

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

March Super's Report

Hey gang, here we are another report from your super. There is not much going on currently so this should be a quick one. We recently did the Merit Badge Program for the Boy Scouts and once again it was a rousing success. The number of Scouts that we had was a bit lower than last time. That gave much more attention to those Scouts that did attend. Once again a huge thanks to the division members who helped put on the program. Especially to Dick Briggs for getting it all put together. This program is an enjoyable one and we will keep it going.

Following up on business from last time, the newly formed Member Recruitment and Retention Committee has met a couple of times. I sat in the first meeting with them and they asked what to task them with. I guided them to come up with ways to find and keep members using what methods and ideas they find fit. I felt that it would be better for the committee to do things on their own. So old ideas or issues will not hold them back. We have a very good mix of folks involved with this. They seem to have a very good direction on where they want to go. They are very enthusiastic about it, so no need to drag them down. Look for some new ideas and new programs from them in the next few months.

Super's Signal Deadline
2 May

8 April

Smoke Stack Hobby Shop 342 Lincoln Avenue Lancaster

1:00: Smoke Stack Hobby 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: *TBD*

Model Contest: Lineside RR structure.

Photography Contest: Lineside RR structure.

On a very happy note it was a great surprise to see Jimmy Ruisinger back at the meetings. For those not in the know Jimmy had a very unfortunate accident a while back and had him laid up for quite some time. Jimmy did take a bit of teasing over ladders and his age but he took it in stride and had a good laugh about things. Glad to have you back Jimmy. Along with this we had a decent show of models and photos for the contest this past meeting. Good work by everyone.

The meetings for the rest of the year are now set and I will have Don update the website to reflect this. However we are still in need of clinics. It does not take a ton of

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Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Meeting for March 11, 2018 SouthEast Library

Nor Report received.

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effort to do one. If you have a particular subject, or modeling project, or advice to share; put together a small program and let me know. I will be happy to add a clinic in to any of our meetings. I am pretty sure we are good thru to the October meeting so there is plenty of time to get one ready.

Ok, time to remind everyone, if you have not done so get signed up for the MCR Convention. This one looks to be a good one with lots of programs, layouts to both operate and tour, and some really good clinics. I hope that more of you will get to one as they are a very good time. I myself had not attended one till I became super. Now I wonder why I had not been going before as I always learn something and meet new friends.

Well that is about all I have for now. See you all in Lancaster at the next meeting at the Smoke Stack Hobby Shop, and remember to bring your wallet.

HAPPY MODELING - GREG



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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		
11 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Hill Top, Columbus Library, Columbus Clinic: <i>TBD</i> , Bill Connell	Model: Non-Revenue Car Photo: Non-Revenue Car
15 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18 Feb Sunday	Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic	Boy Scout Headquarters, Columbus	
11 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Columbus Library–South East, Groveport Clinic: <i>San Diego Model Railroad Museum</i>	Model: Non-Steam Locs Photo: Diesel & Electric Locs
15 Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Smoke Stack Hobby Shop, Lancaster Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Lineside RR structure Photo: Lineside RR structure
2 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
17–20 May	MCR Convention	West Chester, Ohio	Model: Modeler's Choice Photo: Modeler's Choice
9 June Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion	Model: Favorite Train Photo: Favorite Train
13 June	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
4 Aug Saturday	Division 6 Trip	Mad River and NKP Museum, Bellevue (Extra Fare)	Model: Division sponsored structure Photo: Railroad derelict
9 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Sept	Division 6 Meeting	Joint Business Meeting 6 & 9: Mark Maynard, Portsmouth	Model: Steam Locomotive Photo: Steam Locomotive
13 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
14 Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Chillicothe Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Cabooses (Cabin Car) Photo: Cabooses (Cabin Car)
18 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
4 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Closed Freight Car Photo: Closed Freight Car
15 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Upper Arlington Library, Upper Arlington Annual media presentation	Model: Passenger Car Photo: Passenger Car
13 Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

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Contest Report

Butch Sage for Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

From the Contest Department:

Contest: Non-Steam Locomotives

Winners in the Model Contest were:

1st Place: Lon Wilson – P&L #2127 “Salute To Our Troops”

2nd Place: Greg Short – W&LE GP35 #2703

3rd Place: Peggy Doerflein – B&O Gas-Electric “Doodlebug” #6005

Winners in the Photo Contest were:

1st Place: Peggy Doerflein – Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport, Maine

2nd Place: Matt Goodman – Car Mover, Circleville

3rd Place (tie): Howdy Lamprecht – USA RS-1 #8027, Qum, Iran (1943)
Lon Wilson – DME “City of Midland” #3801

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

Model and Photo subjects will be...
Lineside Railroad structure.



*Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport, Maine
Peggy Doerflein*



*P&L #2127 “Salute To Our Troops”
Lon Wilson*

Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

Contest Point Summary February 2018

Butch Sage for Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler

Howdy Lamprecht	4	Jim Kehn	1
Pat Hreachmack	3	Darrell Logan	1
Jim Borcz	1	Greg Short	1

Photographer

Don Wilke	5	Greg Short	1
Matt Goodman	3	Lon Wilson	1
Bill Alarie	2		

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 February 2018

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair
Summary/Comments

After a long period of steady or growing membership, we've seen two successive monthly membership declines. Some of this is normal churn – we are starting to get into months that more memberships expire. Invariably, some

members renew late, which makes the membership dip.

See all the details below. And as always, check your dates!

Following are the membership details as of 2/27/18.

Active Members (end of the month):

February	164	February '17	172
January	168	January '17	174
December	171	December '17	176

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.

February	3 memberships are expiring
March	7 memberships are expiring
April	6 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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Membership Survey Planned for April

By Mike Wolf

Based on the discussion of future membership levels at the February meeting, the division has formed a new committee (yet to be named) to look at ways to improve membership recruitment and increase retention. The committee's members are Bruce McDonald (Chair), Matt Goodman, Darrell Logan and Mike Wolf.

Our first project is to conduct a poll on why members joined and remained members of the NMRA. You'll be emailed an online version in early April and there will be a printed version passed out at the April Division meeting.

The goal of the survey is to gain a better understanding of what gets and keeps members in Division 6. This information is essential to better focus our efforts in the

future, so please take the time to complete the survey either online or in person.

Important note: we will notify you about the online version of the survey via MailChimp - **add the email address MediaChair@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org to your contacts** to make sure the email goes to your inbox.

We'll provide more information on the goals and objectives of the committee in future articles. Until then, if you have any questions, please contact Bruce McDonald at: brm4junk@gmail.com

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, Thursday evening, Friday morning

ops session, and Sunday layout tour. Visit www.rpm-valleyforge.org for details and to download a registration form.

