

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

March 2017



Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

February Super's Report

Hello to everyone. As I set here wondering what to say, which seems to happen every issue, I think—how did this happen to me. Well, I volunteered to do it. I am asking all our members to think how can I help out the division by volunteering. So few division members are doing many of the things that we do. And they are not backed up well at all. I do want to thank the folks that are helping out and remind the rest of us that we have room for more.

Ok, moving on we had another great division meeting the past weekend in New Albany. There was not a bunch of content in the meeting as things are sort of quite right now. The big news to pass on is our elections are still on going. You still have time to get the division director ballot in. The election for Central District Director is also ongoing. For those who do not know Steve Kaplan, who is our current MCR president, is running for the seat. Please show your support to him with your vote. The NMRA is using a new format in this election in an electronic form. By now you should have received an email from them to register you vote, this is super easy to do.

Thanks to Jimmy for doing another great contest. There were several entries with some very nice models and photos. The highlight of the meeting was the clinic on mold making by Darrell Logan. He passed on some great info that any of us can use. Darrell's clinic is in two parts. Darrell will put on the second part in April in Zanesville. He will show how to use molding techniques using space provided on the new ZTNT layout. He will also give others the chance to get hands on time using

Super's Signal Deadline

16 March

12 March

Smokestack Hobby Shop Lancaster

1:00: Smokestack Hobby Shop opens

1:15–1:45: Contest submission

1:45–2:00: Contest voting

2:00: Division 6 Business Meeting, Raffle

3:00: Clinic: *Leader facilitated discussion* by Mike Wolfe

Model Contest: Diesel-Electric, Gas Electric, Electric, Interurban, Traction, Trollies, Doodlebugs, etc.

Photography Contest: Or simply, non-Steam Locomotives.

the molds. So bring you work clothes and be ready to get your hands dirty.

Our next meeting will be quite a treat. We have the privilege of meeting at The Smoke Stack Hobby shop in Lancaster. Don, the owner, has been very receptive of this idea from the outset and is looking forward to our visit. So remember to bring your wallet. Mike Wolfe is going to try a different style of clinic there.

He proposed style of clinic to me a while back. I told him we will give it a try and see how it goes, so come and see what it is.

The last thing for this month, we are still moving along with plans for a train show. I now have some more members who have come on board to help and I will be meeting with them to go forward. As always there is room for more.

Happy Modeling — Greg

Clerk's Report

Greg Short for
Patrick Hreachmack, Deputy Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for February 12, 2017 New Albany Library

The Division 6 business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Greg Short at the Columbus Hilltop Library at 2:10.

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:

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

New Members: Greg Short. Greg welcomed new member Marc Lara of Reynoldsburg.

Clerk's Report: Pat Hreachmack. The Clerk's Report as it appeared in the current *Super's Signal*, was approved.

Paymaster's Report: Dexter Hill. Dexter provided the financial report which was approved pending audit.

Program Report: Greg Short. Greg stated that the next program will be at Smokestack Hobbies in Lancaster, but he is still waiting for the exact time of the meeting to be confirmed by Smokestack.

Contest Report: Jim Ruisinger. Jim presented the following certificates earned at the January 15th meeting:

Models: Open freight car with load

1st place: Fred Rae 2nd place: John Retterer 3rd place: Bob Doerflein

Photos: Open freight car with load

1st place: Lon Wilson 2nd place (tie): Dick Briggs & Peggy Doerflein
3rd place: Dick Briggs

Web Master Report: Don Wilke: No new updates for the Web site.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke. Don asked that any submissions for the upcoming Signal be submitted no later than Friday the 17th. Pike Ads are still available.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt stated that he is setting up Yahoo groups and asked membership to let him know what good model railroad Yahoo groups the membership

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Contest: Jim Ruisinger

Media: Matt Goodman

Members Aid: Available

Membership: Matt Goodman

Program: Available

Raffle: Available

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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	Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic		
12 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Smoke Stack Hobby Shop, Lancaster Clinic: <i>Leader facilitated discussion</i> , Mike Wolfe	Model: Non-Steam 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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recommends. Jim Ruisinger stated that he knows of several and will assist Matt.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt says that the January membership is at 174, with 10 renewals. He also asked membership to check your dates as there are 10 expirations coming up due in February. Please renew your membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

Division 6 Train Show and Swap Meet: Greg Short. Greg still needs additional help with the Swap meet.

NMRA Ballots: Greg Short. Greg asked that we vote for Steve Kaplin for Central District Governor. Vote on-line via the NMRA web site. Elections are open until March 31st.

NEW BUSINESS:

SmokeStack Model & Train Swap Meet: Greg Short. The SmokeStack Model & Train Swap Meet is scheduled for March 25 from 8:30 to 3. Venders may set up at 7:30. Cost of vender tables is \$10 per table. Contact SmokeStack for a vender table.

Joe Slancer: Joe was thought to have had a stroke but it was a severe bladder infection. He is now back at the nursing home.

CLUB REPORTS:

Mount Perry Scenic Railroad: Fred shared that the train will start running over Memorial Day weekend. Approximately 1.25 miles of track are approved for passenger transportation. A coach and baggage care are now available

for use. However, the trestle approaches will not be repaired at present due to a cost of over \$700K being required for the repairs. The last service over the trestles was in 1996.

Columbus Model Railroad Club: The club is in discussion about its future.

Janis Model Railroad Club: Janis has begun preparations for the upcoming State Fair and is correcting electrical flaws and freshening up scenery.

Zanesville: Adding additional scenery.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Contest: Jim Ruisinger. Non-Revenue (Excluding Caboose).

Models: 1st place: Jim Bortz for his blacksmith car.
2nd place: Lon Wilson for his ambulance car.
3rd place: Darrell Logan for his scales weight car.

Photos: 1st place: Lon Wilson for his generator car photo.
2nd place: Don Wilke for his rotary plow photo.
3rd place: (Tie) Matt Goodman for his side dump car and Don Wilke for his spike puller car.

Raffle: The raffle winners were 1st place: Joe Lanning, 2nd place: Bruce McDonald, 3rd place: Matt Goodman

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

Division 6 Meeting: Greg Short. March meeting contest will be for Diesel & Electrics. This includes Doodlebugs, Railcars, and other similar types. Reminder: Photos must be mat finish and not larger than 11 x 14 nor smaller than 5 x 7.

**March Clinic**

Mike Wolf, Moderator

For the Division 6 March meeting clinic, we're going to try something new - a leader facilitated discussion of a hobby topic. Mike Wolf has volunteered to lead the first one. The topic of the clinic is adhesives. Given the wealth of knowledge and experience of our membership, this should provide some insightful conversation on the good, the bad and hopefully a few

new or different products you might not have used in the past. This does require some homework on your part. Think about all the different materials you have attempted to join in the past and what product you used to connect them. Come prepared to share and discuss.



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 01/31/17.

New Members

No new members in January.

Renewals

Nine members renewed their memberships in December.

Active Members (end of the month):

January	174	January '16	162
December	176	December '15	162
November	183	November '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.

January	4 memberships are expiring
February	10 memberships are expiring
March	13 memberships are expiring
April	6 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

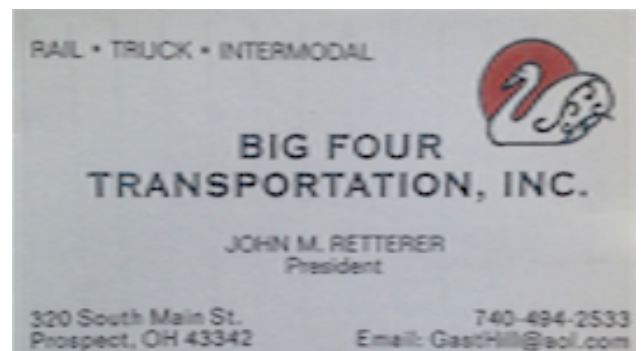
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Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]



Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

From the Contest Department:

February meeting recap: We had another good turnout for our February Division 6 meeting. We had seven great models and six quality photographs! Our subject was Non-Revenue/Maintenance of Way equipment.

Winners in the Model Contest were:

- * 1st Jim Borcz - HO scale Blacksmith Car
- * 2nd Lon Wilson - HO scale Ambulance Car
- * 3rd Darrell Logan - HO scale Weight/Scale Test car.

Winners in the Photo Contest were:

- * 1st Lon Wilson - CSX Remote Generator Starter car
- * 2nd Don Wilke - C&TS Rotary Snow Plow OY
- * 3rd (tie) Don Wilke - NS 90532F Tamper
- * 3rd (tie) Matt Goodman - Side Dump car

Certificates for the winners will be awarded at our March meeting in Lancaster. Speaking of our March Meeting at the "New" Smoke Stack Hobby Shop in Lancaster, our subject for both model and photo contests will be....

Diesel Locomotives / Electric Locomotives

This can include: Diesel, Diesel-Electric, Gas Electrics, Electrics, Interurbans, Trollies, Doodle-bugs, etc. And remember, photos can be of a model or the prototype. If you have questions, drop me a note.

Some have asked about photo contest entries.... Here are the guidelines, which pretty much follow NMRA photo contest rules.

For our contests, entries can be B&W or Color. Prototype or Model (unless specified otherwise)

All photo entries "should" be mounted and/or matted. No glass frames or plastic sleeves.

Photos should be on good quality photo print grade paper

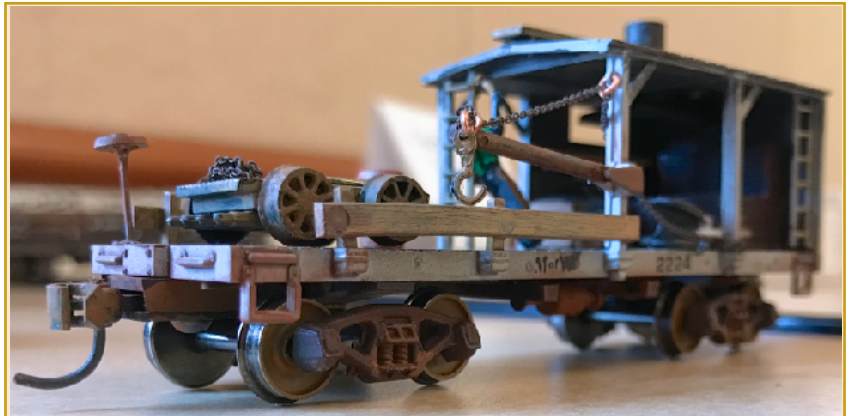
Minimum photo size: 5" x 7" with a minimum mat size (if matted) of 8" x 10"

Maximum for matted photos should not exceed 12" x 16"

Maximum for mounted (un-matted) photos cannot exceed 12" x 16"



1st Place Photo
CSX Remote Generator Starter
Lon Wilson



1st Place Model
Blacksmith Car
Jim Borcz

Contest Point Summary February 2017

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler				Photographer			
Jim Borcz	3	Lon Wilson	2	Lon Wilson	6	Peggy Doerflein	2
Fred Rae	3	Bob Doerflein	1	Dick Briggs	3	Matt Goodman	1
John Retterer	2	Darrell Logan	1	Don Wilke	3		

Book Reviews, An Introduction

Harry "Butch" Sage

For most of my life I've been a history buff, concentrating but not limited to railroads and related industries and locales. I'm sure I got this from my late Father, Doc Sage, whom many of you knew, and I know I passed it along to my daughter Jennifer, as she now is a history teacher.

In the last few years I decided to begin collecting books about Ohio rail lines and subjects, just because I was born and raised following these lines. That doesn't include general books on the likes of the PRR, NYC, C&O and others, but does include books like the first one I'm reviewing. Since the *Signal* Editor, Don, is always looking for items to place in the *Super's Signal* I discussed the idea of book reviews with him and he was very interested.....anything to fill up the pages. So here we go.

Trackside in search of Pennsy Towers and Trains with Paul Geiger, by Robert J. Yanosey, 2014. Morning Sun Books Inc., 9 Pleasant Lane, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076, www.morningsunbooks.com Hardcover, 128 pages, \$59.95.

This book is really a photo album from Paul Geiger's collection of slides, with captions by Bob Yanosey, and anecdotal info from Dave Hickcox and Jim Kehn. Paul was a block operator for Penn Central and Conrail, noted railfan, photographer, and longtime member of the Buckeye Division. Bob worked for both Penn Central and Conrail and is now the President of Morning Sun Books.

The book covers locations from Pittsburg to the New York-Philadelphia-Washington corridor. Most sections include a shot or two of the exterior of a tower, occasionally an interior shot, and then action shots of that tower's area. There is a section titled The Geiger Way, which has some on-site photos of his train chasing vehicles and stories of a few adventures, such as the punctured oil pan on his Chevy Nova, from driving down a railroad right of way. (A true story, I know because I was with him when it happened! I could probably write a book about the many railfanning trips I made with Paul in the 60's and 70's.)

In all likelihood, the photos in this book would have been featured in the early volumes of Morning Sun's *Pennsylvania Railroad Facilities in Color*, which were published prior to Morning Sun's obtaining Paul's slides, thus the creation of a separate book. I understand that several later volumes of the PRR series, which I have yet to acquire, are dominated by Paul's photos.

For anybody who knew Paul, such as myself, or who has an interest of Penn Central and Conrail operations east of Pittsburg, this would be an excellent addition to their collection.

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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.

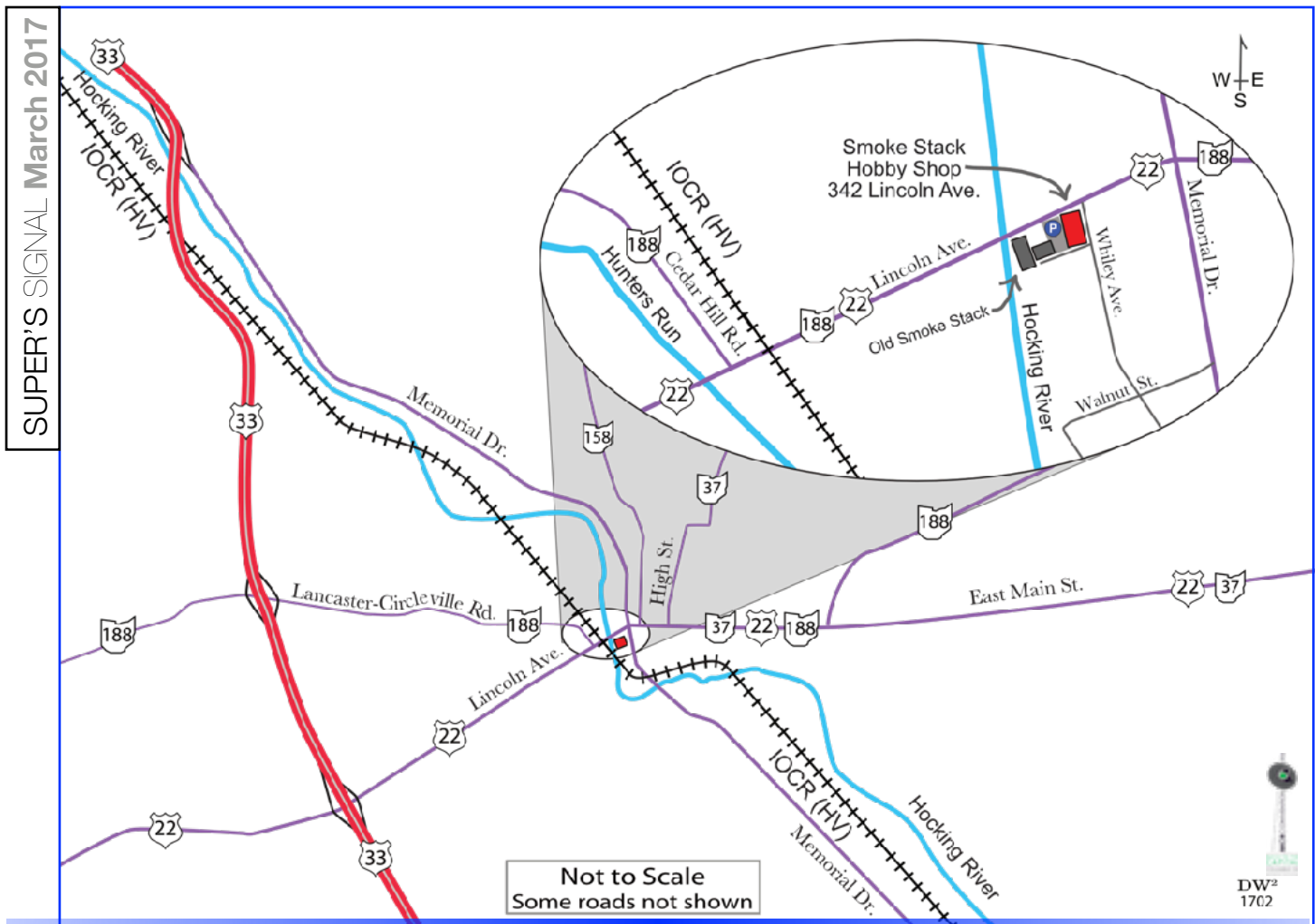
Copy: Send a business card (or a photo with business card ratio – NO pdfs) to Publisher Don Wilke at SuperSignalEditor@div6-mcr-nmra.org.

Cost: Division 6 member in good standing: \$15.
A Division 6 member small business: \$20.
Central Ohio Hobby Shop: \$30.



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Yahoo Groups

There are numerous groups on any given subject, for example: a search on "On30" yielded 68 groups.

HINT: When doing a search on group, look at the listing to see the number of members and date of last activity:

On30SkeletonCrew The On30 Skeleton Crew of Salt Lake City...

14 members • Last activity 13 Apr, 2015

On30conspiracy Since 1996, the On30 Conspiracy has been the biggest, busiest...more 30"...

2872 members • Last activity 3:41 PM

Also, if you go to the info page for each group you can see the "message activity" for each month the group has been operating, which is a good indicator of the activity level.

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/On30SkeletonCrew/info>

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/On30conspiracy/info>

** <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/NMRABuckeyeDivision/info> ***** To sign up for Division 6

NOTE: I couldn't get the instructions to download. Just substitute the name in the first column in the table below after
...group/

I now have over 50 different Yahoo Groups—to many to list here. I will a page of them on the WEB soon.

Yahoo Groups

Yahoo Group	Topic	Contributor
4L	Loyal Legion of Logged-on Loggers	Butch Sage
7-8InchScaleTrains		Butch Sage
carordersmrr	discussions, slide shows and other files of the car forwarding system I use on my layout	Mike Wolf
ColoradoNarrowGauge		Butch Sage
digitraxsound	discussions and sound files useful in creating and modifying Digitrax custom sound projects	Mike Wolf
dti_modeler		Butch Sage
eastbroadtop		Butch Sage
EMDswitchers		Butch Sage
gilpin-gold-tram		Butch Sage
Halfinch		Butch Sage
handlaidtrack		Butch Sage
HOn3		Butch Sage
jmriusers	discussions on the use of JMRI. Program developers collect inputs for new features or bugs in the program and help users use JMRI	Mike Wolf
Maine-Two-Foot-Modelers-Forum		Butch Sage
Maine2footquarterly		Butch Sage
MaineOn2		Butch Sage
MaineTwoFooters		Butch Sage
MichiganRailroads		Butch Sage
midwestnarrowgaugeshow		Butch Sage
Mini-Bunch		Butch Sage
NGMMG	Narrow Gauge Mining Modeler's Guild	Butch Sage
NMRAAP	NMRA Achievement Program	Butch Sage
NMRABuckeyeDivision		Butch Sage
On18andO9		Butch Sage
On30conspiracy		Butch Sage
ORW	Ohio River & Western	Butch Sage
PennsyWest		Butch Sage
Railcritters		Butch Sage
Silverton		Butch Sage
Slimrails		Butch Sage
Sn2_Trains		Butch Sage
Sn3		Butch Sage
soundtraxx	Discussion group for users of the Soundtrax model railroad sound system	Mike Wolf
traintools		Butch Sage
XTrkCad	Discussions on the use of the free CAD program for track design XTrkCAD	Mike Wolf
yooperrails	Michigan Upper Peninsula railroads	Butch Sage

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.

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!

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