

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

September Super's Report

Hey gang, I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer weather as it looks like it may hold out for a bit longer. But soon enough the days will get shorter and before you know it we will be in the fall season. As the leaves change and the fall colors bloom don't forget the chances to get out and do some rail fanning. There can be some great photos to be had during this time. It also means it is time to get back to work on that layout and the models that have been laying there since spring. Lord knows there are several on my bench.

I guess I will start with some good news. The Columbus Club has a reprieve and gets to stay in their long time home on Parsons Avenue. I can tell you from personal experience that this has been a very trying time for them. We went through a similar time at the Zanesville Club. Looks like both clubs are now looking positively towards the future now.

Continuing on we had a nice visit with the crew from Division 9 at Mark Maynard's home in Portsmouth. As always Mark provided a great meal for the attendees. I was somewhat disappointed in our attendance but I do know that there are always several things going on this time of year. For those who have never made the trip to Mark's it is well worth it as he is a great host and has a nice railroad in a unique place. I can't wait to see his dispatchers "tower" next year. To give you perspective into what I am talking about "The Krusty" is located in the loft of an old barn. Now Mark has plans to use a tree house as a "Tower" by enclosing it and putting in climate control for the operator. Now realize the tree house is some distance from the barn and will require some major wiring to link the two. It will really be cool as the Dispatcher will not have any link to the railroad except by wire.

Super's Signal Deadline
20 October

15 October

(Saturday)

Mill Creek Central Railroad & Coshocton Club Coshocton

10:30: Mill Creek Central Railroad Opens
3:00: Coshocton Club Opens for Division 6
3:15: Division 6 Business Meeting
3:45: Run trains at the Coshocton Club

Model Contest: None.

Photography Contest: None.

I want to make sure that everyone remembers that next month will be our visit with the folks at the Mill Creek Central outside of Coshocton. We will also be visiting the Coshocton Club the same day. The plan is to go to the Mill Creek Central first and visit with them. Then around 3 we will head over to the Club to run trains there and to have our business meeting. The outdoor railroad opens at 10 am so you can show up when you wish. Please remember that you need to have on your name tags while in attendance. If you have not yet gotten yours please see me when you get there as I will have them with me. Please check the website for details on the event. Also there will be no contest for the meeting. Well that is about all for now so with that;

Happy Modeling

Greg

Clerk's Report

Greg Short for
Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for September 10, 2016 Mark Maynard's, Portsmouth

The Joint Division 9 / Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Division 9 Superintendent Gary Burdette.

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Super	Judy Logan
Paymaster	Dexter Hill
Director	Jim Brocz
Director	John Retterer

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Dick Briggs
Company Store	John Retterer
Contest	Bob Lee
Election	Dexter Hill
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Raffle	Lon Wilson

Clerk's Report: Greg Short. The Super asked for any additions of corrections to the minutes as published in the September *Signal*. John Retterer made the motion to approve minutes with Matt Goodman 2nd. Motion was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Dexter Hill. The Paymaster gave the Paymasters Report. Darrell Logan made the motion to accept with Matt Goodman making the 2nd. All approved, pending audit.

Program Report: Greg Short. The Super gave a brief overview of the upcoming visit to the Mill Creek Central live steam railroad in October.

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

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported on our numbers and that we have several rail pass memberships 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: Greg Short. The Super brought up the Signal deadline is Thursday September 15, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 MCR Convention Report: Greg Short. The Super brought up the books and accounts for the 2016 MCR Convention have been officially closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Director's Election: Greg Short. The Super reported that we have elections for the office of Director upcoming and that Dexter Hill has been appointed the Nominations/Election Chair. If anyone wished to run for the office of Director please follow the instructions in the Regulations and let Dexter know.

The Clerk's Report
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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

CLUB REPORTS

Columbus Club: The status is now that they will get to stay in the present location however they can not enter the building at this time due to insurance issues.

ZTNT (Zanesville): The club reported that they are planning a open house for the 2nd. weekend in November.

BRING'N'BRAG

Models: Refrigerated Car

1st Place: Darrell Logan.

2nd Place: Greg Short.

3rd Place: Matt Goodman.

Photos: Refrigerated Car (Color)

1st Place: Greg Short.

2nd Place: Greg Short.

RAFFLES

None for this meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next Division 6 Meeting: October 15 at the Mill Creek Central in Coshocton and the Coshocton Model Railroad Club. See the October *Signal* for info.

Signal Deadline: The *Signal* deadline is September 15.

Next Contest:

Models: None.

Photos: None.



Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]



Membership Report

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

Summary/Comments

Membership was flat this month, with an increase of one over last month. Interestingly, there are no new members, so I suspect that someone sent their membership renewal a few days late, which translated to a brief time off the roles.

When I see an anomaly like this, I tend to browse through the membership data to see if there is any other interesting information in there. This month, the most obvious pattern is an upcoming bubble expirations two months from now. To some degree, this is expected – many (such as myself) don't renew until the last minute. For example, there are 17 memberships expiring in November. I expect that number to be a little smaller at the end of September as the better

planners among us send in their renewals, followed by a slightly larger chunk of renewals at the end of October, then a final wave in November. If history is a lesson, a few will wait a few days too long and memberships will temporarily lapse. See the "Upcoming Expirations" section to see an good example of this pattern.

If you don't know when your membership expires, the easiest way to check is to look at the mailing label on the NMRA magazine. Alternatively, just send me an email and I can check; my address is MembershipChair@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org.

Next month, I'll give you some insight into where the membership data comes from and how I process it into the numbers you see in the monthly report.

New Members

No new members in August.

Renewals

Three members renewed their memberships in July, there were no Re-Rails.

Active Members (end of the month):

August	186	August '15	160
July	185	July '15	159
June	179	June '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.

August	2 memberships are expiring
September	2 memberships are expiring
October	8 memberships are expiring
November	17 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
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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	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: Prototype –Refrigerate Car, color or black & white
15 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
15 Oct Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Train Ride: <i>Mill Creek Central Live Steam</i> Business Meeting: <i>A.M.R.E.C., Coshocton</i>	Model: None Photo: None
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: Model –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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Bring'n'Brag Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On September 16 the Division 6 Contest was held at Mark Maynard's home in Portsmouth, Ohio. The category was **Refrigerate Car** for Model and **Prototype Refrigerate Car**; color and black/white for Photo.



Photograph - First Place
Cryo-Trans Refer #5844
Greg Short
Photo by Greg Short

The first place Model winner was Darrell Logan for his "PFE Refer #14760". The second place winner was Greg Short for his "V & O Refer #2001". The third place winner was Matt Goodman for his "L. Hoster Brewing Co. Refer #2203".

The first place Photo winner was Greg Short for his "Cryo-TransRefer #5844". The Second Place winner was Greg Short for his "Cryo-Trans Refer #5720". We had no third place entry.

Remember, No Contest in October.

Our Next meeting will be at the Coshocton Club with a Train ride on the "Mill Creek Central Live Steam", in Coshocton, Ohio on Saturday October 15, 2016

Support your hobby and division by participating.



Model - First Place
PFE Refer #14760
Darrell Logan
Photo by Matt Goodman

Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary 18 June 2016

Models

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Photos

Darrell Logan	43	Peggy Doerflein	8
Eric Porch	15	Greg Short	8
Robert Doerflein	11	Fred Rea	6
Lon Wilson	11	Jim Kehn	6
Al Doddroe	10	Matt Goodman	5
Pat Hreachmack	9	Judy Logan	5
Jim Borcz	8	Bob Lee	2

Greg Short	49	Paul Smith	6
Peggy Doerflein	27	Jim Borcz	5
Lon Wilson	6	Al Doddroe	5
Rich Hartley	6	Eric Porch	5

Mill Creek Central Railroad

Just outside of Coshocton sits a remarkable live steam railroad. The Mill Creek Central Railroad is a 7 1/2" gauge live steam railroad. Comprising over 25 scale miles of track, there are two tunnels, a bridge over a large creek and a very large trestle, not to mention two towns, a turntable and a locomotive repair shop. The railroad runs on signal indication lighting and to say it's spectacular is an understatement. Being owned by a private owner, the railroad is not open to the public.

Here are a few pictures of the Mill Creek Central and a schematic of the layout.



Mill Creek Central Railroad
How many do you recognize?

Not all riders were member of the division.

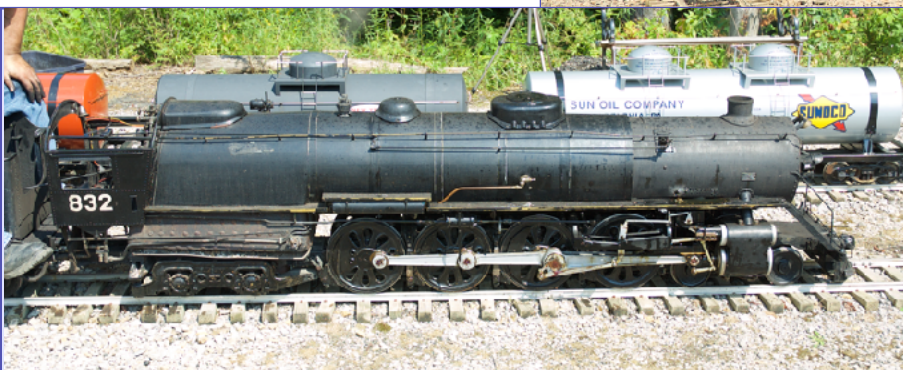


Mill Creek Central Railroad
How many do you recognize?

Photos taken July 2006 at
Mill Creek Central Railroad.



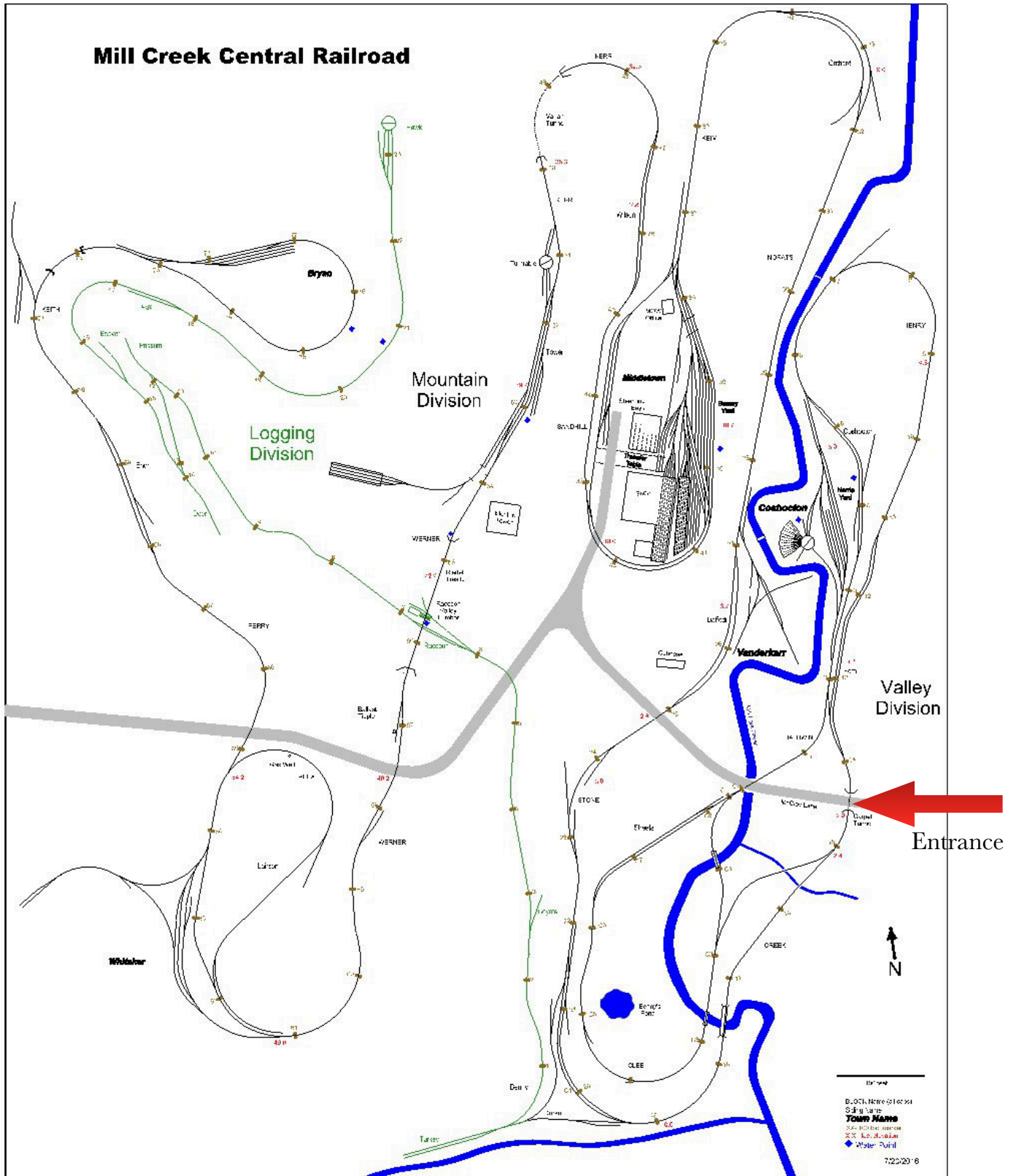
Mill Creek Central Railroad
How many do you recognize?



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Soggy Bottom and Deep Cut Ry, Navigation and Cartage Co.

Jim Kehn

A local group of modelers known as the Soggy Bottom Boys recently won first place in the modular railroad category at the 36th National Narrow Gauge Convention held in early September in Augusta, Maine.

The theme of the railroad, known officially as the Soggy Bottom and Deep Cut Ry, Navigation and Cartage Co., is the late 1890's-early 1900's during the final years of the Ohio canal era and the coming of the railroad in southern Ohio. The railroad is On30 (O scale 1/48 using HO scale track width) and unique to this display was the use of dead rail battery powered locomotives. This eliminated the problems of wiring the modules and the use of rail joiners, etc. There were some issues encountered with the use of dead rail, but this new technology will only improve in the years ahead.

There was a lot of imagination that went into this display and while it was a lot of work, it was a lot of fun too!

The railroad breaks down into 4 six foot modules with two end pieces to allow the use of an oval track arrangement. One side of the display is the town of Soggy Bottom, the more refined and gentle side, of the railroad and the other side is the town of Deep Cut, whose primary industry is the distillery that produces OLDE CANAL SWILL, The Swellest Swill You Will Ever Swallow. This industry along with its canal waterfront makes the town a little more, shall we say rougher.

The railroad was the combined work of around 10 area modelers and one from central Pennsylvania. The oldest was in his mid 70's and the youngest 14. We all had different talents and skill levels and it all worked out well.

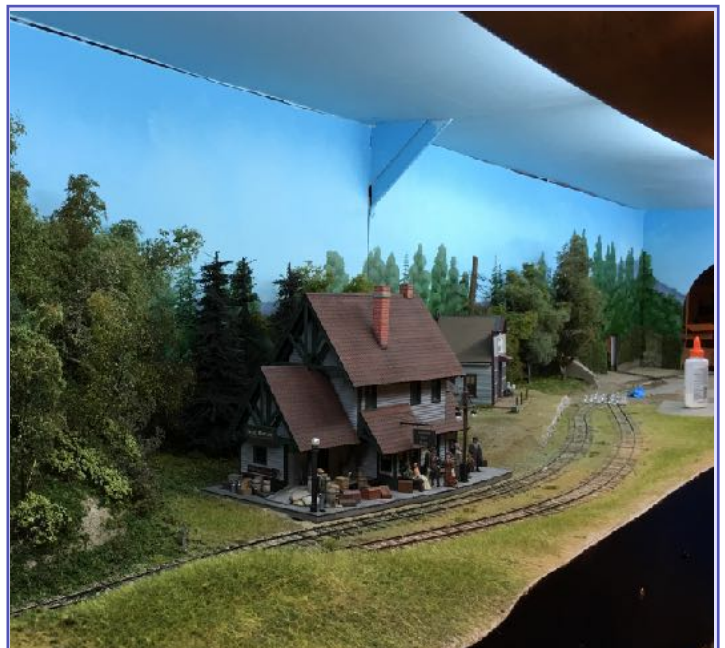


Deep Cut

The group hopes to display this modular railroad locally in the Lancaster area for a short time. Details as they are firmed up.



Outside the Shady Rest Hotel



Soggy Bottom side of the layout

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Soggy Bottom side of the layout

Tripped across these today.

Subject: 36th NNGC Videos

The Soggy appears in the second video about the 10 minutes mark.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4o3bGsmuWE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jO7eKVRhbsI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coEMZuIDFok>



Soggy Bottom side of the layout

To see the complete map, contact the
Division 6 Superintendent:
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In the Area: Roscoe Historic Village
on the west side of the river and north
of Chestnut Street and Canal Boat ride
north on Route 36.

