

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

January 2017



Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

December Super's Report

Hey all. Looks like winter is here although the calendar still says it is a few days away. Lots of new fluffy white stuff of the ground to make the Christmas lights look fabulous. Nothing to get you into the sprit light all the colorful decorations with the snow.

We had a gathering over the last weekend and had quite a good time. We did our now annual slide/movie show at the Upper Arlington Library. The program included some home movies shot in the 80's by a friend of several of us, Bob "Dink" Heinzman. Dink made a copy of his videos some years ago on VHS. Although the quality of the tape is not quite what we are accustomed to today, it was quite informative and entertaining. The tapes included a lot of Conrail and once again shows how much things have changed over the years. Also showing was Dick Briggs slide show from his Alaska trip he took over the summer. Dick has some fabulous shots and did quite a job narrating. He took quite a bit of time finding information on his shots so he could pass it on. Great job Dick, as always.

Between presentations we had a short business meeting. There are only a few of things to pass on. One: We are adjusting some language in the division Regulations to reflect how we are going to monitor the division finances. The Super will selecte three members of the Board of Directors, not including the Paymaster, for an Audit Commitee. The Audit Committee will audit the division books twice a year. The Super will name the committee members at the time of audit when the Audit Committee and Paymaster can meet.

Super's Signal Deadline
20 January

15 January Hilltop Library Columbus

1:00: Hilltop Library opens

1:15-2:00: Contest submission

2:00-2:30: Contest voting

2:30: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

3:00: Clinic: TBA

Model Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load.

Photography Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load.

Two: I am still looking for a few members to step up and help get the train show up and running. I know that there are some that think it is a bad idea or that the show will never get off the ground. Some have told me that to my face. You know what, train show may wind up failing but only because we did not try. We will never

know till we do it and I am committed to trying. So if you want to be a part of the big experiment get in touch with me so we can work on it.

Three: The other news item I have is we are going to start a new program using our name badges. The program involves a discount for purchases at some of the local hobby shops. I am in the process of getting the hobby shops on board with this. I hope this will begin in January if not February. Look for more on this in another part of the Signal.

Bob Lee did his last act as Contest Chair. He presented plaques to the Modeler of the Year, Darrell Logan, and the Photograph-

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Clerk's Report

Greg Short for
Patrick Hreachmack, Deputy Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for December 12, 2016 Upper Arlington Library

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Greg Short at the Upper Arlington Library at 1:30.

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

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

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

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

The Superintendent asked the attendees to put their Division 6 meeting notice postcards in the meeting notice collection box.

Note: the business portion of this meeting was very abbreviated due to being the annual awards and video viewing meeting.

Clerk's Report: Pat Hreachmack: The November Clerk's report, approved by membership.

Paymaster's Report: Dexter Hill. The November Paymaster's report approved by membership, pending audit.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. In January, there will be two versions of the *Super's Signal* Report. The WEB version will be a full color version posted on the web as usual. However, the Printed version will be printed and mailed. It will contain the mail-in ballot and your mailing label. The ballot is to be returned to the Election Chair's address. Make sure you vote!

OLD BUSINESS:

Model Railroad Merit Badge: Dick Briggs. The Boy Scouts of America Model Railroad Merit Badge program is underway. Contact Dick if you are interested in working on this program.

Train Show: Greg Short. Help is needed. Contact Greg Short if you can help.

Buckeye Steel Gondolas: Greg Short. The Buckeye Steel Gondola ad has appeared in a very good location in the recent *NMRA Magazine* and will appear in the February issue of *Model Railroad Craftsman*. We sold 12 cars in the last two weeks and have approximately 24 left. More gondolas can be ordered from Accurail if required.

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Division 6 Pay Master

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Directors

Jim Borcz,

John Retterer,

Donald Wilke:

Director@div6-mcr-nmra.org

APPOINTED CHAIRS

Achieve. Program: Dick Briggs, MMR

Contest: Jim Ruisinger

Media: Matt Goodman

Members Aid: Available

Membership: Matt Goodman

Program: Available

Raffle: Available

Web Master: Don Wilke

Super's Signal Publisher

Donald Wilke:

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www.div6-mcr-nmra.org

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Steve Kaplan

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NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

Division 6 – 2017 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
15 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Hilltop Library, Columbus Clinic: TBD	Model: Open Freight Car WITH Load Photo: Open Freight Car WITH Load
20 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
12 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: New Albany Library, New Albany	Model: Non-Revenue Car Photo: Non-Revenue Car
16 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
25 Feb <i>Saturday</i>	Merit Badge Clinic		
12 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Smoke Stack Hobby Shop, Lancaster	
16 Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting:	
4 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18–21 May	MCR Convention	Louisville, KY	Model: Modeler's Choice Photo: Modeler's Choice
10 June <i>Saturday</i>	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion	
22 June	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 July	Division 6 Meeting	Train Ride: Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad, Nelsonville	
17 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 Sept <i>Saturday</i> Tentative	Division 6 Meeting	Joint Business Meeting 6 & 9: Mark Maynard, Portsmouth	
14 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: TBA, Sunbury	
12 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
? Nov	Division 6 Train Show	TBA	
16 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Upper Arlington Library <i>Slide/Movie Show</i>	
14 Dec	<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 a replacement can take over the planning of the program. We anticipate clinics at many of these meetings and they will be announced in future *Signals*.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Raffle: Greg Short. Lon Wilson is stepping down as raffle chairman, and a new person is needed. Contact Greg Short if you are interested.

Club Reports: Greg Short. No club reports due to videos being shown.

Contest: Bob Lee.

Modeler of the Year: Darrell Logan.

Photographer of the Year: Greg Short.

Raffle of the Year: Lon Wilson. Darrell Logan won the ten car PRR passenger train by Riverossi.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Hobby Shop Discount: Greg Short. Remember in January we start the new monthly drawing for discounts to

local hobby shops. Make sure you bring your postcard and wear your name badge. If you don't have a name badge, contact Greg Short.

Division Meetings: Greg Short. Meetings for 2017 will be on the second Sunday of each month with exception of June and September.

Division 6 Meetings: Greg Short. The next division meeting on January 15th will be at the Hilltop Library on South Hague Avenue. Note: South Hague is currently one way southbound. Take Broad Street to South Hague southbound. Model and photo contests will be for any load in an open car such as hoppers, gondolas, and flats.

The meeting on February 12th will be at the New Albany Library. Model and photo contests will be for any MoW equipment.

The meeting on March 12th will be at the new Smokestack Hobby Shop in Lancaster.



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grapher of the Year, myself. I want to thank Bob for his efforts as the Contest Chair for the last few years, job well done.

Darrell was also the big winner in the yearly drawing for the postcards. He won a nice set of Pennsy passenger cars for his Union Pacific layout. I also need to thank Lon Wilson for his efforts as the Raffle Chair. Lon has stepped down as chair but he has set the way

to do the job, good work. As we go forth into next year I hope some others will follow the lead that these guys set and volunteer to help.

I know there is more that I want to say but I just can't think of it as it flew from thought as I was typing and looked at a squirrel. Anyway everyone have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Greg



Bring'n'Brag Report

Don Wilke for
Bob Lee, Contest Chair

On December 11, Division 6 held a meeting at the Upper Arlington Library in Upper Arlington. No contest was held.

The Contest Chair, Bob Lee, presented awards to the 2016 Modeler of the Year and the 2016 Photographer of the Year. (Photographs on page 9 of the web version of the *Super's Signal*).

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

Our next division meeting will be at the Hilltop Library on South Hague Avenue, Columbus on January 15, 2017 when Jim Ruisinger will take over as the new Contest Chair.

The January contest will be

Model: Open Freight Car WITH Load

Photo: Open Freight Car WITH Load

In both cases, the contest will be for any load in an open car such as hoppers, gondolas, flat cars, trailers on flat cars, containers on flat cars, and log cars with load.

Support your hobby and division by participating.



Membership Report November 2016

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

Summary/Comments

I mentioned a spike in RailPass memberships last summer. At the time, I speculated that this spike was due to interest in the *Rails to the Capital* Convention. Alas, these RailPass memberships are slowly running their course - I've seen several turn into Regular Members over the past several months, with others falling by the wayside. The latter was the case with two members in October, and several more in November (which at the time of this writing, aren't yet technically expired).

We've had some great events this past year - our Superintendent has done a wonderful job of setting up interesting things to do at non-typical locations. I believe this kind of events (along with clinics) are what get people invested in their division. If something on the timetable sounds interesting, invite a guest - each of us is our division's best membership advocate!

Following are the membership details as of 11/30/16.

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New Members

No new members in November.

Renewals

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

Active Members (end of the month):

November	183	November '15	162
October	189	October '15	162
September	186	September '15	161

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.

November	8 memberships are expiring
December	5 memberships are expiring
January	8 memberships are expiring
February	21 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

BSA Railroading Merit Badge Clinic

Dick Briggs, Chair

The Buckeye Division will be hosting a Railroading Merit Badge Clinic program for the members of the Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America, on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Anyone interested in helping with this project contact Dick Briggs at (614) 493-8988. This will be an all-day event.

Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

2017 Division 6 Director Election

*Don Wilke for
Dexter Hill, Inspector of Elections*

The position of Director for Division 6 is an elected position, for a period of two year. The Board of Directors of Division 6 consists of the four Officers and the three Directors of the division. The Board of Directors has the responsibility of steering the direction of the division. For example, committing to putting on a regional convention, deciding not to have a subscription fee for the *Super's Signal* (unlike many other divisions throughout the country), and organizing car projects like the recent Buckeye Steel gondola. Some of these decisions take many months, much discussion, and some investigation before a vote is taken at a Steering Committee Meeting. Any Division 6 member is welcome at a Steering Committee Meeting, but only members of the Board of Directors may vote on proposals.

The candidates for the position of Director at listed below in the order their information was received.



Mike Wolf

Mike Wolf

Although I have only been a member of Division 6 for eight years, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you in the past year as a member of the Mid Central Region Convention Committee setting up the operating sessions and open house layout tour. I also bring a lifetime of model railroading experience and 23 years of lead-

ership and organizational skills as an Air Force officer to the position. Based on my experience, I feel I have a very good understanding of the strengths and challenges of a volunteer organization and a good working relationship with the current leadership of the division. I am committed to strengthening Division 6 through programs which benefit the current membership while also encouraging future members. Additionally I am actively pursuing my MMR and will continue to encourage others to improve their modeling skills. I respectfully request your vote for Division 6 Director.

Chair, Vice President and 5 years as Mid Central Region President.

I appreciate your consideration for the office of Buckeye Division Director.



Don Wilke

Don Wilke

I became a Family member of Division 4, MCR in 1959, was an active member of Division 6 and an NMRA Life Member in the 70's until family responsibilities took over. I kept tabs on the division until I became active again in 2007 in time to work on the 2009 MCR Convention Committee. I took over

the division web site in 2007, designed and set up both the 2009 and 2016 MCR Convention web sites, and took over the MCR web site in 2010. I have edited and published the *Super's Signal* since 2010 and edited and published the MCR's *KingPin* from 2010 to 2014. As Division 6 Director since 2011 I have helped edit both the division and region regulations, served on various committees, and helped to represent Division 6 at region board meetings as a non-voting member. I have enjoyed the behind the scenes activities and ask you support to continue as a Division 6 Director.



Dick Briggs, MMR

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I am running for the office of Buckeye Division Director. I feel that the experience that I have had over the last 25 years as a member of the division and the NMRA that I can contribute to the division in growing a more exciting program and adding value to members experience at division meetings.

I am a life member of the NMRA and have served as Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Division Contest Chair, 2016 Convention Chair and am currently the Division AP Chair. On the regional level, I have served as Contest Chair, Special Projects



John Retterer

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No information provided.

2017 Division 6 Directors Election Ballot

Division 6 Director Candidates (vote for no more than three)



Dick Briggs



John Retterer



Donald Wilke



~~Lon Wilson~~ (With drawn)



Mike Wolf

Void

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The Director Election Ballots must be handed to Dexter Hill by the 31st of March or postmarked by the 31st of March and mail to:

Division 6 Inspector of Elections

c/o Dexter Hill

5035 Ashville-Fairfield Road

Ashville, OH 43103

Please vote for no more than three of the listed candidates to serve as Division 6 Directors. All Directors serve a two year term.

Every voting member of Division 6 should receive this copy of *The Super's Signal*. Some households may receive more than one copy of *The Super's Signal*. Only Division 6 member may vote.

The Official Division 6 Election Ballot, as printed in the MAILED copy of *The Super's Signal*, should be mailed to the Inspector of Election. It MUST have your address on the reverse side.

The Division 6 Hobby Shop Discount Program

Greg Short, Superintendent

The intent of the Division 6 Hobby Shop Program is two fold.

- A. The first intent is to give Division 6 members a incentive to attend Division 6 Meetings.
- B. The second is to give Division 6 members a incentive to deal with local hobby shops.

HOW IT WILL WORK.

The program will be arranged in such a way that all Division 6 members will have their name printed on a ticket. All the tickets will be placed in a sealed container. Once during each Division 6 meeting a ticket will be drawn for the container. **IF** the division member whose ticket has been drawn is in attendance **AND** has their Division 6 issued name tag on, that member will be given a certificate for a discount at any participating hobby shop as listed on the division website. For the certificate to be valid, it shall be signed and dated by the Division Super or Asst. Super and will be good only for a limited time. The blank certificates will be kept by the Super. All names drawn and all certificates will be recorded by the clerk at the meeting and be part of the recorded minutes for that meeting. All names drawn will be placed back into the box and may be drawn again. At no time will there be more than one Certificate issued per month and not more than 12 in a year.

Raffle of the Year

Don Wilke for
Lon Wilson, Chair

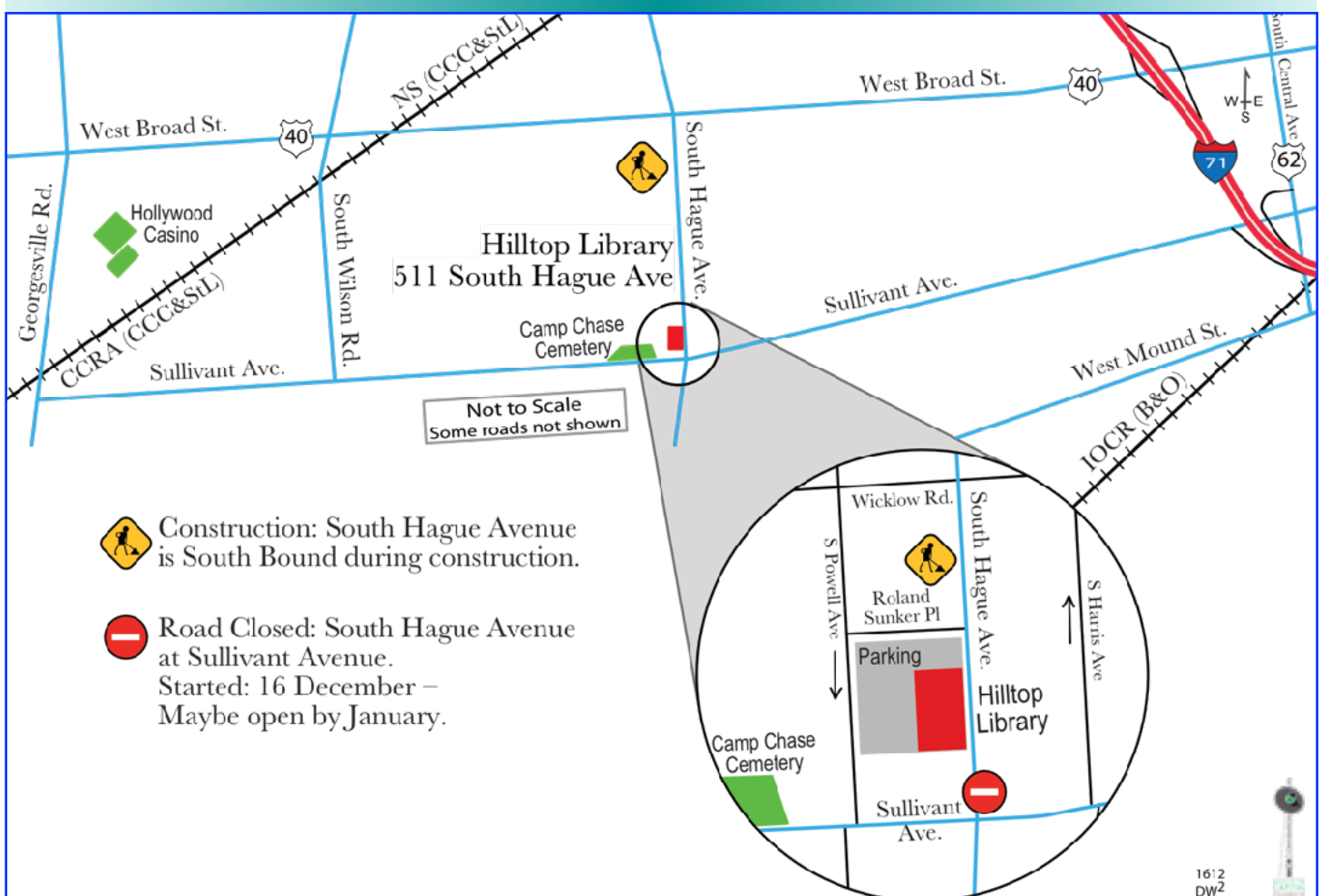
Lon Wilson brought the raffle box to the division meeting and had the Assistant Superintendent, Judy Logan, draw the winning card. Darrell Logan won the ten car PRR passenger train by Riverossi to run on his Union Pacific Layout. (Photographs the some of the Pennsy cars on page 9 of the web version of the *Super's Signal*).



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Raffle of the Year

Lon Wilson, Chair



Bring-N-Brag Contest Point Summary 11 December 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		



**Darrell Logan Receives
The Modeler of the Year Award
from Contest Chair, Bob Lee.**



**Greg Short Receives
The Photographer of the Year Award
from Contest Chair, Bob Lee.**