

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

December Super's Report

Well hello again. It has been a short turnaround for our newsletter this time so I really don't have much to report on. It seems our last meeting must have caught many of you busy with the season or falling a little under the weather. We had a very light attendance at our last meeting for the year. Even though the numbers were low that didn't mean we didn't have some fun. We only watched one video but it was a good one. Many thanks to Jim Kehn for all the answers to the questions that several of us had on the operations of a railroad as well as his enlightened input.

We did have a short meeting and Pat will give the info in his report. We have no big issues for the time being but I am sure the New Year will kick some up. Speaking of the New Year I am finishing up the 2018 schedule, so be on the lookout for it in the *Signal* and on the website. There are still a couple of empty spaces in it but they are later in the year as the first 6 months are set.

As I had said before, in the winter months we will stay close to Columbus. We will be utilizing the library system for meeting space. We all know that the weather can be an issue so always be on the lookout for any meeting cancellations. They may appear on the many ways we have now to get info out to you. Remember if the weather looks questionable we will err on the side of safety, no need to get anyone hurt.

Super's Signal Deadline
18 January

14 January

Southeast Library
3980 South Hamilton Road
Groveport

1:00: Southeast Library building opens

1:15: Contest entries opens

1:45: Contest entries closes Contest voting begins

2:00: Contest voting closes, Division 6 Meeting, Raffle

2:30: Clinic: *TBA*

Model Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load.

Photography Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load.

Continuing on with next year we are in need of clinics for most of our meetings. If anyone has a clinic that you wish to present let me know and I will get you a date that will work for you. Also for next year I am planning on doing another bus trip sometime in mid-summer. I have received some good ideas but am still open to others.

In the last issue we had an article on the new programs that National has going. I would like to make sure that everyone knows and can take advantage of it. There are two different programs, the *Partnership Program* and the *Member Discount Program*. The *Partnership Program* is a discount program that is manufacture or distributor direct. There are many venders listed that are participat-

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Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Meeting for December 10, 2017 Upper Arlington Library

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

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Clerk	Patrick Hreachmack
Director	Don Wilke
	Mike Wolf

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Program	Greg Short
Raffle	Greg Short
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
Yahoo Group	Jim Ruisinger (Absent in Hospital)

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 not available but Superintendent Greg stated that we continue to be solvent.

Program Report: Greg Short. Superintendent Greg stated that a listing of upcoming programs is in the current *Super's Signal* but a few need to be firmed up.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. Dick was not present to provide achievement awards

Web Master Report: Don Wilke. Nothing new to report.

***Super's Signal* Report:** Don Wilke: The cutoff date for the next issue of the *Signal* is no later than the 14th, due to the holiday week.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. Matt was absent so no report was provided.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt was absent so no report was provided.

Company Store: John Retterer. The division still has approximately one box of Buckeye Steel Gondolas left to sell, along with some Crew Locker building kits and Canal Winchester building kits. Contact John for details to obtain the kits.

Yahoo Group: Jim Ruisinger. Jim is absent in hospital.

OLD BUSINESS:

Membership: Greg Short. Check your membership to get renewed in time!

NEW BUSINESS:

Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Program: Greg Short. The Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge program is scheduled for February the 18th. Location will be either at the Firefighters Union Hall or the BSA Headquarters. For those who already served, please re-

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Raffle: Available

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Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

take the test on-line and be sure your BSA credentials are up to date.

Possible New Division 6 Model: Greg Short. Superintendent Greg showed a photo of the car selected that could be the next Division 6 model.

NMRA Partnership Program: Greg Short. The Train Station is the only shop already enrolled in the *NMRA Partnership Program*. The Train Station honors NMRA with a 5% discount, not to be combined with other discounts such as Ohio Buckeyes, etc.

CLUB REPORTS:

No club reports were provided.

CONTEST:

Models: Passenger Car

1st Place: Lon Wilson.

Photos: Passenger Car

1st Place: Don Wilke, D&RG passenger train.

2nd Place: Lon Wilson, Austin & Texas.

3rd Place: Don Wilke, Ringling Brothers Circus Car.

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.

Video: A video of train operations in the Rat Hole region of the NS was viewed.

Raffle: Greg, Lonnie, and Mike all won raffle prizes.

Annual Drawing: Won by Paul Smith who received a cash prize plus a pair of Buckeye gondolas.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Next Division Meeting: Next meeting is on January 14, 2018 at the Southeast Library (3980 S. Hamilton Road, Columbus.).

Signal Deadline: The *Signal* deadline is 18 January.

Next Contest:

Models: Open Freight Car WITH Load.

Photos: Open Freight Car WITH Load.

Adjournment:



ing. *The Member Discount Program* is for in person discounts at hobby shops as well as museums and scenic railroads. You can access the list of both programs by going to the members section of the NMRA website and logging in. Please support those who are supporting the NMRA membership.

Moving on a couple of members to recognize. Congratulations to Paul Smith as he was the big winner in the postcard drawing. And a big get well to Jimmy Ruisinger who is derailed following an

accident at home while cleaning his gutters. Jimmy will be bad ordered for a while as he heals up. During his recovery Butch Sage is taking care of the contest for him.

So as we bring 2017 to a close let's everyone be thankful for what we have and hope that 2018 brings nothing but blessings and happiness. With that see you all next year.

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year – Greg**



Contest Report

Butch Sage for Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

From the Contest Department:

Upper Arlington Library
Brief Contest Re-Cap

Jim Ruisinger is in OSU Hospital after falling off a ladder while cleaning his gutters. His spine was damaged and he will be in the hospital in recovery for a long time. Until Jimmy returns, Butch Sage has, or was, volunteered to take over the Contest Chair.



Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Passenger Train.
Don Wilke

Winners in the Model Contest were:

1st Place: Lon Wilson SNCF Passenger car

Winners in the Photo Contest were:

1st Place Don Wilke: Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad passenger train

2nd Place Lon Wilson: Austin & Texas Central Passenger Car

3rd Place Don Wilke: Ringling Brothers car

Congratulations to all the winners. We will have Certificates for you at the next meeting, next year.

Model and Photo subjects will be...
Open Freight Car WITH Load.



SNCF Passenger Car
Lon Wilson

UNOFFICIAL Contest Point Summary December 2017

Butch Sage for Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler

Jim Ruisinger	14	Jerry Severson	3
Lon Wilson	9	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
Bill Alarie	3	Don Wilke	1
Fred Rea	3	Matt Goodman	1

Photographer

Lon Wilson	21	Greg Short	3
Don Wilke	19	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.

Division 6 – 2017 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
14 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Columbus Library–South East, Groveport Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Open Freight Car WITH Load Photo: Open Freight Car WITH Load
18 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
___ Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Non-Revenue Car Photo: Non-Revenue Car
___ Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
25 Feb Saturday	Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic		
___ Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Non-Steam Locs Photo: Diesel & Electric Locs
___ Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
___ Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Lineside RR structure Photo: Lineside RR structure
___ May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
17–20 May	MCR Convention	West Chester, Ohio	Model: Modeler's Choice Photo: Modeler's Choice
___ June Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion	Model: Division sponsored structure Photo: Railroad derelict
___ June	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
___ Aug	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Favorite Train Photo: Favorite Train
___ Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
___ Sept	Division 6 Meeting	Joint Business Meeting 6 & 9: Mark Maynard, Portsmouth	Model: Steam Locomotive Photo: Steam Locomotive
___ Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
___ Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Cabooses (Cabin Car) Photo: Cabooses (Cabin Car)
___ Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
___ Nov	Division 6 Train Show	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Closed Freight Car Photo: Closed Freight Car
___ Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
___ Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Passenger Car Photo: Passenger Car
___ Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

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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 trollies 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

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.

THE TRAIN STATION



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4430 Indianola Ave Columbus, OH 43214

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:

National

Email: nmrahq@aol.com

Phone: 423-892-2846 (9am – 4:30pm)

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Buckeye Division Membership Chair

Email: MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org

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

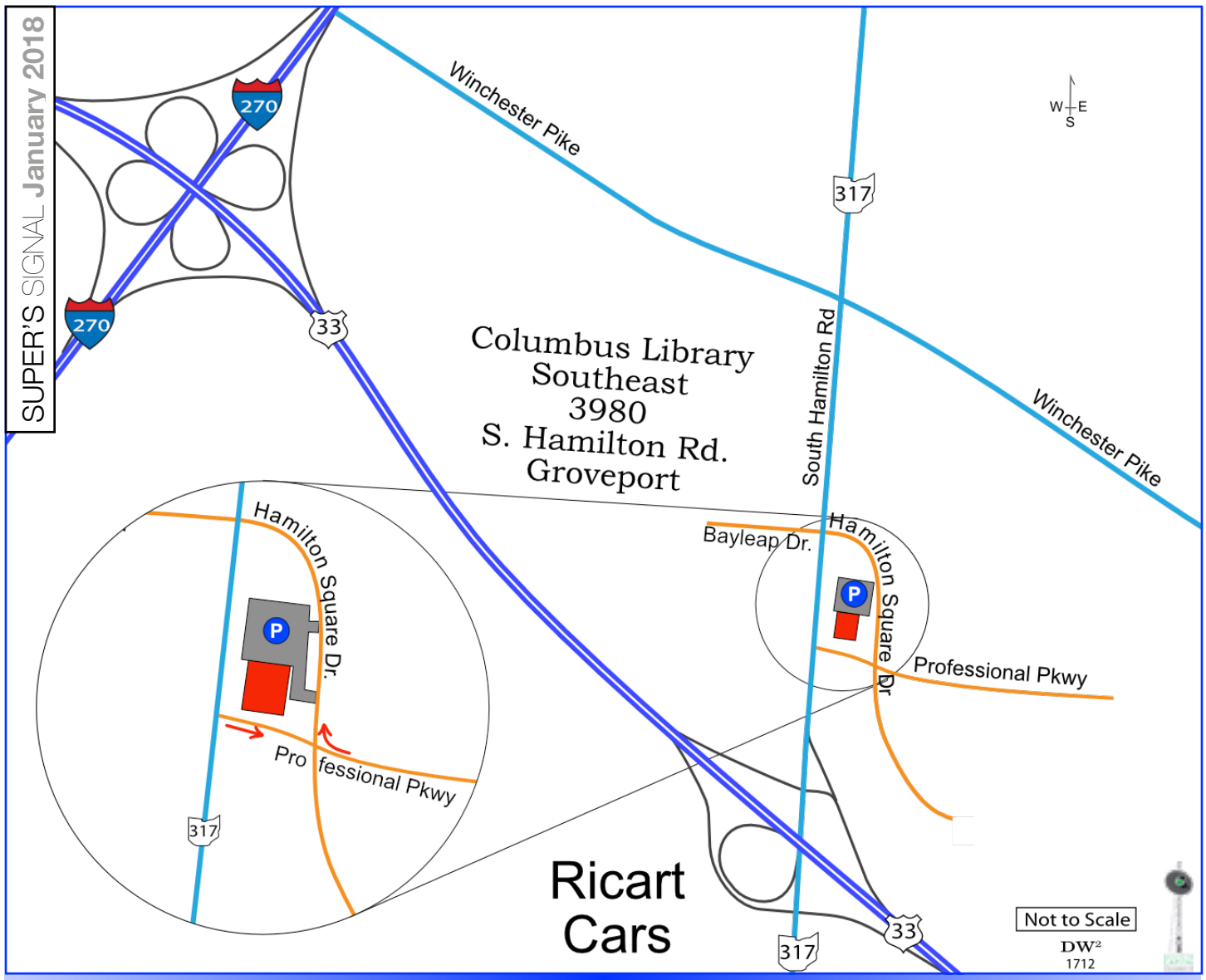
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Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet March 23-25, 2018

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.

