

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

November Super's Report

Hey gang, can't believe it is time for another report. First off I want to thank all the folks at the Mt. Vernon Club for their hospitality during our visit this past Sunday. The old Pennsy station looks great and they have done a great job with the layouts in the basement. For those who weren't there they have both a HO and N-Scale layouts under construction and running. They also have some scenery on both. I look forward to the time we go back and see the progress. If you ever have a chance to visit the Mt. Vernon Station, do so as it is a class spot.

We had a pretty good turnout for our meeting with over 30 division members in attendance. The big item of the day was the nominations for the division Director positions. We had five members nominated for the three opening we will have. So looks like we will have a ballot to send out for the first time in quite a while. Good luck to all the candidates.

We also reported that we are going forward with the Boy Scout Merit Badge program. The program will be on February 25, 2017. It will tentatively be at the Columbus Firefighters Union hall. Their hall is the old T&OC Station on West Broad Street. We have purchased some of the supplies needed for the program. The Boy Scouts will provide other item and the program we need to use. We will be looking for some volunteers to help with this. For those who wish to help we will be holding a class for this so please keep an eye on the web or check you emails for the date. This will most likely be a short notice item.

I was hoping that I could get some ideas from the membership for next year's schedule. So far I have only had one person give me any ideas. As I am going along I think I will keep it similar to what we have been doing. I am looking at having ten meetings and have most of them set. As of right now our biggest issue is where to have them. The churchs we have been meeting at are now wishing to charge us for the meeting space. I have no issue with it as it is their buildings. I have been on the lookout for a place for our meetings, sort of a "home base" that we can fall back on when we do not have a

Super's Signal Deadline
20 January

11 December

Upper Arlington Library Theater Upper Arlington

1:00: Upper Arlington Library Theater opens

1:30: Program Start (Movies & Slides)

Break: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

After Meeting: Program continues

Model Contest: None.

Photography Contest: None.

visit scheduled. I know that in the past we have held our meetings at members' homes and that is ok. But there are few who can hold 30-50 members as well as have contest space. So with that if anyone knows of a spot we can meet let me know.

I would prefer that it be somewhere toward the center of the division which means the Columbus area. I can get several places but I know most would not like having to drive to Zanesville for 3 to 5 meetings next year. I would prefer to find somewhere at no cost but if we need to I will entertain a small out lay to insure we have a place to meet. At the present it looks like we will need the space in the winter months only. Going along with this, how would some of you like to dust off that old clinic or maybe some of us get a new one together for the meetings. I may have 1 or 2 up my sleeve to present. I have had one in mind for some time and someone gave me an idea for another at the meeting, Thanks Matt (ha-ha). I would like to have more clinics at the meetings as we need more content than just me sitting up in front of you telling you what has been happening.

Well life is calling back and I have a ton of things to get done so I guess I will see you all in Upper Arlington for our next meeting. Remember to bring you slide, movies and stories.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! **Greg**

Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

**Minutes for the Division 6,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Business Meeting for November 13, 2016
CA&C Depot, Mt. Vernon**

No report received.

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Date	Event	Location	Contest
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	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: 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		
Jan			Model: Open Freight Car WITH Load Photo: Open Freight Car WITH Load
Feb			Model: Non-Revenue Car Photo: Non-Revenue Car

Bring'n'Brag Report

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On November 13, the Division 6 Contest was held at the CA&C Depot in Mount Vernon, Ohio. The category was "Tank Car" for Model and Model color and black/white for Photo.

The first-place Model winner was Pat Hreachmark for his "Buckeye Brewery Car #XOSU11". The second-place winner was Jim Borcz, who tied with himself for his "Dow-8,000 gal. car #38322" and "Kantex-8,000 gal. car #8234". Because of the tie for second place, we have no third place.

The first-place Photo winner was Greg Short for his "PPRX #663357 Car". The Second-Place winner was Don Wilke for his "GATX #99525 Car". We had no third place entry.



Photo - First Place
PPRX #663357
Greg Short



Model - First Place
Buckeye Brewery #XOSU-11
Pat Hreachmark.

Remember, No Contest in December.

The 2016 Modeler and Photographer of the Year are **Darrell Logan**, **Modeler** with 43 total points. And **Greg Short**, **Photographer** with 56 total points. Congratulations to the both of you from Division 6 members.

Our Next meeting will be at the **Upper Arlington Library** in Upper Arlington, Ohio on December 11.

Support your hobby and division by participating.

Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary 13 November 2016

Models

Bob Lee, Contest Chair

Photos

Darrell Logan	43	Peggy Doerflein	8
Jim Borcz	19	Greg Short	8
Pat Hreachmack	18	Fred Rea	6
Eric Porch	15	Jim Kehn	6
Robert Doerflein	11	Matt Goodman	5
Lon Wilson	11	Judy Logan	5
Al Doddroe	10	Bob Lee	2

Greg Short	56	Don Wilke	6
Peggy Doerflein	27	Jim Borcz	5
Lon Wilson	6	Al Doddroe	5
Rich Hartley	6	Eric Porch	5
Paul Smith	6		

From the Election Chair

Dexter Hill

At the 13 November 2016 division meeting at Mt. Vernon, the Election Chair announced that five division members have asked to be nominated for the Director position. The nominees are Dick Briggs, John Retterer, Don Wilke, Lon Wilson and Mike Wolfe. Each of the nominees has been asked to submit a short "bio" for inclusion in the Election Section of the January 2017 *Super's Signal*.

From the 2017 Contest Chair

Jim Ruisinger

A little about me.... I've been a Life Member of the NMRA and The Buckeye Division since 1980 and over the years have held just about every elected or appointed position, worked on numerous meets and conventions at the regional and national levels and am now once again reprising the position of Contest Chair. I presently hold four Certificates in the A.P. Program and continue working towards others...albeit slowly... I model The Weyerhaeuser Timber Company Woods Railroad in HO scale, during the war years, (1940 - 45) and have been open for numerous events and tours over the years.

Our Division contests will be by popular vote.. We will generally open submission of models and photos about a half hour after the meeting location opens or as soon as the Contest Chair arrives at the meeting site, whichever happens first. Submission of entries will conclude one-half hour prior to the beginning of the business meeting with voting commencing at that time. Voting will end at the start of the business meeting. I will be structuring the contest subjects to be consistent from year to year, and with photo subjects matching up with model subjects for many of the contests. That way, members can plan ahead and be working on models with contests in mind. Though if you're like many, you'll look at the *Signal* or website and see what the subject matter is, then race down to the layout and grab an item or two to bring to the meeting. If you want a model judged for A.P. points, you can always bring it along and have it evaluated by the A.P. team. Bring-n-brag models and

photos may be brought to any meeting. You may direct any questions to me at meetings or email me at: Jimbo2490@yahoo.com. In my absence, I will be ably assisted by Harry "Butch" Sage.

As we usually have 10 to 11 meetings a year, I am planning on 10 to 11 contests. We will make every effort to have a model / photo contest at every division meeting. As with all NMRA contests, the model work must be yours. Photos must have been taken by you and ALL items entered must be railroad oriented. (Your nicely restored '69 GTO sitting in your driveway doesn't count!!) Our contests are open to ANY NMRA member in good standing.

Modeler of the Year and Photographer of the Year: (Buckeye Division members only):

Points will be awarded each meeting for First, Second and Third place winners as follows.

1st place	3 points
2nd place	2 points
3rd place	1 point

A running (cumulative) total will be shown in each issue of the *Super's Signal*. Then at the end of the year, those who finished in the top three in model and photo will be awarded a fancy plaque (1st place) or a spiffy certificate or something.. - whatever the gracious budget allowed to the Contest Department will supply.

General Rules and Guidelines

Model Entries: Locomotives and cars should be displayed on track, so please bring along enough track to display your models. Doesn't have to be mounted and ballasted, but I think you'll all agree items that ran on the rails, looks better displayed on rails.

All models must be your own. Built by you, detailed, painted, lettered and/or weathered by you. Even it's straight out of the box, you hopefully will have done something to "enhance" the model to some degree.

Photo Entries: Photos must be yours. That means taken by you. Photos ideally should be mounted and matted and no larger than 12" x 16" (including matte) Matted would be nice as photos display a lot nicer if they're mounted. Refer to the contest rules for photos on the NMRA website as guidelines, should you have additional questions...or simply contact me...

Happy modeling and picture takin'. Let's see some models and photos at Division 6 Meetings in '17.....

BUCKEYE DIVISION CONTESTS - 2017

Meeting #1 (January)

Model & Photo: Open freight cars WITH LOADS (Gons, flats, open hoppers, log cars, etc.)

Meeting #2 (February)

Model & Photo: Non-revenue cars (M-O-W / Work Train cars, Speeders, etc.)



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Annual

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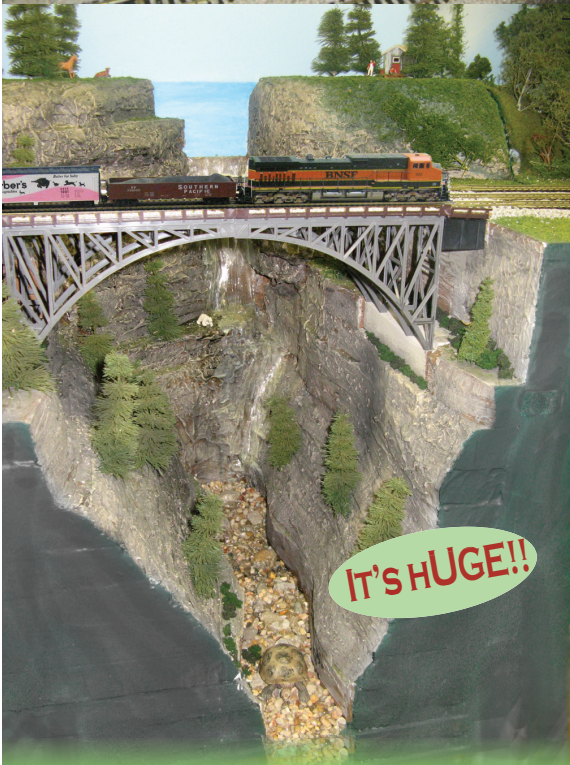
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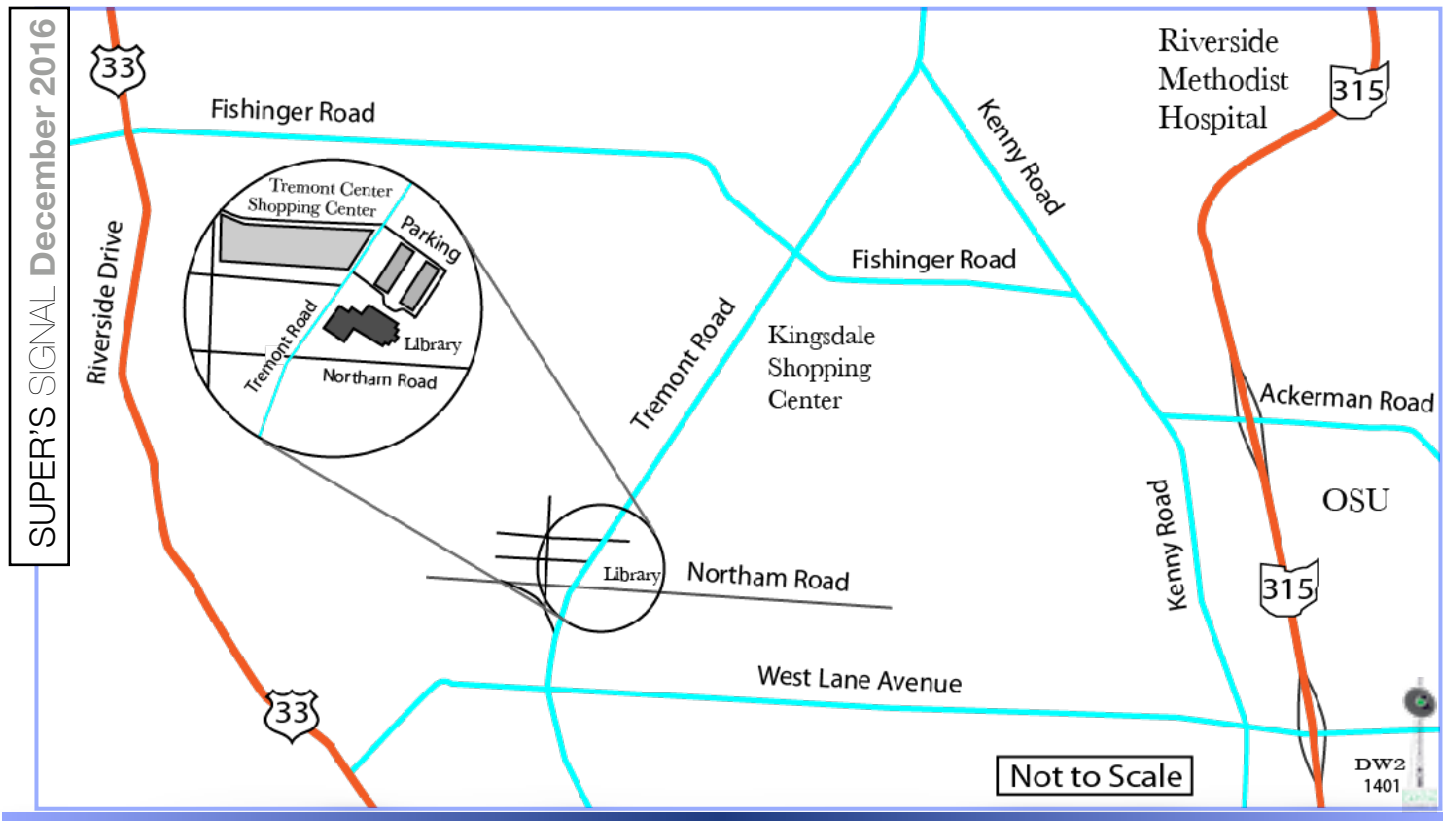
Enter in club during open house. Drawing 12/18/2016.
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Clerk's Report
Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk
Minutes for Division 6
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Business Meeting of November 13, 2016
Location: Mt. Vernon Model Railroad Club

The Division 6 Business Meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent.

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short	Present
Assistant Superintendent	Judy Logan	Present
Clerk	Patrick Hreachmack	Present
Paymaster	Dexter Hill	Present
Director	Jim Borcz	Present
Director	John Ritter	Present
Director	Donald Wilke	Present

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

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

Honored Guest was "Lila", a highly intelligent, Federally certified Service Dog being fostered by Member Bill Frost while her owner is in a difficult home situation.

Clerk's Report: Pat Hreachmack: Minutes of the last meeting were posted in the latest Signal. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed.

Paymaster's Report: Dexter Hill: The Division balance as of 10/31/16 was provided by the Paymaster and no questions were encountered. Motion to approve was made, seconded, and passed.

Program Report: Dick Briggs discussed his Alaskan Rail trip. He then reminded the Division of the end of the year drawing to take place at the December meeting. Meeting locations are needed for the 2017

meetings. Locations, including here in Columbus, should be near 270 or within relatively easy driving distance. Superintendent Greg would like to have 5-6 meetings at one location in Columbus that may be referred to as the Buckeye Division Home base.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs: Although no achievement certificates were reported, Dick mentioned that there needs to be a meeting outside our regular business meeting to teach members how to work on earning certificates.

Web Master Report: Don Wilke: Everything running fine at present. Don will perform additional work on our web as soon as he is able to get to the library.

Media Report: Matt Goodman: Facebook currently has 726 followers. Look for "NMRA Buckeye Division" on Facebook and tweeter.

Super Signal Report: Don Wilke: There was mention in the Signal of an open house for the COMRC. Don is waiting for the next contest chairperson to be appointed to nail down future locations and contests.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman: The Buckeye Division is holding steady at 189 members, our highest since 2010. Our Division meetings average 25-35 members, representing approximately 17 to 18% of our membership. If you have not attended a Division meeting, please consider doing so.

Old Business:

The following five members have placed their names in for election to Buckeye Division Director positions;

- Dick Briggs
- Don Wilke
- Lon Wilson
- Mike Wolf
- John Rettener

A motion was made to close nominations, seconded, and passed. Elections will be held during the December meeting.

Boy Scouts meeting for the Railroad Merit badge may take place on Sunday, February 25th. The location will be either at the Columbus Fire Fighter Headquarters on West Broad or at Boy Scouts of America. Buckeye Division costs will be approximately \$389 for 36 kits from Accurail. Let Dick Briggs know if you are interested in being involved and becoming an Adult Leader for BSA and a Merit Badge Counselor.

New Business:

Phil Keough of the Mt. Vernon club cited an instance of potential or possible fraud on Craig's list.

The new Contest chair is Jim Ruisinger. He will schedule a contest for each upcoming meeting.

- January meeting: Model: open freight car with load. Photo: model or prototype.
- February meeting: Model and photos of non-revenue cars such as MoW, etc.
- Additional meeting contests will feature favorite train models and dead track models and photos.

Remember that NMRA contest rules apply, you must submit your own work!

There will be a Steering Committee meeting on November 27th at the Grove City Donato's. Time will be 7pm.

Club Reports:

- **Central Ohio Model Railroad Club:** COMRC will be having layout demonstrations at COSI on November 16 thru the 20th.
- **Columbus Model Rail Club** is back up and running. Operations sessions are Tuesday afternoons beginning at 4, and Saturday mornings from 8 til noon.
- **Coshocton** will have a Black Friday operations session. On March 25, the club will have its annual Spring Slide Show.

Contest:

Models:

- ✓ **1st place:** Buckeye Brewers Tank car, by Patrick Hreachmack
- ✓ **2nd place:** 8 thousand gallon tank car by Jim Borcz

Photos:

- ✓ **1st place:** PPRX tanker by Greg Short
- ✓ **2nd place:** GETX Pennzoil tanker by Don Wilke

Raffle: Won by Eric Porch, John Kimball & Tom Niehammer

Good of the Order: Next meeting will be held at the Upper Arlington Library on December 11 at 1 PM. Be ready for a slide and movie show.