# Super's Signal

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

### Superintendent's Report Greg Short, Division 6 Super

Well, here we are another report for the Signal. Some of you will find this hard to believe but I am finding it harder and harder to find things to say and keep my report fresh and up to date. Maybe because it is winter and we don't have a lot going on. Even though we have been really lucky with the winter weather this year. I do hope that everyone has been getting thru the season without getting some of the illness that has been going around. I have not been that lucky. It appears the flu shot that I got along with most everyone else did not cover the strain of the virus that has been affecting us this year. I hope none of you get the flu as it sucks and hangs on for weeks. It seemed like we passed it around the office at work and all of us had to take time off to recover. I even felt so bad that I didn't even take the opportunity of some time off to do

some modeling as I just felt so bad.

So, we had our meeting over the weekend and I was pleased to see the turnout. We didn't have much

business as you can see in the clerk's report. Just a couple of things I want to elaborate on. One is I have decided to change the name of the Swap Meet to Train Show. This is being done at the request of some of the membership. The train show name will attract a more diverse crowd and I am for that. When we brought the show back I wanted to make members feel that they could show up and get a table on the day of the show. They could sell any of their collections they wanted. With this, I am still going to hold a small number of tables at the show. I know that sometimes it is a timing thing for folks. Maybe committing to a table or tables weeks or months in advance does not work for them. I am also working on the show to hopefully get a couple

### 8 March The Smoke Stack Hobby Shop, 368 Lincoln Avenue, Lancaster

1:00: Smoke Stack Hobbies 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: Wiring & Automation William Morgan
Model Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive
Photography Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive

of layouts there. Just remember to pass the work, a small group is working at getting flyers out but word of mouth is a great tool also. Along with this is

please remember that several train shows are coming up. Bruce is looking for volunteers to work at our table. Also, Don should be getting a

link up on the website to a very big list of shows put together by The Grand River Valley Railroad Club. This list has around a hundred shows listed for the year so far, including ours.

Another item that I want to pass on is an effort to get another project car produced. As most should know the division does not have an income. To have funds for needed things like paper, postage, awards, and other items we need to do projects. Now our last couple we did do well in that we moved quite a lot of both. I am speaking of the Midland Station and the Buckeye Steel gon. It also helped that we used one for the last convention that we held. The big thing I have

noticed with any type of car we

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Non-Credited Photos by Donald Wilke

**Clerk's Report** Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk & Carter Jastram (Clerk Nominee)

Minutes for the Division 6. Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Meeting for February 9, 2020 at Columbus Library. SE Branch, Groveport

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent, at 2:05 p.m.

### **Division 6 Officers in Attendance:**

Superintendent Assistant Superintendent Clerk PayMaster Director

Director

#### **Division 6 Chairpersons Present:**

**Company Store** Contest .IOGroup Inspector of Elections Media Membership Membership Retention Raffle Super's Signal Publisher Train Show Web Master

Greg Short Judy Logan Pat Hreachmack Dexter Hill Don Wilke Mike Wolf, MMR

Greg Short Jim Ruisinger Jim Ruisinger Harry "Butch" Sage Matt Goodman Matt Goodman Bruce McDonald Harry "Butch" Sage Don Wilke Greg Short Don Wilke

The Division 6 Business Meeting was called to order by Greg Short, Division 6 Superintendent at 2:00 p.m.

### Welcome Guests and New Members:

Division 6 welcomed new member Steve Hurt.

### **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. Checks will be mailed to those who assembled T-TRAK modules for the Mid Central Convention.

Programs Report: Greg Short. Division 6 meetings are covered through June. Greg will continue putting together plans for future meetings.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. No new information was provided.

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. For train show (aka swap meet) information, see the Timetable on the division website.

Web Master Report: Don Wilke. No new information was provided.

Media Report: Matt Goodman. No new information was The Clerk's Report provided. Continued on page 3.

#### Continued: The Clerk's Report

**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. We have 168 division members, a 2% increase. We've had two Re-rails, one Railpass (Plain City) and one new member, Kenny McDonald (Westerville).

**Company Store:** Greg Short. We are essentially out of stuff to sell. There are only four kits left. Division 6 could consider a custom run by Bowser of the Ohio Central 70-ton covered hopper. Six were actually built and were to be used by the Ohio Central Railroad to haul sand. At least one is still at Age of Steam Roundhouse.

**Groups.io:** Jim Ruisinger. There are 70 division members on the new email list. Groups.io includes a calendar on which could be placed all sorts of scheduled events. Give information to Matt Goodman or Jim Ruisinger for this and for the Facebook page and calendar.

### **Old Business:**

**Division 6 Elections Ballots:** Greg Short. Your ballot may be mailed to Butch Sage, Inspector of Elections, postmarked prior to 1 March. Note, you must send in the printed ballot WITH your name and address on the original mailing label on the reverse side or your ballot will not be counted. Or you may bring your ballot to the 8 March meeting in Lancaster and give it to Butch BEFORE the meeting beginnings.

**Name Tags:** Greg Short. Greg has name tags for those without.

**Model Train Auction:** Greg Short. Apple Tree Auctions in Newark will hold its second auction on February 13 of over 75 lots from a model railroader who bought at least one of everything in sight.

#### **New Business:**

**Division Project:** Greg Short. Greg suggested we arrange with Bowser to create and sell models of the Ohio Central 70-ton hopper cars. We need photos, at least, of the hoppers for Bowser to be able to do that. Our sale price would be about \$24.

**Lancaster Train Show:** Bruce McDonald. The Lancaster Train Show will be March 28 (Saturday), 8:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. We are looking for six (6) volunteers, three each for 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. and for 11:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. A signup sheet was placed on a side table. Four depot kits remain, at \$15 each.

### **Awarded Certificates:**

Jim Ruisinger. The certificates for the awards given out last month were distributed to Eric Porcz, Don Wilke, Matt Goodman, Richard Matejovic, Peggy Doerflein and Pat Hreachmack.

Congratulations to all winners! Let's keep those contests moving forward!

### **Club Reports:**

There were no club reports.

### **Raffle:**

Butch Sage. Chance (or strategic ticket buying) has favored Howdy Lamprecht, Bruce McDonald and Greg Short. The tools assortment will be offered again next month, and the special raffle item of a CSX GP40 still has 10 tickets to be sold.

### **Contests:**

Models:

**3rd Place:** Darrell Logan, wrecking crane.

2nd Place: Steve Hurt, scratchbuilt shop truck.

1st Place: Steve Hurt, another scratchbuilt shop truck.

**Photos:** 

3rd Place: Bruce McDonald, CSX rail truck on diamond.

2nd Place: Don Wilke, NS Side ballast remover.

1st Place: Matt Goodman, overhead of big hook.

### Additional Announcements and Upcoming Shows:

Mount Hope show, Sunday, Feb. 29. Rich M9 will be there and will promote the Cambridge Show in October. He will also attend a Train & Craft Show in St. Alban's, WV, Feb. 22 & 23, in the Charleston area, 2 hours from Cambridge.

A meeting of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) will be held at Fort Hayes on Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. (Info from email: This event is called BLIZZCON 47, IPMS Columbus Model Show.)

T-TRAK meetings are held on Sunday afternoons at Hobbyland, Graceland. In May, Hobbyland will relocate to 3313 N. High St., just south of North Broadway. This is the old photo shop location and will effectively double the floor space for Hobbyland. Owner Andrew Pees has indicated that a model railroad operation could be established in the lower level.

### Good of the Order:

**Next Division Meetings:** The March Meeting will be at the Smoke Stack Hobby Shop in Lancaster and the contest will be Diesel and Electric Locomotives (i.e., non-steam, non-compressed-air).

The April Meeting will be at the Zanesville Club and the contest will be Line-Side Structures.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

### Clinic:

Quick Weathering by Mike Wolf and Weathering Methods for Plain Bearing Trucks by Matt Goodman.

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do it needs to be able to cross over to several eras of railroading. We do not all model the same era. Doing a wood boxcar will not appeal to the folks modeling the late diesel era. And a 50-foot railbox type car will not work for those modeling the steam era. So, after some searching, I have found one that can transcend numerous eras and still be affordable to do. With that, I am proposing a Bowser 70 ton covered hopper decorated for Ohio Central. Now we still need to work out a lot of the details. I will have something in the next couple of months.

On to more of the meeting. We had some new folks there as well as some we have not seen in a while. And although I did not get to speak to all of them, so Welcome to Division 6. We had a great turnout for the contest, some great models. I liked the large scale MOW trucks, super models so check them out on the contest page. Also, we had a little confusion about the subject of the contest. Please be aware that the contest schedule on the website is what we are following. I am going to fix any issues that we had over this.

Mike Wolf. MMR, and Matt Goodman both did clinics on weathering. Both clinics complimented each other. Mike's was on general weathering of rolling stock and structures. Matt's was more specific on weathering freight and passenger car trucks. I think that we need to begin videoing the clinics and adding them to the website, anyone want to take this on? If so let me know and we can see what it will take to make it happen.

I am working on the schedule for the rest of the year. The schedule is complete to the June meeting at Marion. If anyone has a specific place to visit or hold and meeting let me know. I have already had a couple of suggestions and the details are being worked out.

Well, that's about all for now.

### Happy Modeling – Greg



# Membership Chair Opportunity

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

I will soon be moving on to other responsibilities in Division 6. I need to relinquish the chokehold I've held on the Membership Chair position. I am, thus, looking for someone interested in applying their chokehold on the position.

If you're interested in getting more involved with the division, this is a fun place to start. It's where I began, so newbies - like I was - are welcome (and encouraged!). The work is not overly time-consuming; I spend 1-2 hours per month for regular tasks. You might be faster. And, of course, anyone who takes the job will get plenty of support from me, if you need it. I won't leave you on an island.

What's involved, you ask? Monthly tasks:

- Update the division's roster. The roster is spreadsheet-based, so it requires some level of comfort with Excel. I store the file in Dropbox for backup and sharing purposes. The update process is partly automated and takes about 15-30 minutes.
- Create a mail merge in MS Word for the postcard labels. The mail merge uses the spreadsheet as the source, making it mostly automated. I store the file in Dropbox until needed for Postcards. 10 minutes.

- Send welcome emails to new members. 0-30 minutes.
- Update the MailChimp mailing list used for *Super's Signal* notifications. 10 minutes.
- Write a membership report for the *Super's Signal*. This takes as long as you want, but generally about 20 minutes.
- There is occasional ad hoc work that comes from members (questions or updates), from other committees, officers, or other sources.

Like many roles in Division 6, this one is flexible enough to make it your own. I've been doing this for around six years, and have tweaked it quite a bit since I took over. I'm sure that whoever takes it on will (I hope!) find many ways to improve it even further.

If you're interested or have questions, contact me at the following address – and thanks!

mgoodman312@icloud.com

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>Static Grass Applicator</i> , Darrell Logan & Rich M9 Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load	Columbus		
16 Jan	Super's Signal Deadline				
9 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: South–East Library Clinic: Weathering Cars, Matt Goodman & Mike Wolf Contest: Non-Revenue Car	Groveport		
14 Feb	Super's Signal Deadline				
8 March	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Smoke Stack Hobbies</i> Clinic: <i>Wiring &amp; Automation</i> , William Morgan Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive	Lancaster		
12 Mar	Super's Signal Deadline				
19 Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zanesville Club</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Contest: Line-Side Railroad Structure	Zanesville		
23 Apr	Super's Signal Deadline				
28–31 May	MCR Convention	Contest: Modeler's Choice	Pittsburgh, Pa		
20 Jun ( <mark>Saturday</mark> )	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station Clinic: DCC++, Richard Matejovic; Weathering with Powder, Patrick Hreachmack; Super Detailing a Bowser Loco Kit, Mike Wolf (MRR); TBD Contest: Favorite Train	Marion		
25 Jun	Super's Signal Deadline				
Aug	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	Super's Signal 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	Super's Signal Deadline				
Oct	Division 6 Train Show	Business Meeting: NONE Clinic: NONE Contest: NONE	Cambridge		
Oct	Super's Signal Deadline				
Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: TBA Contest: Closed Freight Car	TBD		
Nov	Super's Signal Deadline	_			
Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: TBD Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Contest: Passenger Car	TBD		
Dec	Super's Signal Deadline	Election Issue			

### Contest Report Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

### Contest Re-Cap February 2020 at the Columbus Southeast Library

Division meeting number two is now behind us and we seem to be off and running full speed. Once again, we had an excellent turnout of model entries along with a nice number of photos. There was plenty to look at including some rather unusual entries making for some head scratchin' and thinkin' on what to vote for.

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our March meeting on the 8th at the Smoke Stack Hobbies in Lancaster. Our subject matter for Lancaster in both the Model and Photo categories will be "Diesel, Diesel Electric, Electric Locomotives" (basically non-steam). 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 and Photographer of the Year will start appearing in the *Super's Signal* beginning after the March Division 6 Meeting. Also please make note that for our June meeting in Marion, the contest subject will be favorite train for both model and photo.

Direct any questions to: Contest Chairman, Jim Ruisinger. Model Subject: M.O.W. and Non-Revenue Car 1st Place – Steve Hurt, GMC Rail Maintenance Truck. 2nd Place – Steve Hurt, White/Kline Re-railer Truck. 3rd Place – Darrell Logan, Wrecking Crane and Boom Tender.

Photo Subject: M.O.W. and Non-Revenue Car 1st Place – Matt Goodman, Big Hook at Altoona, PA. 2nd Place – Don Wilke, NS Ballast Recycler.

3rd Place – Bruce McDonald, CSX Rail Truck at Marion.



1st Place Photo – Matt Goodman Big Hook at Altoona, PA



1st Place Model – Steve Hurt GMC Rail Maintenance Truck

### Membership End of the Month Report January 2020

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair

### Summary/Comments

We've had four new or returning members since my last report. Two of those were brand-new and two were rerails. What is a re-rail? If someone who was previously a member remains off the roster long enough, the NMRA moves their membership to an "inactive" status. If that person subsequently re-joins, they are moved back to the active list and are considered re-railed. Now, if a former member remains inactive for a really long time (I have no idea how long), their information is eventually purged – if that person subsequently rejoins, they are then considered a "new" member.

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

January '20	168	January '19	179
December '19	165	December '18	176
November '19	169	November '18	173
October '19	167	October '18	172

**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 **sixteen** memberships expiring in January, February and March.

### New Members, Renewals and Re-Rails

(returning lapsed members)

We had **20** renewals in December and January. Send your checks in!. Our re-rails are from Centerburg and Coshocton, while our new members are from Plain City and Zanesville.

Our membership numbers are otherwise tracking last year's trend – creeping up through the early spring.

On a final note, I'm looking for someone who would be interested in taking the reins of the Membership Chair. See elsewhere in the Signal for more information. It's a good way to get involved that is not overly time-intensive! And it also qualifies as service towards the NMRA Achievement Program as an Association Volunteer.

### 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: <u>mmrahq@aol.com</u>

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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Don't Just Belong, Partícípate!!

### Clinic Followup Using Pan Pastel and Rust Effects Mike Wolf, MMR

Soft

PANPASTEL

As a follow up to my February clinic on quick weathering techniques, here are some of the products I discussed (and sources for them).

The Pan Pastels (and part number) used in my clinic included:

Raw Umber (780.5)

Burnt Sienna Shade (740.3)

Burnt Sienna (740.5)

Black (800.5)

Paynes Grey (840.3)

Black Coarse Pearl Medium (014)

The Rust and Earth set (Part #PP30701) can be found at Amazon for around \$34.

https://www.amazon.com/Colorfin-PanPastel-Artist-Pastel-Weathering/dp/B007JV8XRK?ref =ast bbp dp&th=1&psc=1

Dick Blick Art Supplies (Sawmill Rd on the NW side of town) carries the individual colors. Not sure about the weathering kit (I didn't see it listed on line).

The rust effects product I used was Sophisticated Finishes - Rust Antiquing Set (Item #:27105-1009). Blick's website lists it for \$14. I'm pretty sure that's where I got mine but you'll want to call the store to check before driving over there.

I also found it on Amazon for \$19.

https://www.amazon.com/Triangle-Coatings-Sophisticated-Antiquingantiquing/dp/B004BNDH0M/ref=lp\_8179095011\_1\_1?srs=8179095011&ie=UTF8&qid=1581543381&sr=8-1

They also have a green (copper) version for anyone modeling a copper roof.

Hobby Lobby carries a similar product but it costs more.

Thanks for all the positive feedback and happy weathering.

### March Clinic Preview Mike Wolf, MMR, Clinic Coordinator

Join us in March for a clinic by Bill Morgan. Bill will discuss wiring techniques to include choosing the correct wire types and techniques to preventing nightmares later when things stop working. He'll also discuss wiring safety and preventing wiring mistakes or malfunctions from melting down all your hard work (or worse yet causing a fire). He'll also demonstrate several simple devices available to make operation easier for novices. These include animation using micro controllers, servos and touch panel controls for turnouts.

I am still looking for a clinician for April. I've got a backup in mind but I'm sure your topic is better so drop me a note at wvunion@gmail.com



Weathering Kit

Rust & Earth

# **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, Massachusettts, 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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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.

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The National Model Railroad Association 2022 Contention will be in Birmingham, United Kingdom 14–21 August 2022. If you are planning on going, you should start making plans now. Currently, there is not much information. But you can start dreaming about where you want to go, what you want to see, and what you want to ride.

The Mid Central Region Board of Directions discussed the NMRA Convention at a meeting almost two years ago. For various reasons, three regions have decided to hold a joint convention. A working group from the Mid Central Region, the Midwest Region, and the North Central Region have been in discussions. They decided on a joint convention to be held in Indianapolis, 18–21 May 2022. This convention is not meant to be a replacement for the national convention but to be an alternative.

Though the convention is still in the planning stage, the convention site will be the Marriott East Hotel.

If you've ever thought about presenting a clinic at a regional convention, this is the convention to do it. You have two years to get your clinic ready. And I'm sure Mike will make room for you to practice your clinic at a division meeting. Prepare a handout for your clinic and you can earn points toward an Author Certificate.



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