

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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November 2017

Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

November Super's Report

Well hello all, it's time for another report. First an important business item to get done. We are preparing for our yearly elections. This year it is the offices of Super, Asst. Super, Clerk and Paymaster that are up for election. As all should know this means that nominations are due by the November meeting. Butch Sage has been nice enough to volunteer to be our Elections Chair. If you wish to run for one of the offices please get in contact with him. If you have any questions on how you can be nominated please check the Regulations. The Regulations are on the "About Us" Page of the division website.

(https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/AboutUs_Page.html).

One thing that I have noticed on my previous columns is the fact that I seem to ramble on about items that other folks report on. An example being our contests at the meetings. So I am going to step back and let the Chairs do the honors of passing on the info in their reports. Now I will add my take as a division member about the content of what we did at a meeting. I have got to let the folks that I have put in place to what is asked of them and keep my nose out of it to say.

I would like to thank Butch Sage for helping to arrange the venue for our last meeting. It was his idea to set up a meet in Sunbury. I would also like to thank him for opening up his home for us to visit. I know he wanted to have more of his dad's layout put back in together but time ran out for him to complete that task. I do like what he has done in getting a very well-traveled layout back in

Super's Signal Deadline
22 November

19 November
COMRC

6471 Proprietors Road
Worthington

1:00: COMRC opens

1:15: Contest entries opens

1:45: Contest entries closes

1:45: Contest voting

2:00: Division 6 meeting

2:30: Clinic: TBD

Model Contest: Railroad Bridges and Trestles.

Photography Contest: Railroad Bridges and Trestles.

one piece. There is still a lot of work to do but I and sure he and his crew will get it done. I would also like to thank the Sunbury Club for opening up for our visit. They have a nice little layout as well as some interesting historical items. As most, I was not aware of them until

Butch set the meet up. I also found out that they, like so many clubs, face the issue of the building owner looking for a reason to move them out. We need to

stick together as a group and support each other, visit the other clubs in our area, and give a little when we can. I can remember a time that seems not to long ago when we had many more clubs. And I am sure that there are numerous members that can trace their love to the hobby back to a visit during an open house.

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Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Meeting for October 8, 2017 Lions Building Sunbury

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Division 6 Superintendent, Greg Short, at Lions Building, Sunbury.

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Judy Logan
Clerk	Patrick Hreachmack
Paymaster	Dexter Hill
Director	Dick Briggs, MMR
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR
Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Program	Greg Short
Raffle	Greg Short
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke

New Member: Rich Brown

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. The Financial Report was approved pending audit.

Program Report: Greg Short. Superintendent Greg called for possible Division 6 future meeting sites. January thru March to be close to Columbus due to weather considerations. There will be no meeting in May due to the Cincinnati MCR Convention. December to be in Arlington Library.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. Greg Short received his Master Builder Scenery Achievement Certificate. Jim Kehn received his Master Builder Structure Achievement Certificate. Several more Achievement Certificates are in process including Darrell Logan & Bob Lee for Master Builder Scenery, and Dexter Hill & Matt Goodman for Volunteer.

Web Master & Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. Check out the division web site for photos of contest models. Submissions for the next *Signal* are due this coming Thursday.

Media & Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Membership is down to 167 as the Rail Pass memberships have now expired. Please go to the Facebook page to see upcoming events, projects, and shows. A new Facebook page for NMRA Mid Central Region is being built. Matt is researching Facebook targeted advertisements. Also look at the

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APPOINTED CHAIRS

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Contest: Jim Ruisinger

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Membership: Matt Goodman

Program: Available

Raffle: Available

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Robert Beaty, MMR

Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

Yahoo Group page for updated club information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boy Scouts Merit Badge: Greg Short. The Boy Scouts of America Model Railroad Merit badge program is set for Coshocton. All presenters are lined up. As before, this will be an all-day function on November 11.

The NMRA Hobby Shop Discount Program: Greg Short. The NMRA Hobby Shop Discount Program is now underway and beginning to build a list of hobby shops that NMRA members may access and acquire a discount by showing their NMRA card. Discount levels are at the discretion of the hobby shop but could be 5%, 10% or more. The Train Station is one of the first members of the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Division Elections: Greg Short. Division elections are coming up by the end of this year. Harry "Butch" Sage volunteered to lead the Elections Nominations committee. He will present the new slate of candidates at the November meeting. Note that Superintendent Greg, Asst. Superintendent Judy, Paymaster Dexter, and Clerk Patrick have all indicated they would run for office again.

The Division Store: Greg Short. The Store still has a number of remaining O, HO, and N scales kits. Superintendent Greg is contacting other divisions to see if there is interest in trading or selling each other's stock of supplies. If you want to sell some of the stock, at list price, at upcoming train shows, please let John Retterer know so he can get the supplies to you.

CLUB REPORTS:

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: Open house every weekend in December between noon and 4 PM. November 6 & 7, will be open for Thanksgiving. Also setting up for COSI with their temporary layout. Dates for COSI are October 25-29. Model Railroad days will include both HO and O scales.

Columbus Model Railroad Club: Still operating in limbo pending response from the Reich Brothers.

Janis Model Railroad Club: Did well for the Ohio State Fair, installing a new turntable. Go by the Janis building on any Thursday afternoon or early evening and enjoy their operations.

Live Steam Club: On October 7 and 8 will host their annual blow down for the season at Mill Creek.

Zanesville Club: Will have open house on November 4 & 5 from noon to 5PM.

CONTEST:

Certificates were awarded to past contest winners including:

John Retterer, 2nd place model for open car load.

Lon Wilson, 2nd place model for diesel locomotive.

Lon Wilson, 1st place photo for diesel locomotive.

Don Wilke, 3rd place model for division car.

Lon Wilson, 3rd place photo for steam locomotive.

Darrell Logan, 3rd place model for steam locomotive.

Greg Short, 3rd place model for steam locomotive.

Judy Logan, 2nd place model for steam locomotive.

Jim Retterer, 1st place model for steam locomotive.

For the October contest, the subject was cabooses, crummies, and cab cars.

Models:

Butch Sage: 1st place, Kimble Company Bobber

Eric Porch: 2nd place, PRR N5C

John Retterer, 3rd place, work train long car

Lon Wilson, 3rd place, USMC cab car

John Retterer, 3rd place Oregon work car

Photos:

Lon Wilson, 1st place, firefighting caboose

Don Wilke, 2nd place Pennsy cab car

Don Wilke, 3rd place Pennsy #5012 cab car

Raffle: Won by Clerk Patrick and member Lon.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Next Division Meeting: The next meeting will be on November 19 with the location TBD.

Signal Deadline: The *Signal* deadline is 22 November.

Next Contest:

Models: Railroad Bridges and Trestles.

Photos: Railroad Bridges and Trestles.

Adjournment:



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If you were not at the meeting I announced that I am working on the 2018 timetable. I have part of the year done but have some months to fill. I have been given some good ideas on how and or where to fill in the other dates with but I can still use more input. I do not want to get stuck into going to the same places all the time. My thoughts are that in doing so it hurts attendance and the content of the meeting. It also means that some have greater distances to drive to get to the meeting, so I like to spread them out. I do still want to do a bus trip in there and may very well do one in conjunction with a meeting so be on the lookout for that. I also would like to see us do more social events like a division sponsored summer cook-out or a Christmas party. We can even do things like this during our meetings. It is my intention to try and make this a fun as we can make it so once again any ideas let me know.

Onward, as most know I have made it no secret that I want to bring back the Division Train Show. This has not gotten as far as I had hoped. A lot of this is my fault. I have not put the time to it that is needed,

so I have been working on it a bit. I have come up with a working idea and have been making some progress. I would like to share a complete plan but it is not ready yet. All I can say for now is it will be in November of 2018. It will be a one day show, and the format should be more of a swap meet and geared toward model railroaders. One of the big reasons that this project not getting the attention it needs is that I have been afraid of it failing. Well thanks to some support of some members and non-members alike I felt it is time to try. If it fails it fails, but we will never know till we try.

Hey if you have not gotten that special someone a gift for Christmas check out the company store. We still have lots of goodies. Along those lines when we clear our current inventory we will start looking at a new project. If you have any ideas let me know and I will start a request list and look at where we can go with them. I have already had a couple of requested ideas for freight cars but I will always look at more.

Well that's about it for now so –

Happy Modeling – Greg



#464 on Harry Sage's layout.



A lot of great models for the contest.

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		
19 Nov	Division 6 Train Show	Business Meeting: Central Ohio Model Railroad Club, Worthington Clinic: TBD	Model: RR Bridges & Trestles Photo: RR Bridges & Trestles
22 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:

Sunbury Meeting Contest Re-Cap

I knew you could do it!!! Caboosees... EVERYBODY has one or two. So I had faith that we'd have a good turnout for our contests this meeting. I was not disappointed. We had a nice variety of Caboose models, and some unusual photos. Here are your winners. We had a 3 way tie for 3rd among the model entries.

Winners in the Model Contest were:

1st Place	Butch Sage	Kimball Lumber Co. Bobber
2nd Place	Eric Porch	PRR N5c Cabin Car
3rd Place(t)		Lon Wilson USMC Caboose
3rd Place(t)	John Retterer	Work / MOW Transfer Caboose
3rd Place(t)	Jim Ruisinger	O.C. & S.W. Drover Caboose

Winners in the Photo Contest were:

1st Place	Lon Wilson	Loram Fire Fighting Caboose
2nd Place	Don Wilke	Pennsy Cabin Car
3rd Place	Don Wilke	Pennsy Cabin Car #5012

Congratulations to all the winners. We will have Certificates for you at the next meeting, which will be Sunday, November 19th.

Model and Photo subjects will be...

Railroad Bridges and Trestles.

As 2017 winds down, I'm working on the schedule for next year... It will closely follow this year's contests but with a few wrinkles. As soon as the division meeting schedule is set, I'll have a schedule for contests plugged in and ready to go, so stay tuned. See everyone on November 19th at COMRC.



Loram Fire Fighting Caboose # 391380
Lon Wilson



Kimball Lumber Co. Bobber
Butch Sage

Contest Point Summary October 2017

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler

Photographer

Jim Ruisinger	12	Jerry Severson	3
Lon Wilson	6	Greg Short	3
Harry Sage	5	John Retterer	3
Jim Borcz	4	Judy Logan	2
Bob Doerflein	4	Eric Porch	2
Darrell Logan	4	Bob Lee	1
Fred Rea	3	Don Wilke	1

Lon Wilson	17	Greg Short	3
Don Wilke	11	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 August 2017

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair
Summary/Comments

Following are the membership details as of 08/31/17.

Active Members (end of the month):

August	167	August '16	186
July	167	July '16	185
June	166	June '16	179

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.

August	2 memberships are expiring
September	4 memberships are expiring
October	6 memberships are expiring
November	6 memberships are expiring

New Members

We had one new member in August, from Marysville.

Renewals and Re-Rails (returning lapsed members)

We had six renewals in July.

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

Do you remember?

Dick Briggs, MMR

While sorting thru my vast and everlasting stuff preparing for a trip to the Marion Train Show I came across this kit.

Is anyone aware of where, when or why it was produced and or awarded? Is it a one-time car awarded to the division? Did the NMRA provide a car to each region or division? The Division 6 sign is an add on sticker which leads one to consider it may be a one of a kind. I have no idea where or when I acquired it. Anyone who can shed light on this car, please let me know.



Walther's 1982 Silver Streak Showmanship Award Car

Buckeye Division Achievement Program Update

Dick Briggs, MMR
Division AP Chair



**AP Chair Dick Briggs presents Jim Kehn
with a Master Builder Structure Achievement Award.**



**AP Chair Dick Briggs presents Greg Short
with a Master Builder Scenery Award.**

Since my last report the members of Division 6 have kept me and the AP judges busy with a lot of activity.

At our last meeting we recognized Greg Short for his AP certificate for Master Builder Scenery for his great work on the Zanesville Model Railroad Club's layout. We also recognized Jim Kehn's great modeling skills with his Master Builder Structures certificate.

Awards are pending for the following members:

Darrell Logan	Master Builder Scenery
Matt Goodman	Association Volunteer

Dexter Hill	Association Volunteer
Bob Lee	Association Official

Several other members have most of the work completed on several certificates.

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and participation in the AP program.

COSI Model Railroad Days October 25-29, 2017

Bruce McDonald

Several Ohio train clubs will be displaying and running model trains at COSI this month. There will be displays of N, HO, S, O and a large Garden railroad layout. Last year there was even a 2-rail O gauge layout. It is a great oppor-

tunity to share our love of model railroading with youngsters of all ages. For more information see COSI's home page <https://cosi.org/> and look for Model Railroad Days.

Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

Rolling Stock Tip of the Month

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I have several tank car models with tremendously free-rolling, metal-wheeled trucks. Recently, I decided to swap out the wheelsets in the trucks from the existing metal RP-25s* to Code 88* "semi-scale" wheelsets from the same manufacturer in order to achieve a finer look.

*Note: The name "RP-25" comes from the NMRA Recommended Practice that defines wheel dimensions. These wheels have a front-to-back dimension of .110" and are what comes with virtually all models (ready-to-run or kits) and the majority of separately sold trucks. Code 88 wheels - often referred to as "semi-scale" - have a front-to-back dimension of .088". Code 88 wheelsets are used by modelers who are looking for a closer to prototype look - there are no functional advantages to the narrower wheel tread.

After removing the trucks and replacing one of the two wheelsets with a Code 88 wheelset, I gave each axle a quick spin and instantly noticed that the Code 88 wheel set didn't spin as well. In fact it spun only half as long as it's fatter (RP-25) neighbor. I reversed the locations of the two axles and got same result. What's up with that?

Initially I thought this might be due to differing axle lengths; if an axle that is too long or too short for the truck, it won't roll as well as one of the correct length. I pulled out my calipers and found that the axle length of the RP-25

were in the 1.0050-1.0060 inch range while the semi-scale axles were closer to 1.0030-1.0040. A difference, but a couple thousandths is not significant.

About then I noticed how dirty my fingers were getting, and the lightbulb went on. I checked the axle ends and found they had a good deal of oily dirt on them, most likely left over from the manufacturing process. This residual gunk was probably causing the extra drag. I removed the Code 88 wheelset, cleaned the axle and truck journals (using alcohol and a micro-brush), then re-tested - problem solved. The Code 88 and RP-25 wheels had virtually the same spin time.

After that first wheel set, I cleaned the remainder of the wheels in the package thoroughly (faces, treads, backs and axles) with a alcohol-dampened paper towel. In the end, I had shiny wheels and a filthy paper towel.

So tip of the day, if you are applying new metal wheel sets - of any brand - give them a thorough cleaning before putting them into service.

- Cleaner journals will make your cars will roll better (50% better in my test).
- Cleaner tread will keep your track a bit cleaner.
- Cleaner wheel faces and backs will give paint a better chance of sticking.



The NMRA Hobby Shop Discount Program

Michael Flick

The Train Station
and others

The NMRA Hobby Shop Discount Program is now underway and beginning to build a list of hobby shops across the nation that NMRA members may access and acquire a discount by showing their NMRA card.

The Train Station was one of the first hobby shops nationwide to join the program. The Train Station now offers a 5% discount to current NMRA members on in-stock products

which are not already discounted, excluding new magazines. Member must present a current NMRA membership card. Only one discount per purchase (for example: customer may receive NMRA discount or Golden Buckeye Card discount on a purchase, but not both on same purchase.)

Please support the NMRA Hobby Shop Discount Program and the Train Station.

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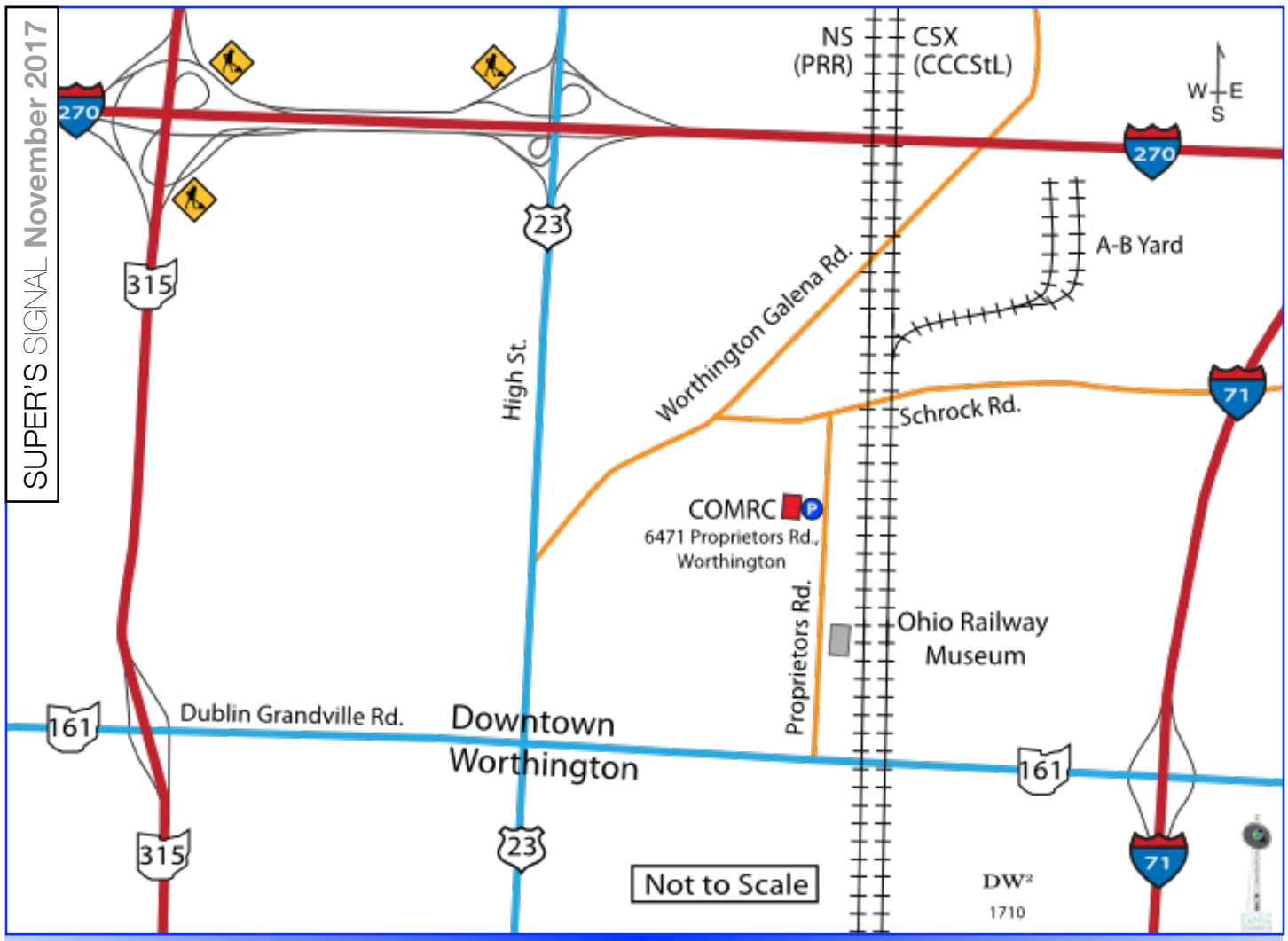


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2018 Division 6 Elections

Election season is rapidly approaching. No, not the one deciding Issue 2, but rather the one electing officers in Division 6. The four positions up for election next year are Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk and Paymaster. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact the Nominating Committee chair Butch Sage before the November Division meeting on November 19th at the Central Ohio Model Railroad Club. At the November meeting, the candidates will be announced, approved and the ballot set for inclusion in the January mailing of the *Super's Signal*. Nominations can be mailed to Butch Sage at 2756 N County Line Rd, Sunbury OH 43074 or by phone at (614) 325-2578. Nominees can also identify themselves in person at the November meeting.

