

# Super's Signal

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

December 2019



## Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Hey gang – I'm back. Well, we made it thru summer and the two gifted days of fall and now the nasty cold weather has set in. I really hated to see the snow fly and cover everything up in a white blanket. I guess the good thing was the timing as it didn't seem to bother the traveling in our area that much. Next thing you know it will be turkey day and then the holiday season will be in full swing. In case you missed it, all the places that had the big Christmas light displays are now all up and running to help put you in the spirit. For a lot of us, it means the season for serious modeling to begin. If you are cooped up in the house why not take advantage and get those modeling projects caught up. Or you can be like me and add more projects that will most likely never get done. Anyway be careful as this is the season of accidents and we don't need anyone having one.

A big congrats and thank you go out to our newly nominated officers. Everyone will get a ballot in an upcoming printed edition of the *Signal*. Even though all are running opposed please show you support and cast a ballot.

Speaking of a printed *Signal*, a member suggested and the Board of Directors approved a printed *Signal* in January. The thought is to send it out by mail as we still have several members without email or have given Matt a working email address. So by sending an issue out in print, we can hopefully connect with most of the membership. At least get to them a tentative meeting schedule and as well as the lineup of contest subjects. For those who have been reading the *Signal* online, you will still be able to do so for that month as we will also

**Super' Signal Deadline**  
**18 December**

## 15 December Coshocton Model Railroad Club Fairgrounds, Coshocton

- 12:00:** Coshocton Model Railroad Club opens
- 12:30:** Operation begins, bring your DCC engine to operate
- 1:00:** Contest entries opens
- 1:45:** Contest entries closes; voting begins
- 2:00:** Contest voting ends; Division 6 Meeting
- 2:30:** Clinic: TBA, Model train operations resumes

**Model Contest:** Passenger Car  
**Photography Contest:** Passenger Car

have it there. The printed version will also be a scaled-down version and will not be in color. I think the efforts of editor Don and the members who are contributing articles and other content have made the Division 6 newsletter much nicer than we could ever have in print.

Some other things to pass on. We are in the process of making new name tags for everyone. Starting at the December meeting those should be ready for pickup. We have had several new members since we last did them as well as had requests for replacements for lost ones. See me at Coshocton and we can start getting them passed out.

We are also working on a new vendor for Division 6 shirts and will have information on how to get them soon. The plan is to have the members work directly with the vendor and keep the division out of the orders and payments. Hopefully, this will keep the issues with getting clothing to a minimum.

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**Clerk's Report**

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

**Minutes for the Division 6,  
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.  
Meeting for November 10, 2019  
Central Ohio Model Railroad Club  
Worthington**

**Division 6 Officers in Attendance:**

Superintendent	Greg Short
Assistant Superintendent	Judy Logan
Clerk	Pat Hreachmack
Paymaster	Dexter Hill
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf, MMR

**Division 6 Chairpersons Present:**

Compoany Store	Greg Short
Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Raffle	Harry "Butch" Sage
Super's Signal Publisher	Don Wilke
Web Master	Don Wilke
Yahoo Group	Jim Ruisinger

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

Thanks to Central Ohio Model Railroad Club, COMRC, for hosting the meeting!

**Reports:**

**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. Dexter reported that the Swap meet made about \$400 for the division.

**Programs Report:** Greg Short. Greg discussed the success of the Swap Meet and the location in Cambridge. Open discussion and commentary by members. There were 98 paid entrants, about 20 entrants with store coupons. Tables paid for the hall rental. Next year we will try to have a food truck outside.

**Web Master Report:** Don Wilke. Don provided a brief report on the status of the Web.

**Super's Signal Report:** Don Wilke. Don asked that all members look at the latest *Super's Signal* for Matt Goodman's article on engines #844 and the Big Boy photos in that issue.

**Media Report:** Matt Goodman. Absent, no report available.

**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. Don Wilke stated that membership info is in the current *Signal*.

**Company Store:** No report was asked for nor provided.

**Yahoo Group:** Jim Ruisinger: Jim reported that we are switching from Yahoo to NMRA Groups.

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Continued: **The Clerk's Report****Old Business:**

**Swap Meet:** Greg Short. Other than the discussion of the Swap Meet, no other old business was discussed.

**New Business:**

**Nominations for Division 6 Officers:** Jim Ruisinger. Nominations for division officers were opened. After much discussion and only one volunteer for each office a slate of officers was decided on:

Matt Goodman for Superintendent.

Dexter Hill for Assistant Superintendent.

Carter Jastram for Division Clerk.

Jim Borcz for Paymaster.

A ballot for the election of Division 6 Officers will appear in the January 2020 issue of the *Super's Signal*.

**Division Registration:** Question was raised regarding our status with the Secretary of State of Ohio.

Division 6 needs a new corporate agent.

Register with State of Ohio Attorney General and with IRS as a non-profit organization.

However, we are probably covered under the NMRA umbrella for this aspect.

**Name Tags:** Greg Short. Jim Borcz will print up new name tags for all members.

**Printed Super's Signal:** Greg Short. A motion was presented, seconded, and approved to provide a hard copy of the next *Signal* with the slate of candidates, to all members.

**Club Reports:**

**Central Ohio Model Railroad Club:** Bill Alarie. Bill

said the club will have December Open Houses every Sat & Sun from noon to 4 pm.

**Janis Model Railroad Club:** Carter Jastram. The annual repairs underway.

**NE Ohio Live Steam Club:** Jim Bortz. Jim reported that the last day of operations for 2019 will be the day after Thanksgiving.

**Sunbury Club:** The club will have an Open house Nov. 16 from 10 to 2, & 17th from noon to 4.

**Raffle:**

No raffle at this meeting.

**Contests:**

Congratulations to all of the entrants and please refer elsewhere in the *Signal* for Jim's recap of the results.

The December division meeting's contest will be "Passenger Cars"

**Good of the Order:**

**Marion Train Show:** Will be on November 30 at the Marion Fairgrounds.

**Buckeye Train:** will be on December 14 at the Lausch Building.

**The Great Train Show:** will be on January 2020 in Columbus.

**Next Division Meeting:** is December 15 at the Coshocton Club at our regular time.

**Clinic:**

Bruce McDonald provided an excellent clinic on utilization and planting of Static Grass. .

Continued: **The Super's Report**

Save the 18th of October 2020 in your datebook. That is the date of next year's Swap Meet. We booked the venue and the Swap Meet Committee is going to begin with the advertising soon. The hope is to have flyers ready before some of the upcoming shows. All the details are not completed yet but we have a start. The committee is looking at some small changes in what we are doing. They are also looking to add some more items of interest to the day like live modeling demonstrations as well as operating layouts. Also on the Swap Meet, I have agreed with the incoming Super to continue my involvement as Chair of the Committee after my term as Super. As I have stated for a long time I feel this a vital project to the division as it is, for now, our only fundraiser. Even though we have a stable bank account we do need to have some type of income to keep us solvent in the future.

On the subject of train shows, please check the website as well as those of our neighbor divisions and region for upcoming shows and open houses in their areas. Like us, that is how many of the divisions and clubs raise funds to keep operating. There are many great club layouts within a reasonable drive to visit and see what they have built. So get a few friends together and take a day to go see the sights. That is one of the things that I will always take with me from my time as Super. It made me take some time and visit other layouts both personal and clubs, and I will continue to do so afterward. There are so many that one cannot see them all but you will always take a memory from each one that you do visit.

So with that enjoy the Thanksgiving Dinner and try not to overeat.

Till then, Happy Modeling Greg

### Division 6 – 2019 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
13 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Clinic: <i>Painting Backdrops</i> , Rich Hartly Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load	Columbus
17 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>South High Library</i> Clinic: <i>Maine Two-Footers</i> , Harry "Butch" Sage Contest: Non-Revenue Car	Columbus
14 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 March	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>South East Library</i> Clinic: <i>Spline Roadbed</i> , Matt Goodman Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive	Groveport
14 Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
14 Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Mount Vernon Station</i> Clinic: <i>Decoder Intallations</i> , Mike Wolf Contest: Lineside Railroad Structure	Mt. Vernon
1 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
2–5 May	MCR Convention	<i>The Bullet 2019</i> Contest: Modeler's Choice	Boardman, Ohio
15 Jun (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Marion Union Station</i> Clinic: <i>Curved Backdrops</i> , Darrell Logan, <i>Estate Planning</i> , Frank Bongiovanni, <i>Scale Sound Systems, Their Products &amp; Services</i> Contest: Modeler's Choice	Marion
20 Jun	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
17 Aug (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Division 6 Bus Trip (Extra Fare) <i>Age of Steam Roundhouse</i> Contest: <b>NONE</b>	Sugarcreek Dennison
11 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
15 Sep	Division 6 Meeting <b>Important Meeting</b>	Business Meeting: <i>South East Library</i> Clinic: <i>Swap Meet</i> , Greg Short Model Contest: Steam Locomotive with Caboose Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive	Columbus
21 Sep (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Mark Maynard's</i> Clinic: <i>Maine Two-Footers</i> , Harry "Butch" Sage Contest: <b>NONE</b>	Portsmouth
19 Sep	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
20 Oct	<b>Division 6 Swap Meet</b>	Business Meeting: <b>NONE</b> Clinic: <b>NONE</b> Contest: <b>NONE</b>	Cambridge
24 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: COMRC Clinic: TBA Contest: Closed Freight Car	Worthington
15 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
15 Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Coshocton Club <i>Slide/Movie Show</i> Contest: Passenger Car	Coshocton
18 Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	<i>Election Issue</i>	



## Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Contest Re-Cap – November 2019 at COMRC, Worthington.

Folks, we're in a rut... and it's a great rut to be in. The turnout of models and photos for our November Division 6 Meeting contests was exceptional! We had nine great models (including some unusual items) and five very nice photos. And yet again, voting was tight and a tiebreaker was needed.

Congratulations to our winners. I will have certificates for you at our December meeting on the 15th at AMREC (Coshocton Club for short). Our subject matter for both the model photo categories will be "Passenger Cars" Please remember to bring along a piece of track to place your models on. It makes 'em display better! Photos should be your own work and printed on good quality photo paper.

The cumulative point totals so far, appear elsewhere in the *Signal*. As you will see it's a dogfight between a couple of members for the top spot in both model and photo categories.... No runaways this year! In the first eleven months of 2019, there have been 31 different members enter our contests.

\*\*\*\*A word or two about our contest schedule for 2020 \*\*\*\*

The Contest subject lineup for next year is on the next page. Please hang on to it, post it above your workbench or in your layout room; somewhere that you'll see it regularly. Don should have it on the website in the near future and periodic reminders will be emailed out to .io email group. Advice, sign up for the groups.io email list.

Direct any questions to Contest Chairman, Jim Ruisinger.

### Model Subject: Closed Freight Cars

1st Place Model: Mike Wolf – Graffiti'ed up ACF Covered Hopper

2nd Place: Patrick Hreachmack – Ohio State Box Car

3rd Place: Dave Richter – C&NW Outside Braced Box Car

### Photo Subject: Closed Freight Car

1st Place Photo: Matt Goodman – AEX ACF Covered Hopper

2nd Place: Mike Wolf – ACF Graffiti'ed up Covered Hopper

3rd Place: Dave Richter – NKP Outside Braced Box Car



1st Place Photo – Matt Goodman  
AEX ACF Covered Hopper



1st Place Model – Mike Wolf  
Graffiti'ed up ACF Covered Hopper

## Contest Point Summary September 2019

*Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair*

### Modeler

Pat Hreachmack	23	Al Doddroe	1
Mike Wolf	22	Bob Doerflein	1
Howdy Lamprecht	11	Connie Frazze	1
Jim Borcz	7	Jerry Hurt	1
Jim Ruisinger	6	Jim Kehn	1
Greg Short	6	Bob Lee	1
Matt Goodman	3	Russ Light	1
Peggy Doerflein	2	Bruce McDonald	1
Dexter Hill	2	Scott O'Connor	1
Judy Logan	2	Harry Sage	1
Eric Porch	2	Charles Sherer	1
Dave Richter	2	Bob Weston	1
Bill Alarie	1	Don Wilke	1
Ken Beamer	1	Keith Yantes	1
Dick Briggs	1		

### Photographer

Matt Goodman	15	Nancy Hartley	3
Don Wilke	13	Dave Richter	2
Mike Wolf	12	Bill Alarie	1
Peggy Doerflein	8	Ken Beamer	1
Eric Porch	7	Darrell Logan	1
Scott Brown	3	Keith Yantes	1

**Note:** There was no contest at the Swap Meet.

**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.

## Tentative – Division 6 – 2020 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
12 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: TBA Clinic: TBA Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load	TBA
9 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Contest: Non-Revenue - MOW	TBA
8 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Contest: Diesel and Electric Locomotives (non-Steam)	TBA
19 Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Contest: Line Side RR structures	TBA
13 Jun (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station Clinic: Contest: Favorite Train	Marion
Aug	Division 6 Meeting	Contest: Model: Thumbz (Humorous Whimsical stuff) Photo: Railroad Derelicts / Wrecks	TBA
Sep	Division 6 Meeting	Contest: Model: Steam Locomotives & Caboose Photo: Steam Locomotive	TBA
18 Oct	Swap Meet	Contest: <b>None</b>	Cambridge
Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Contest: Closed Freight Cars	TBA
Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Contest: Passenger Cars	TBA

## Model Railroad Week at COSI

*David W Richter*

The annual Model Railroad week at COSI begins Wednesday at 10 a.m. It runs every day through Sunday, November 24, during COSI hours, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There are modular layouts in 6 scales: N, HO, S, O 2-rail, G, plus Lego trains. Layout sizes vary from a small HO Thomas layout to the 68-foot long COOSE layout. Clubs taking part include COMRC, COOSE, COSG, CGRS, &

N-Trak.

Admission to COSI is required. If you're a COSI member, you're in. If you're not a member, but you'd like to take part, please contact a member of one of the participating clubs for free passes. COSI (Columbus Center of Science and Industry) is a science museum in downtown Columbus on the Scioto River.

## Membership End of the Month Report October 2019

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

### Summary/Comments

We had nine renewals last month, which brings up a topic worth explaining. When I'm updating the membership lists at the beginning of the month, one of my tasks is to ensure the renewed person is on our MailChimp mailing list.

Background - I started doing this in 2018 when a member told me he wasn't getting emails. What had happened was that I had removed this member from the mailing list because they hadn't renewed for at least two months after their membership expired (I clean up "old" emails two months after membership expiration – housekeeping). That member had in fact renewed - but since National doesn't flag these as "new" or "re-railed", I didn't put the member's email back on the list. Once I discovered this hole in my process, I started checking all renewals in MailChimp.

Back on topic, while checking MailChimp for these

renewed members this month, I found two that weren't on the list at all, and two more members that were on the list, but unsubscribed. All four probably went through my cleanup process. It's always satisfying to see a process working as planned! In any case, welcome back the mailing list, you four!

At a higher level, membership numbers have trailed off for two consecutive months and now stand at 167. This trailing trend mirrors last year, and if that trend mirroring continues, we should see a gradual rise through early spring. If you haven't sent your renewal yet, now is a good time!

As my newly monthly close, a reminder - did you know you can renew online at NMRA.org? Check it out!

Have a good month, and build some benchwork or models. Do one thing every day!

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

October	167	October '18	172
September	170	September '18	174
August	171	August '18	175
July	165	July '18	158

**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.

We have **twelve** memberships expiring in the next two months.

### New Members, Renewals and Re-Rails (returning lapsed members)

We had nine renewals in October. Send your checks 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:

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## Work Cart Tool Tip

Matt Goodman

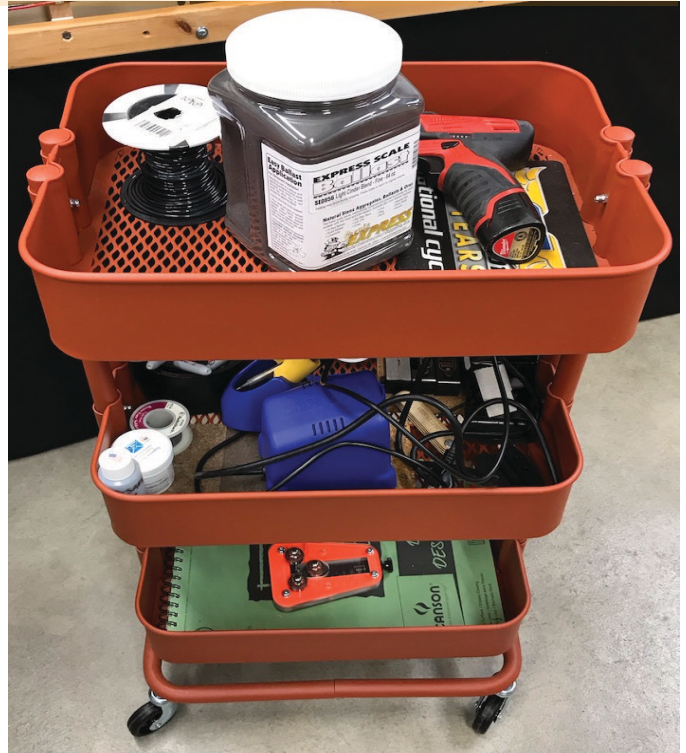
A couple of years ago Christy and I were wandering through IKEA and we came across a three-level cart called RASKOG. It looked like it might make a good basement work cart. I picked one up and later found that I wasn't wrong about its utility.

I use mine for a variety of things. It holds smaller benchwork building tools to structure building tools (1-2-3 blocks, knives, and rulers) to trackwork tools to wiring tools. In the accompanying photo, you'll see evidence of many of these items. Though I'll admit, the ballast container is strictly a prop (a cart-photo queen...).

Besides the storage space, the other thing I like is that the carts are super-easy to maneuver they are one-finger rollable. This is a convenient feature when you're on you are laying on the floor and need to get the thing just a touch closer and only have one finger to spare. I liked my rust-colored cart enough that I bought a second cart (unfortunately, rust was no longer available). It serves as a rolling stand for my Rikon circulating/filtration fan, seen in the second photo. I lowered this one so that the cart with a fan mounted will roll under the benchwork to get out of the way. I cut away parts of two of the three baskets so it had access to store things.

RASKOG is just under 31" tall, with baskets approximately 18 x 14" (and about three inches deep) and takes about fifteen minutes to assemble (without modifications). You can purchase them online at Ikea.com or at the IKEA store for about \$30.

<https://www.ikea.com/us/en/p/raskog-utility-cart-black-90333976/>



*A three level cart called RASKOG.  
Photo by: Matt Goodman*



*A three level cart called RASKOG as a rolling stand for my Rikon circulating/filtration fan.  
Photo by: Matt Goodman*



## **Tool Tip** **Tamiya Model Cleaning Brush**

Matt Goodman

One benefit of visiting different hobby stores is being exposed to products or tools that reflect the store's (or it's owner's) interests. The closest hobby shop to me is Tom Thumb Hobbies on Georgesville Road on the west side of Columbus. While they have a small model railroad section, I mainly visit for tools and supplies.

Tom Thumb carries a lot of Tamiya products. On one visit I spotted Tamiya's Model Cleaning Brush in the display case. I try to keep my models clean (at least occasionally) and have typically used paint brushes for dusting purposes. This has sometimes caused problems since their relatively short bristles means I occasionally whack the model with the brush ferrule. They also tend to move dust around and can be labor-intensive due to the limited coverage of the small brush. Seeing a purpose-built model-dusting brush with long bristles caught my eye. Luckily, I didn't pay attention to the price until I was being rung up, or I might have gotten cold feet!

Tamiya is a manufacturer that I tend to trust. They have been geared toward plastic model building for decades and have an outstanding reputation. I swallowed the price and took the brush home and gave it a try. Man, does it make the dusting chore so much easier!

Tamiya says that the brush fibers not only remove dust and debris but also removes static - which helps prevent future dust build-up. I have no way to measure that. But I can attest to the second claim - that the long, very soft bristles make cleaning around delicate parts really easy and very effective. I have absolutely no concerns about dusting around things like caboose smoke jacks and resin or very fine resin or plastic brake wheels. It's even easy to get under handrails on a steam locomotive boiler - even the area around the stanchions comes up clean. And for some reason, the dust isn't flung hither and yon - it just seems to disappear (magic!). There is also a small brush under the handle's "cap" for cleaning detail areas, though I have rarely used that.

The Tamiya Model Cleaning brush is expensive - retail is \$28, with online prices just under \$20. This is one of those tools that I have found worth its price due to its ease of use and soft touch. Like any good tool, it makes things easier - I actually enjoy (or at least don't mind) dusting models now!



Photo by: Matt Goodman



Photo by: Matt Goodman



Photo by: Matt Goodman



*The Tamiya Model Cleaning Brush.*  
Photo by: Matt Goodman





## Car Weathering Techniques

Mike Wolf, MMR

A couple of people asked about the techniques I used to weather the cars I brought to the contest in November. So I thought I'd make that the topic for my contribution this month to the *Super's Signal*.

Normally, Pan Pastels are my go-to for a quick weathering job on a car—tone down the shine, fade the paint and letter a bit with a swipe of the pastels, a little road dirt around the bottom of the car, rust up the trucks and couplers, and it's ready to roll. I use 4 shades: Raw Umber, Burnt Sienna Shade, Paynes Gray, and Black. Add in a couple old brushes, a pack of makeup wedges from the Dollar Store and you can knock out a batch of 20 cars in an hour or two. You will need to give the car a coat of Dullcoat (or other clear flat paint) to give the Pan Pastels an even surface with a little “tooth” to grab hold. I don't usually add a coat of Dullcoat when I'm done as it makes it easier to see who was picking the cars up during an ops session (actually, very little comes off with gentle handling). As with most powders, you'll want to overdo it a bit if you are going to give it a top coat as the Dullcoat will mute the Pan Pastels.

For the modern cars I did this time around, I wanted more of a rust bucket look (especially on the galvanized roof). While I used the Pan Pastels to mute the colors of the graffiti decals and add some road dust to the lower parts of the car, I experimented with several new techniques I saw on Train Masters TV (<https://trainmasters.tv/>). TrainMasters TV is produced by the same folks that ePublish Model Railroad Hobbyist magazine and is similar to the video product Model Railroader offers. A couple of years ago, Mike Confalone did a series called Weathering Like a Pro. He demonstrated numerous non-airbrush weathering techniques on eight freight cars and three diesel locomotives. In addition to Pan Pastels, he uses artists oils to achieve his weathering results. I purchased

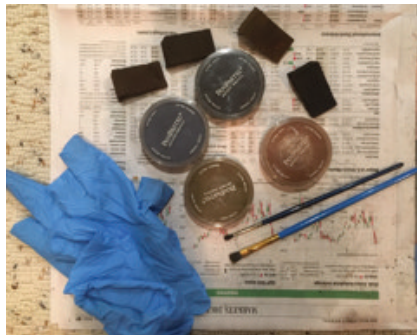


Photo by: Mike Wolf



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four tubes of oil paints (Burnt Umber, Raw Umber, Burnt Sienna, and Lamp Black) and a bottle of Turpenoid (you can use regular Turpentine but the Turpenoid is odorless and keeps the spouse happy). The first thing I did with the oils is make some washes from the black and burnt umber. Add a small blob (1/8 - 1/4” squeeze from the tube) to a small bottle of Turpenoid and mixed to dissolve. If you like an India Ink wash, you're going to love an artist oil wash! It flows smoothly into all the nooks and crannies and dries evenly. The washes make many of the surface details on the car pop.



Photo by: Mike Wolf

Creating the rust effects on the roof and sides also involved artists oils. For the streaks down the side of the cars, use a toothpick or bamboo skewer to put just a dab of Burnt Sienna at the edge of the roofline. A dab is a very technical term but, in this case, would be “about the size of the head of a pin.” Dip a clean wide brush (3/8-1/2”) in clean Turpenoid and swipe on the rim of the container so it is very damp but not dripping. Place the center of the brush on the dab of artist oil for a couple of seconds (to start dissolving the oil), and swipe straight down in one smooth motion. One of the nice features of artist oils you'll find is that they are very forgiving and take a long time to dry. If the color is too heavy, get some more Turpenoid on your brush and swipe it down again or even dilute it enough to remove it and start over. You can do scrapes along the side of the car in a similar manner.

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Photo by: Mike Wolf

### Continued: Car Weathering Techniques

Dab a very fine line of artist oil along the scrape and then use the tip of your wide brush to smear the rust stain partially down the car.

The rusted, galvanized roof involved a much heavier application of oils. I also purchased a small Deer Foot brush for this part. Not surprisingly, it is shaped like a hoof and is very good for stippling the oils (it's the one with the clear handle in the photo above). I just put a little dab of each oil on a plastic lid to work from – a little bit goes a long way. Start with the burnt sienna (newer rust) and create the areas you want to rust. A little oil goes a long way and the tubes I have are a lifetime supply. As with most weathering, it's best to have a photo of the prototype to work from so you don't overdo it. Next, I used the raw umber to make some older, darker rust in the centers of some of the first areas I did. I used a brush with Turpenoid in it to blend some of the edges and to add to rust stains to the un-rusted areas of the roof. Finally, I added some ground graphite to the center of the worst rust areas. It's the same graphite stick used to help

improve connectivity between the rails and wheels of your locomotives that I wrote about a couple of months ago. Simply scrape with an Exacto knife to make a small dust pile, gently tap with your deer foot brush and dap it into the oils on the roof. I probably overdid the last effect on my first one but that's how you learn.

One note on artist oils. If you are working on a tight schedule, you probably don't want to use them. The roof took 5-7 days to dry sitting in a nice warm area next to the furnace.

So, grab an old blue box special from your "collection" and give artist oils and Pan Pastels a try. While all your cars shouldn't look like a rust bucket, a couple of eye-catching ones in the fleet will add to the realism of your trains (especially if you model in the era of railroad downsizing and consolidation). If you have some time to binge-watch some videos, I'd also recommend subscribing to TrainMasters TV for a month or two. In addition to Confalone's series on weathering, there are lots of interesting videos on super detailing, electrical and decoders installations and info, kit building, scenery, airbrushing, and layout tours.



## New Email Group for Division 6 Members

*Jim Ruisinger and Butch Sage*

In an ongoing effort to improve communications within the division, we have established an email group solely for Division 6 members. We encourage you to accept the invitation from [NMRABuckeyeDivision@groups.io](mailto:NMRABuckeyeDivision@groups.io). This will allow members to contact one another and can have a variety of uses. Need help with a modeling project or stuck on layout design or wiring? Is there a show or open house coming up? Send out a message. Is someone sick or hospitalized? Let everyone know with an email message to the group. Has a member (God forbid), passed away? Let the rest of the members know... We're all at or approaching that age where that's a biggie. If there's a last minute change, cancellation, etc. for a division event, you'll find out with an email.

Invitations have been sent out since the end of October, and resent several times. If you haven't received one, check your spam or junk mail folders. If you've not received an invitation at all, it's likely that the NMRA has your email address wrong. That's the list we used to send out the invites.

To subscribe to the group email list, simply send a message

to: [NMRABuckeyeDivision+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:NMRABuckeyeDivision+subscribe@groups.io)

That's all there is to it. You can select whether you want to get each individual email sent to the group or a digest once a week.

There are a few basic ground rules for using the group email.

1. It is not to be used for commercial business purposes.
2. It is not a platform for political or religious rhetoric or hate speech of any kind.
3. It should not be used for jokes that you'd be embarrassed to tell your grandmother. In other words it's gotta be "G" rated.
4. Be courteous and respectful.
5. Please sign your name to any emails you send out.

If you have any questions about this email group and its usage, feel free to contact:

Harry Sage ([hsage3@yahoo.com](mailto:hsage3@yahoo.com)) or

Jim Ruisinger ([Jimbo2490@yahoo.com](mailto:Jimbo2490@yahoo.com))



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## Age of Steam / Dennison Depot Bus Tour

Darrell Logan

During the past years the Division 6 Leadership has put together several different tours and events. The last big tour was the *Age of Steam / Dennison Railroad Museum* this past September. The leadership acting upon the interest level chartered a bus for stops at both locations with a lunch break built in. It is a shame that more Division 6 members did not elect to go. We had not one but two guides. Ted Goodman (member Matt Goodman's dad) was our primary guide at the *Age of Steam*. He was the architect for roundhouse. He was a great tour guide. If you missed his clinic on the roundhouse at an earlier division Meeting (at Marion), you missed a great learning and discussion.

With Mr. Goodman leading the tour, we received a lot of information that would be of little interest to the casual observer. Since Mr. Goodman was our dedicated tour guide, we received an ornate discussion on how and why of building the Roundhouse. He provided a detailed discussion of the type of wood used, and the support of the roundhouse.

We were also given detailed information of each of the engines and their arrival by our second guide, *Age of Steam* employee Bill Goslin. Some of us received an insight about the actions required to store a locomotive in a "Like New" condition. We were also provided with the history and the steps that had occurred after arriving at the roundhouse. Also, a detailed explanation of why some engines were partial restored for display purposes.

When the "normal" tour was over we then explored the Back Shop attached to the roundhouse. We received information about some of the tools required to overhaul a locomotive. In addition, the acquisition of the tools used

was also a great source of information. It also provide an insight on how many required tools used to overhaul and service a locomotive. If you took photographs, they will aid you in the location of equipment and tools, when building your own roundhouse and back shop.

After the roundhouse tour, members boarded the bus and headed to *Dennison Railroad Museum*. Once again we had a dedicated tour guide. As we toured the different areas of the museum, we were able to gather a look into the history of the equipment. We were able to view exhibits and collect a large amount of data about the location and placement of in several different passenger cars.

As the tour progressed, we received an education about the importance of the Dennison Depot during World War II. The number of sandwiches and coffee served alone is a staggering number. We found that a local resident met every train in hopes of seeing his sons on one of the trains. If he was able to catch a glimpse of them, he a very fortunate and proud father. We learned that the "Canteen Service" was never forgotten by those treated with kindness. In fact, one serviceman who passed though kept the bag wrapped around his sandwich. Several years ago, he returned the bag and it is now on display.

An N-Scale layout built to represent the area at the height of its activity is available. It shows the design of the station/depot in its glory during the dark days of World War II.

If you failed to attend the tours with the Division, you did yourself a great disfavor. You should consider taking the tours with the general public to enhance your knowledge of railroad in the Glory Years.



## Election of Division 6 Officers

Jim Ruisinger

It's that time of year for members of Division 6 to select a new Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster. Their two year term of office commences at the 2020 MCR Spring convention. We have, what I believe is a qualified group of candidates to lead us into the next decade. They are:

For:

Superintendent – Matt Goodman

Assistant Superintendent – Dexter Hill

Chief Clerk – Carter Jastram

Paymaster – Jim Borcz

A shortened version of the December issue of the *Super's Signal* will be mailed to each member of the division. This issue will contain the official ballot for the election of Division 6 officers. It will also contain a form to update your email address, or your postal address, or both.





# 28th Midwest Scale Train Show

NEW DATE:

**MARCH 27 & 28** ~~March 20-21~~, 2020

## Manufacturers, Clinics, Operating Layouts, Model Contest

All Scales and Gauges Welcome: N scale to 7/8" scale

### Operating Layouts and Modules:

Large Scale Display

Desk Top Layouts

New for 2020:

N Scale T Trak

Battery and Remote Control Demos  
by Berrett Hill Trains and the On30guy

Live from Boston, Massachusetts, Alan Carroll  
will do demos all day Friday and Saturday on  
how to rework plastic locomotives

### CLINICS

by top area and  
regional modelers  
all day Friday and  
Saturday

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Top area  
and regional  
manufacturers and vendors

Only at:

### SALEM CENTERPLEX

1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460

[www.salemcommunitycenter.com](http://www.salemcommunitycenter.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Salem-Community-Centerplex/833500220089734>

<http://www.portlandlocomotiveworks.com/events/28th-annual-midwest-narrow-gauge-show/>

### Food by Linda's Home Cooking



### SHOW TIMES

Friday: 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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# The *Northern Express*: MCR Regional Convention 2021

**Save the Dates: May 20-23, 2021**



## The Ambassador Center:

I-90 Exit 24 – 7794 Peach Street, Erie, Pennsylvania

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clinics                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Prototype and Industrial Tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contests                              | <input type="checkbox"/> General Interest Tours         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Model Railroads on Display            | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-rail Activities            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ops-Sessions                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Model Railroad Tours                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Night Banquet         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company Store and White Elephant Sale |   |



**In the Area:** Roscoe Historic Village on the west side of the river and north of Chestnut Street and Canal Boat ride north on Route 36.

**Directions A.M.R.E.C.:** East on Route 16, passed Conesville. Route 16 then turns north paralleling the Muskingum River. East on Chestnut Street, also known as Restaurant Row, south on 7th Street. The entrance to the Coshocton County Fairgrounds is at the south-east of the intersection of 7th and Orange Street. A.M.R.E.C. is the large building with a Nickel Plate Caboose and a signal in front. Parking is across the street from the building.

We will be running DCC and guests are welcome to bring equipment to operate on the layout. What we do ask tho is to let us check to insure the wheels are in gauge and coupler height is correct. The newer stuff today is usually correct and we have found very few cases where the locos and cars are off.

Thanks

Roger Beighley

