

SUPER'S SIGNAL

A publication of Division 6, Mid-Central Region of The National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

September 2018

Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

August Super's Report

Well hello again, time for my next installment. I hope everyone is good and having a great summer. This one has been as long and hot as many can remember and we still have some time to go. I hope that everyone has had some time to get in some train watching and come up with their next modeling ideas. It will not be long till we are once again forced to the indoors.

Some division members took advantage of the bus trip this past weekend to Bellevue and The Mad River and NKP Museum. What a good time. Many thanks to museum member and Division 4 member George Keller for all he did to make our visit enjoyable. For those who could not make it, a small recap. We arrived a few hours before the opening time. George greeted us and showed us the ex-NYC freight house. The museum converted it into their meeting room and offices. This was the space that they allowed us to use for the division meeting and contest. From there two museum members gave us a personal tour of the facilities and equipment. They opened several of the restored pieces in the collection for our group to inspect and enjoy. The museum crew guided us through both the indoor and outdoor collection. As lunch came the museum crew set up a trip to a local golf course to eat, where we had some good dining. After we had lunch we visited two different but very nice

8 September (Saturday)

Mark Maynard's Crusty Mountain & Windy Springs Brouses Run Road Portsmouth, Ohio

11:00: Mark Maynard's Layout Opens

12:00: Barbecue lunch, Flea Market

2:00: Joint Division 9—Division 6 Business Meeting

Note: Mark's house has been torn down. They are building (have built) a Dollar General Store in its place. Continue past the Dollar General Store and turn onto Brouses Run Road. Passed the barn on the right is a place to park.

Model Contest: Steam Locomotive

Photography Contest: Steam Locomotive

layouts. The first was a continuous loop layout with a large yard in the center. This freelanced layout is Union Pacific based. The second layout was a point to point layout set in northern Ohio on Lake Erie. As I earlier stated both were very nice.

After returning back to the museum we had a very brief meeting and our contest. The only real content in the meeting is about our upcoming swap meet which I will elaborate on in a moment. Our contest was not very well participated. We expected that due to the fact we were

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Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for August 4, 2018 The Mad River and NKP Museum

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

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Judy Logan
Paymaster	Dexter Hill
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

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
Yahoo Group	Jim Ruisinger

Clerk's Report: Greg Short. Minutes for last meeting were posted in the *Super's Signal*, motion made and minutes were approved by membership.

Paymaster's Report: Dexter Hill. Paymaster Dexter presented the Paymasters Report, motion to accept, subject to audit, approved by the membership.

Program Report: Greg Short. No Report, due to time limitations.

Web Master Report: Don Wilke. No Report, due to time limitations.

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. Don reported deadline will be August 7.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. No Report, due to time limitations.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. No Report, due to time limitations.

OLD BUSINESS:

None to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swap Meet: Greg Short. The November meeting will be a swap meet. Meet to be held at the Bowling Green Township Building in Brownsville. Tables will be \$10, there will be tables at the facility but members may opt to bring their own however the cost will be the same. For those who wish to attend cost will be \$2 for NMRA members who have either their name tag or NMRA card, the cost for others will be \$5, children 12 and under are free. This will be open to the public however there will be a very limited number of vendors mainly limited to the hobby shops that support Division 6. Times will be set up at 10am with the meeting being 11 to 4. We will have a brief business meeting following the swap meet

CLUB REPORTS:

Zanesville: Zanesville Club open house will be November 10

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Contest: Jim Ruisinger

Media: Matt Goodman

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and 11, Noon to 5 each day.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Master Modeler #610: Mid Central Region President Bob Weinheimer presented Howdy Lamprecht with his NMRA Master Modeler #610 Certificate. Well done Howdy!

February Certificates: Bill Alarie received his certificate for 3rd place photo in the February meeting.

April Certificates: For the last meeting, the following certificates were awarded. Peggy Doerflein for 3rd place photo, Bruce McDonald for 2nd place photo, and Rich Hartley for 1st place photo. For models, Peggy Doerflein earned 3rd place, Jim Russinger earned 2nd place, and Howdy Lamprecht won 1st place.

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out of town. Don Wilke narrowly beat himself for first place in the photo contest. Also there were no third place photo so congrats to Don. On the model side Howdy Lamprecht proved why he deserved his MMR. Howdy took first with his beautiful model of the Midland Station kit. Great job Howdy.

Ok for the big item from the meeting. After discussing it since I became Super we are going to have a swap meet. It has not been any secret I want to bring back the train show, but I need some where to start. Many things have affected the attendance in train shows and they have gotten smaller. But one thing I believe more than any thing else is the lack of selection and deals has hurt attendance. This I hope is where the swap meet format will make our train show stand out.

The date will be November 4th and it will be at the Bowling Green Township building in Brownsville. The times will be set up at 10am and doors open at 11 and go to 4, afterwards we will have a brief business meeting. This event will be open to the public. Entry to the event will be \$2 for NMRA members who show either their division name tag or NMRA card. For non-members the

CLINIC:

Program from the Mad River and NKP Museum.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Next Division Meeting: Annual Joint Meeting with Division 9 at Mark Maynard's Layout in Portsmouth.

Next Contest:

Models—Steam Locomotives either prototype or model

Photos—Steam Locomotives either prototype or model

Adjournment:

entry price will be \$5, kids under the age of 12 are free. Cost for tables will be \$10 each, even if you wish to bring your own table. The plan is also to offer space to the hobby shops that support the division.

Now I will need some help in pulling this off so if anyone wants to help let me know, my guess is it will take 5 to 6 folks to do it. We will have space for cookies and drinks at the building. If some of you want to donate cookies or brownies that will be super. Please be on the look for information to follow. So, go clean out your basements and get all that stuff that you no longer need or care to look at and bring it to the meet. Remember, just because you don't want or need it anymore does not mean that someone else will use it.

So as you see we are still busy in the division. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting. It is our annual joint meeting with Division 9 at Mark Maynard's layout in Portsmouth on September 8th. For those who have not been there it is a great time with fellow model railroaders. Mark is a great host with a very nice layout. Well that's all I have for now so

Happy Modeling – Greg



Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

From the Contest Department: Bellevue - Meeting Contest Re-Cap.

We had a modest turnout of models and photos for our August 4th Division Meeting contest in Bellevue. Our Model Contest subject matter was Division 6 Sponsored Structures.

Winners in the Model Contest were:

1st Place: Howdy Lambrecht – Midland Station at Grove City

2nd Place: Greg Short – Midland Station at Grove City

Our Photo Contest subject matter was Stuff for the Rip Track:

1st Place: Don Wilke – D&RGW Work Car in the weeds at Chama NM.

2nd Place: Don Wilke – 2-8-2 with lotsa parts missing

Congratulations to all the winners. We will have Certificates for you at the next meeting, which will be the September 9th joint meeting with our friends in Division 9 down in Portsmouth.

Contest subject is: Steam Locomotives

Remember, your photo may be of either the prototype or a model.



D&RGW Work Car in the weeds at Chama NM
Don Wilke



Midland Station at Grove City
Howdy Lamprecht

Contest Point Summary June 2018

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler

Photographer

Howdy Lamprecht	17	Jim Ruisinger	3	Don Wilke	17	Bruce McDonald	3
Greg Short	7	Jim Borcz	2	Matt Goodman	7	Lon Wilson	3
Pat Hreachmack	6	Bill Alarie	1	Peggy Doerflein	6	Bill Alarie	2
Lon Wilson	5	Jim Kehn	1	Howdy Lamprecht	5	Scott Brown	1
Peggy Doerflein	4	Rich Hartley	1	Rich Hartley	4	Greg Short	1
Darrell Logan	3	Bob Lee	1				
Judy Logan	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.

GERRI DOEBLIEN

"All, Just had a long conversation with Geri Doebelin. Most of you should remember her... Nice lady up in Westerville, retired nurse and owner operator of the Unprototype and Scenicked Harbor RR. She joined Division 6 back in the late 80's when we were in the planning stages for the Discoverail '92 Convention and has remained a member ever since and still is. Her layout is a clinic on Campell structure kits. I think she's built just about every one of them along with a few other craftsman type kits beautifully done on her layout. Even when she lost her husband, Ernie 10 years ago, she continued to do as she could opening up her layout for some conventions and tours. Her health has taken a downturn and things aren't hopeful. They say the power of prayer can be a strong thing... I have to believe that, after going thru everything that I've been thru since last November. I was on more peoples prayer lists than you could shake a stick at..

Geri is at home and is in Hospice care, and when the time comes will go with Palliative care. She's in decent spirits right now and I think, accepted the inevitable and getting everything in order. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers...as you never know, miracles do sometimes happen. I'm sure she would appreciate cards (sorry, she doesn't do email or computers for that matter). I'm

going to try and get a small group together to go visit with her some afternoon or evening. Much will depend on how she's feeling as she has more bad days than good ones."

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Please consider sending Gerri a card to help lift her spirits. Here's her mailing information:

[Gerri Doebelin](#)
[671 Timberlake Dr.](#)
[Westerville, Ohio 43081-1322](#)

For more photos: [Click on "Addition Information"](#)
on the division's Welcome Page.



Membership Report May 2018

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair
Summary/Comments

I attended the MCR Convention in Dayton in May and had the opportunity to talk to Gerry Leone (VP Special Projects – which he says actually means projects no one else wants to mess with) and Marketing Director Christina Ganzer-Zambri about a topic that I've written about for a couple months in a row now – data changes in the membership files that National sends to the divisions each month.

I learned that the reason for the changes were the result of a modernizing of the way membership is stored – a good thing. Testing oversights were the reason that I noticed these back end changes – after all the best upgrades are the ones that the end user doesn't notice. They also noted that my concerns

about not being notified of the changes were heard – but that there would be no more changes.

About two weeks later, I received a notification from National that due to ongoing issues, they were going back to the old data store for the near term. That's unfortunate, but I was really pleased that National gave us the heads up this time. That, and the fact that I had kept a copy of the old data format, made working with the data a non-issue.

On to regularly scheduled programming, we gained one member this past month. This was not a new member, but someone who had fallen off the rolls temporarily during the renewal process. All the details are below.

And as always, check your dates!

Active Members (end of the month):

May	161	May '17	165
April	160	April '17	163
March	164	March '17	169

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.

May	4 memberships are expiring
June	3 memberships are expiring
July	3 memberships are expiring

New Members

No new members joined in April

Renewals and Re-Rails (returning lapsed members)

We had eleven renewals in April

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
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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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Division 6 on YouTube:

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Division 6 – 2018 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest	SUPER'S SIGNAL September 2018
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 Saturday	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>Prototype Signals – What they mean</i> , Rich Harley	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>Backdrop – to Finished Scenery</i> (Part 1), Rich Hartley & Darrell Logan	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			

Mid Central Region Officer Elections

Bob Shreve

Bob Belt

Jim DiPaola

The following Mid Central Region Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2019:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

The current *Vice President* is term limited and is ineligible to be a candidate for that position in the 2019 election. The current *President*, *Secretary*, and *Treasurer* are eligible to be candidates for their current positions in the 2019 election. Any MCR member in good standing who wishes to be considered for candidacy for one of these positions should send a notice of their interest to:

nominations@midcentral-region-nmra.org

MCR 2019 Election Nominating Committee

Bob Shreve

Bob Belt

Jim DiPaola”



Clinic Teasers

Darrell Logan, Clinic Chair

Oct 14, 2018 – Prototype Signals – What they mean

Rich Harley will explain to the division members the different signals used on the railroad. What does that signal mean and what action is the engineer required to take? Does it mean go ahead, stop and wait, or continue past but be prepared to stop. A signal card will be provided to each member present to take and study and see if they can adapt the prototype meanings to their layouts.

Nov 4, 2018 – Backdrop – to Finished Scenery (Part 1)

Rich Hartley and Darrell Logan will demonstrate the first part of painting and installing a backdrop on your layout. It will be based on the concept that you have already have painted “sky” color backdrop. We will demonstrate how to paint clouds on to your backdrop. After the clouds are painted we will then start to paint a backdrop using a very easy technique that you will be able to complete on your own layout.

A session will be allocated to allow everyone present a chance to paint clouds using the techniques we will demo. After the cloud session we will have pre-painted sections with clouds to allow you the modeler to try the technique we use for painting backdrops.

Jan 2019 – Backdrop – to Finished Scenery (Part 2)

Starting at the first of the year meeting, we will continue with this backdrop clinic and start to add additional details to help you see just how easy it is to create a backdrop. You might have some ideas of your own that you might wish to share. Just because this is how we do it doesn't mean it is the only way. This is what we have found that works best for us and it is easy for you to duplicate. Who knows we may have a Van Gogh in our midst.

2019 – Air Brakes – How they Work

Later in 2019, Rich Hartley will present a clinic of how air brakes work on the prototype so you will be able to understand just what it takes to stop/start a train. He will also explain what you don't want to stop a train unless you have no other option. Just because you have anti-lock brakes, trains do not. Too fast you have an issue, to slow you have an issue also.





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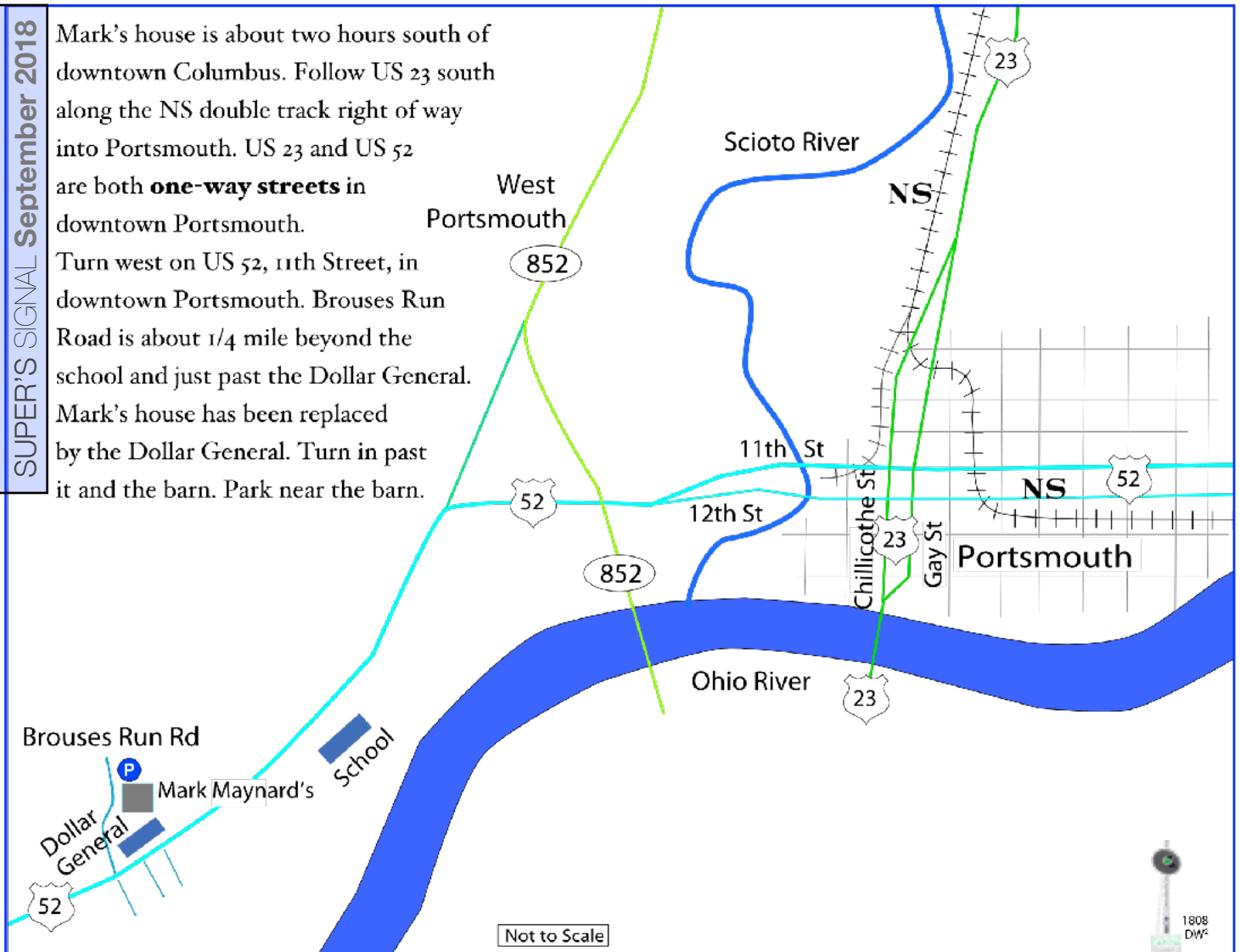
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Mark's house is about two hours south of downtown Columbus. Follow US 23 south along the NS double track right of way into Portsmouth. US 23 and US 52 are both **one-way streets** in downtown Portsmouth. Turn west on US 52, 11th Street, in downtown Portsmouth. Brouses Run Road is about 1/4 mile beyond the school and just past the Dollar General. Mark's house has been replaced by the Dollar General. Turn in past it and the barn. Park near the barn.



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