

# Super's Signal

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## Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Well, here we are once again, time for my update on the happenings of the Buckeye Division. As we head into the New Year I can look back at what we have done and where we are going. This past year has seen a couple of big things come about. We have been able to get our T-TRAK program up and running. We used them for both our Membership efforts as well as the MCR Convention layout. I think we need to thank a former division member Rich Hartley for his persistence in getting this program started. Let's work to keeping it up. Terry Bacus took over for Rich this past year when Rich moved out of the division. I know that Terry is looking at growing this program in the future. If anyone wants to get on board (haha) get with Terry and find out how much fun this can be.

The biggest thing that we have done this year is to get the Swap Meet up and running. I want to thank everyone who helped. This is going to become an annual event and the date is set for this year. We are putting some changes into the show from what we learned this past time and it will make it even better. A new flyer will appear in the electronic version of the Signal. It has updated information.

As everyone will be getting this issue due to it being printed I would like to point out a couple of things. First, there is a ballot for Division 6 Officers. Although they are all running unopposed please take the time to fill out and send in your ballot. This will give us a look at how many really looked at the Signal. Second, there is info on updating your email address if needed. We use the address to get important info out to the membership. This could include up to date meeting info such as cancellation

**Super's Signal Deadline**  
16 January

## 12 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

of a meeting, a venue or date change. We have tried to do as much as we can to be able to contact the membership but if we don't have the best way to contact you we can't do it.

We need to recognize Mike Wolfe for becoming our newest Master Model Railroader. Our division has always been well represented in the ranks of the Masters. Mike continues this tradition. I want to challenge the membership in keeping this up. Anyone of us including myself can meet this goal. I have seen the work done by many of you and it is in line with obtaining the needed points toward this. Many of you have also put in the needed time for volunteer or official. Remember all you need is to do the paperwork. Get with Dick Briggs and see where you stand. Dick has worked very hard to keep our AP up to date. Also, I would like to challenge the MMR's in the division to work with the members and help them to meet the goal of MMR.

I would like to thank the

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**Clerk's Report**

Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk

Reported by Harry Sage

**Minutes for the Division 6,  
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.  
Meeting for 15 December  
Associated Model Railroad Engineers of Coshocton  
Coshocton**

**Division 6 Officers in Attendance:**

Superintendent	Greg Short
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf, MMR

**Division 6 Chairpersons Present:**

Company Store	Greg Short
Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Division 6 Email Group	Jim Ruisinger
Inspector of Elections	Harry "Butch" Sage
Media	Matt Goodman
Membership	Matt Goodman
Raffle	Harry "Butch" Sage
Super's Signal Publisher	Don Wilke
Train Show	Greg Short
Web Master	Don Wilke

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

Thanks to Associated Model Railroad Engineers of Coshocton, AMREC, 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. No Report. Greg said we still had money.

**Web Master Report:** Don Wilke. Don stated he was hard at work on changes and updates to the web site due to changes in computer program used to update the web site.

**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt noted there has been a slight up tick in the number of division members. Additional information is contained in the current *Super's Signal*.

**Division 6 Email Report:** Jim Ruisinger. Jim stated that we had completed the move from Yahoo to Group.io. This was done due to the recent cutback of options available on Yahoo Groups. He stated that messages had been sent to all members on the division's email list, but the response has been minimal. He also stated that instructions for joining the Group.io group would be in the January *Super's Signal*.

**Old Business:**

**Division 6 Elections:** Greg Short. To follow up on the November meeting, Superintendent Short called for any division member who was interested in running for Division 6 office to present their petitions. No petitions being presented, he called for a motion to close the nominations. The motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

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

**Super's Signal, Printed Version:** Greg Short. Greg announced that an abbreviated edition of the *Super's Signal*, which will contain a mail ballot, and 2020 meeting and contest schedule among other items, will be mailed to all members. The complete *Super's Signal* will be available on-line as usual.

**Upcoming Division 6 Meetings:**

January 12th, Columbus Hilltop Library;  
February 9th, Columbus Southeast Library;  
March 8th, Smoke Stack Hobbies;  
March 19th, Zanesville Club.

**Bus Trips:** There was a long discussion about the continuance of bus trips. This was prompted by the low level of participation on the recent trips.

**Name Tags:** It was noted that new name tags have been printed and Greg Short has them.

**NMRA Membership Booth:** NMRA National has asked/strongly requested that Division 6 host the NMRA membership booth at the upcoming *World's Greatest Hobby Show* at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. This includes a Friday set-up, manning the booth on Saturday and Sunday during open hours, and Sunday tear-down packing up. Mike Wolf and Matt Goodman are looking for volunteers to man shifts.

**Club Reports:**

There were no club reports.

**Raffle:**

Only one member, Greg Short, bought any raffle tickets. He won the raffle.

**Contests:**

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

The January division meeting's contest will be "Open Freight Car WITH Load."

**Good of the Order:**

**The Great Train Show:** Will be on 4 and 5 January 2020 in Columbus.

**Next Division Meeting:** 12 January at the Columbus Hilltop Library at our regular time.

**Super's Signal:** The deadline for the next *Super's Signal* is this Thursday.

**Attendance Post Cards:** The "Post Card" drawing was held. The winner was Connie Frazee. She won a G-Scale B&O Royal Blue passenger train, which was donated to the division by Howard Smith's family.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

**Clinic:**

Following the meeting, Roger Beigley presented a slide show.

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members of the Coshocton Club for their hospitality and for hosting our last meeting. We had a good time getting some of our members out onto the rails and running on one of the finer running model railroads around. Even being a member of the club I am still amazed by how well that layout runs.

I have the schedule set for the first half of the year so pay close attention to the web for the meeting

schedule. Also in line with that Jimmy has set the schedule for the contest. The topics are set and are listed on the website for reference.

Well, that's about all from me for now so Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2020.

Happy Modeling

Greg



### Division 6 – 2020 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
4-5 Jan	Great American Train	Fairgrounds	Columbus
12 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load	Columbus
16 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>South-East Library</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Contest: Non-Revenue Car	Columbus
14 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 March	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Smoke Stack Hobbies</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive	Lancaster
12 Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
19 Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zanesville Club</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Contest: Line-Side Railroad Structure	Zanesville
23 Apr	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
2-5 May	MCR Convention	Contest: Modeler's Choice	Pittsburgh, Pa
Jun (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Marion Union Station</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Contest: Modeler's Choice	Marion
Jun	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
17 Aug (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Model Contest: Thumbz (Humorous Whimsical stuff) Photo Contest: Railroad Derelicts / Wrecks	TBD
Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Sep	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Model Contest: Steam Locomotive with Caboose Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive	TBD
Sep	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Oct	<b>Division 6 Swap Meet</b>	Business Meeting: <b>NONE</b> Clinic: <b>NONE</b> Contest: <b>NONE</b>	Cambridge
Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: COMRC Clinic: TBA Contest: Closed Freight Car	TBD
Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Clinic: TBA Contest: Passenger Car	TBD
Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline	<i>Election Issue</i>	



## Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

### Contest Re-Cap December 2019 at A.M.R.E.C., Coshocton

Our final meeting of the year took us to the A.M.R.E.C. Club over in Coshocton. The turnout of entries for our last meeting of 2019 was rather modest but did have some interesting models and photos. We had four very nice models and 6 great photos.

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our January meeting on the 12th at the Hill Top branch of the Columbus Public Library. Our subject matter for both the model photo categories will be "Open Freight Car w/Load". Please remember to bring a piece of track to set your model on. It makes 'em display better! Photos should be your own work and printed on good quality photo paper.

The cumulative point totals for Modeler of the Year and Photographer of the Year appear elsewhere in the *Signal*. It was a year-long see-saw battle that came right down to the wire. There were no runaways! In 2019, we had a total of 33 different members enter our contests.

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

Elsewhere in the *Signal* is the Contest subject lineup for next year. 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 our .io email group. Advice, sign up for the groups.io email list.

Direct any questions to Contest Chairman, Jim Ruisinger.

### Model Subject: Passenger Cars

1st Place – Mike Wolf, PRR 60' Hvy Weight "Whistle Stop Campaign" Observation car

2nd Place – Patrick Hreachmack, Ohio State Diner

3rd Place – Howdy Lamprecht, Olive Grove Lumber Co., Business Car

### Photo Subject: Passenger Car

1st Place – Matt Goodman, PRR Passenger Car in crowded museum

2nd Place – Matt Goodman, Golden Spike Ceremony exhibit, Ogden, Utah

3rd Place – Don Wilke, Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Baily coach



1st Place Photo – Matt Goodman  
PRR Passenger Car in crowded museum



1st Place Model – Mike Wolf  
PRR 60' Heavy Weight "Whistle Stop Campaign" Observation Car

## Contest Point Summary September 2019

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

### Modeler

Pat Hreachmack	??	Al Doddroe	1
Mike Wolf	??	Bob Doerflein	1
Howdy Lamprecht	13	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	21	Nancy Hartley	3
Don Wilke	15	Dave Richter	2
Mike Wolf	13	Bill Alarie	1
Peggy Doerflein	8	Ken Beamer	1
Eric Porch	7	Darrell Logan	1
Scott Brown	3	Keith Yantes	1

**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.

### Tool Tip - Mixing and Storing Small Paint Quantities

Matt Goodman

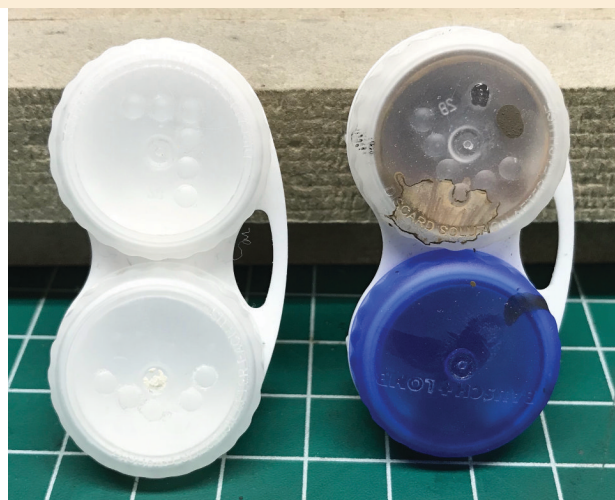
Occasionally I need a small amount of some custom paint color for a touch up or other minor paint project. A water bottle cap or some other small open container works well for mixing small paint quantities, but limits the work time before the paint starts setting up. This is especially an issue with small quantities since the surface area of the paint is so large compared to the entire mix.

One solution is to mix a very small amount, just enough for the immediate work needed. This presents it's own problems - namely getting the same mix of paint for each very small batch. What I needed was something of modest capacity, which was easy to mix paints in. Something sealable for short-term storage.

Like most people, I first look around the house for a solution to a modeling problem. Since I am a contact lens wearer, the solution turned up pretty quickly - contact lens storage cases. Contact lens cases seal well, so the paint will "keep" for a long time. The case opening is large for its capacity, and the bottom of the well is hemispherical. Both are perfect for mixing and cleanup.

My preferred cases are Bausch & Lomb's "Sight Savers Contact Lens Cases". These cases have a translucent lid (one clear, one colored). Handy for identifying particular color mixes without having to open the lid (especially on the clear side). I've had water-based paints stay useful for several weeks in these small containers. But I prefer to clean them out after a couple of days (the water will keep for months, but the paint will settle and set up). I haven't used these for solvent-based paints, though I would guess they would keep for the same length of time.

Bausch & Lomb Sight Saver contact lens cases are about \$7 for a three-pack (six "wells") and are available everywhere.



Translucent lids make it easy to see the stored color - especially clear lids  
Photo by Matt Goodman



Lens case capacity is perfect for small batches of custom color or washes. Caps allow for short-medium term storage  
Photo by Matt Goodman



## Membership End of the Month Report November 2019

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

### Summary/Comments

Our membership count increased by two this month, following two successive months of membership decreases. Last month I noted the following about the decline:

“...This trailing trend mirrors last year, and if that trend-mirroring continues, we should see a gradual rise through early spring.”

So far, that prediction of an increase is correct – we’ll see if it holds through spring!

We had one new member join us in November. He is a RailPass member from Bellville, Ohio, on the northern

edge of Division 6. Perhaps he talked to a volunteer at our membership table at Cambridge? We also had four renewals, with twenty-one more pending in the next couple of months. See the “Boilerplate” section for details on finding out if you are one of them. Reach out to me if you have questions.

I’m writing this just after Thanksgiving, the weekend of the “Big Game” and completion of a re-wiring project on my Circleville circuit. It was an excellent start to the holiday season on all counts. I hope yours was equally satisfactory!

Happy Holidays!

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

November	169	November '18	173
October	167	October '18	172
September	170	September '18	174
August	171	August '18	175

**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 **twenty-one** memberships expiring in November, December and January.

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

We had **four** 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](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:

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## Book Review

### Model Railroading as Art

Matt Goodman

Lance Mindheim has written the book *Model Railroading as Art*. Lance is a well-known blogger and proponent of small shelf layouts. He has four books on planning, designing, building, and operating switching layouts. His new book diverges from planning, at least in a direct sense, and instead focuses on artistic elements of layout design.

Lance states in the introduction that the goal of the book is to “open the possibility that model railroading can be a form of art”. It can be satisfying to view reality in miniature – even if nothing is moving. In my own words, his goal is to give modelers the tools and some techniques to design scenes that are more likely to provide viewing satisfaction.

He argues that rivet-for-rivet accuracy or painting a model a “correct” color by themselves may not lead to a visually satisfying result. Instead, understanding how to use color strategically, understanding space (including “empty space”), and how to put the elements (buildings, trees, track) of a scene together will give the modeler a better chance of achieving a pleasing result.

The rest of the book provides the tools to accomplish good scene composition, space, and color usage. Picking a message or theme that will drive those things.

The color section covers about 40 pages, space usage, and scene composition cover another 40 pages. The book closes with shorter sections on backdrops (including depth

compression), vegetation and pavement modeling, and model photography.

It’s not all philosophy and artistic concepts, though. Parts of the book delve into specific methods as Lance practices them. Methods that reinforce his overall color usage and scene composition messages.

Several sections or ideas in the book resonated with me. Some of his themes had been percolating in my brain-box, though I didn’t have the words or context to express them. For example, there was an area of Circleville that was bothering me, but I couldn’t say why. In retrospect, the area was too busy. I had positioned an element, a coal dealer, in the correct place but didn’t “feel” right. Lance’s championing of “negative” space (i.e., empty lots between buildings) for scene composition provided the missing ideas. That let me see the problem, and gave me “permission” to remove an industry with which I had been struggling. Circleville is now a bit looser, and I am satisfied with the result.

That is one example, but there were many more that had a smaller or less immediate impact on the way I think about my layout. This book is worth a look. Especially if you are in the design phase of a layout or module, or are starting to think about color or weathering of an existing structure.

### 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))



## **Modeling Tip** **Using Acrylic Washes in Weathering**

*Mike Wolf, MMR*

Last month, I described my new favorite weathering wash using artist's oils. This month, I'll give equal time to those of you who like using acrylic paints. Full disclosure, most of this information comes from Joe Fugate's article in the November 2019 *Model Railroad Hobbyist* magazine. It was in the Running Extra section so those only getting the free version would have missed out on it.

Several paint manufacturers have added a "wash" line to their acrylic paint offerings. While I'm sure they are fine products, the frugal bones in my body say, "why am I paying for watered down paint?" This same mindset leads me to make my own scenic cement by buying a gallon of Elmer's white glue and mixing it with water (but that is another column).

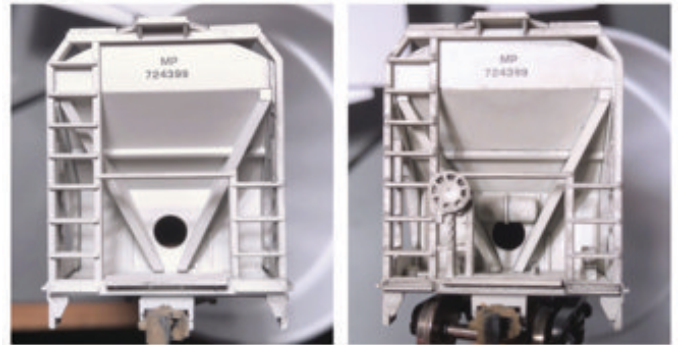
One of the drawbacks of acrylic paints is the tendency to bead up. The issue is the surface tension of the solution. For scenery, most folks use a couple of drops of detergent or alcohol to reduce the surface tension. Oh, the isopropyl kind of alcohol, *not* the good stuff from the liquor cabinet. In his article, Joe advocates using Armor All Auto Glass Cleaner as his go-to thinner for acrylic paints. While I haven't tried that, he reports that it still has a tendency to bead up when thinned enough to serve as a wash. His "ah-hah" moment was trying Jet Dry Rinse Aid (the blue bottle of stuff you add to the dishwasher to avoid water spots).

He found that 1 part Jet Dry to 25 parts glass cleaner works best (1/4 teaspoon per ounce). To make the wash, I add one drop of Vallejo Model Air black acrylic paint to a quarter teaspoon of thinner (or 24 drops of paint per ounce of thinner).

I'm gonna stick with my black artist oil and Turpentine for now. But if you're an acrylic paint enthusiast, give it a try. Then let us know how the black (or another color) wash works with your weathering efforts.



*Photo by: Mike Wolf*



2. On the left you can see the A end of a light gray hopper car without any black shadow wash. On the right, the B end with a Jet Dry + Armor All black wash.

*Photo by: Mike Wolf*

## **If We Haven't Seen You in Awhile!**

*Membership and Retention Committee*

Happy end of 2019, everyone! This past year (and a bit more), Division 6 created the Membership Retention and Recruitment Committee. Its mandate is to improve outreach to model railroaders in our area who aren't members of the NMRA. Also to improve our meeting programming for those who come to meetings.

But how about those of you who are current members of the NMRA that haven't been to a division meeting in a while (or ever)?

If you match that last description, we would love to see you in 2020. Our meetings are, in my opinion, the best

place to meet others who share your model railroading interests but don't run in your usual hobby circles. So whether you are an operator, an RPMer, a collector, or [insert other-hobby-niche here], stop by. We need your talent, your conversation, and your ideas in person to make your division better.

And when you come, bring a model or photo that matches the theme of the meeting. They make great ice breakers. We'll even give you a name tag! Meeting details are elsewhere in this newsletter, and on our website:

[https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/Welcome\\_Page.html](https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/Welcome_Page.html)

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Election of Division 6 Officers	Jim Ruisinger	Dec	Membership
Scioto Valley Railroad - Design and Construction	Matt Goodman	Feb	Model Railroad
Scenes From the Kokosing Club	Don Wilke	Jun	Model Railroad
Div 6 Visits The Crusty Mountain and Wiloby Springs Railroad	Matt Goodman	Oct	Model Railroad
Model Railroad Week at COSI	David W Richter	Dec	Model Railroad
3D Printing Clinic Follow Up	Mike Wolf	Feb	Modeling Tip
Multiple uses for Pledge Floor Gloss (formally known as Future Floor Wax)	Mike Wolf	Mar	Modeling Tip
Improving Atlas type Phone Poles	Richard Hartley	Apr	Modeling Tip
Using Surface Mounted Light Emitting Diodes for Lighting	Mike Wolf	Jun	Modeling Tip
Building a T-Trak Module From a Kit	Richard Hartley	Jun	Modeling Tip
Building & Detailing Ideas	Darrell Logan	Jun	Modeling Tip
Car Weathering Techniques	Mike Wolf	Dec	Modeling Tip
TruColor Paint	Mike Wolf	Apr	Product Review
Decoder Buddy	Mike Wolf	Oct	Product Review
Why I Model Steam	Matt Goodman	Mar	Prototype
Chasing BigBoy #4014 & Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental RR	Matt Goodman	Nov	Prototype
Division 6 T-TRAK Modules Give Away	Richard Hartley	Feb/Mar	T-TRAK
T-TRAK Module Corner	Richard Hartley	Mar	T-TRAK
T-TRAK Will be at The Ohio N-Scale Weekend	Richard Hartley	Jun	T-TRAK
Work Cart Tool Tip	Matt Goodman	Dec	Tool Tip
Tamiya Model Cleaning Brush	Matt Goodman	Dec	Tool Tip
Age of Steam/Dennison Depot Bus Tour Summary	Darrell Logan	Dec	Tour

### Did You Know?

Don Wilke, Publisher

Did you know that the last decade of the *Super's Signal* are available on the Division 6 Archive Web Site?

No? They are available at: <https://archive.div6-mcr-hmra.org/Signal.html>

So you can find the articles listed above by going to the division web site and finding the correct month.

Did you know that the last decade of the division contest winners are available on the Division 6 Archive Web Site?

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# 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:

Gary Kohler, P.O. Box 133, Washingtonville, OH 44490-0133

330-719-0264    m2fq@aol.com



# 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 |   |



## 2020 Election of Division 6 Officers Ballot

Harry Sage

### Division 6 Officer Candidates

#### Superintendent

☐ Matt Goodman

#### Assistant Superintendent

☐ Dexter Hill

#### Clerk

☐ Carter Jastram

#### Master

☐ Jim Borcz

**VOID**

Please vote for no more than one of the listed candidates for each office. All Division 6 Officers will serve for a two-year term starting at the Mid Central Region Convention.

Every voting member of Division 6 should receive this copy of *The Super's Signal*. Some households will receive more than one copy of *The Super's Signal*, one for each voting member.

The Officer Election Ballots must be handed to Harry Sage, Inspector of Elections, by the 8th of March at the Lancaster meeting or postmarked by the 1st of March and mail to:

Division 6 Inspector of Elections  
c/o Harry Sage  
2756 Counhty Line Road  
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

The only Official Division 6 Election Ballot is printed in the MAILED copy of the *Super's Signal* and MUST have your address on the reverse side when it is submitted it.

## Division 6 Mailing List Update

Membership and Retention Committee

Past issues of the *Super's Signal* are available online at: <https://archive.div6-mcr-nmra.org/Signal.html>

The Division 6 *Super's Signal* is published ten times a year on the internet at the above address. Printed and mailed copies of the *Super's Signal* became too expensive to publish each issue. We haven't mailed copies for a few years. It was decided to print and mail this copy of the *Super's Signal* to each division member to allow you to update your postal address and/or e-mail address, and to allow you to vote for the division members running to Division 6 Officer. No write-in candidates are allowed by state law.

To update your mailing address, enclose the following information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

To updae your email address, enclose the following information.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

You can either send Matt Goodman, Division 6 Membership Chair, the information by a postal mail or by an email.

Either mail the information to:

Division 6 Membership Chair  
c/o Matt Goodman  
130 South Algonquin Ave  
Columbus Ohio 43204

Or E-Mail the information to:

[MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org](mailto:MembershipChair@div6-mcr-nmra.org)

Georgesville Rd.

West Broad St.

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NS (CCC&StL)

Hollywood Casino

CCRA (CCC&StL)

Sullivant Ave.

South Wilson Rd.

South Hague Ave.

Hilltop Library  
511 South Hague Ave.

Camp Chase Cemetery

Sullivant Ave.

West Broad St.

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Wicklow Rd.

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Hilltop Library

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## *Age of Steam / Dennison Deport Bus Tour*

*Darrell Logan*

## *Election of Division 6 Officers*

*Jim Ruisinger*

