

# SUPER'S SIGNAL

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

November 2018

## Superintendent's Report

*Greg Short, Division 6 Super*

### October Super's Report

Well now, looks like it is time for another report on the happening of the division as I see it. First, I would like to thank all the folks at the Ross County Heritage Center. They opened up on a normally closed day and give us a spot to hold our last meeting. Al Doddroe was a huge reason that it happened, so thank you to him also. The facility and displays are excellent. It is nice to see the historical artifacts of the area saved and preserved in such a nice way. There is even an incredible model railroad of Chillicothe. Some of our division members help care for it at the museum. To be honest, I was not aware of the museum. I would not have ever had gone there if it was not for our meeting, now I am super glad I had the chance to see it. This is one of the many things we get as members of Division 6. It is the chance to see things that we may never be aware of, or go to, if we were not having meetings there.

Which leads me to say, if anyone has a suggestion on where to have a meeting let me know and I will see if we can make it happen.

Our attendance at the meeting was a bit down and that is a shame as we had a couple of good speakers there. Rich Hartley gave a very informative clinic on Signals in the real world. He explained how to understand what you are seeing when looking at signals. Rich is an en-

*Super's Signal Deadline*  
*15 November*

## 4 November Swap Meet

### Bowling Green Township Community Building Brownsville, Ohio

**10:30:** Township Community Building Opens for Volunteers

**11:00:** Township Community Building Opens to the public

**12:30:** Contest entries open

**1:00:** Contest voting begins

**1:30:** Contest voting ends

**2:00:** Division 6 Meeting begins

**5:00:** Township Community Building Closes

**Model Contest:** Closed Freight Car

**Photography Contest:** Closed Freight Car

gineer on the NS and is willing to pass on his knowledge on the subject. Say thank you to him for this.

I sprung a surprise at the meeting and had a couple of guest speakers. Bruce DeMaeyer and Bob Belt from

Division 10 were up speaking on T-Trak modules. Bruce is the Mid Central Region's chairman for the Region's Modular Program. He has been mak-

ing the rounds to all the division meeting to promote the program. T-Trak modules are small N scale modules based on using Kato track. We will have more on this in later is-

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## Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

### Minutes for the Division 6, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting for October 14, 2018 Ross County Heritage Center, Chillicothe

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

#### Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

Superintendent	Greg Short
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
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
Company Store	John Retterer
Yahoo Group	Jim Ruisinger

**New Member:** Welcome to John Madden, (not the bus riding NFL coach) of Reynoldsburg. John has been a model railroader for over 30 years.

**Clerk's Report:** Pat Hreachmack: The Clerk's Report, as it appeared in the current *Super's Signal*, was approved.

**All other committee reports were placed on hold until next meeting.**

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Division Swap Meet: NMRA Division 6 Model Railroad Swap Meet is set for November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bowling Green Township Community Building in Brownsville, OH. Tables are \$10 each. Entry fee is \$2 for NMRA members (bring your NMRA card) or \$5 for non-members. An NMRA recruiting table will be set up to let possible members know about the NMRA.

**Division Directors Election:** Nominations are due at the November meeting for Division 6 Directors.

**Possible Bus Trip:** 2019 possible bus trips under consideration include a Cincinnati Area Layout Tour, The Railroad Museum of Dennison, and the Age of Steam Roundhouse. Other suggestions will be considered.

**Division Car Project:** The Car Project has two suggestions;

- \* A Tichy 10,000 gallon tanker dressed as Union Tank Car Company (Marion, OH). These tankers were used in part for soy bean oil production during the late steam era to around 1960.
- \* A Hocking Valley drop bottom hopper, possibly from Accurail.

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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

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##### NMRA Central District Director

Robert Beaty, MMR

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### NEW BUSINESS:

**None reported**

### CLUB REPORTS:

**Columbus Model Railroad Club:** The former location of the CMRC remains standing although the rest of the plant is now flattened.

**Zanesville Club:** The Zanesville Club open house is November 10/11 from noon to 5.

### CONTESTS:

The results of the model and photo contest are published elsewhere in the current edition of the Signal and thus not duplicated herein.

### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

**Next Division Meeting:** The November meeting will be on the 4th in Brownsville at the Bowling Green Township Community Building.

**Next Contest:** The subject for October will be Closed Freight Cars. Have fun with this one!

### Adjournment:



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sues. Rich Hartley has agreed to be the Division 6 T-Trak Chair and he is excited about the program.

As a reminder the Swap Meet is in a few weeks and I look forward to seeing everyone there. I am sweating the details as it gets closer so everyone please have an open mind on this as it is our first try at it. I am sure that there will be things that

may not go as planned but as I have said we have got to make a start somewhere. I am going to try to squeeze a small meeting into the day. We have pressing business to take care of in the November meeting. Please be sure to look at the website or emails to see the times for the day.

That's about all I can think of now, so

Till then, Happy Modeling. – Greg



## Division 6 Director Election

*Jim Ruisinger, Elections Chair*

This is the year that we elect the three Director's positions to our Division 6 Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving the division in this capacity, please get your name to Jim Ruisinger no later than Saturday night, November 3, 2018. The slate of directors will be announced and the nominations closed at our November 4th "Swap Meet" meeting. If you've never held an elected or appointed position in the division, or even if you have, please consider tossing your hat into the ring. We used to have a slogan in the Mid Central Region... "**DON'T JUST BELONG, PARTICIPATE!**". This rings just as true today as it ever has....

And don't forget, when you serve Division 6 as an elected official, you earn points in the AP Program towards your Association Volunteer Award.



## 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"



## Membership Report September 2018

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

### Summary/Comments

Our membership count went down by one this month (compared to August) – but I'm not worried. The same person has dropped off the roll at the end of September every year for at least the last three. To paraphrase Arnold – "They'll be back!"

In my last report, I reported that our monthly postcards (meeting reminders) are being discontinued in the near future. I'm repeating some of that announcement this month in case you missed it. In addition, we are tweaking some ideas to try to make sure no one is caught unawares.

### 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).
- ☼ 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. 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!

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

September	174	September '17	166
August	175	August '17	167
July	158	July '17	167

### 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.

September	4 memberships are expiring
October	2 memberships are expiring
November	5 memberships are expiring

### New Members

We had no new members in September.

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

We had five renewals in September.

### 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](mailto: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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## Contest Report

*Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair*

From the Contest Department: Chillicothe - Meeting Contest Re-Cap

Another nice turnout for our model and photo contest for the October 14th at the Ross County Heritage Center in Chillicothe. Our subject matter was Caboose(s).

Winners in the Model Contest were:

**1st Place:** Howdy Lamprecht – Pacific Lumber Co. Drover Caboose #70

**2nd Place:** Al Doddroe – B & O Wood Sided Caboose #C1930

**3rd Place:** Jim Ruisinger – Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. Wood Sided Caboose #719

Winners in the Photo Contest were:

**1st Place:** Don Wilke – NKP #1047 @ Bellevue – Interior shot

**2nd Place (tie):** Don Wilke – NKP #423 @ Bellevue

**2nd Place (tie):** Nancy Hartley – Northern Pacific Caboose

**3rd Place:** Peggy Doerflein – Caboose @ Canal Winchester Station

Congratulations to all the winners. We will have Certificates for you at the next meeting, which will be the November 4th swap meet in Brownville at the Bowling Green Township Community Center. Watch your *Signal* for times for entering and voting. Our contest subject for November will be: Closed freight cars. Examples would be box cars, tank cars, reefers, covered hoppers and gons, etc. Remember, your photo may be of either the prototype or a model.

An inquiry was also made about the ability to enter the same model in future contests of the same subject matter. The NMRA rule is: Any model or photo can be entered in any Division, Region or National Contest as long as that model or photo has never won at the Divisional, Region or National levels. So if you took 1st Place, your model or photo is ineligible to be entered again. This would not apply to contest winners at only the Divisional level who wish to try their luck at the Region or National Contests. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions.



*NKP #1047 at Bellevue – Interior shot  
Don Wilke*



*Pacific Lumber Co. Drover Caboose #70  
Howdy Lamprecht*

## Contest Point Summary October 2018

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

### Modeler

Howdy Lamprecht	21	Darrell Logan	3
Pat Hreachmack	10	Judy Logan	3
Greg Short	10	Jim Borcz	2
Jim Ruisinger	9	Bill Alarie	1
Peggy Doerflein	6	Jim Kehn	1
Lon Wilson	5	Rich Hartley	1
Al Doddroe	3	Bob Lee	1

### Photographer

Don Wilke	25	Nancy Hartley	3
Matt Goodman	10	Lon Wilson	3
Peggy Doerflein	8	Bill Alarie	2
Howdy Lamprecht	5	Scott Brown	1
Rich Hartley	4	Steve Eckhardt (Div 9)	1
Bruce McDonald	4	Greg Short	1
Herb Parsons (Div 9)	4		



**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.

## Why I am a member of the NMRA?

### Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee (MRRC) Update

Has anyone ever asked you why you are a member of the NMRA? Have you ever tried to recruit someone who didn't know much about (or had inaccurate information about) the NMRA? Was your sales pitch successful? Could it have been better?

The Member Recruitment and Retention Committee has taken the results of the survey many of you participated in earlier this year and combined it with some recruitment material from the NMRA to provide you with some talking points that may help you the next time the opportunity arises.

#### Meet and Share Ideas and Techniques with Other

**Modelers.** The opportunity to meet other modelers in the local area, exchange ideas and learn from them and see their layouts. The NMRA Pike Registry allows members to visit model railroads around the country and world.

**Improve your Skills.** Challenge your modeling skills, master new techniques, and expand your model railroading knowledge by participating in the NMRA Achievement Program.

**Attend Regional and National Conventions.** Attend Clinics, visit fantastic model railroads, participate in operating sessions, prototype tours, compete in modeling competitions, and be the first to attend the National Train Show each year.

**NMRA Magazine and Calendar.** Top notch, monthly model railroad magazine and annual calendar included in with your annual membership.

**Discount Programs.** NMRA's Partnership Program features discounts to local, national and on line retailers for NMRA members.

**Research.** NMRA's On Line Archives contains over 10,000 photographs, slides, plans, drawings, erection elevations, paint schemes and more, with additional scans being added all the time. The Kalmbach Memorial Library is one of the world's largest "railroads only" libraries and contains prototype and modeling books and magazines and out-of-production kit instructions. The Kalmbach Library also has a large collection of DVDs and VHS tapes available for rent.

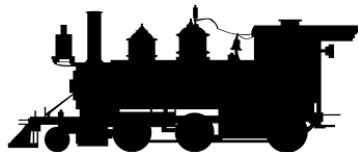
**Insurance.** Group rate property insurance for collections, layouts, live steam, tools, slides and photographs, books, magazines, railroad memorabilia, and more. The NMRA also provides liability insurance for NMRA sponsored meets, tours and 100% NMRA clubs.

**Support Industry Standards.** Since its founding, the NMRA has been focused on creating and encouraging standards and recommended practices for all scales and gauges, as well as related items like DCC and modules.



## Division 6 – 2018 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest	SUPER'S SIGNAL November 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: Bowling Green Township Community Building, Brownsville Ohio Clinic: <i>None</i>	Model: Closed Freight Car Photo: Closed Freight Car	
15 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline			
2 Dec Change	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			



# **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)**

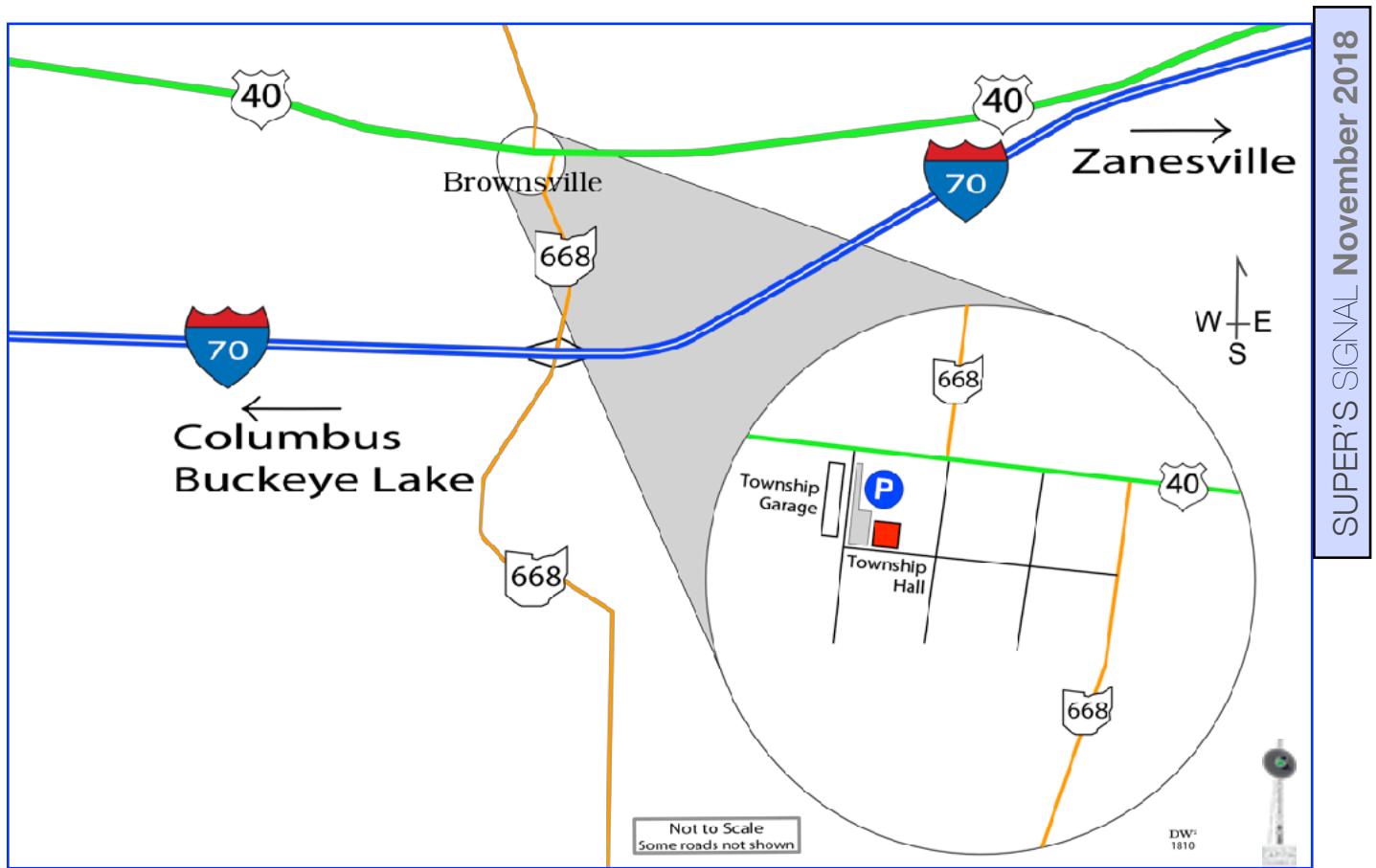
**\$5 for non Members**

**Under 12 are free**

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







*Division 6 on YouTube:*

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