

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

October 2018



## Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

### September Super's Report

Well we have made it past Labor Day and have begun the unofficial start of fall. For a lot of you this means football is in the plans for the weekends, but it also marks the start of train show season. For many more it means the start of the modeling seasons, this is the case for me. Time to start working on the layout once again and start getting ready at the club for our open houses. This also means getting ready for the Divisions 6 Swap Meet. I have been telling everyone about it for some time and now we are getting close. Please check the Signal for the flyer on the swap meet to get the information. I am still in need of a handful of volunteers to help out that day. If you are interested please let me know.

Well we had another great meet with Division 9 over the weekend. A big thanks goes to Division 9 member Mark Maynard for putting on the meet. For those who have not made the trip to Portsmouth for the meet it is a fun filled day. Mark is always nice enough to put on a great feast of BBQ, potato salad, beans, coleslaw and other items. We get to catch up with the folks from Division 9 and run trains. This year Mark had the luck of selling his home and getting a new one, but the barn and layout are still there. He is moving along with his new dispatchers office. To fill everyone in, Mark had a playset with treehouse in the back yard for his family.

*Super's Signal Deadline*  
18 October

14 October

## The Ross County Heritage Center 45 West Fifth St., Chillicothe

12:00: The Ross County Heritage Center Opens

12:30: Contest entries open

1:00: Contest voting begins

1:30: Contest voting ends

2:00: Division 6 Meeting begins

2:30: Clinic: *Prototype Signals – What They Mean* by Rich Harley.

**Model Contest:** Cabooses, Cabin Cars  
**Photography Contest:** Cabooses, Cabin Cars

Well the children out grew it but the kid in Mark found a way to use it. Mark has enclosed the treehouse and has set telephone poles to wire the office to the railroad. This means his dispatcher will be completely removed from the layout as it will be 100 feet away. This is quite the undertaking and will be quite unique. Mark has the goal of having things up and running by our next visit.

I have a couple of things I want to pass on as I need input from the membership on them. First, we decided that we should do another bus trip next summer. Well I have no problem as the last two have been a lot of fun. So

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## Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

### Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for September 8, 2018 Mark Maynard's, Portsmouth

This meeting was an unusual and very successful joint meeting with Division 9. The joint Division Business Meeting was called to order by Dan Mulhearn, Division 9 Superintendent..

#### Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Judy Logan
Clerk	Pat Hreachmack
Director	Don Wilke

#### Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Program	Greg Short
Raffle	Greg Short
Super's Signal Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
Yahoo Group	Jim Ruisinger

#### Division 9 Officers Present:

Superintendent	Dan Mulhearn
Assistant Superintendent	Robert Osburn
Clerk	Jerry Doyle

Also present was Bob Weinheimer, Mid Central Region President.

For the sake of brevity, Division 9 minutes are not included in this report with exception of any announcements that pertain to both Division 6 & Division 9. Both divisions kept their portions of the meeting brief in order that attendees might enjoy being together and consume the cook out lunch provided by Mark Maynard and his wife. Both dDivisions each had just over a dozen members present.

Thanks, on behalf of both divisions to Mark for this annual event. Thanks also to Mark Rooney and Dan Gross for their wonderful assistance in preparing and demonstrating Mark's switching layout.

**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 spoke about the upcoming Division 6 swap meet to be held on November 4th from 11 to 5, at the Bowling Green Township Community Building in Brownsville, OH. Tables will be \$10 each. Admission for NMRA members showing an active NMRA membership card will be \$2.00. The entrance fee for all others will be \$2.00. Dan Mulhearn said he would see that Division 9 gets the news and expects a number of Division 9 members could be present. Greg will send announcements to other Divisions bordering Division 6.

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#### DIVISION 6 OFFICERS

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Donald Wilke,

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#### APPOINTED CHAIRS

**Achieve. Program:** Dick Briggs, MMR

**Contest:** Jim Ruisinger

**Media:** Matt Goodman

**Members Aid:** Available

**Membership:** Matt Goodman

**Program:** Darrell Logan

**Raffle:** Harry "Butch" Sage

**Web Master:** Don Wilke

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##### NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

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## Membership Report August 2018

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair  
Summary/Comments

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It's been awhile since I've written a membership update. This is partly due to the summer break, partly due to flat membership numbers and partly because I missed a deadline! I have some important updates this month.

### POSTCARDS ARE BEING DISCONTINUED

There is a significant change coming to the way we notify our members about upcoming meetings. Currently, we communicate this information in three ways:

- \*Don publishes the information in the *Super's Signal*, which he publishes on the website. Anybody on the internet can see this.
- \*I send a mass-email via MailChimp to all current members who have a valid email address, with a link to the *Super's Signal* (as a side note, I have MailChimp set up to automatically post the information to Twitter and Facebook also).
- \*Darrell Logan sends a postcard out to all members, based on the membership file that National provides me.

Sometime around the New Year, we will **discontinue the postcard and rely only on electronic communication**. This mainly means email, but also includes the website, Facebook and Twitter.

Here's the problem; about 20% of our members don't have a good email address on file. About half of that 20% have no email address at all, the other half have email addresses that aren't valid. Please confirm that you are getting emails from us. If you aren't, check your spam folder and (for Gmail users), the promotions tab.

For those concerned have intentionally not provided an email due to privacy concerns, we respect that – make sure you check the website or Facebook page regularly to know when the next meeting is. If you're

worried about getting too much mail, don't be – we generally send one email (or less) per month. If you aren't getting emails, aren't sure, need "IT" help, or have any questions whatsoever, contact me via phone, email or mail at the contact information below.

We are working on significant changes to the meeting program and want to ensure that everyone is aware what is coming up – I don't want you to miss an interesting clinic because of an email SNAFU!

### MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Membership counts took a slight dip at the end of July – down from 161 to 158. That's the first time it's been below 160 since July 2015. August reversed that – and then some – with the addition of 13 new members and 3 re-rails! We're now at 175 members – an 11% change from last month. Most of those new members are the result of the Kokosing Valley Central Model Railroad club becoming a full NMRA club. One of those 13 is a RailPass member from Reynoldsburg – be sure to say hello to any unfamiliar faces at the next meeting and make them feel welcome!

### MISCELLANY

I've commented on changes to the files National sends me several times this year – and I'm going to do so again. National added three new columns to their monthly report the regions/divisions. Those columns are country, country description and region. None of these impact the division-level reporting I do, but compared to previous changes, this one was introduced without breaking my spreadsheets – this means they did their database changes right (database changes shouldn't normally affect the end user – me).  
Well Done!

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*Division 6 on YouTube:*

[www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision](http://www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision)

*Division 6 in Facebook:*

*NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]*

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**Achievement Report:** Neither division had an achievement report to provide to the membership.

**Super's Signal Report:** Don Wilke. Anyone wanting to include anything in the next *Signal* must have your input to Don by the September 14th.

**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. We've seen a small jump in membership as the Mt. Vernon Club voted to become an all member NMRA club with 13 NMRA members. They operate the Kokosing Valley Central Model Rail Club in the basement of the old train station in Mt. Vernon..

### OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Elections Chairperson:** The new Elections Chairperson is Jim Ruisinger.

**Boy Scouts Model Railroad Merit Badge Program:** The Boy Scouts Model Railroad Merit badge program will again be provided, probably at the BSA headquarters in Columbus. Date and time will be arranged by Dick Briggs and announced in the near future.

**2019 Bus Trip:** Superintendent Greg is seeking suggestions for the 2019 Bus Trip. Please send him an email with any valid suggestions.

**Division 6 Car Project:** The division is seeking suggestions for a new Division 6 car project. Discussions have included a tank car, beer car, or box car.

**Post Cards:** The post cards will be dropped at the end of the year. Matt has studied the effort and return of sending

out the cards, and quite frankly, only the usual suspects turn up at our meetings.

**Division 6 Funds:** Dexter is moving part of our dDivision funds to a CD for better earning potential.

### Club Reports:

Due to time element, no club reports were requested.

### CONTESTS:

Both divisions had a contest while at Mark's. Members were allowed to vote in both contests. Division 9 contest was for the best locomotive photo. Division 6 contest was Steam Locomotives.

### Models: Steam Locomotives

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Tie:** Patrick Hreachmack – "Old 98's Last Run"

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Tie:** Jim Ruisinger – Northern Pacific 2-8-0 #1201

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Greg Short – 3 Truck Shay

### Photos: Steam Locomotives

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Herb Parsons (Division 9) – Cass Scenic RR, 3 Truck Shay #4 at night

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Matt Goodman f- #89 with engineer working the throttle hard

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Don Wilke – D&RGW #483 on the late "Doc" Sage's layout.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

**Next Division Meeting:** The October meeting will be on the 9th in Chillicothe at the Ross County Historical Society.

**Next Contest:** The subject for October will be cabooses, caboose, crummies, cabin cars, hacks, bobbies, drover and

### Active Members (end of the month):

August	175	August '17	167
July	168	July '17	167
June	161	June '17	166

### 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	1 membership is expiring
September	4 memberships are expiring
October	2 memberships are expiring

### New Members

Thirteen new members joined in August. Welcome to everyone from the New Lexington area and our RailPass member from Reynoldsburg!

### Renewals and Re-Rails (returning lapsed members)

We had twelve renewals and three re-rails in

### 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

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#### Buckeye Division Membership Chair

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Columbus, OH 43204

## Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

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From the Contest Department: Portsmouth - Meeting Contest Recap

We had a nice turnout for our model and photo contest for the September 8th joint meeting with our friends down in Division 9 in Portsmouth. Our subject matter was Steam Locomotives

Winners in the Model Contest were:

**1st Place Tie:** Patrick Hreachmack – “Old 98’s Last Run”

**1st Place Tie:** Jim Ruisinger – Northern Pacific 2-8-0 #1201

**2nd Place:** Greg Short – Three-Truck Shay

Winners in the Model Contest were:

**1st Place:** Herb Parsons (Division 9) – Cass Scenic RR, Three-Truck Shay #4 at night

**2nd Place:** Matt Goodman – #89 with engineer working the throttle hard

**3rd Place:** Don Wilke – D&RGW #483 on the late “Doc” Sage’s layout.

Congratulations to all the winners. We will have Certificates for you at the next meeting, which will be the October 9th in Chillicothe at the Ross County Historical Society. Our contest subject for October will be: Caboose, Cabeese, Cabii.... Crummies, Cabin



*“Old 98’s Last Run”  
Patrick Hreachmack*



*Cass Scenic RR, Three-Truck Shay #4 at night  
Herb Parsons (Division 9)*



*Northern Pacific 2-8-0 #1201  
Jim Ruisinger*

## Contest Point Summary June 2018

*Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair*

### Modeler

### Photographer

Howdy Lamprecht	17	Judy Logan	3	Don Wilke	19	Herb Parsons (Div 9)	4
Pat Hreachmack	10	Jim Borcz	2	Matt Goodman	10	Lon Wilson	3
Greg Short	10	Bill Alarie	1	Peggy Doerflein	6	Bill Alarie	2
Jim Ruisinger	7	Jim Kehn	1	Howdy Lamprecht	5	Scott Brown	1
Lon Wilson	5	Rich Hartley	1	Rich Hartley	4	Steve Eckhardt (Div 9)	1
Peggy Doerflein	4	Bob Lee	1	Bruce McDonald	4	Greg Short	1
Darrell 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.

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or a wish write it down and let me know. Once we get some ideas the planning can begin.

The second is we are looking at doing another project car. There have been some ideas on the table as of now but I am still looking at other ideas. Two things to think about, is there a connection to the railroads in the division and the cost of the product. If the cost is going to be too high to sell it that will not do the division any good.

Some other things to pass on are we are moving some of our funds into a Bank CD to allow us to have a better return on our saving.

And Jim Ruisinger is now the Chairman for our nominations and elections. This is important as we do have elections every year. This year it is for the Division 6 Directors. If you have the desire to run for such office please check the regulations and get with Jim.

The steering committee had a lengthy discussion on discontinuing the post cards. Frankly it appears that the program has run its course. When we first started it seemed we got a lift in the numbers of those attending meetings. Now that seems to be waning. So it is being looked at stopping at the first of the year. There has been some feedback that I have got on this from both sides. If you have a thought or opinion, please pass it on to me. I will take the opinions back to the steering committee and revisit the issue.

Well that's about all I have for now, don't forget we go to Chillicothe next month and our contest is on cabooses. This always seems to bring out the models.

Till then, Happy Modeling.

– Greg



## Division 6 – 2018 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest	SUPER'S SIGNAL October 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	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](mailto:nominations@midcentral-region-nmra.org)

MCR 2019 Election Nominating Committee: Bob Shreve Bob Belt Jim DiPaola”

## What's on the Agenda?

Darrell Logan, Clinic Chair

A lot of you submitted a variety of clinic topics that you would like to have presented. All were great suggestions. I don't know who submitted what request, but the list is being reviewed and addressed as we go forward.

For October, NS Engineer, Rich Harley will present a clinic on Signals and the Rules for the signal being displayed. As an engineer you know what the signal means and what action is required. Where do you find this info? If you are employed by the Railroad, you have classes and rules sessions that you must attend. The railroad supplies a Signal Card and Rules that you must learn. During this clinic Rick will explain the Signal and the Rule. A handout will be provided to assist you in learning the Signal and Rules.

For November, Rich Hartley and I will start a two part clinic on Back Drops and ideas. There will be discussion about painting the basic “Blue

Sky” and the colors we used. Matt Goodman will explain his method of sky painting.

After the clinic on Back Drops is complete, we will have a clinic on installation of DCC decoders, present by Mike Wolf. No, he is not the Mike Wolf of “American Pickers”. Decoder Programming is being developed for the upcoming future as well.

At the upcoming Division 6 Swap Meet, as well as upcoming train shows, several demos are planned to help stir interest in not only the NMRA, but our hobby in general. Do you have a simple easy to do a task that can be useful to others? Get in touch with me, or any Division 6 member, and let's make it a clinic. If you do a clinic with a handout it can help qualify you for your Author AP Certificate, or perhaps start building points for Service to the Hobby AP Certificate.

## Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee (MRRC) Update

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Fall is coming quickly! It's almost time to start raking leaves and getting ready for Thanksgiving. It's also time to start planning for all the upcoming train shows, especially the Division 6 Swap Meet on November 4<sup>th</sup> in Brownsville. The MRRC is going to have an NMRA recruiting table at the Division 6 Swap Meet. Our goals for the Division 6 Recruiting Table are to:

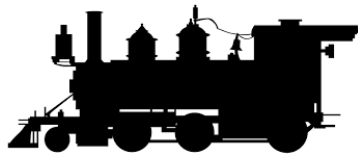
- Recruit new members for NMRA and
- Dry-run the Recruiting Table before we take it on the road to other train shows.

We are working on several ways to attract attention (in a good way) and engage potential members. We have recruiting materials supplied by NMRA and plan to have several displays and hands-on mini clinics.

To a large degree, in Brownsville, we will be "preaching to the choir" but it will be a very good opportunity to "shake out the bugs" and have fun! At future train shows we want to engage people, talk about model railroading, sell the benefits of being an NMRA member, and recruit new members. We will be going live with our Division 6 Recruiting Table at the Buckeye Train Show at the Ohio Expo Center Lausche Building on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**We need volunteers** for this show and future shows. If you would like to volunteer to spend a few hours at a train show helping recruit new members, please let Matt Goodman, Darrell Logan, Mike Wolf, or Bruce McDonald know.





# **NMRA Division 6 Model Railroad Swap Meet**

**November 4, 2018**

**11 am to 5 pm**

**Bowling Green Township Community Building  
Brownsville Ohio**

**Tables \$10 Each**

**Admission**

**\$2 For NMRA Members ( bring card)**

**\$5 for non Members**

**Under 12 are free**

**For info or to reserve a table  
Contact Greg at 740-607-3223**



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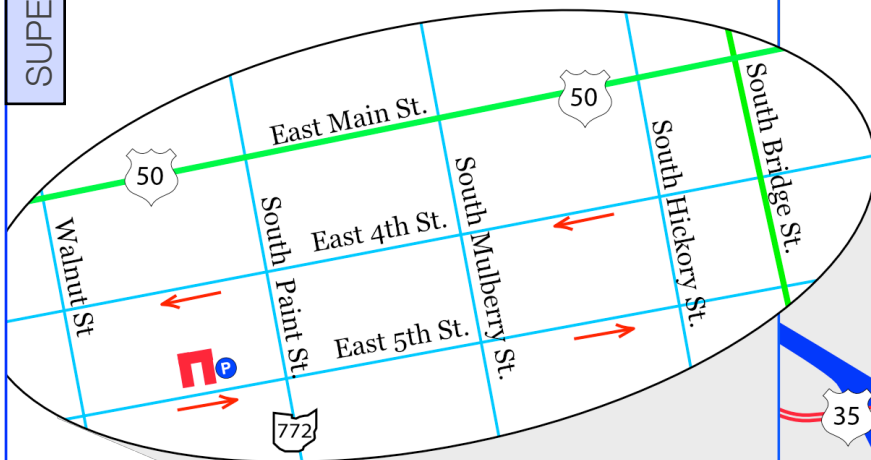


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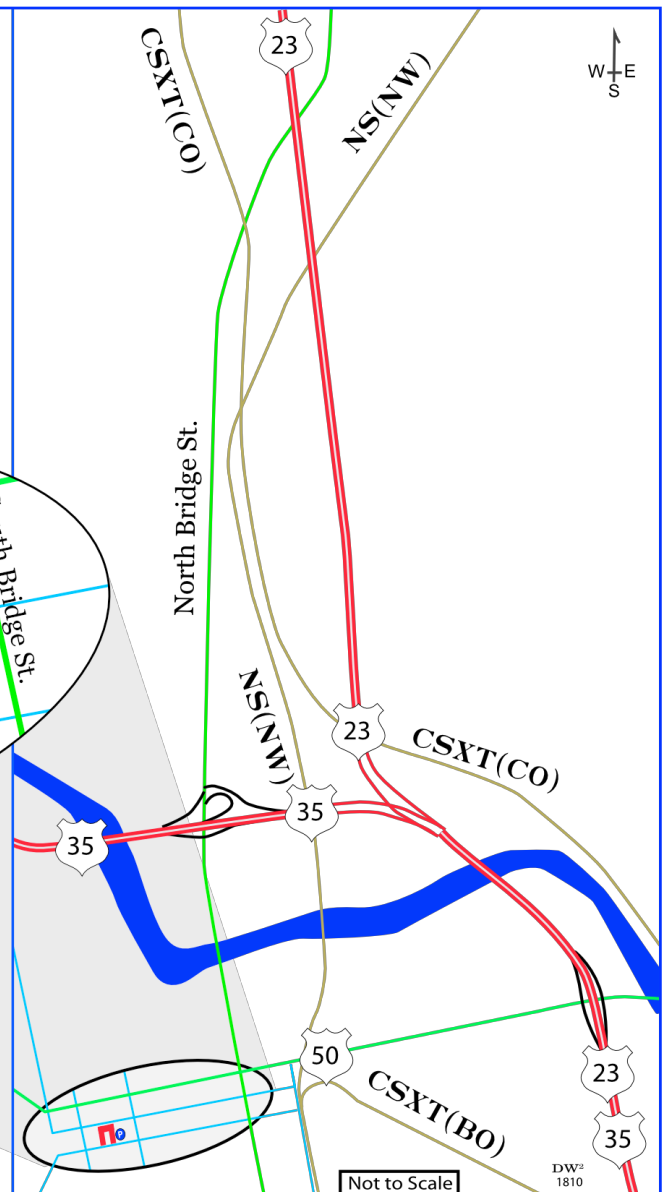
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# The Ross County Heritage Center 45 West Fifth Street, Chillicothe



**Update:** For those arriving from US Rte 23 onto Main Street, one should continue on past Paint St to the next traffic light (Walnut St) and turn left. Go across Fourth St (Stop Sign) on to Fifth St, turn left and proceed to the Heritage Center, which will be on the left side shortly before reaching Paint St. Parking is ok on the street, or in the adjacent parking lot, and across the street in another lot.



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