

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

August Super's Report

Well hello again, time for another report on the happenings in our division. We had another great meeting. This one being our Annual Membership/Business Meeting in Marion. First a big thanks to the Marion Station group for allowing us to visit with them and use the facility. As always a class act. If you were not there or have not visited recently, they have made more improvements to the Station. They are working on repairing and painting all the overhangs and it is looking good. Please remember that if you visit place a little money in the donations box as it greatly helps them out. They have always done a great job with the maintenance on the facility but it is a big job with continual needs. We are so lucky to have such a great place in our division to go and safely watch trains and socialize.

Second a big thanks to our clinicians Frank, Dick and Darrell. Frank did a clinic on the *Van Sweringen Brothers* and who they were. When I picked this clinic from the list he gave me he said it surprised at my selection. I told him that it sounded interesting to me and from the feedback from others it was a good choice. The discussion from the clinic lasted well into lunch and beyond.

Dick did a clinic on the *AP Program* focusing on Chief Dispatcher. He laid to rest some things that may have led some to avoid this. He also paved the way for others to go on the journey to get their AP Certificate. Members asked Dick to continue on doing other parts of the AP Program at future meetings. It would help members

Super's Signal Deadline

22 August

20 August

Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Nelsonville

12:30: Hocking Valley Station opens

about 1:45: Arrive & Buy Ticket

2:30: Train Departs. NO reserved seating—sit anywhere.
Some cars have AC.

5:00 (When train returns): Short Meeting

Clinic: None

Note: All members are responsible for buying own ticket. (Tickets: \$17; Seniors: \$15; Children: \$12)

Model Contest: Division 6 sponsored car.

Photography Contest: None.

go about getting the Certificates needed to become a Master Model Railroader. I hope more of you make the decision to work towards this as I have. It will not be a easy, but it is personally rewarding. The biggest point I can pass on is that Dick said the program is to have fun.

Darrell presented part three of his *Rock Mold Clinic* in the afternoon. It is painting rocks and scenery foundation. Darrell as always did a great job and kept the folks there into the clinic with a hands on portion. Although I had some other things to address during his clinic, I took time to notice how many were in attendance and how long they took. Great job by all and once again how lucky we are to have these great folks and modelers to help us

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Clerk's Report

Greg Short for
Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for June 17, 2017 Marion Union Station Marion

The Division 6 Business Meeting was called to order by Division 6 Superintendent, Greg Short, at Zane Trace and National Trail Model Railroad Club, Zanesville.

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Judy Logan
Clerk	Pat Hreachmark
Paymaster	Dexter Hill
Director	Jim Borcz

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Dick Briggs
Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Program	Greg Short
Raffle	Greg Short (temporary)

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

Paymaster's Report: Dexter Hill. The Financial Report was approved pending audit.

Program Report: Greg Short. Superintendent Greg reported that the train show is on hold. The BSA Railroad Merit Badge program is tentatively set for November 11 at the Coshocton RR Club. Check your BSA letter for counselor renewal information.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. John Retterer received his Achievement Certificate as a Master Builder for Scenery. John also received his Merit Award for Superior Craftsmanship (Scenery). Greg Short received his Merit Award for Superior Craftsmanship (Scenery) for his work at the Zanesville Model RR Club.

Web Master Report: Jim Ruisinger. Jim reported that there are 12 to 15 members currently accessing our web. Please sign up.

Super's Signal: Greg Short. Greg stated the next deadline for submission is June 22.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt Goodman reported that we had two new members since April.

OLD BUSINESS:

2017 Convention: Several members reported on the 2017 MCR Convention. Comments included "not bad", "cold food", "long elevator waits as two of four were tied up with a wedding party", "poor food service including missed tables", & "not a good experi-

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APPOINTED CHAIRS

Achieve. Program: Dick Briggs, MMR

Contest: Jim Ruisinger

Media: Matt Goodman

Members Aid: Available

Membership: Matt Goodman

Program: Available

Raffle: Available

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ence". However, the side trips were reported as "reasonable" and "good".

Scenic Express Bus Trip: The Scenic Express trip to Pittsburgh may not go. The Scenic Express owner contacted Dick Briggs and said family business precluded him being at his location on Saturday. Dick responded asking who would pay the bus charter cost.

UpDate: Note to minutes: As of Monday, Dick and the owner achieved a work around and the trip is on! The charter bus will depart Saturday morning at 7 from the Bob Evans in Georgesville Square and at 7:30 from an East side location. Cost is \$40 per person and lunch will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair as seating for the clinic is limited.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boy Scout Merit Badge: The next Boy Scouts of America model railroad session is set for November 11, at the Coshocton RR Club. For those who are already registered BSA counselors please check the letter you recently received for renewal information. Additional details to follow later.

NMRA Hobby Shop Program: The NMRA has announced a new Hobby Shop program very similar to the program we already have. See details on the NMRA web site.

Train Show: The Division 6 Train Show is on hold.

Special Presentation: The *Howard Smith Award* to a Key Person Within Division 6 was awarded to Matt Goodman.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Club Reports: No club updates were provided.

Contest:

Models:

1st place: Jim Ruisinger, Weyerhaeuser Timber Company Work Train (HO)

2nd place: Harry Sage, Southern Ohio Coal & Lumber Company ore train (Sn3)

3rd place: Bob Lee, AT&SF Gas electric and coach (HO)

Photos:

1st place: Lon Wilson, Buckeye Steel gondola partly buried at Columbus Castings.

2nd place: Greg Short, Parted Out Diesel

3rd place: Lon Wilson, KCFX Tank Car at Fallensbee, WV

The next contest is for models only and will feature Division 6 sponsored cars. These models include any car that has been offered by Division 6 for sale at the division, regional, or national level.

Raffle:

John Retterer

Lon Wilson

Danny Dennis

Contest Drawing: Name pulled was for a member who was not present.

August Meeting: Next meeting is on August 20 at *Hocking Valley* and includes a Train Ride. Cost is \$17 per person. Train ride leaves station at 2:30. You must have your ID card. Actual meeting will be at noon but the location is TBD.

September Meeting: The September 9th meeting may be a joint meeting with Division 9, in Charleston WV.



along.

On to the business. We did not have a lot of things that we needed to deal with during the meeting. The big things were we have set the date for the Boy Scout Program for the Muskingum Valley area. We will hold it November 11 at the Coshocton Club. That is Veterans Day, however the date was set by the Scouting Council as it fit best into their schedule. We have everyone that helped do the program in Columbus coming back to do this one. But if anyone wishes to help let me know as I am sure we can find something for you. It was also asked if these are going to be a ongoing program. I stated that it was my

intention from the start to make these standing programs. I feel that this is a great way to reach not only the youth in our division but also the parents and grandparents. By using this medium we can help grow the hobby as well as the NMRA. On the downside of the program for us is I have decided to postpone restarting the Train Show. The proposed dates would be so close that it may cause conflict for some members. But I am not giving up on it either.

Some of the other things are the Scenic Express trip, which I will report on at a later date after we get back.

I reported on and had a light discussion on the *2017 MCR Convention* in Louisville. Overall

those in attendance felt it was a good time. The clinics were very good, and for those who took one of the side trips they were very good also. I myself was quite surprised at how nice downtown Louisville is. The riverfront is great and I would recommend to anyone to visit the area. On a down side for most was the hotel. The rooms were great, but the food service was disappointing. Getting around was bad, especially on Saturday. There was just too much going on. And there were not enough elevators for everyone as it seemed all the events going on were at the same time. I spoke with some folks there for other events that had waited up to 40 minutes to get a elevator. But I had a good time and learned quite a bit. I guess the highlight for me was the trip I took on Saturday to the Louisville and Indiana Railroad and to LaGrange. The L&I is a first class short line with impeccable facilities and equipment. Their big draw is the Pennsy inspired paint job on their motive power. And I can mark one off my railfan bucket list as I have been to LaGrange now. And I got to see the street running on the old L&N.

It was kind of different to see CSX widecabs and auto racks running down a mainline a couple of feet from parked cars. I guess it is one of the places you need to see for yourself.

Another thing that we discussed is a new program from the National. It's a discount program meant for all NMRA members at any participating shop in the country. To bring it to the basics, if you are traveling and wish to go to a hobby shop, and if the shop is on a list (yet to be compiled) you can show your NMRA membership card and receive a discount. What needs to happen at the division level is the divisions have to go out and contact the shops to see if they wish to take part. For this to happen in our division, I need someone to step up and take on the job of contacting the hobby shops and signing them up. I do not have time to do this. So if anyone feels up to the challenge, contact me and I will get you the

needed paperwork. One thing that will most likely be a causality from this will be our division's discount program. But I am looking at some other ideas to replace this.

On to a very special thing as everyone knows a couple of years ago I created a special award, the Howard Smith Award. The Super gives this award to the Division 6 member he feels has given the most to the division or hobby during the past year. Past winners have been Dick Briggs and Don Wilke. The Super gave this year's award to Matt Goodman. (See page 9.) Matt has spent countless hours in maintaining our membership list as well as the social media for the division. Matt has also gone the extra step to find out why a member has let their membership drop as well as reminding members to renew. Thank Matt when you see him for all his good work and I want to see him go further in the division and region.

Now for some future news, I have confirmed with the Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad to have our next division meeting there. There is a change in the dates and times from what is in the Timetable. The train ride will be August 20. We will be taking the 2:30 train which is a roughly 2 hour ride. Please remember to get here early so you can get parked and get your tickets. I will suggest getting your tickets there as they have a surcharge if you buy them online or by phone, this is due to the fact they use a 3rd party for this. All members will be responsible for purchasing their own tickets for the ride, cost is \$17 per person with discounts for seniors and kids. We will have a very short meeting about 5pm in the Station after our ride. Jimmy has set up a contest for models only for this meet on any division sponsored car. Please read his report for details. I know this is a departure from our normal meetings but we don't want things to get boring, and hay we all like a train ride. Well this thing got a lot longer winded than I hoped so Have a great Independence Holliday and I will see everyone at the Hocking Valley.

Happy Modeling – Greg



Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

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
17 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		
20 Aug	Division 6 Meeting	Train Ride: Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad, Nelsonville	Model: Div. 6 sponsored car Photo: None
22 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 Sept Saturday	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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Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

From the Contest Department:

Folks, we had a rather light turnout for our Marion meeting, but some quality stuff, none the less. Our contest subjects were Favorite Train for the Models and the Photo contest was Railroad Derelicts. Here were the winners:

Winners in the Model Contest were:

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| 1st Place | Jim Ruisinger | Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., Work Train |
| 2nd Place | Harry Sage | Southern Ohio Coal & Lumber Co., Ore Train |
| 3rd Place | Bob Lee | AT&SF Gas Electric and coach |

Winners in the Photo Contest were:

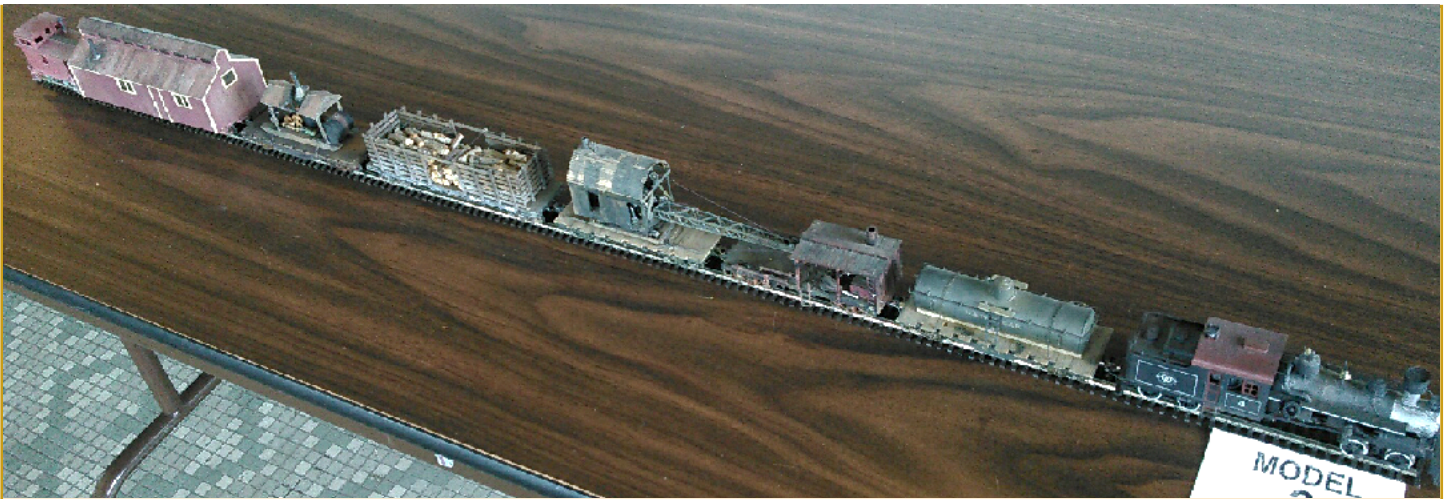
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| 1st Place | Lon Wilson | Buried Buckeye Steel Gondola at Columbus Castings |
| 2nd Place | Greg Short | Diesel "Spare Parts Department" |
| 3rd Place | Lon Wilson | Abandoned Tank Car at AK Steel, Fallensbee, WV |

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1st Place Photo
Buried Buckeye Steel Gondola at Columbus Castings
Lon Wilson
– Photo by Jim Ruisinger



1st Place Model
Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., Work Train
Jim Ruisinger – Photo by Jim Ruisinger

Contest Point Summary June 2017

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler

Jim Borcz	4	Fred Rea	3
Bob Doerflein	4	Jerry Severson	3
Jim Ruisinger	4	John Retterer	2
Lon Wilson	4	Bob Lee	1
Darrell Logan	3		

Photographer

Lon Wilson	13	Greg Short	3
Don Wilke	8	Rich Hartley	2
Dick Briggs	3	Matt Goodman	1
Peggy Doerflein	3		

Special Note: Please relay our desire that photos be on good quality photo paper stock and not just any old paper. Photo paper can be glossy or matte finish.

Membership Report April 2017

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair
Summary/Comments

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The summer membership levels are remaining relatively flat, with a very slight trend upward. The primary driver of this is that very few memberships are up for renewal during this period; if no memberships are expiring, membership count will in the worst case remain stable. We've also had two new members over the past three months, which account for the gradual growth. See the charts nearby for a visual of the last year and since 2010.

Our goal, of course, is to increase our membership by introducing others to our organization. If know someone who is interested in model railroading, but is not yet a member,

consider inviting them to one of our monthly meetings – especially those with an activity like the upcoming Hocking Valley trip. Do they have a different take on the hobby than you (they scratch build with a computer and printer instead of knife and styrene, for example) or are from a different generation or background? Even better; the hobby grows more interesting with different viewpoints and life perspectives!.

Following are the membership details as of 07/31/17.

New Members

We had one new member in July.

Renewals and Re-Rails (returning lapsed members)

We had six renewals in July.

Active Members (end of the month):

July	167	July '16	185
June	166	June '16	179
May	165	May '16	178

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.

July	0 memberships are expiring
August	2 memberships are expiring
September	7 memberships are expiring
October	8 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)

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P.O. Box 1328
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Buckeye Division Membership Chair

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Phone: 614-313-3681 (please leave a message)

Mail: Matt Goodman
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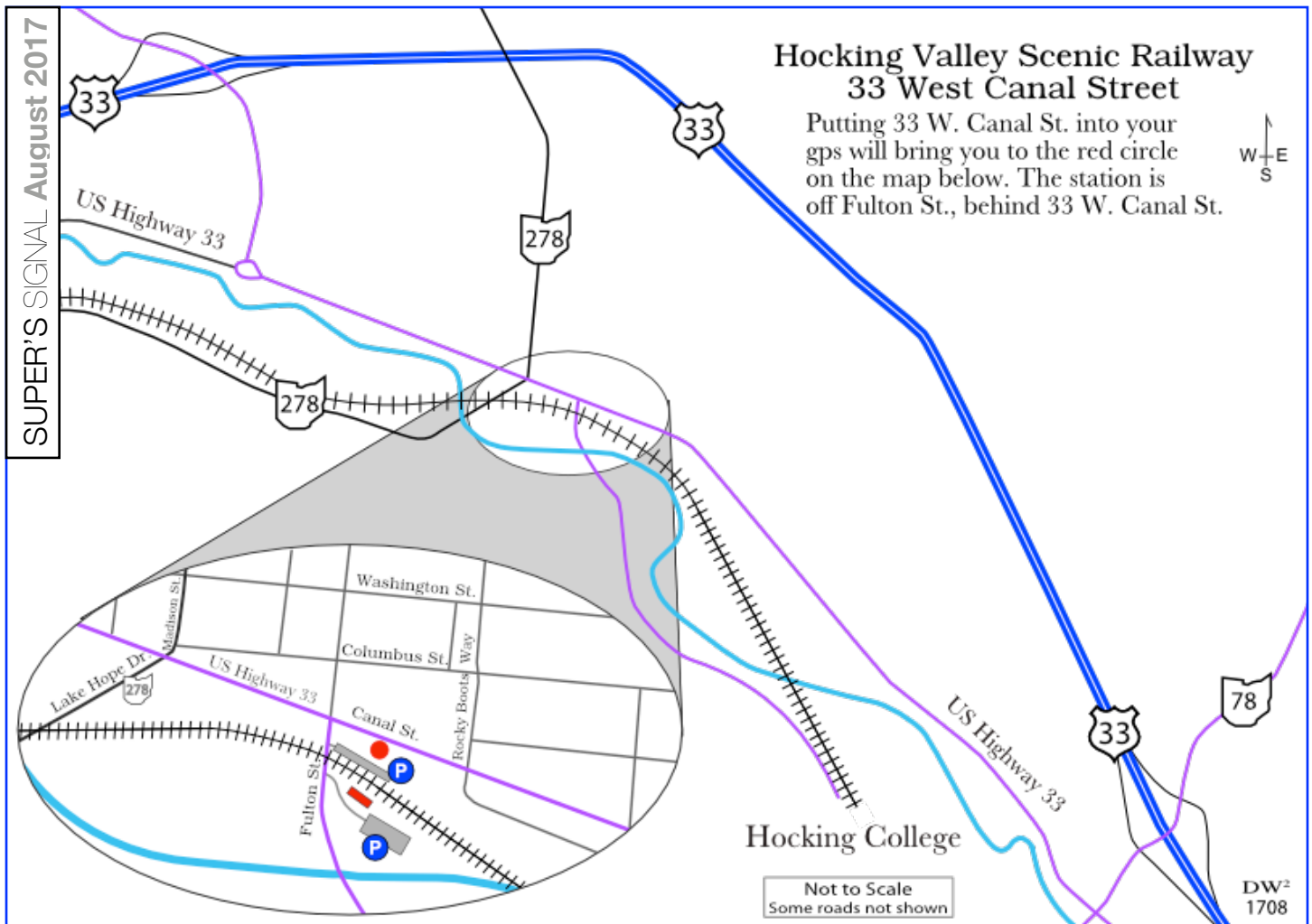
Congratulations to all the winners. We will have Certificates for you at the next meeting, which will be Sunday, August 20th, at The Hocking Valley Scenic RR in Nelsonville. We will have an abbreviated contest for this meeting as space and time will be limited.

Model: Division 6 sponsored Car. This can be a regular Division car project or a car from one of the many past MCR conventions that Division 6 has sponsored OR even the 1992 NMRA National which was sponsored and hosted by Division 6.

Photo: THERE WILL BE NO PHOTO CONTEST for this meeting.

Since we are taking the 2:30pm trip on the Hocking, contest entries will be accepted upon our return to the depot. So, once the train gets back to Nelsonville, hustle out to your cars and retrieve your contest entries. We have been allotted ONE table inside the depot for our contest and meeting. We'll have a short window for voting with the voting concluding at the start of the business meeting.

Keep up the great work!!! We're seeing lots of really neat stuff and I don't know about you, but I want to see a lot more in the coming months....



From Columbus: Take U.S. 33 East toward Lancaster. Stay on U.S. 33 until you come to the first Nelsonville exit (also the exit for Lake Hope), Exit 182, and turn right. At the round-about, go into the traffic circle and bear left and continue into Nelsonville. At the second traffic light, Fulton Street, turn right. You may park in either of the two parking lot to the right of Fulton Street, with entrances near the railroad crossing.



Photos from Marion Union Station

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**Super Greg presents Matt Goodman with the Howard Smith Award.
(Photo by Dick Briggs.)**



**AP Chair Dick Briggs presents John Retterer with a Scenery Merit Award.
(Photo by Matt Goodman.)**



**AP Chair Dick Briggs presents John Retterer with a Master Builder-Scenery Achievement Award.
(Photo by Matt Goodman.)**



**AP Chair Dick Briggs presents Greg Short with a Scenery Merit Award.
(Photo by Matt Goodman.)**



**Is the door open for air conditioning?
(Photo by Matt Goodman.)**

Scenic Express Bus Trip

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On the Bus to Scenic Express.



Receiving instructions on making a scene.



Part of the Scenic Express Warehouse.



Dipping trees.



Finished scene with trees.



Finished scene with trees.