

# Super's Signal

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## Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

As I write this, the weather is starting to cool. In a month's time, I'll stop complaining about the hot weather. In two months' time, I'll be complaining about wanting to wear shorts again!

At the end of August, the Board of Directors voted to cancel this year's Cambridge Train Show. This decision was due to many unknowns regarding attendance and finances. The good news is that Greg Short has already booked a date for the 2021 show - October 17th. Mark your calendars!

Election season is upon our division. Our Nominating Chair, Harry Sage, has begun preparations by recruiting Jim Ruisinger and Jim Kehn to the nominating committee. The Board confirmed his recommendations. We also made some detail changes to the nominating process to accommodate our lack of in-person meetings.

Look for information on positions up for election and the nominating process elsewhere in this *Signal*.

**Super' Signal Deadline  
15 October**

Our last two video meetings have attracted at least 24 people apiece. Clinic Chair, Mike Wolf, has been doing a great job of rustling up great topics from our talented members. I want to give a public thanks to him. Also to Harry Sage and Bill Morgan for their presentations on the *East Broad Top* and *3D Printing*, respectively.

Mike has a unique (for our division) program on tap for October – four mini-clinics on finishing techniques. This format has a lot of potential. I'm sure many of you reading this have an interesting topic to share, but don't have enough material for a full-length clinic. Let Mike know your ideas and

## 11 October Division Meeting by Zoom Video Call

**1:00:** Zoom Room opens or social half-hour

**1:30:** Business Meeting starts

**2:15:** (estimate) Clinic: *Model Finishing Techniques Extravaganza*

**Virtual Photo Contest #6:** Caboose

Watch your email, or the Web Site for details, or contact Matt at [Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org](mailto:Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org)

see if he can work your idea into a future clinic extravaganza.

For those of you who have yet to join one of our Zoom meetings, give it a try. It requires no fuel expense or travel time and joining is as easy as clicking a link in your email. If you have questions, contact the Membership Chair, Rick Brown.

Speaking of Rick, he and I discussed some changes to our email approach. He has developed a new strategy that will result in a few more MailChimp emails hitting your inboxes, with each being concise and having a very specific purpose. See details on the changes elsewhere in the *Signal*.

Lastly, a quick update on the Website Modernization initiative. Don has fully trained me on basic maintenance and organization of the existing website. This serves two purposes:

- Understanding what information is where (and why) so that I better understand the complexities involved in any future changes

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**Clerk's Report**  
**Buckeye Division 6,**  
**Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.**  
**Virtual Division Meeting**  
**13 September 2020**

*Carter Jastram, Clerk*

**Call to order**

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, at 1:30 p.m.

**Division 6 Officers Present:**

Superintendent

Matt Goodman

Assistant Superintendent

Dexter Hill

Clerk

Carter Jastram

Paymaster

Jim Borcz

Director

Dick Briggs, MMR

Director

Don Wilke

**Division 6 Chairpersons Present:**

Achievement Program

Dick Briggs, MMR

Contest

Jim Ruisinger

Groups.io

Jim Ruisinger

Inspector of Elections

Harry "Butch" Sage

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Rick Brown

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Harry "Butch" Sage

Super's Signal Publisher

Don Wilke

Train Show

Greg Short

Web Master

Don Wilke

**Absent:**

Company Store, Train Show

Greg Short

Director

Mike Wolf, MMR

Membership Retention

Bruce McDonald

**Welcome Guests and New Members:**

We welcome several members from outside Division 6 to our screens today! And see the Membership Report below.

**Announcements – Matt:**

**Zoom:** Matt reminded us of proper Zoom meeting etiquette.

**Visitors:** We may have visitors from Division 9 and/or Division 3 today.

**Fred Rea:** Fred is in assisted living. Youtube contains a video of his layout. No visitors, but he can receive phone calls.

**Train Show:** We have canceled our Train Show for this October. Greg has reserved the site for next year on Oct. 17, 2021.

**Nominating Committee:** The BOD confirmed Jim Kehn and Jim Ruisinger as members of the nominating committee for the coming election cycle.

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**Reports:**

**Clerk's Report:** Carter Jastram. The membership approved the Clerk's Report for 9 August 2020, as it appears in the September *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4. (Don moved, Matt seconded.)

**Paymaster's Report:** Jim Borcz. The membership approved the Financial Report, pending audit. (Don moved, Dick seconded.)

**Program Report:** Dexter Hill. Our meetings will remain virtual for October 11 and November 8. Dexter will check with the Upper Arlington Library around October 1 to see if they are taking reservations yet for December.

**Achievement Report:** Dick Briggs. Dick has Bob Lee's Electrical Report now and will be receiving Dexter's next week.

**Super's Signal Report:** Don Wilke. Don is working this week, so the *Super's Signal* will be a day late. Articles for the next *Signal* are due Thursday, September 17. Don encourages any of us to write an article for the *Signal*; 100-300 words (not pages!) would be sufficient..

**Webmaster's Report:** Don Wilke. Don posted the contest winners on the web on Tuesday.

**Groups.io:** Jim Ruisinger. On groups.io, we gained one and lost one—but that one watches the website and the Facebook page—so we still have 70 group participants.

**Membership Report:** Rick Brown. Due to two rerails, we are up a couple of members, so currently we have 169 members. Rick's Report will appear in the *Super's Signal*.

**Train Show:** Matt Goodman. Greg canceled our Cambridge Train Show for 2020. Greg has already reserved the space for Oct. 17, 2021.

**Old Business:**

**Tran Show Web Page:** Don reports he has updated the Train Show page on the website showing the new date.

**New Business:**

**Virtual Nominating Process for Division Directors:** Butch Sage. To apply to run for an office via email, ask a minimum of ten other division members to support your candidacy. Have them send an email to you, that includes their name and NMRA member number. Write your own email declaring your candidacy and including your NMRA member number. Send/forward all emails to Harry "Butch" Sage, Nominating Committee Chair.

At the November Zoom meeting, one can nominate oneself, again having gained ten supporters, either in advance or during the meeting.

A division member can support more than one candidate.

The three current Directors have all agreed to run for their next term. Incumbents do not need to have lined up 10 supporters. The Nominating Committee will nominate them.

**Club Reports:**

**Central Ohio Model Railroad Club.** (COMRC, [www.comrc.club](http://www.comrc.club)). Bill Alaire, President. They meet four nights per week, members only, a maximum of ten people, all wearing masks. They have gained three new members.

**Columbus Garden Railway Society.** ([thecgrs.org](http://thecgrs.org)). Carter reported that their annual tour is open today until 5 p.m. It consists of ten garden railroads in the central Ohio area.

**Delaware County Model Railroaders Group.** Sunbury. Rick reports that members only are meeting—on the first and third Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. They are waiting for the county to allow them to resume holding open houses. They are working on the layout, on three major scenery projects, and on enhancing their operational plan.

**Hocking Valley Model Railroad Club.** Dexter reports that this club is in hiatus until conditions change.

**Janis Center Model Railroad Club.** Jim reports the Martin Janis Senior Center building has been permanently closed by the City. The Model Railroad Club has torn up its model railroad and is packing and making plans to store as much as reasonably possible. [Clerk's note: To clarify: The club itself has not ceased to exist, just the layout.]

**Kokosing Model Railroad Club.** No report.

**Mill Creek Central Railroad.** ([millcreekcentral.com](http://millcreekcentral.com)), Coshocton. No report.

**Mini-Bunch.** No report.

**Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers Club.** ([neols.net](http://neols.net)), Medina. They are running trains and allowing visitors; see their website for details.

**Contest:**

**Virtual Photo Contest: Steam Engines.** Jim Ruisinger. We had 29 entries, but only 16 members voted. There was a nine-way tie for third place, a three-way tie for second, and Dave Richter took first place. Jim will have more complete results in the *Super's Signal*.

For October, the contest subject is cabooses (cabeese, cabin cars, end of train cars). November's contest is closed freight cars, and December's contest is passenger cars.

Next year, Jim plans no contests for May, July, and October, due to conventions and our Train Show.

We discussed some ideas to encourage more members to vote in these virtual photo contests, and whether to limit entries to one photo per person. Matt hopes to start a discussion thread on

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groups.io, and we should send any ideas we have to Jim.

### Good of the Order:

**Email Address Updates:** Send email address updates to Rick Brown, Membership Chair, and cc to Jim Ruisinger.

**Next Steering Committee Meeting:** Will be Thursday, September 17, at 8:00 p.m. Any member may attend any Steering Committee Meeting. Contact Superintendent Matt Goodman for the Zoom meeting link, if interested.

**Next Division Meeting:** Sunday, October 11, via Zoom, opening at 1 p.m.

### Adjournment:

Carter moved to adjourn the meeting, and Doug Kullman

seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

### Clinic:

At 2:15, Rick Brown presented an eight-question trivia quiz on steam engines as of 1953.

At 2:27 p.m., Bill Morgan presented a clinic on *3D Printers: Model Railroading? Absolutely!!!*, followed by a Q&A from 3:15 to 3:22 p.m. We learned a lot and thank Bill for his presentation.

If you have a clinic to present to the division, please contact Mike Wolf and discuss the clinic with him.



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- Fulfills the Continuity goal for the website

The next step is to find out how you, our membership, use the web site. Expect an in-depth survey on this in the future. The survey results will tell us what web pages are most important to you, what you do and don't like about the site, and possibly how you'd like to see the site change.

How can you help? Ask me or Don! At the least, we need your honest feedback, but at some point, we will need a working committee to hash out final ideas. Possibly doing some grunt work of setting up test websites for evaluation. This is exciting!

Time to drop the fire!



## Some Train Show Updates

*Various Division 6 Members*

**Division 6 Train Show:** The Division 6 Board Of Directors canceled our Cambridge Train Show for 2020. Greg has already reserved the space for October 17, 2021.

**Cleveland O Scale Show:** Just received email from Sam Shumaker, who owns the Cleveland O Scale Show. It's still on for Saturday November 7 at the UAW hall in Parma. He said he has enough vendors (including me) signed up to go ahead with it. Mask and social distancing rules will be in effect.

This show is one of the very few still scheduled in Ohio. Most shows have cancelled. Hope you all plan to attend.

**COSI:** COSI has canceled model railroad week for this year. The annual model railroad display was scheduled for the week of November 16.

As most of you know, COSI has not re-opened since the pandemic closed it back in March. Alan Goss said no re-opening date has been set.

In a slight bit of good news, he did confirm that COSI wants to hold it again in 2021. We'll have to see how many of us at COOSE are around and feeling up to it then, but since that's more than a year away, let's not worry about it now.

I encourage all of you to keep working on your layout and equipment. My Ponaganset Northern Railroad has seen numerous improvements and additions since the pandemic began. I hope your time at home is equally productive.

The O scale show in Parma Nov. 7 is still on, but we'll have to see. Each week I hear about more show cancellations.

**Springfield Show:** The Springfield, Ohio, show has been recently cancelled.

**Other Shows:** Of the 20 or so shows scheduled in Ohio in the fall, all but two or three have been cancelled.

*Division 6 on YouTube:*

[www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision](http://www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision)

*Division 6 in Facebook:*

*NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]*



## Division 6 – 2020 Time Table

| Date                     | Event                          | Meeting   | City            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 12 Jan                   | Division 6 Meeting             | Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i><br>Clinic: <i>Static Grass Applicator</i> , Darrell Logan & Rich M9<br>Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load   | Columbus        |
| 9 Feb                    | Division 6 Meeting             | Business Meeting: <i>South-East Library</i><br>Clinic: <i>Weathering Cars</i> , Matt Goodman & Mike Wolf<br>Contest: Non-Revenue Car  | Groveport       |
| 14 Feb                   | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> |   |                 |
| 8 March                  | Division 6 Meeting             | Business Meeting: <i>Smoke Stack Hobbies</i><br>Clinic: <i>Wiring &amp; Automation</i> , William Morgan<br>Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive  | Lancaster       |
| 12 Mar                   | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> |   |                 |
| 19 Apr                   | Division 6 Meeting             | Business Meeting: <i>Zanesville Club</i><br>Clinic: <i>Developing Operating Sessions</i> , Mike Wolf, MMR<br>Virtual Contest #1: Line-Side Railroad Structure   | Zanesville      |
| 23 Apr                   | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> |   |                 |
| 17 May                   | Virtual Photo Voting           | Virtual Contest #2: Signals   | .io-group       |
| 23 May                   | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> |   |                 |
| 28–31 May                | MMR Convention                 | <i>The Steel City Express</i>   | Pittsburgh, Pa  |
| 20 Jun<br>(Saturday)     | Division 6 Meeting             | Business Meeting: <i>Zoom</i><br>Clinic: <i>Getting Started (or Improving) Operations on Your Layout</i> , Mike Wolf, MMR<br>Virtual Photo Contest #3: Favorite Train   | .io-group       |
| 25 Jun                   | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> |   |                 |
| 8 Aug<br>(Saturday)      | Division 6 Meeting             | Business Meeting: <i>Marion Union Station</i><br>Clinic: <i>East Broad Top Railroad</i> , Butch Sage; <i>DCC++</i> , Richard Matejovic; <i>Weathering Techniques</i> , Steve Hurt<br>Contest: Railroad Derelicts / Wrecks | Marion          |
| 9 Aug                    | Zoom Virtual Meeting           | Business Meeting: <i>Zoom</i><br>Clinic: <i>East Broad Top Railroad</i> , Butch Sage<br>Virtual Photo Contest #4: Railroad Derelicts / Wrecks   | Zoom            |
| 13 Sep                   | Zoom Virtual Meeting           | Business Meeting: <i>Zoom</i><br>Clinic: <i>Introduction to 3D Printers</i> , William Morgan<br>Virtual Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive   | Zoom            |
| 17 Sep                   | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> |   |                 |
| 11 Oct                   | Zoom Virtual Meeting           | Business Meeting: <i>Zoom</i><br>Clinic: <i>Model Finishing Techniques Extravaganza</i><br>Virtual Photo Contest: cabooses (cabeese, cabin cars)  | Zoom            |
| 18 Oct                   | Division 6 Train Show          | Business Meeting: <b>NONE</b><br>Clinic: <b>NONE</b> Contest: <b>NONE</b>   | Cambridge       |
| 15 Oct                   | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> |   |                 |
| 8 Nov                    | Zoom Virtual Meeting           | Business Meeting:<br>Clinic: <i>DCC++</i> , Richard Matejovic<br>Contest: Closed Freight Car  | Zoom            |
| 12 Nov                   | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> |   |                 |
| 6 Dec<br><b>Tenative</b> | Division 6 Meeting             | Business Meeting: <b>TBD</b><br>Clinic: <b>TBD</b><br>Contest: Passenger Car  | Upper Arlington |
| 10 Dec                   | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> | <i>Election Issue</i>   |                 |



## Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

### “Virtual” Contest – #5 Re-Cap September 2020 via the Internet

All I can say is WOW!!! We had 29 really great photos entered in our Virtual Photo Contest #5 “Steam Locomotives”. The winners were announced at our September 13th “Zoom” Division 6 meeting and have been posted on the Division 6 Facebook Page. Photos were put on a special page of the division’s website for everyone to vote on them. I would love to see more people vote in these contests. Here are the top vote-getters. We had quite a logjam as you can see with a three-way tie for Second place and a nine-way tie for third place.

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our next opportunity to hold a division meeting where we can gather, in person. Boy oh boy, I’m getting such a stack of em, I may need to get a bigger file folder!!!

We’re changing it up a bit for our October Virtual Photo Contest #6. Please read carefully, paying close attention to the dates and times.

For our October 11th meeting, our virtual photo contest subject will be Caboosees, Cabin Cars, Crummies, Bobbers, etc., you get the idea. And remember our usual guidelines apply. The photo can be of either a model or the prototype and the member submitting the photo must have taken it.

**OK, HERE’s THE CHANGE UP.>>>** Photo submissions will open up on FRIDAY September 25th and close at 10 pm, THURSDAY, October 8th. Members will have two days October 9th and 10th and close at 6 pm on the 10th to cast their votes. Voting closes at 6pm on the Saturday the 10th.. We will announce the winners at our Zoom meeting on Sunday, the 11th. We will send mail

**Subject:** Steam Engine whether its model or prototype

**Model:** None

**Photo:**

**1st Place:** Dave Richter, *GTW 0-8-0 at Muskegon, MI*

**2nd Place (Tie):** Rick Brown, *NKP #765 at the Cuyahoga Valley RR*

**2nd Place (Tie):** Richard Matejovic, *Commin' out of Tunnel 2*

**2nd Place (Tie):** Jim Ruisinger, *Hamm River Shay #2 On30*

**3rd Place (Tie):** Steve Hurt, *Heisler #6 at Cass*

**3rd Place (Tie):** Harry Sage, *EBT #12*

**3rd Place (Tie):** Harry Sage, *D&RGW K-36 on the high trestle HOn3*

**3rd Place (Tie):** Jim Borcz, *CN 4-8-4 - Live Steam 7 1/2" Gauge*

**3rd Place (Tie):** Doug Kulliman, *Ohio Central #6325 at Trinway*

**3rd Place (Tie):** Howdy Lamprecht, *MMR, CP 4-4-0 "Jupiter" at Promontory Summit, UT*

**3rd Place (Tie):** Don Wilke, *Ohio Central #1551 at Age of Steam*

**3rd Place (Tie):** Bill Alaire, *3-Truck Shay #2 at Cass*

**3rd Place (Tie):** Bill Alaire, *2-8-0 #111 on the Viaduct at Georgetown Loop*

reminders out on the division’s email groups and will post the winners on the division’s Facebook page.

Cumulative point totals for Modeler and Photographer of the Year appears elsewhere in the *Super’s Signal*.

Direct any questions to:

Contest Chairman, Jim Ruisinger.

### Contest Point Summary August 2020

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

#### Modeler

|                   |   |               |   |
|-------------------|---|---------------|---|
| Steve Hurt        | 9 | Dan Dennis    | 1 |
| Pat Hreachmack    | 5 | Bob Doerflein | 1 |
| Jerry Hurt        | 4 | Alan Evens    | 1 |
| Howdy Lamprecht   | 4 | Connie Frazze | 1 |
| Richard Matejovic | 4 | Matt Goodman  | 1 |
| Peggy Doerflein   | 3 | Bill Hanna    | 1 |
| Darrell Logan     | 3 | Bob Lee       | 1 |
| Greg Short        | 3 | Judy Logan    | 1 |
| Jim Borcz         | 2 | Harry Sage    | 1 |
| Jim Ruisinger     | 2 |               |   |

#### Photographer

|                      |    |                        |   |
|----------------------|----|------------------------|---|
| Don Wilke            | 16 | David Evers            | 2 |
| Matt Goodman         | 15 | Bruce McDonald         | 2 |
| Harry Sage           | 11 | John Baker             | 1 |
| Richard Matejovic    | 10 | (By way of Jack Brown) |   |
| Jim Borcz            | 9  | Dick Briggs, MMR       | 1 |
| Howdy Lamprecht, MMR | 9  | Peggy Doerflein        | 1 |
| Dave Richter         | 9  | Carter Jastram         | 1 |
| Jim Ruisinger        | 9  | Doug Kullman           | 1 |
| Rick Brown           | 7  | Andrea McIntosh        | 1 |
| Steve Hurt           | 6  | William Morgan         | 1 |
| Mike Wolf, MMR       | 6  | Jim Oberst             | 1 |
| Jerry Hurt           | 5  | Jerry Severson         | 1 |
| Bill Alarie          | 2  | Greg Short             | 1 |

*Photograph of First Place winner is on page 7.*

## September 2020 First Place

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair



1st Place Photo

Dave Richter, GTW 0-8-0 at Muskegon, MI

## What is MailChimp? Do I need to buy bananas?

Rick Brown

When our Buckeye Division 6 needs to send out emails to the body of the membership, we use an email distribution platform called MailChimp. You will see that little chimp guy at the bottom of the email. This email app organizes all the members into one address book. It then allows us to create a cool looking, customized newsletter type email that contains some vital information for the division.

How is that different than the Groups.io email? First, Groups.io replaced the Yahoo user group that was a round-robin chat email chain. Groups.io is a group you elect to join, and you can choose how often you get emails. You can get emails as they are sent, or as one of several summary reports. You can also leave that group. And, it does get chatty (it's kind of fun too).

However, the MailChimp service is the official NMRA Division 6 news and information about events. You can expect to get emails that follow this general cadence:

- An announcement that the *Super's Signal* is available on the website (so you can go read it)
- Announcement of this month's model/photo contest (so you can get ready)
- Announcement for Last Call on the contest submissions (so you can get your entry in)

- Announcement for Voting on the contest (so you can win!)
- Announcement of the upcoming meeting (about a week in advance, so you can join)
- Announcement of the upcoming meeting tomorrow (don't miss it!)

Additionally, you might expect some special announcements that are of importance that needs to be broadcast in between the *Super's Signal* publication. If it can't wait until the next *Signal*, we will email it out.

Our goal is to not flood your inbox with messages, but to be timely around the three important monthly events: the contest, the *Signal*, and the meetings. Anything else, you should construe as important as well.

If you aren't getting emails via MailChimp from Division 6, please let Rick Brown know. We have had some instances of bad emails, email addresses didn't get updated when changed, and a variety of other excuses. And, we hope you don't push the OPT-OUT option. We are bound to honor an opt-out, and you won't get important info from your division. If you think you might have opted out by mistake, let Rick know.

And please, don't feed bananas to that little chimp.

## Membership End of the Month Report

*Rick Brown, Membership Chair*

### Summary/Comments

Thanks again to all who Zoomed in for the monthly membership meeting. We are getting better at this!

And that is probably a good thing since it appears we will continue to meet this way for a while. (Want some help? Let me know!) The business meeting portion is necessary, and probably not all that interesting to some. But these online clinics that Mike is putting together are super cool.

Bill offered on his experience with 3D printing was both informative and eye-opening in the last clinic. I learned so much from that. Technique, media choices, successes, and failures. His knowledge was very helpful and elevating. Now I want to do this...but don't tell Lucy (wife).

I am very excited to see the clinics coming up in October. Steve Hurt's clinic alone will be worth the time and effort.

I had the opportunity to sit in on the Zoom meeting that NMRAX hosted with the governing group from NMRA. It offered a lot of insight into the what and why of our national organization. The big take away for me came from Pete Magoun, the President of the NMRA. He talked quite a bit about the fact that the NMRA is for its members....it's EXISTING members. To serve, support, and elevate their experience in this hobby. And, except for a few paid administrative types that run the national office, EVERYONE is a volunteer, including himself. We all work

and interact to serve the body of the members. The organization exists FOR the membership. And this includes your division level, too.

Things like the Zoom meets, the real-live membership meets, the contests, and the train show exist to elevate YOUR experience. So jump in and EXPERIENCE the NMRA. And that also means communication. Tell the division what would elevate your experience. I encourage you to interact. Dive into the Groups chat. Respond to the MailChimp emails, the Signal, and get your feet wet.

And check out the NMRAX stuff. One of the many examples of things that volunteers are doing to elevate your experience.

Let us know what we can do for you. Call me or email me.

# Don't Just Belong, Participate!!



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

|        |     |            |     |
|--------|-----|------------|-----|
| August | 169 | August '19 | 171 |
| July   | 166 | July '19   | 165 |
| June   | 163 | June '19   | 175 |
| May    | 163 | May '19    | 176 |

**Upcoming Expirations – Check your dates!** Note: If you have questions about when your membership expires, check your magazine address label or contact Membership Chair Rick Brown.

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

August saw **21** members renew their NMRA membership. There additionally were **two** rerails (members who had fallen to INACTIVE, but then reactivated). Welcome back!

### Other Stuff

If you have changes to your address or membership information, please share it. Are you getting emails from the division? If not, we probably don't have an active email address for you.

Unsure when your membership expires? You can notify the National Headquarters, or inquire with Rick Brown.

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# October Model Finishing EXTRAVAGANZA!

By Mike Wolf, Clinic Coordinator

## Sunday, October 11th

The excitement is building for the October EXTRAVAGANZA clinic on model finishing techniques. The first two parts will be a clinician-led discussion of painting and decaling. Dick Briggs, MMR, and Mike Wolf, MMR, will lead those discussions. Note the word lead. We will start the discussion of our favorite materials, tools, and techniques. YOU will then add to the conversation. I also have at least three (maybe four or five) weathering technique mini-sessions to follow. Steve Hurt, Matt Goodman, and possibly one or two more will discuss the materials, tools, and techniques they use weathering. Steve will discuss fading paint (and one other technique). Matt will update us on his wheel weathering technique. I'll demo a new technique I've read about to give paint an oxidized look using chalks, a cotton ball, and decal solution.

So, join us for the CONVERSATION at the October meeting.

If you have a short weathering topic and would like to be added to the line-up, just send me an email. Have a full clinic idea? I'm building the 2021 schedule now so feel free to send some thoughts or ideas my way. [wvunion@gmail.com](mailto:wvunion@gmail.com) Clinics are a good way to build points toward your AP Certificates.

Lastly, did you catch the September clinic on 3D printers by Bill Morgan? If you missed it (or you'd like to see portions of it again), watch the recording at:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/O6MH6w4JMSyK0Pq\\_lGtXHEmFP3sdy6LUK61FV0o\\_4GAicVetecXP2qIm30ziqeto9rFrcobNm7zcfds.8mzCHtJDZiqEYJEY](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/O6MH6w4JMSyK0Pq_lGtXHEmFP3sdy6LUK61FV0o_4GAicVetecXP2qIm30ziqeto9rFrcobNm7zcfds.8mzCHtJDZiqEYJEY)

## Upcoming Election Information

Reported by Harry "Butch" Sage

Buckeye Division 6 Nominations Chair

In January 2021, division members will elect three people to serve a two-year term as Director. With nominations finalized at the November meeting. If any member would like to be on the ballot for one of these positions they must do either of the following:

- During the part of the November Buckeye Division 6 meeting dealing with nominations any person who would like to run for office must present themselves as a potential candidate. (If the potential candidate can't be at the November meeting, their representative may nominate them. This requires a letter or email from the

potential candidate to the Nominations Chair.) At that point, we will poll the members present to see if there are 10 who support that person.

OR

- Present a nomination petition to the Nominations Chair prior to or at the November 2020 Buckeye Division meeting. Contact the Nominations Chair for instructions.

Direct questions to the Nominations Chair.

## Division 6 Members Updates

Various Division Members

### Fred Rea

Fred Rea is in rehab at The Villas at St Terrese. I knew he was in the hospital a couple weeks ago from others in the Tuesday night gang. He has a feeding tube in and probably won't return home. He can take phone calls but not visitors. I'm looping Bill Hanna in as he might have a good phone number in. Anyway, Alan would appreciate if you passed along the info tomorrow.

### Model RailRoading Community Lost a Good One.

Long time Mini Bunch, and former Division 6 member, Gary Young of Grove City, passed away Monday afternoon, September 14th after a long battle with cancer. He was 67 years old. Gary modeled in On30 and was well known for his scenery and backdrop work. He was a true artist. Some may remember visiting his layout in Grove City during the 2016 MCR Convention layout tour. Not huge, but a work of art in progress. Gary was also a member of the "Soggy Bottom Boys", an informal group of about 8 or 9 modelers who created some exquisite narrow-gauge modules. Their Bear Creek Tramway was an award-winning On30 module that cleaned up at the National Narrow Gauge Convention, several years ago, winning numerous awards including Best of Show. It was also on display down at the Smoke Stack Hobby Shop in Lancaster.

## How Do I Copyright My Photographs?

Don Wilke, *Super's Signal* Editor

There was an interesting discussion about copyrights at the recent division Steering Committee Meeting. I thought I'd review photographic copyrights for Division 6 photographers.

The instant the shutter of your camera snaps shut, you, the photographer, copyrighted the photograph. It's that simple, but wait there's more. Back in the old days...

To make a short story long. It was very early on a mid-summer Sunday morning in the late '50s. I woke up very early for a Sunday, went downstairs to find my father drinking coffee. Unusual for a Sunday morning, it was his only day to sleep in. We were chatting at the dining room table when we heard a strange whistle for the road crossing down the tracks. I don't remember what was on the head end, but she was moving quickly down the Nickel Plate main line. She was a work train and the whistle came from a big hook, or maybe The Big Hook. We figured what woke us. No trains had been running for most of the night and the silence bother us in our sleep.

Our next-door neighbor, Jim, worked for United Press International, UPI, or the Associated Press, AP. We called him, told him about the possible wreck, and the three of us got in a car, and drove down the line to Rocky River a few miles away. Jim's Press Badge got us past the police and close to the wreck. More than twenty cars covered the curving double track. After Jim got his pictures we drove to the UPI office in downtown Cleveland. Jim let me watch the 'lab boys' develop his pictures, almost dry them off, add a caption Jim had typed and put them on the wire. Fascinating.

Jim explained that although his name was part of the caption, most papers would give credit to UPI. United Press International owned the copyright to the photograph, not Jim. The photographs were a "work product" because Jim received a salary from UPI. UPI would take care of any paperwork dealing with copyright issues.

Back then to copyright a photograph you had to submit a copy of the photograph with forms stating you took the photograph and other information, like where, when, and subject of the photograph to the Copyright Office.

Now you do that only if you have a "prize-winning" photograph. And the registration fee is not small.

...You copyright the photograph as soon as you take the picture. Not only that, but it's also copyrighted for 70 years – after your death. So all of your photos are copyrighted until at least 2090! And hopefully a lot longer. Think about that one.

Modern cameras do more than take a photograph. They also record the exposure, the IOS, the time the shutter is open, the lens type if it's removable, and even the time of day and the date. You did set that up when you got your camera, right. This information is a part of the photograph and is with the photograph when it's transferred to someone. The information is stripped out when printing the photo. There is a place in this information to store your name and copyright. Check your camera's instruction book.

Now, what happens to your copyright when you enter a division contest or send an article to the *Signal*. Photo contest first. You keep the copyright. By the rules of the contest, you must have taken the photograph and therefore you are the copyright owner. Sending in your photograph implies that you are permitting the division to publish the photograph for the contest and the results of the contest. I'm going to make some changes to the web pages to let everyone know the submitter has copyrighted the photographs. I keep all the submitted photos in a separate photograph file away from my photographs.

When you submit an article to the *Signal* with photographs it's assumed the author of the article is the photographer. That's because the photographs fit the article. If it's not clear the author took the photographs

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I'm going to have to ask for the name of the photographer and his, or hers, written permission to use the photograph.

The one exception is a book review. You can submit a photograph of the book cover under "fair use". The book's author or publisher owns the copyright to the artwork or photograph on the cover of the book. Normally a photograph of that cover violates the owner of that copyright. I'm not sure if you can copyright a photograph of a copyrighted object. From what I've read, that's a big no-no.

As a help, when submitting an article, please italicize titles and put quote marks around quotes. You should also footnote quotes with a page number.

Also, the article you submit is automatically copyright for death plus 70 years if they are your work product with proper quotations.

As editor of the *Signal*, it's my job to make small

changes in the article to make it easier to read. Bill Connell told me we should not have too many passive sentences.

I'm not an English expert. In High School, I barely passed English. It's hard to write when you have to look up every other word. Turns out I'm dyslexic and if I'm tired, the letters in words float around to this day.

What do these changes I make do to your copyright? Nothing, you still own it. You can see the changes I've made when the *Signal* is printed or you can ask me to send you a copy of the article as published. Then you have both, and you own the copyright on both of them.

Please, if there are any practicing attorneys out there and I have anything incorrect, contact me and correct my misstatements.

Yes, I'm going to talk to my attorney next time I see him. I've got to ask him whether I should transfer my copyrights to my trust or to a person. And how to do that.

## Request for Clinicians



The planning committee for the 2021 Mid Central Region Convention, The *Northern Express*, is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania from May 20 through 23, 2021. The center will feature three well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet last September, giving participants a chance to get a peek at our future convention center.

Contact Doug Sandmeyer at [dsandme@stny.rr.com](mailto:dsandme@stny.rr.com) for more information and the submission form. Visit the Northern Express website at <https://www.div12mcr.org/northern-express/>.

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