

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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December 2017



Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

December Super's Report

Hello everyone and welcome back. As I write this I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends. I myself was one of those who had to spend my day away at work, but I still made the best of it. I know that everyone over ate and are all proud of it. Now comes the leftovers for the next few days. For those who don't know I am the cook at the fire-house I am assigned. I try to do the best for all those who work there, so we had a feast to behold. As I always say if you leave hungry it's your fault. Since then I have been looking at recipes for left over turkey and ham. The ham is easy as it goes great into bean soup but the turkey. Let's say I have not figured that out yet but I am thinking turkey and noodles sound like a winner. Only time will see.

On black Friday, Coshocton had there annual run secession. There were several division members in attendance at the event. This activity gets bigger every year and was a huge success for them again. I attended and had a great time even though I didn't run any trains. I didn't get to stay as long as I wanted but still had a great time.

Speaking of a great time that's how I would describe out last meeting. First we must thank the Central Ohio Model Railroad Club for allowing us to visit and have our meeting there on short notice. Congrats to the contest participants and to the winners as we had

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some very nice entries. I guess the highlight was the clinic from Mike Wolfe on 3D printing. This is a newer aspect to our hobby and is very interesting. I see 3D printing is going to change how we model as it will open up new doors for details and for models not available. I have watched what this has been doing to the scale vehicle modeling and it is exciting.

Moving on to the business at hand. We have a new division in the Mid Central Region, Division 12. Division 12 consists of areas from Division 5 and Division 11 in northern Pennsylvania and Western New York. Much of this area was once part of the Niagara Frontier Re-

10 December

Upper Arlington Library 2800 Tremont Road Upper Arlington

1:00: Upper Library building opens

1:15: Contest entries opens

1:30: Program starts (Movies & Slides)

1:45: Contest entries closes

Break: Division 6 Meeting-Contest voting, Raffle

After Meeting: Program Continues

Model Contest: Passenger Car.

Photography Contest: Passenger Car.

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Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Meeting for November 19, 2017 Central Ohio Model Railroad Club Worthington

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Division 6 Superintendent, Greg Short.

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: Bill Avery.

Clerk's Report: Pat Hreachmack. Two corrections were noted for the previous Clerk's Report as it appeared in the current *Super's Signal*, then the Clerk's Report was approved.

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

Program Report: Greg Short. Superintendent Greg stated that the next couple of meetings would be held in Columbus area libraries due to the possibility of bad weather. The December meeting will be at the Upper Arlington Library.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. Dick presented Achievement awards to the following members:

- ❖ Bob Lee: Master Achievement for his AT&SF railroad
- ❖ Matt Goodman: Achievement as an Association Volunteer
- ❖ Darrell Logan: Master Builder Scenery

Web Master Report: Don Wilke. The division website will now contain an announcements on the Welcome Page in the case of weather related meeting cancellations. The website has been upgraded adding a new link to be bookmarked, eliminate old bugs, and improve security.

Media Report: Matt Goodman.

***Super's Signal* Report:** Don Wilke: The cutoff date for the next issue of the *Signal* is no later than Monday, the 27th, due

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Donald Wilke,

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APPOINTED CHAIRS

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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

to the holiday week.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that our membership is now at 169, after many of the short Rail Pass memberships expired.

Company Store: John Retterer. John was not present to give a report.

Yahoo Group: Jim Ruisinger. Jim reported that members wanting access to our new Yahoo web group, should send Jim an email asking for a invitation to join the site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boy Scouts Merit Badge: Greg Short. The Boy Scouts of America Model Railroad Merit badge meeting scheduled for this month, was cancelled after the BSA failed to properly advertise the meeting. There is now a possibility of another merit badge day for the Central Ohio Region of BSA sometime in February.

The NMRA Hobby Shop Discount Program: Greg Short. The NMRA Hobby Shop Discount Program is up and running with the first Columbus area business being The Train Station on Indianola becoming the first business to accept the NMRA Partnership Program. Other vendors include MicroMart and other shops around the country. Please go to the NMRA National site to obtain a code to provide to the vender you are purchasing from, or you will not be recognized as a member of the NMRA.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mid Central Regional Board Of Directors Meeting: Greg Short. Greg said the big news is there is now a new Division 12. Details are in the latest *Kingpin* newsletter.

Division Elections: Greg Short & Harry "Butch" Sage. Harry, Chair of the Nominations Committee, reported that while he received an email from each of the serving officers stating they would again run for office, the actual letters from those officers did not materialize. The following were listed as nominees:

- Greg Short for Superintendent, with no other nominations.
- Judy Logan for Assistant Superintendent, with no other nominations.
- Patrick Hreachmack for Clerk, with no other nominations.
- Dexter Hill for Paymaster, with no other nominations.

As these nominees did not submit a formal declaration, by parliamentary procedure, approval was called for by the membership present.

- Greg Short for Superintendent was approved by affirmation.

- Judy Logan for Assistant Superintendent was approved by affirmation.
- Patrick Hreachmack for Clerk was approved by affirmation.
- Dexter Hill for Paymaster was approved by affirmation.

Grove City Station: Darrell Logan. Darrell reported that the Grove City Station is being relocated to Friar Park.

Model Scenes: Tom. Tom stated that he had three model scenes he was giving away for free. He had received five and incorporated two into his layout. Three members asked for the three scenes.

Magazines: Lon Wilson. Lon reported that COMRC had several boxes of old magazines out front, that are free to good homes. He also reported that COMRC has PennCentral box cars for sale at \$21.50 including tax.

CLUB REPORTS:

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: The club will hold open house on their annual holiday schedule every Saturday and Sunday thru Christmas from noon to 4. The Circus layout will be operational by late June, 2018.

Columbus Model Railroad Club: The CMRC is currently operating by using a generator and only being operational on days when the weather is still warm.

Zanesville & Western: Fred Rhea stated that the Zanesville & Western on Route 204 will operate on Friday thru Sunday. Please go to their web site for additional information.

Marion Model Railroad Club: The famous Shovel Restaurant in front of the station has closed for good.

Coshocton Model Railroad Club: The annual Black Friday Operations day will officially open in the afternoon but everyone says if you are there at 9AM, you will get to run. This is an Operation Til You Drop day!

"O" Scalers Club: Now shut down until the spring.

"N" Scalers Club: Now operating thru the holidays in the lobby of the Nationwide Children's Hospital and will be in the Lauch building at the State Fairgrounds for the Buckeye Train Show in December.

CONTEST:

Models: Bridges & Trestles

1st Place: George Glade (presented by) Bill Alarie, Covered Bridge.

2nd Place: Jim Russinger, Timber Bridge.

3rd Place: Matt Goodman, Skewed plate girder bridge.

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gion. National moved that area into the MCR about a year ago so the members wouldn't have to cross into Canada.

Welcome to our new MCR friends.

We had our nominations for our officers closed at the meeting. There were no contested races for Super, Assistant Super, Clerk and Paymaster. Those now holding these offices were the only candidates. The members present elected them acclamation and there will be no need for an election. Thanks for all the support and trust that everyone has in the

election committee.

Up coming will be our annual December meeting at the Upper Arlington Library. As has been the past the content for the meeting will be movies and slides. So if you have either and would like to present them at the meeting, please bring them. The facility is top notch and we always have a good time. If you have not been to or have not seen to a meeting for a while this is a good one to attend. So I hope to see everyone there.

Happy Modeling – Greg



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Photos: Bridges & Trestles

1st Place: Don Wilke, Truss & Girder Bridges over river and canal.

2nd Place: Lon Wilson, Bascule bridge over the Cuyahoga River.

3rd Place: Don Wilke, Truss bridge over the Scioto at downtown Columbus.

A complete listing of all the contests proposed for 2018 along with new rules and procedures, will appear in the upcoming Super's Signal. These will be:

1. Meeting: Open freight car with load
2. Meeting: Non-revenue / MoW Equipment
3. Meeting: Diesel, Diesel Electric, and Electric Locomotives
4. Meeting: Line Side Structures
5. Meeting: Division sponsored Structures and photos of Abandoned and derelict RR equipment
6. Meeting: Favorite Train
7. Meeting: Steam Locomotives

8. Meeting: Caboose, Cabin Cars, etc

9. Meeting: Close Freight Cars

10. Meeting: Passenger Cars

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

Raffle: Tom was the only name in the drawing and of course won (did we hear the sound of a train running thru?)

Clinic: Mike Wolf. Mike presented *3-D Printing: Getting Started and Lessons Learned (So Far!)*

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Next Division Meeting: Next meeting will be in the Upper Arlington Library on December 10.

Signal Deadline: The *Signal* deadline is 14 December.

Next Contest:

Models: Passenger Car.

Photos: Passenger Car.

Adjournment:



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:

Central Ohio Model RR Club Meeting
Contest Re-Cap

We had a modest turnout of models and photos for our November contest. It was modest in quantity, not quality as we had some very nice entries! Our subject matter was railroad bridges and trestles. Here are your winners. Our winning model was entered by Bill Alarie, but was actually built by his dad, George Glade, a long time NMRA member. It was a beautifully scratch-built covered bridge that would be Merit Award worthy – in my humble opinion....

Winners in the Model Contest were:

- 1st Place: George Glade Covered Bridge
2nd Place: Jim Ruisinger Log Bridge
3rd Place: Matt Goodman Skewed Plate Girder Bridge



*Covered Bridge
George Glade*

Winners in the Model Contest were:

- 1st Place Don Wilke: Truss/Girder Bridge near Zanesville
2nd Place Lon Wilson: Angular Bascule Bridge over the Cuyahoga River
3rd Place Don Wilke: Truss Bridges over the Scioto River downtown Columbus

Congratulations to all the winners. We will have Certificates for you at the next meeting, which will be Sunday, December 10th.

Model and Photo subjects will be... Passenger Cars



*Truss/Girder Bridge near Zanesville
Don Wilke*

Contest Point Summary November 2017

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler

Jim Ruisinger	14	Jerry Severson	3
Lon Wilson	6	Greg Short	3
Harry Sage	5	John Retterer	3
Jim Borez	4	Judy Logan	2
Bob Doerflein	4	Eric Porch	2
Darrell Logan	4	Bob Lee	1
Bill Alarie	3	Don Wilke	1
Fred Rea	3	Matt Goodman	1

Photographer

Lon Wilson	19	Greg Short	3
Don Wilke	15	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.

2018 Model and Photo Contests

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

2018 Model and Photo Contests to see Participation Points AND Monetary Prizes!

From the Contest Chairman:

We're going to try something a little different for 2018. Points will be awarded as usual for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place models and photos. If a member submits an entry that doesn't finish among the top 3, they will be awarded one point per member. As an example, if you brought 3 entries and none finished among the top three, you would earn 1 point. It is hoped that this might encourage more participation in the contest...

And as an additional incentive, Modeler and Photographer of the year for 2018 will each receive a \$50 gift card along with a plaque. The second place finisher will receive a \$25 gift card and the third place finisher will receive a \$10 gift card.

I think just about all of us could use a few extra bucks to help with our layouts....

Below is the projected subject matter for our division meetings throughout 2018. It very closely follows what the subjects were for this year with a few tweaks here and there. And remember, the model and photo subjects are the same, with the exception of our Marion meeting.

Previous 1st place winning models and photos are ineligible to be entered again! So, get to work on those models

and keep taking those pictures, so we can have a great turnout of entries for 2018.

Meeting #1: Open Freight Car with loads

Meeting #2: Non-Revenue / MOW equipment

Meeting #3: Diesel, Diesel Electric and Electric locomotives (includes trolleys and interurbans)

Meeting #4: Line side railroad structures

Meeting #5: Model: Division sponsored Structures
Photo: Abandoned and derelict RR equipment. (Marion)

Meeting #6: Favorite Train

Meeting #7: Steam Locomotives

Meeting #8: Cabooses, Cabin Cars, etc.

Meeting #9: Closed Freight Cars

Meeting #10: Passenger Cars

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2018 Division 6 Elections

Harry "Butch" Sage, Jim Kehn and Jim Ruisinger; Election Committee

Nominating Committee Results

This is a summary of the report presented to the membership at the November business meeting.

We did not receive any completed petitions from anybody seeking office.

All of the current officers indicated their intent to run for re-election and the Nominating Committee presented them to the membership. Each received in excess of the required 10 votes from the members present for approval. A call was given for other nominations from the floor and none were received. Thus, the current officers will be running for re-election unopposed.

Notes on the Elections

After the closing of the Nominating Committee report, motions were made and passed to fill each position by acclamation as spelled out in the Regulations of Division 6, therefore ballots will not be mailed with the January

issue of the *Super's Signal*. These actions are part of the minutes of the business meeting.

The next election will be in 2019 for the three Director's positions, with the nominating process occurring in November of 2018. All of the current directors can, should they desire to, run for re-election as there are no term limits for the directors.

The next election for officers will be in early 2020, with the nominating process occurring in November of 2019. I believe that current Super, Greg Short, cannot run for re-election as he will be term limited. I believe that Judy, Pat and Dexter could, should they decide to do so, run for re-election. Of course, any of them could run for election to another office.

Something to ponder: Down the road the Buckeye Division is going to need members to step up and run for election as an officer or director. Please consider volunteering to run for office and serving your fellow members.



3D Printing

Mike Wolf, Clinic Presenter

For those who missed the November division meeting, Mike Wolf presented a clinic on *3D Printing – Getting started and lessons learned (so far)*. As a follow up, Mike has provided some of the information from his slides.

A search of the internet can be used to locate a large number of 3D Computer Aided Design (CAD) software programs. The one's listed on Mike's slides included: SketchUp, 123D Design, TinkerCAD, Claro.io, FreeCAD, Blender, AutoCAD, and Fusion 360. All but the last two are free or have a free trial/pro upgrade option. Mike uses SketchUp which offers a reduced price educator/student Pro upgrade (just need your kid or grandkid's report card as proof) but the non-Pro version works fine for 95% of the work he has done so far. The on line tutorials on the SketchUp website and support community have been great in figuring out how to navigate around the program or get answers as to how to do something. SketchUp also has a large number of third party "extensions" available which provide a wide range of additional features and tools. One example was the Solid Inspector tool he discussed which checks for holes or

gaps in your objects which must be fixed before a printer will be able to correctly print an object.

A search of the internet can also be used to locate 3D printing services. Mike's slides included: Shapeways (one of the larger and more well known that Mike uses), 3D Hubs, i.materialise, Ponoko and Sculpteo. Thom Niedhammer mentioned seeing a local shop that offered 3D printing. While he couldn't find the name, 3D Hubs' website is designed to allow local printers to "bid" on a job and you can place your order with them for local printout and delivery. Each shop lists which type of material they can print and a quick search revealed a number in the Columbus area able to print in a number of different plastics. Shapeways and several other printing companies also offer store fronts for designers to sell objects they've designed. As Mike discussed during the clinic, those not interested in learning 3D CAD can likely find detail parts (or even whole models) by searching the website. As Pat Hreachmack pointed out, Shapeways' search tool leaves a little to be desired.

If you have any other questions or follow up, Mike can be contacted at vvunion@gmail.com.

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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Membership Report October 2017

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair
Summary/Comments

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New members bring an opportunity for an injection of new ideas and new skills into our division. In my welcome letter to new members, I always include a sentence that says something to the effect of "if you have a specific skill or interest that you would like to share..." That sentence is intended to get the recipient thinking about what they may have to offer.

One of our recent new members has done just that (though I have no idea whether that sentence had any direct or indirect impact!) – he has some practical experience with Social Media in his day job that may be useful for our division. Fantastic!

As your combination Membership / Media Chair, I bring this up to get everyone thinking "what do I have to offer?"

If you feel you have something – even just an idea - let me or any of your officers or chairs know!

As far as membership counts, we are down twenty from last year when we were still riding the convention bubble, but that variance has been staying steady. If the current trend holds, the year to year gap should become smaller over the next months. See the table for longer-term trends.

Remember to develop new members by engaging non-member model railroaders. Many people just need a nudge from a respected friend to join – that certainly was the case for me.

Following are the membership details as of 10/31/17.

Active Members (end of the month):

October	169	October '16	189
September	166	September '16	186
August	167	August '16	186

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.

October	2 memberships are expiring
November	3 memberships are expiring
December	6 memberships are expiring
January	9 memberships are expiring

New Members

We had two new members in October – one Family, one Regular, from Hilliard and Gambier respectively. Welcome, folks!

Renewals and Re-Rails (returning lapsed members)

We had seven renewals in October.

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:

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Buckeye Division Membership Chair

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Buckeye Division Achievement Program Update

Dick Briggs, MMR
Division AP Chair



AP Chair Dick Briggs presents Bob Lee with a Association Official Certificate.



AP Chair Dick Briggs presents Matt Goodman with a Association Volunteer Certificate.



AP Chair Dick Briggs presents Darrell Logan with a Master Builder Scenery Certificate.

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 were presented for the following members:

Darrell Logan	Master Builder Scenery
Matt Goodman	Association Volunteer
Dexter Hill	Association Volunteer
Bob Lee	Association Official

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

Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet March 23-25, 2018

Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet Valley Forge at the Desmond Great Valley Hotel, Malvern, Pa. \$35 registration. Prototype clinics, vendors' and model display room, Thurs-

day evening, Friday morning ops session, and Sunday layout tour. Visit www.rpmvalleyforge.org for details and to download a registration form.

Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

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Do you remember? – Richard Did.

Dick Briggs, MMR

The car was awarded by Walthers. It was given yearly to groups that promoted the hobby.

You had to have an event (like the state fair layout being open), and it had to be publicized (normally in a newspaper). You sent the information into them and they sent you the car for that year. The type of car changed yearly. Walthers put the sticker on the car, but you had to build it. When division members come to Coshocton, they will see a number of these cars in our display case.

I don't think that Walthers does this program any more.

Richard W. Jones

Treasurer, AMREC



Walther's 1982 Silver Streak Showmanship Award Car

SOGGY BOTTOM AND DEEP CUT RAILWAY, NAVIGATION AND CARTAGE COMPANY

Jim Kehn

Most of you have probably never heard of Soggy County, Ohio, but back around the time when William McKinley was president and about the time of the Spanish -American War, there existed the small southern Ohio county of Soggy.

Soggy County was created when the Ohio canal system reached this obscure area and there was need for some type of governing entity to allow organized growth and promote the welfare of the local citizens. The rolling hills (called mounds down there) and some rugged valleys gave the canal builders some interesting problems to overcome. However, there were entrepreneurs in need of reliable transportation and this assured that the waterway would be profitable.

Chief among the budding local industries was the maker of a local libation called Olde Canal Swill.

No one knows for sure what was in the concoction, but by the 1890's a very large stone distillery had been constructed to produce it. Built alongside the canal, the waterway carried the necessary ingredients like local grains, barrels, and coal for power. It is known that there always was an intake pipe from the canal into the distillery and a discharge pipe back into the canal. What happened in between was know only to the management.

As the Ohio canal system was limited in many ways, it was decided by local businessmen in the two principal towns that a better transportation system was needed. So thus was created the SOGGY BOTTOM AND DEEP CUT

RAILWAY. The railroad was narrow gauge, connecting the two major towns in the county, Soggy Bottom, the more genteel and refined community, and Deep Cut, which was lacking in many virtues, but excelled in many vices. This was the location of the distillery and the many other businesses that needed to support it.

When the State of Ohio decided to rid itself of the local canal feeder, the railway bought it and since it also controlled the few roads in the county, the railway company was reorganized as the SOGGY BOTTOM AND DEEP CUT RAILWAY, NAVIGATION AND CARTAGE COMPANY.

Fast forward to 2013 when a small group of intrepid area modelers decided to give honor to the memory of Soggy County and the canal and railway. Their successful display in 2011 of the modular On30 layout called the Bear Creek Tramway, which won them first place in modular railroad displays at the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Hickory, NC, led them to construct an even bigger display for the 2016 NNGC in Augusta, Maine. Using some of the steel framework from Bear Creek, building additional framework, and designing a layout that was a continuous run instead of point to point, the group in the between years began to create the new Soggy Bottom display. One of the lessons learned was how much a pain having to deal with wiring was. Therefore the locomotives were planned to be DCC with sound and battery

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controlled and no wiring of the track. Naturally, there was a large learning curve and things went well until the Friday before the layout was to be hauled to Maine. There was an almost catastrophic failure of the equipment. Diligent teamwork got one engine going and we were able to use it all during the show.

The set up in Maine was remarkably smooth and we were up and running for the show. We received many good comments and enjoyed the notoriety. The modeling seen at NNGC conventions is more than above average and we were competing with some fine modular displays and superb modelers.

At the awards ceremony on Saturday evening we held our breath and to our delight were awarded First Place in modular displays. That made us two for two and we were all thrilled!

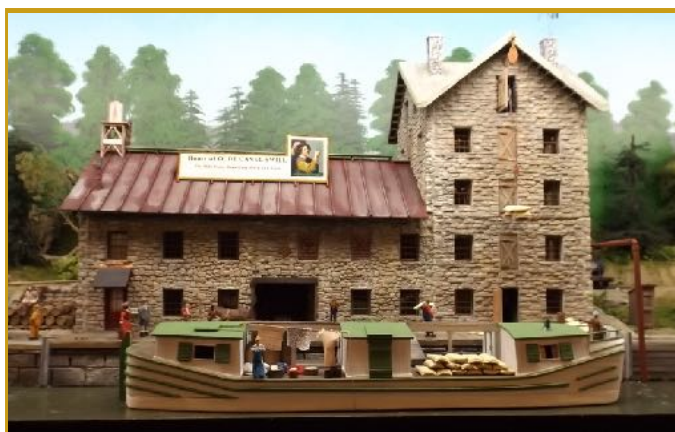
Following the NNGC we set up the Soggy at Smokestack Hobbies in Lancaster in late 2016 through most of January 2017. It then went into a super secret underground bunker for storage and its future was in question. The group received an invitation to attend the 2018 NNGC in Minneapolis, which was accepted and we are diligently upgrading the layout.

Some of the lessons we learned from displaying to the public and receiving worldwide publicity, will be incorporated in the upgrade. Some of these include more figures, animals, and vehicles, and more reliability in rolling stock, trackwork, and ease of assembly.

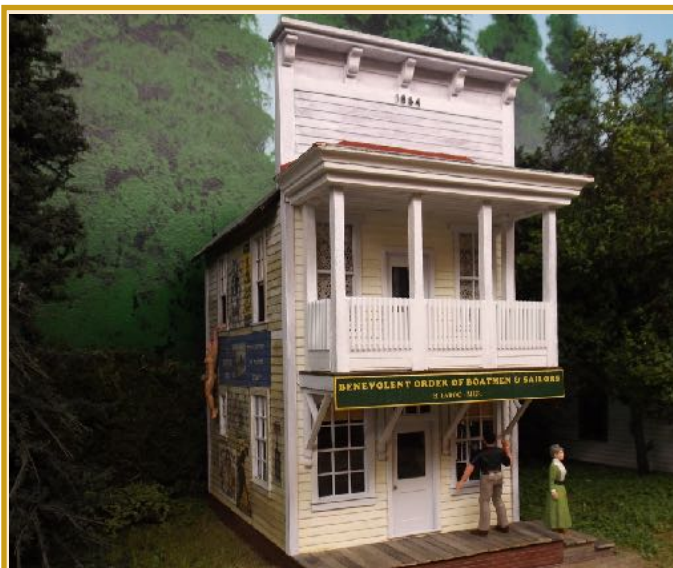
If you wish to learn more of the Soggy saga you can read about us in the Australian publication NARROW GAUGE DOWN UNDER April 2017 issue 65, the 2017 On30 ANNUAL, and the May/June 2017 issue of NARROW GAUGE AND SHORT LINE GAZETTE.



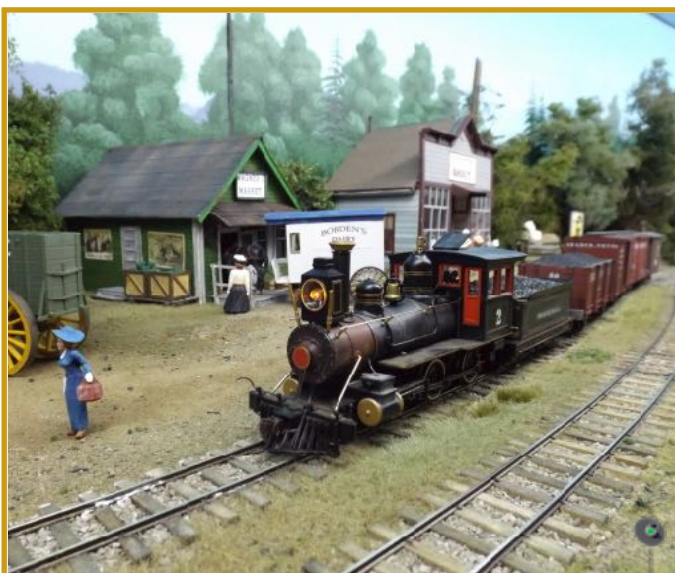
Girls from the Shady Rest Hotel.



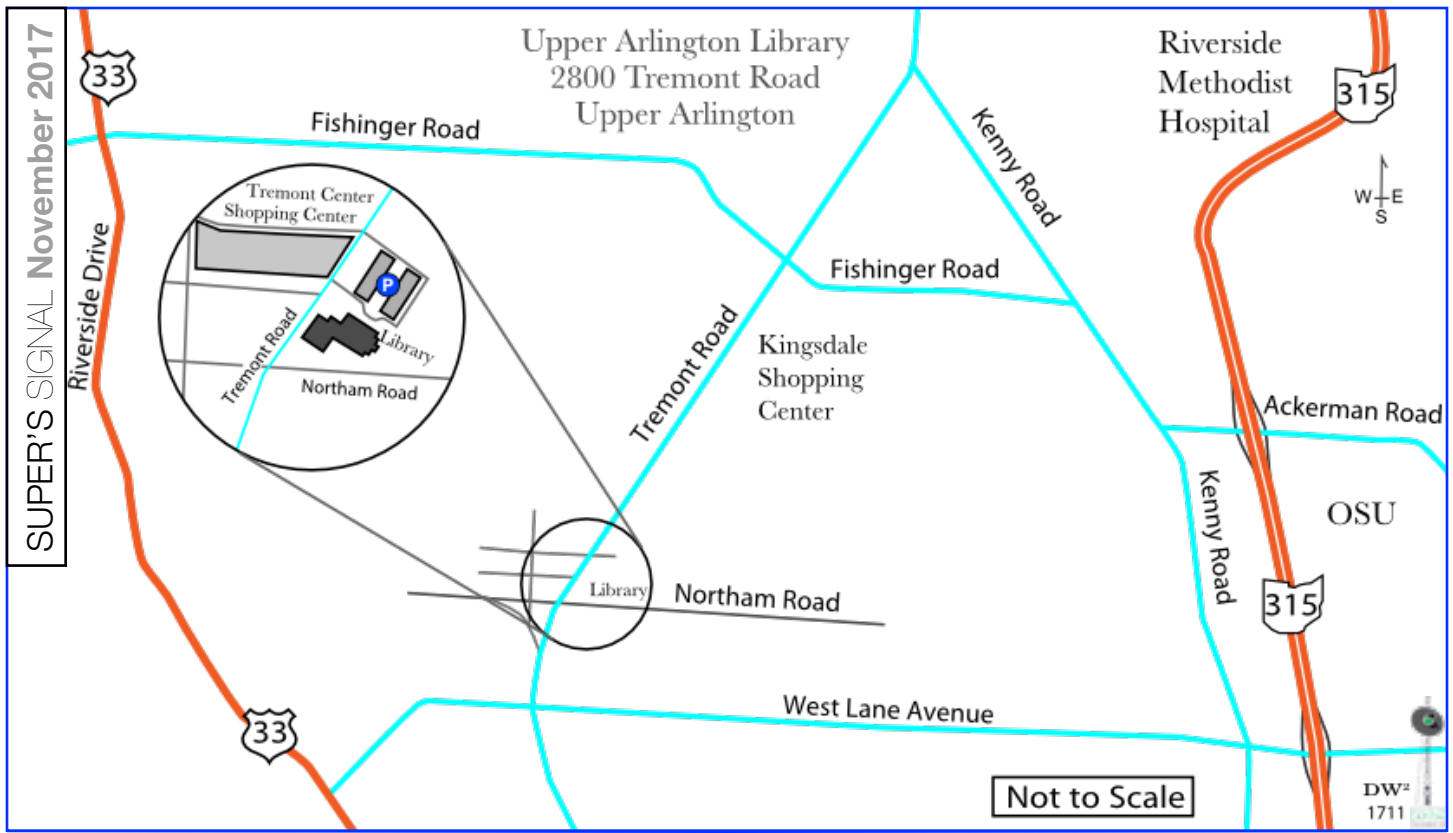
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Arriving Train.



MILDRED "MIDGE" REBER RIP

Hi Mr. Short.

You don't know me but I know the NMRA from when my parents John & Mildred "Midge" Reber were actively involved in the organization in the 70's & 80's. They lived in Heath OH & subsequently moved to Illinois & then Indiana.

Daddy held several offices, both local & I think national, & Mother was for a time NMRA Executive Secretary & was with the NMRA when it moved to Chattanooga. They also organized rail trips/tours to coincide with the national conventions, both stateside and one in Europe

Daddy died in 1999 & Mother died almost 2 months ago on 9/7. Even after they were no longer active, they continued to keep in contact with the many, many friends they made throughout the years & I've just heard from one which reminded me that I hadn't notified the NMRA of her death.

The following is the link to mother's obit as published in the newspapers & I was wondering if you would post it on your next newsletter.

Thank you

Mickey (Reber) Marple

<http://www.kitsapdailynews.com/obituaries/mildred-f-snow-reber-passages/>

