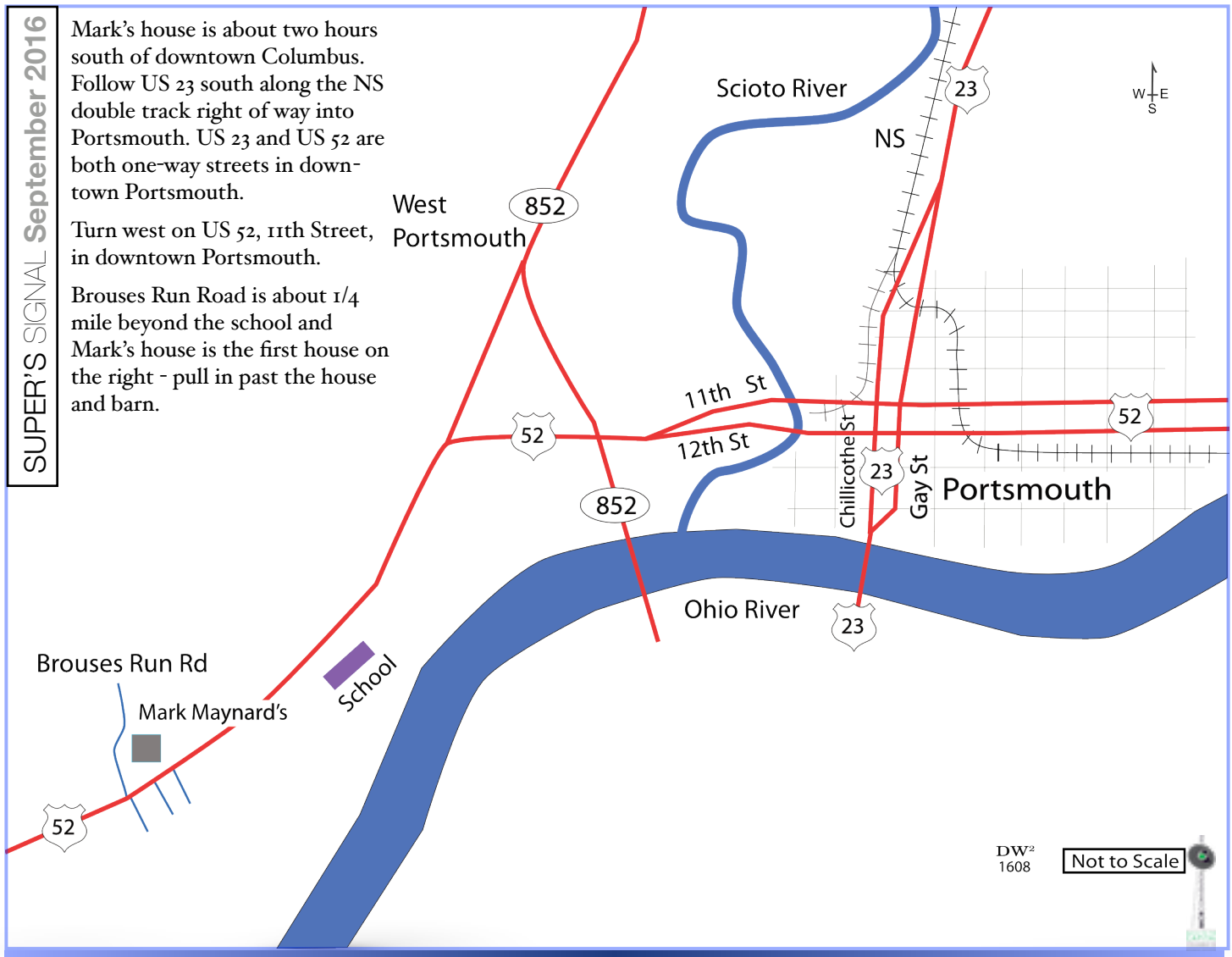
*Fred Rea at the Controls*



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.



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