

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

January Super's Report

Hello and welcome to 2017. I hope everyone came thru the holiday season healthy and happy. Can't say the same for myself but, as Buddy used to say "I'm feeling much better now". The quiz is how many of you can tell us what TV show Buddy used to be on. Has anyone else ever stopped and thought how many quotes or sayings we use from a TV show or a movie? We use or hear those quote or saying in our daily life. I know the number is pretty amazing to me and it has become so main stream that we don't think of it. I know some of you are thinking where is he going with this. Which is really no where – just a thought that came to me. The rest of you are going to think he has lost his mind. Well as most of you know by now that is not out of the question, but is always fun to keep people thinking. Oh yea, while I am thinking of it, my mom gave me a Exactrail B&O Vertipac car for Christmas. Now some might think so what. But what you don't know is that this is the first year she did so. After nearly 50 years of asking what I want for Christmas, she finally got it, I like trains!

We had a little meeting the other day. I felt it was well attended, although I thought the meeting room could have been bigger. Or maybe it was the fact we had a pretty good attendance. I was surprised by the amount of folks there. But we usually have a decent attendance during the first few months of the year. I guess there is not a lot if other things going on, but that's ok. We did not have much to pass on or talk about. The biggest thing is the election for the division Directors. Please get you votes in, you have till the end of March but the longer you wait the more likely you are to forget.

Super's Signal Deadline
16 February

12 February New Albany Library New Albany

1:00: New Albany Library opens

1:15-1:55: Contest submission

2:00-2:15: Contest voting

2:15: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

3:00: Clinic: *Molds Making 101* by Darrell Logan

Model Contest: Non-Revenue.

Photography Contest: Non-Revenue.

The ballot is in the printed and mailed Signal. If you did not get a printed copy please let me know so that we can get one to you. The next thing is I am still looking for some volunteers to help get the Train Show up and going. And I am still looking for ideas on this. We also discussed the upcoming Boy Scout program. Dick has this well in hand and everything is set.

Thanks to those who have signed up to help and I hope that we can make this an annual event for the Scouts.

Please take a look at the yearly schedule in the Signal and on the division website. We have a couple of things planned and we have a couple of new venues we are going to visit. I will say that there may still be some adjustments to the schedule but I foresee nothing major. Along with our schedule if anyone wishes to do a clinic let me know. As of now we have up thru April covered so we are going to need a few more. Speaking of which, I need to thank Rich Hartley for a very informative and entertaining

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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 January 15, 2017 Columbus Hilltop Library

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Greg Short at the Columbus Hilltop Library at 2:00.

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	Jim Ruisinger
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Raffle	Greg Short (temporary)
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke

New Members: Greg Short. Although no new members were present, Rich Hartley's wife Nancy was present for the first time.

Clerk's Report: Greg Short. Superintendent Greg stated the current Clerk's Report is in the current *Super's Signal* and called for a motion to approve. So approved.

Paymaster's Report: Dexter Hill. Dexter update the division members with the current finances of the division. There was a call for a motion to approve Dexter's report. So approved, pending audit.

Program Report: Greg Short. Greg stated to watch upcoming *Signal* for more information regarding future programs

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. Dick has been holding a couple of Achievement Certificates for several months but today was able to present two to Jim Keene. Jim received certificates for his Benevolent Order of Boatmen and Sailors building on the Soggy Bottom layout, and for Jack's Cabin Water Tank.

Web Master Report: Don Wilke. Don reported that the division web site would be up late this week with the current contest result photos.

***Super's Signal*:** Don Wilke. Don gave a brief account of publishing the *Super's Signal*. He reminded everyone of the next *Signal* deadline and asked for additional articles.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman: Matt stated that membership is down slightly to 176 members, probably due to the Rail Pass purchasers not renewing their temporary memberships. Also please check your membership date as several members are coming up shortly for renewal.

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Contest: Jim Ruisinger

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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: <i>Figure Painting</i> , Rich Hartley	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 Clinic: <i>Molds Making 101</i> , Darrell Logan	Model: Non-Revenue Car Photo: Non-Revenue Car
16 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
25 Feb Saturday	Merit Badge Clinic		
12 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Smoke Stack Hobby Shop, Lancaster	Model: Diesel & Electric Locs Photo: Diesel & Electric Locs
16 Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting:	Model: Lineside RR structure Photo: Lineside RR structure
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 Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion	Model: Favorite Train Photo: Railroad derelict
22 June	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 July	Division 6 Meeting	Train Ride: Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad, Nelsonville	Model: Div. 6 sponsored car Photo: None
17 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 Sept Saturday Tentative	Division 6 Meeting	Joint Business Meeting 6 & 9: Mark Maynard, Portsmouth	Model: Steam Locomotive Photo: Steam Locomotive
14 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: TBA, Sunbury	Model: Cabooses (Cabin Car) Photo: Cabooses (Cabin Car)
12 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
? Nov	Division 6 Train Show	TBA	Model: RR Bridges & Trestles Photo: RR Bridges & Trestles
16 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Upper Arlington Library <i>Slide/Movie Show</i>	Model: Passenger Car Photo: Passenger Car
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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Director Ballots: Greg Short. Printed Division 6 Director ballots went out as part of the printed copy of the *Super's Signal* recently mailed out. Please be sure you complete your ballot and get it back to Dexter no later than March 29 by mail. The Deadline is March 31, but Dexter doesn't want to be counting ballots at the last minute.

Boy Scout Railroad Merit Badge Program: Greg Short. For those members involved the daylong meeting begins at 8 and will be held on February 25 at the Columbus Firefighter's Union Hall at 379 West Broad St. Also expect a meeting for the councilors some evening TBD within the next couple of weeks.

Division 6 Train Show and Swap Meet: Greg Short. Now tentatively scheduled for November 25 with place TBD. If you are interested in working on this project, please email Greg.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deceased: Bob Doerflein. Bob announced during the meeting that Bob Orlando passed away during the Division 4 Meeting. He will be sorely missed. We extend our sympathy to his family.

The Mid West All Scales Train Meet: Jim Ruisinger. The Mid West All Scales Train Meet is scheduled for March 17 to March 19 in Greenfield, OH.

Hobby Shop Discount Program: Greg Short. Greg discussed the new Hobby Shop Discount Program. Currently Smoke Stack Hobbies, Robbie's Hobbies, The Train Station, and DHL in Springfield have all committed to honor the discounts our division awards to members.

Caboose: It is reported that Caboose has reopened under new management. Details are featured in Caboose ads in model railroading magazines.

CLUB REPORTS:

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: They had an excellent open house over the holidays and now is up to about 70 members.

Columbus Model Railroad Club: The club is staging a work day this coming Saturday the 21st to repair many of the areas needing attention.

Hocking Valley Model Railroad Club:

Janis Model Railroad Club: Janis is also scheduling a work session to begin repairs prior to the annual Ohio State Fair.

Live Steam Club: Operations continue thru the winter as long as weather is not too severe.

Coshocton Club: Recently Coshocton staged a 150 hopper consist powered by a new UP Turbine.

The Cincinnati Terminal: The Cincinnati Terminal is now closed for the next couple of years while their renovation project runs.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Contest: Jim Ruisinger. Open car with loads.

Models: First Place to Fred Rea for his 3 car crane load. Second Place to John Retterer for his turbine blade load. Third Place to Bob Doerflein for his N-Scale streetcar load.

Photos: First Place to Lon Wilson for TFWX 850152 with a load of ties. Second Place Tie to Peggy Doerflein for her Dupp Grinder and to Dick Briggs for his flat car with loads. Third Place to Dick Briggs for his Rails and Ballast car.

Raffle: The raffle winners were Tom Neidheimer, Rich Hartley, and Pat Hreachmack

Hobby Shop Drawing: The member whose name was drawn, was not present so no award was granted.

Division 6 Meeting: Greg Short. The next meeting will be on February 12 at the New Albany Library. Check the *Signal* for future meeting dates and locations.

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clinic on painting figures at the meeting. It is nice to see folks stepping up to pass on their experience to us.

If you were not at the meeting you missed one of the largest turnouts for a contest in some time. There were more models than I can remember seeing and there were quite a few photos also. Thanks and good work to all who

entered. Now let's see it continue, as Jimmy had his hands full and I bet we have a larger area next month.

Speaking of next month we are going to meet at the Metro Library Branch in New Albany. Please check the schedule in the *Signal* and on your postcard for the times. Well that just about covers thing for this time so with that.

Greg

Membership Report December 2016

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

Summary/Comments

Membership dropped by seven from November – five being RailPass members who did not become full members.

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

New Members

No new members in December.

Renewals

Nine members renewed their memberships in December.

Active Members (end of the month):

December	176	December '15	162
November	183	November '15	162
October	189	October '15	162

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.

December	4 memberships are expiring
January	6 memberships are expiring
February	16 memberships are expiring
March	16 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

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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]



Membership Renewal Process

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

In the August Membership Report, I promised some information about where membership information comes from and what work I do to get it into the numbers you see in the Membership Report. The second part is easy, since I have my hands in that sausage making process every month. The former I realized I was missing some information, so I reached out to our region's membership chair, Paul Novak, to get the details.

The process starts when National receives a new membership or renewal application. These are processed in batches throughout the month, with the last batch being processed before the last weekday of the month. Applications or renewals received after that are processed the following month.

National then emails a group of spreadsheets to each of the regional membership chairs – in our case, that's Paul. Paul then splits the spreadsheets by division and forwards each division's list to their respective membership chair, me. I'll typically get our division's spreadsheets somewhere between the last day of the month in question and the fifth day of the new month (this can vary depending on holidays, vacations and the like). All of this means that I may see a new member (or an existing member's renewal) show up in my inbox in as little as four – or as much as thirty-five – days after their application is process by National.

I used the plural form of "spreadsheet" several times in the preceding paragraphs because I receive several - a current member roster and additional sheets listing new members, inactive members and members who fell off the rolls thirty and sixty days ago. Each has its purpose, but I typically use only the current roster, which I pull into my own spreadsheet.

Now we move onto the sausage making. Each division chair can process their memberships how they like, I prefer to let Excel do all the dirty work for me. This allows for a good deal of automation that makes the job simpler and quicker and provides power to do additional analysis if needed. After the newest information is in my spreadsheet, it automatically dices things up in ways that I find useful or necessary to generate the numbers (and comments) for the monthly report. For example, it automatically generates:

- Counts of new members, renewals and re-rails.
- Counts of members whose memberships are going to expire in the next thirty to ninety days.
- Creates charts showing membership trends back to 2010.

It also tracks (though I don't regularly use) counts of members by county, by type (regular, Rail Pass, family, etc.) and a few other things. The former can be useful for deciding where to have a meeting, the latter lets me spot trends - such as the spike in rail passes prior to this past year's convention that I brought up in a previous report.

After the spreadsheet is done, I'll create a mailing label file to send to our printer for the meeting reminder post cards. This step is mostly automated via a Microsoft Word feature that pulls names and addresses directly from my spreadsheet. The final two steps are creating this membership report, which I share with Don Wilke to put into the *Super's Signal*, and updating and sending the MailChimp email that announces the availability of the newsletter.

For those of you who read this all the way to the end, thanks for doing so. And as always if you have any questions please contact me. See my email address in the Membership Report.



Mold Making Clinic

Darrell Logan

I will be presenting a clinic on *Molds Making 101* on 12 February at the New Albany Library.

During this clinic you will learn the basic techniques to make a mold that can be used over and over on you layout. I will demo that by using a standard Railroad mold you will be able to develop a standard mold for your personal layout or your cohorts layout.

I will start with the materials you will need, and where you can locate them.

I will demonstrate the necessary steps and explain the purpose of the step so you will be able to make a mold that you will be able to use over and over for a number of years if necessary.

I will also display some of the molds that the late Bob Sherwood and I produced prior to the 1992 NMRA National Convention. Many of these molds have been used on many local layout.

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.

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AP Program

Dick Briggs, Chair

Dick Briggs has asked various division members if they have anything that needs to be judged. He has found that many members simply need to fill out some paper work on the many projects they have completed, some many years ago.

Dick has recently taken a crew to Grove City, twice, and to Prospect to judge models and scenery.

Jim Kehn had models to be judged on the Soggy Bottom layout while it was in a basement in Grove City. A detailed On3 layout, Jim had a number of highly detailed models on the layout to be judged.

Jim received certificates for his Benevolent Order of Boatmen and Sailors building and for Jack's Cabin Water Tank on the Soggy Bottom layout.



*Jim Kehn Receives
Two Merit Awards
from AP Chair, Dick Briggs.*

Pike Ads

Don Wilke, Signal Publisher

Attention Division 6 Members; back again for 2017 – Pike Ads. Your Pike Ad will run from the next issue of the *Super's Signal* to the first issue for 2018. Pike Ads may be in a single location or may be used as “filler” to finish out a page.

Payment: A check (payable to Division 6, MCR-NMRA) to Paymaster, Dexter Hill, 5035 Ashville-Fairfield Road, Ashville, OH, 43103, c/o of Dexter Hill.

Copy: Send a business card (or a photo with business card ratio – NO pdfs) to Publisher Don Wilke at SuperSignalEditor@div6-mcr-nmra.org.

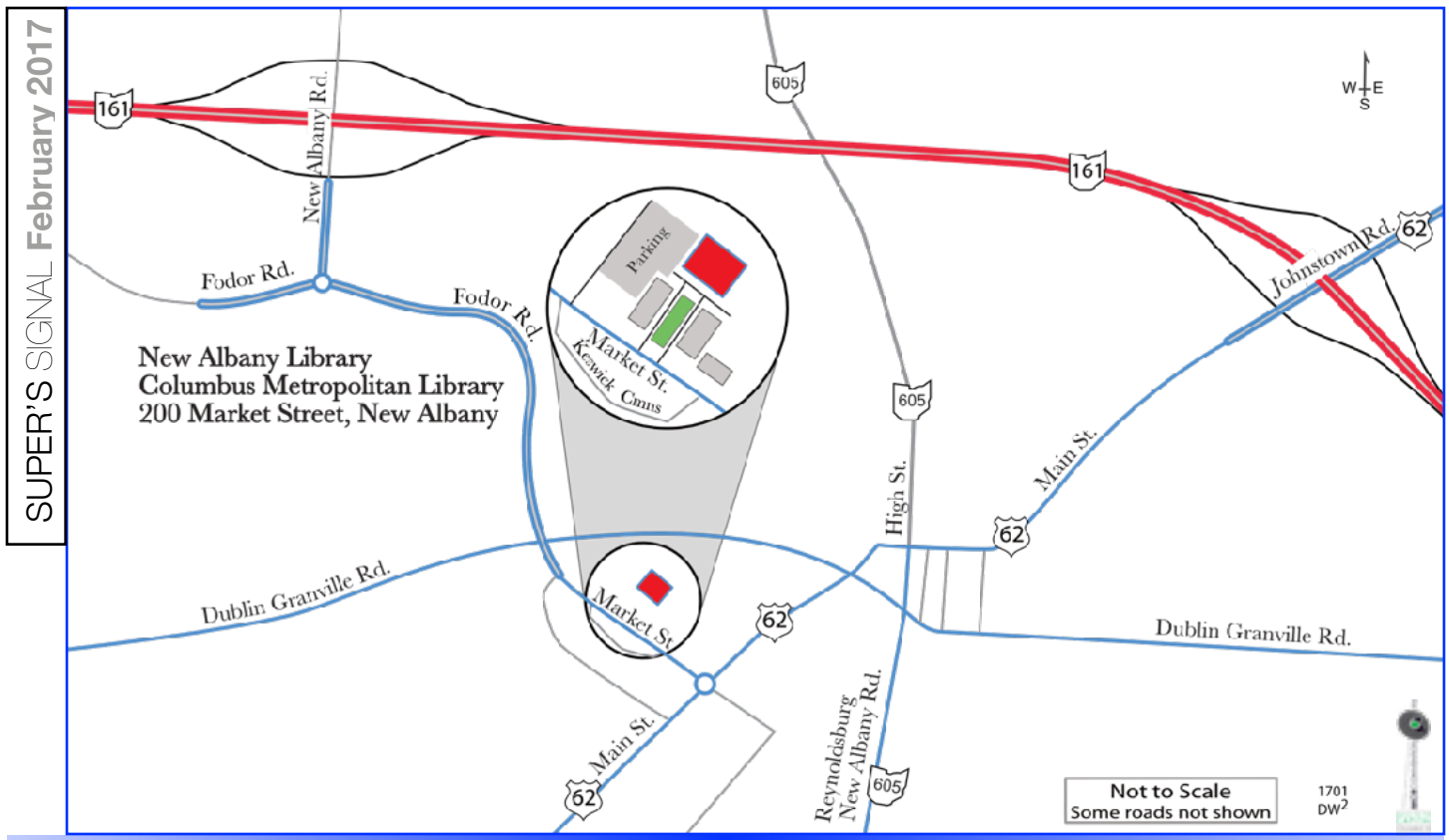
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Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

From the Contest Department:

January meeting recap: What a great turnout for our January meeting. Nineteen very nice models and nine quality photographs!!!! Our subject was Open Cars with load.

Winners in the Model Contest were:

- 1st Fred Rea – HO-Scale 3 flat cars with crane load
- 2nd John Retterer – HO-Scale flat cars with wind turbine blade load
- 3rd Bob Doerflein – N-Scale flat car with Trolley car load

Winners in the Photo Contest were:

- 1st Lon Wilson – TFWX #850152 with wrecked tank car
- 2nd (tie) Peggy Doerflein – Dupps Grinder load
- 2nd (tie) Dick Briggs – Flats with loads

- 3rd Dick Briggs – Cars with rail and ballast loads

Certificates will be awarded at our February meeting in New Albany. Speaking of our February Meeting at the New Albany Library, our subject for both model and photos will be.... Non-Revenue / Maintenance of Way Cars

This can include: Fire train cars, track maintenance cars, Speeders, Self propelled wrecking cranes, Camp Cars, Flangers, Snow plows, Dormitory Cars, etc. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE CABOOSES. We have a separate contest for those later this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



1st Place Photo
Lon Wilson



1st Place Model
Fred Rea

2017 RPM-East Prototype Modeler Meet

Eric Hansmann, RPM-East Publicity and Web Guy

WHAT: 2017 RPM-East Prototype Modeler Meet

WHEN: March 24 & 25, 2017

WHERE: Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center

100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601

HOW MUCH: Early Bird registration is only \$35 until March 1.

The Saturday banquet cost is \$28.

A single-day registration of \$20 is available.

A special hotel room rate of \$104 per night.

START TIME: Clinics begin at 1 pm on Friday March 24 and run to 10 pm.

Saturday March 25, clinics begin at 9 am and run to 10 pm.

WEBSITE: http://hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm

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Press release:

Railroad Prototype Modeler in metro-Pittsburgh, PA

It is time to make your RPM-East plans and fire up your modeling efforts after a long winter! There will be plenty of action March 24 & 25 at the prototype modeler gathering in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

- two days of prototype and model presentations
- a large display room to share your modeling efforts and learn new techniques
- a variety of vendors selling prototype modeling supplies
- Thursday evening operating sessions on local model railroads
- an informal Saturday buffet
- Sunday model railroad layouts to visit

Registration is only \$35, with an additional banquet cost of \$28.

A single-day registration of \$20 will be available at the door.

RPM-East will be held at the Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. A special hotel room rate of \$104 per night that is available beginning January 1, 2017.

Registration forms, PayPal registration, hotel information and more can be found at the website:

http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm

RPM-East is sponsored by Division 2, MCR-NMRA.

The following modelers and historians are committed for our event.

Keith Albright, Dom Candelore, Jack Consoli, Keith DeVault, Bruce Elliott, Nick Fry, John Gallagher, John Greene, Bill Hanley, Eric Hansmann, Dave Hopson, Matt Hurst, Will Jamison, Grier Kuehn, Den Lippert, Jim Panza, Ramon Rhodes, Jim Ruffing, Jim Sacco, Bill Schaumberg, Mike Shylanski, Neal Schorr, Steve Stewart, Darrall Swift, Chip Syme, John Teichmoeller, Roy Ward, Dave Wilson, and Bob Zoella.

Presentation titles will be posted to the RPM-East website in January.

A tentative presentation schedule will be posted to the website in late February.

Set your schedule and register now for RPM-East!

Eric Hansmann

RPM-East Publicity and Web Guy

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