

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

December Super's Report

Wow, where did the time go. Here we are at the end of another year and as I look back, we had a pretty good year. Although like many I did not get everything I had planned accomplished, I did find time get a lot of things done. As for the division, we did get a lot done and we're able to have a good time doing it. I will say the highlight of the year had to be the trip to the Mad River and NKP Museum. We were able to make the swap meet a reality. Even though it did not go as well as it could have. We now know the direction to take in the future. We lost one of our MMR's but were able to welcome a new one. I look forward to 2019 with a lot of hope and anticipation. We, as a division, are moving onward in our goal of passing on the hobby of model railroading. We are also passing on the passion that we have in it, as well as becoming better modelers.

On to a few items to pass on. The schedule for the 1st half of the year is set and Don has it on the website. It looks like the past years schedules. We will use the libraries in the Columbus area for meetings during the winter months. Please look to the website, Facebook, emails and our yahoo site for cancellations of division meetings due to weather. This did happen to us last year and like then I will make a decision in plenty of time, if possible. I am still looking for ideas for a bus trip for 2019 and

Super's Signal Deadline
18 January

13 January Hilltop Library 511 South Hague Avenue, Columbus

1:00: Hilltop Library Opens

1:15: Contest entries open

1:45: Contest entries closes, voting begins

2:00: Contest voting ends, Division 6 Meeting begins

2:30: Clinic: TBD.

Model Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load
Photography Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load

still am looking at finishing the schedule for the year.

Rich Hartley has been doing a lot of work on the T-Track program. He gave a brief presentation on his ideas at the December meeting. The Steering Committee will discuss the ideas at their next meeting. We will bring the results to the membership early in the year. Rich has some

good ideas on how to make this work both for the division and for those who wish to partake in the project.

Jimmy has set the contest program for next year. It is on the web so get out the tools and projects and get the entries in. We did not have as much participation this year as I would like to see. Many

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Clerk's Report

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

**Minutes for the Division 6,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Business Meeting for December 2, 2018
Upper Arlington Library**

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

Division 6 Officers in Attendance:

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

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

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

Clerk's Report: Pat Hreachmack: The Clerk's Report was not available as the last meeting was during the Swap Meet.

Paymaster's Report: Dexter Hill. The Financial Report was approved pending audit.

All Other Reports: All other reports were postponed as this meeting was the annual video viewing meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Swap Meet: Greg Short. Superintendent Greg provided a brief follow-up discussion of the November Swap Meet. Included are a short list of things to consider for the next Swap Meet:

- ❖ Better location.
- ❖ Stronger advance advertising.
- ❖ Coffee and food availability.
- ❖ Date when OSU has a "by" week and is not playing.
- ❖ Possibility of Cambridge Armory or Franklin County Fair Grounds locations.
- ❖ Must be able to draw more people in.
- ❖ Divisions 2 & 7 both have very lucrative shows.

Post cards: Decision was made by division members present to continue meeting announcement post cards for next six months.

NEW BUSINESS:

T-Trak: Rich Harley. Rich presented and discussed the possibility of a T-Trak portable layout for shows and presentations. T-Trak modular platforms cost around \$30 each as kits, and corner kits at \$20. The kits provide a base for the module with scenery provided by the division member.

T-Trak: Bruce McDonald. Bruce mentioned that Division 6

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of you are good modelers and photographers. You can do well in the contest. So show off your work and strive to get that plaque for the modeler or photographer of the year for your wall.

Well I can get going and take up more time but it is a busy season, and many need to get a see Santa to give him your wish list. And for others

it is time to be Santa and get others what is on their list. Either way everyone have a great holiday season, enjoy life, and our hobby.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Till then, Happy Modeling.

– Greg



Continued: **The Clerk's Report**

will have an NMRA table at upcoming shows including the Buckeye Train Show on December 8th. He is looking for volunteers to man the division table at the show.

Club Reports: Club reports were not provided due to the nature of this meeting.

CONTEST:

Contest Certificates: The contest at the last meeting was for Closed Freight Cars. The following members received Contest Award Certificates.

Models: Closed Freight Car

1st Place: Howdy Lambrecht

2nd Place: Greg Short

3rd Place: Greg Short

Photos: Closed Freight Car

1st Place: Don Wilke

2nd Place: Don Wilke

Contest Results: Contest results are presented elsewhere in the current edition of the *Signal*.

Raffle: Bill Frost won both HO drawings, while, N scale was won by Rich and Judy.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Next Division Meeting: The January meeting will be at the Hilltop Library on January 13th.

Next Contest: Contest will be for Open Freight Cars.

Clinic: Videos were constantly running for our viewing pleasure.

Adjournment:



Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee (MRRC) Update

Division 6 will be manning an NMRA information table at the **Buckeye Railroad and Model Train Show and Sale** on Saturday, December 8th in the Lausche Building on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. We plan to share our enthusiasm of model railroading, inform others about the NMRA and its benefits, and recruit new members. Our dry run for the Buckeye Show went well at our Division 6 Swap Meet in Brownsville. We have everything we need to be successful except lots of enthusiastic volunteers to help. If you are one of the first 10 volunteers, Division 6 will reimburse the \$7.00 cost for your ticket into the show! You can spend a couple of hours at the NMRA information table meeting and talking to show attendees and the rest of the day wandering around looking for ways to spend your money – I mean looking for deals. We would like to have two or three people at the table for each of the four shifts (9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-5). We will have a signup sheet at the Division 6 meeting on December 2nd at the Upper Arlington Library or you can contact Bruce McDonald 614-595-7608 (Please leave a message).

(If you are unable to volunteer for the Buckeye show, you can volunteer for future train shows. Details later.)



Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

Membership Report October 2018

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

Summary/Comments

We had a net loss of two members in October; one new member offset by three non-renewals.

I was at November's swap meet on November 4th manning, along with Bruce McDonald, Darrell Logan, and Mike Wolf, the Membership Retention and Recruitment Committee NMRA information table. The committee members have worked hard on planning this table over the past couple of months – but this was the first time that the people and the product had all been in one place. The swap meet was the perfect place for a practice run, and in spite of the relatively light turnout, we had several opportunities to practice the all-important pitch on several non-members. The goal is to turn those discussions into new members!

Recruiting is not limited to a table a train show though – it is strongest at the grass-roots level, which means each of us. Invite someone you know to visit a meeting or to join the division. A personal invitation from Bob Weinheimer (along with some persistence on his part) is what finally prodded me to join.

October's new member is from Delaware County, which until two months ago had the second highest number of members in the division (behind Franklin). Two months ago is when the Kokosing Valley Central Model Railroad Club became a 100% NMRA club. Most (all?) of those new members live in Knox county, which promoted that county to #2 on the membership list. The entire list follows below.

Franklin	82	48%	Richland	4	2%	Coshocton	2	1%	Holmes	1	1%
Knox	21	12%	Fairfield	3	2%	Muskingum	2	1%	Morrow	1	1%
Delaware	17	10%	Logan	3	2%	Guernsey	1	1%	Union	1	1%
Licking	11	6%	Madison	3	2%	Hardin	1	1%	Fayette	0	0%
Marion	6	3%	Ross	3	2%	Highland	1	1%	Perry	0	0%
Pickaway	6	3%	Ashland	2	1%	Hocking	1	1%			

Active Members (end of the month):

October	172	October '17	169
September	174	September '17	166
August	175	August '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.

October	1 memberships are expiring
November	4 memberships are expiring
December	2 memberships are expiring

We had one new Rail Pass member in October from Powell, Delaware County.

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

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
Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328

Buckeye Division Membership Chair

Email: MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org

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

Mail: Matt Goodman
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Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

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From the Contest Department: Contest Re-Cap – December 2018 at Upper Arlington, Ohio.

We had a modest turnout for our model and photo contests at the UA Library. Modest, but some very nice, quality stuff. Our contest subject was Passenger Cars.

Winners in the Model Contest were:

1st Place: Howdy Lamprecht with “Miss Bev’s Car” (an old Walther’s Piker kit)

2nd Place: Greg Short – New York Central Streamlined Observation Car

Winners in the Photograph Contest were:

1st Place: Don Wilke – PRR Passenger Car yard on Gary Salzgeber’s layout

2nd Place: B&O Coach at the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway

Congratulations to Howdy, Greg and Don. I will have certificates for you at the next meeting which will Sunday January 13th at the Hilltop Branch of the Columbus Public Library.

Our contest subject will be: Open Freight Car with Load. Examples would be a flat car with some sort of load on it, Gondola with scrap metal, a Hopper with Coal or gravel, etc...

Our contest subjects for 2019 will closely mirror what we did in 2018. Remember, photos can be of the prototype or a model and should be on good quality photo paper, preferably mounted.



*“Miss Bev’s Car” (an old Walther’s Piker kit)
Howdy Lamprecht*



*PRR Passenger Car yard on Gary Salzgeber’s layout
Don Wilke*

Contest Point Summary Final Standings

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler

Howdy Lamprecht	29	Darrell Logan	3
Greg Short	17	Judy Logan	3
Pat Hreachmack	10	Jim Borecz	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

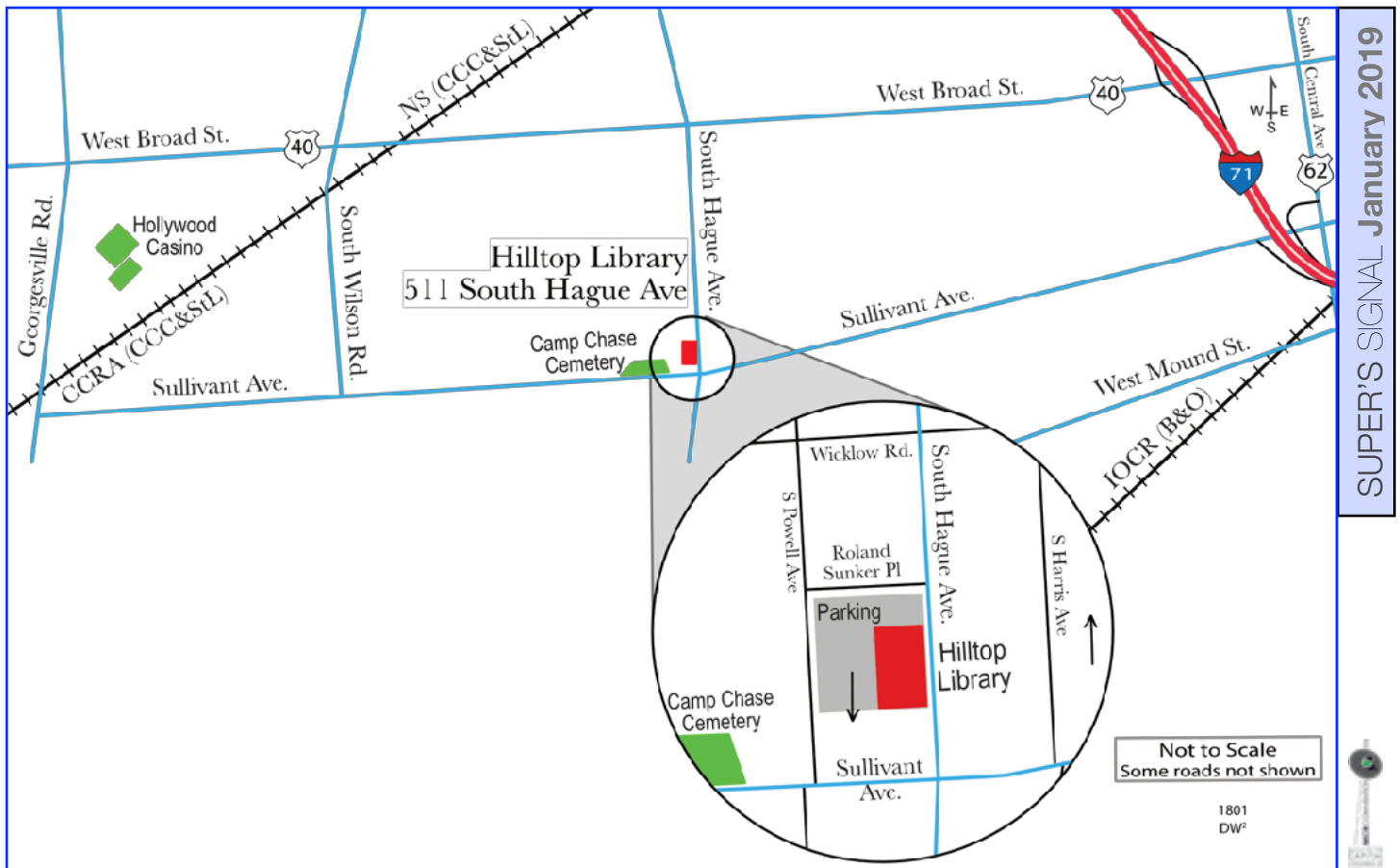
Photographer

Don Wilke	37	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		

Division 6 – 2018 Time Table

Date	Event	Location	Contest
13 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Columbus Library–Hilltop, Columbus Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Open Freight Car WITH Load Photo: Open Freight Car WITH Load
17 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Columbus Library–South High, Columbus Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Non-Revenue Car Photo: Non-Revenue Car
14 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Columbus Library–South East, Groveport Clinic:	Model: Non-Steam Locs Photo: Diesel & Electric Locs
14 Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
14 Apr Tentative	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Mt Vernon Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Lineside RR structure Photo: Lineside RR structure
1 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
2–5 May	MCR Convention	Boardman, Ohio	Model: Modeler's Choice Photo: Modeler's Choice
15 June Saturday Tentative	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion	Model: Favorite Train Photo: Favorite Train
20 June	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Aug	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Thumbz / Whimsical RR models Photo: Railroad derelict
Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Sept	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Steam Locomotive Photo: Steam Locomotive
Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Cabooses (Cabin Car) Photo: Cabooses (Cabin Car)
Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: 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: Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Passenger Car Photo: Passenger Car
Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

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Pike Ads

Don Wilke, Signal Publisher

Attention Division 6 Members; back again for 2019 – Pike Ads. Your Pike Ad will run from the next issue of the *Super's Signal* to the first issue for 2018. Pike Ads may be in a single location or may be used as “filler” to finish out a page.

Payment: A check (payable to Division 6, MCR-NMRA) to Paymaster, Dexter Hill, 5035 Ashville-Fairfield Road, Ashville, OH, 43103, c/o of Dexter Hill.

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