

Super's Signal

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August 2021

Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

There's a lot of news this month, with big changes in our meetings and some well-earned awards.

In-Person Meeting are Back

Fifteen months ago, in March 2020, our division had an in-person meeting at the Smoke Stack Hobby Shop in Lancaster. Bill Morgan presented his *Safety and Animation on your Model Railroad* clinic to thirty-six members. Then came two months of canceled meetings followed by twelve months without an in-person gathering.

Bummer.

All that is in the rearview mirror because, in June 2021, we were back in person in Marion at the Marion Union Station! This thanks to falling infection rates related to millions of people doing a lot of hand washing, mask-wearing, home-staying, and otherwise being careful and the quick development and deployment of vaccines.

New Streaming Meeting

Marion was not only an in-person meeting, it was also streamed live via Zoom. We had to come up with a new name for this; we landed on "Hybrid" or "Streaming". Our meeting vocabulary has really expanded in the past year. Waaaaay back in March of 2020, using the phrase "in-person" when it came to meetings would have been silly – because that was the only way we held meetings! In June 2020, we added two new terms. "Virtual" for our then-new Zoom video calls. And the aforementioned "In-Person" to describe the type of meetings we were no longer having.

The content of the meeting was really good. Dexter Hill got the venue arranged and Mike Wolf put together a packed program. Two conventional full-length clinics before lunch. Then a bevy of scenery-related clinics stacked on top of one another. Something like eight clinics were presented by six different people. Topics covered included trees, dirt roads, track, tunnels,

snow, resin details, and backdrops. I left mentally exhausted.

Rick Brown tells me we had about seven people watching our Zoom feed off and on throughout the day. He was also able to record **most** (not all) of the clinics. Some didn't work out for a variety of reasons. See Mike Wolf's column for links to the ones that we captured.

For something new, the streaming part went surprisingly well, especially considering we had no WiFi. Our setup was really, really simple to test the concept. We walked away with a couple of ideas of how we can improve things. The primary thing we need is at least one or two volunteers to help out on the Zoom side to ensure cameras are in the right place. Also to give other Zoom volunteers a bit of a break. We caused several glitches because there was too much work for one and a half production guys to manage.

Contact Membership Chair Rick Brown or me if interested in helping or have feedback to provide.

15 August (Date Change)

In-Person & Zoom
South-East Library
3980 South Hamilton Road,
Groveport

1:00: South-East Library opens (social gathering)

1:15: Contest entries open

1:45: Contest entries closes, voting begins

1:55: Contest voting ends

2:00: Division 6 Meeting begins

2:30: Contest Results announced

2:45: Clinic: *Making roads using plastic sign material*, George Stringer

Model Contest: Caboose

Virtual Photography Contest: Caboose

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19 August

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Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division 6,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Division 6 Meeting
19 June 2021

Carter Jastram, Clerk

Call to order

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, called The Division 6 Meeting to order before the Clerk returned from lunch (not Matt's fault)

Division 6 Officers Present:

Superintendent	Matt Goodman
Assistant Superintendent	Dexter Hill
Clerk	Carter Jastram
Paymaster	Jim Borcz
Director	Dick Briggs, MMR®
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf, MMR®

Division 6 Chairpersons Present:

Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR®
Company Store	Greg Short
Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Groups.io	Jim Ruisinger
Inspector of Elections	Harry "Butch" Sage
Media	Rick Brown
Membership	Rick Brown
Membership Retention	Bruce McDonald
Programs	Dexter Hill / Mike Wolf, MMR®
Raffle	Harry "Butch" Sage
Super's Signal Publisher	Don Wilke
Train Show	Greg Short
Web Master	Don Wilke

Visitors and Guests:

Chuck Sieving, Dave Neff, Bob Weinheimer, and Bill Brubach

Announcements:

Matt Goodman. [Announcements were made before the Clerk returned from lunch]

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Carter Jastram. The membership approved the Clerk's Report, as published in the June 2021 *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4.

Paymaster's Report: Jim Borcz. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit.

Program Locations Report: Dexter Hill. Dexter is exploring meeting locations. Watch the *Super's Signal* for the details.

Program Clinics Report: Mike Wolf. Mike is asking for clinicians. Watch the *Super's Signal* for the details.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. Dick reminds division members to keep records of information and time spent to-

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ward Achievement Program Certificates.

Webmaster's Report: Don Wilke. Don will post today's contest winners on the division website and also in the July-August *Super's Signal*.

Links to the contest winners are on the Division 6 Welcome Page on the website.

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. The deadline for articles is this Thursday, June 24.

Groups.io: Jim Ruisinger.

Media Report: Rick Brown.

Membership Report: Rick Brown.

Train Show Reports: Greg Short. Division 6 scheduled the Division Train Show for October 17 from 10 am to 3 pm in Cambridge, Ohio. Darrell Logan is producing flyers for distribution.

Company Store Report: Greg Short. Greg is talking with Accurail about a Division 6 car for the Division Train Show, a T&OC 2-bay 55-ton hopper

Old Business:

Name Tags: If a Division 6 member needs a Division 6 name tag, please mark the attendance sheet with a star. Otherwise, contact Jim Borcz with your request. (Update: Jim now has the names of the ten people who marked the attendance sheet.—Clerk)

New Business:

Service Plaques awarded: Matt Goodman. Matt welcomed Bob Weinheimer, who is now on the Board of Directors of the NMRA. He is also one of nine members of the Regional Advisory Group. Bob presented a service plaque in appreciation to Dave Neff for his service as VP of the Mid Central Region (MCR).

Dave Neff presented a service plaque to Greg Short in appreciation for his service as Superintendent of Division 6. Dave also presented a plaque to Bob Weinheimer in appreciation of his past service as MCR President.

Tri-Regional Convention: Dave Neff. Dave spoke of the coming Tri-Regional Convention, now called *Indy Junction 2022*. It was originally a replacement for the canceled 2022 *National Convention* in England. The 2022 *National Convention* is rescheduled for St. Louis.

The Mid Central, Midwest, and North Central Regions have spent preliminary funds to establish *Indy Junction 2022* Convention in May 2022. We will hold "Our national convention" at the Marriott East at Shadeland and 21st Streets on the east side of Indianapolis. It will include the **Chicagoland Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM)**.

We will have more than sixty (60) clinics, many presented twice. (Note: If your clinic is one of those chosen to be pre-

sented twice, your convention registration is free.) A prototype tour is under development. Self-guided tours of over thirty (30) layouts will be available. Plans for operating sessions may also appear. There will be a "Railyard Sale" on May 18-19, with sales beginning at noon on the 19th. Please set your prices in \$5 increments. The Chicagoland RPM will host a dinner Friday night. Registration will be about \$90-\$95 and the hotel rooms about \$132. Go to the website and add your name and email address for monthly notices.

<https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>

Awards:

The Howard Smith Award is given each year by the Division 6 Superintendent to an individual whom the Super has found most helpful in making Division 6 run more smoothly.

Greg Short presented the 2020 Award to Mike Wolf, MMR®.

Matt Goodman presented the 2021 Award to Darrell Logan.

Congratulations to both of you, and well deserved!

Contest:

Jim Ruisinger awarded the 2020 *Photographer of the Year* to Matt Goodman, based on points earned for contest entries during the year.

Due to the lack of in-person meetings, Jim handed out folders of Award Certificates to those who had won them during the past year: Bill Alarie; Bob Baker; Jim Borcz; Dick Briggs, MMR®; Rick Brown; John Gafney; Matt Goodman; Jerry Hurt; Steve Hurt; Doug Kullman; Howdy Lamprecht, MMR®; Rich Matejovic; Dave Richter; Harry Sage; Jim Ruisinger; Charles Sherer; Don Wilke, and Mike Wolf, MMR®. Well done, all.

Virtual Photo Contest—Favorite Train: Jim Ruisinger.

Third Place: Matt Goodman, *On Horseshoe Curve in 2016*.

Second Place: Howdy Lamprecht, MMR®, *Amtrak California Zephyr, July 3, 2019*.

First Place: Don Wilke, *Soo Line local on the Mill Creek Railroad, 2016*.

Model Contest—Favorite Train: (held in person at Marion Station)

Third Place: Patrick Hreachmack, *The Whimsical Tennessee Corn Line*.

Second Place (Tie): Jim Ruisinger, *NP local*.

Second Place (Tie): Mike Wolf, MMR®, *PRR coal drag*.

First Place: Steve Hurt, *Frisco heavy load hauler*.

Congratulations to the winners, and we hope this encourages more of you to build and enter models and photographs.

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(To paraphrase Chef Gusteau, "Anyone Can ModelRailroad!" From the movie "Ratatouille.")

Since we do not have a meeting in July, there will be **no Model Contest**, but we will continue to hold a **Virtual Photo Contest**. Model contests will continue as we meet in person in August.

The July virtual photo contest is **Railroad Bridges and Trestles**. Please watch your emails for the schedule. There is currently no limit to the number of photos a person may enter. Remember, a member may only enter photos taken by oneself.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks again to the members who submitted another superb set of photographs!

Raffle:

Butch Sage raffled off four prizes. The winners were Greg Short (BN covered hopper), Randy Ackerman (Santa Fe outside braced boxcar), Ed Graves (Frisco boxcar), and Darrell Logan (NKP boxcar). Darrell also won the Special Raffle.

Good of the Order:

Steering Committee Meeting: The next Steering Committee will be a Zoom meeting currently scheduled for Thursday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m. Any member may attend any Steering Committee meeting. Contact Superintendent Matt Goodman for the Zoom meeting link, if interested.

Division 6 Membership Meeting: The next Division 6 meeting is for Sunday, August 8, [**changed to August 15**—Editor]. The time and location changed to 1:00, South East Columbus Library, Groveport [Editor]. Please watch for

updates in your emails and the *Super's Signal*.

Adjournment:

Matt adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m., after receiving a motion and a second to adjourn.

Clinic:

Boy, did we have clinics! Our thanks to Mike Wolf who organized and arranged for all this. Also, thanks to the clinicians who made it a special day with their varied and informative presentations, as follows:

The Great Flood of 1913 and its Impact on the PRR in Ohio, Bill Brubach (9:00-9:47 am).

Soldering Model Railroad Sounds, JT Burke, Scale Sound Systems (10:15-11:34 am).

Oak Leaf Hydrangea Trees, Mike Wolf, MMR® (1:43-2:06 pm).

*Quick and Easy Distant Hillside*s, Mike Wolf, MMR® (2:06-2:15 pm).

Tunnels, Darrell Logan (2:15-2:20 pm).

Making Trees (floral wire, static grass), Darrell Logan (2:20-2:40 pm).

Winter Scenes, Steve Hurt (2:40-2:57 pm).

Dirt Roads Using Grout, Howdy Lamprecht, MMR® (3:15-3:30 pm).

Track Detailing, Matt Goodman (3:32-3:54 pm).

Resin Casting, Patrick Hreachmack (3:59-4:35 pm).

Backdrop Painting, Jim Kehn (4:35-? pm).

Mike is looking for more clinics, so please talk to him about some idea or experience you might be willing to share.

Clerk's Report for the Buckeye Division 6 Annual Meeting Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.

19 June 2021

Carter Jastram, Clerk

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, called The Division 6 Annual Meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

Annual Election Report:

Carter Jastram, Division 6 Clerk, reported that Dick Briggs, Don Wilke, and Mike Wolf were re-elected to the Board of Directors as Directors. The Clerk thanked the four candidates, Patrick Hreachmack and the three above, for running and for the various ways in which they all serve Division 6. He also announced that the Board of Directors had certified the election and had requested that the Inspector of Elections destroy the ballots. The full report is on page 8 of June 2021, *Super's Signal*.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, Superintendent Matt Goodman adjourned the Annual Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Awards

Along with the many presentations, we also had a full business meeting in the middle. It included remarks from our outgoing and incoming Mid Central Region Presidents, Bob Weinheimer and Dave Neff.

The highlight for the division was the presentation of the Howard Smith Memorial Award. The Superintendent presents the award to a division member who the

Super believes has gone above and beyond in some capacity and made the Super's job easier. Mike Wolf and Darrell Logan received the 2020 (presented by past Super Greg Short) and 2021 awards. Division 6 wouldn't run as smoothly or be as strong without their efforts.

Thanks guys!

Time to drop the fire!

In Memoriam***Fred G. Rea, 1938 – 2021***

Fred, a model railroader and railfan in Columbus, as well as a life member of the NMRA and Division 6, passed away on July 7 after a long battle with several illnesses.

Fred had a Master's degree in electrical engineering from Cornell University and taught electronics as a Naval officer at the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

One of his highlights while serving there was as a regular operator on John Allen's famous G&D railroad.

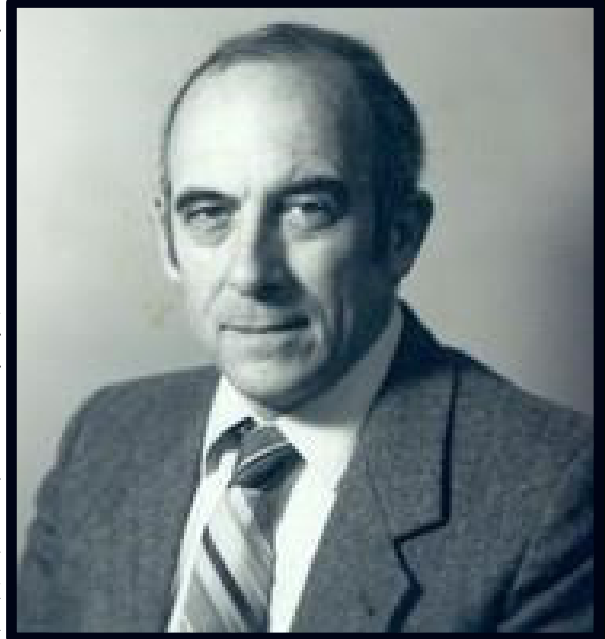
He joined Battelle in Columbus in 1966 and soon found the railroad club there. He was instrumental in setting up a card order operating scheme, adding a dozen hidden storage tracks, and generally adding track wherever possible. Fred never saw an open space on a model railroad that he thought couldn't be improved by more track.

A member of the PRRH&TS, he modeled the Panhandle route near Dennison, close by his boyhood home in Dover. His freelanced Pittsburgh, Muskingum and Hocking Railroad connected with the PRR at Dennison and provided local trains for his crews, while the PRR ran a sequence of trains, almost automatically. He had two trains with TV cameras in the locos and a pair of remote cabs with throttles and a TV monitor. You ran the train as though you were actually in the loco cab.

More than building his railroad, or running trains, Fred loved to talk with friends -- or anyone! He enjoyed volunteering on the scenic Zanesville and Western RR, and, of course talking, with the visitors. He was an interested advisor to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), trying to keep them on track, railroad wise.

Fred was preceded in death by his first wife, Sharon and is survived by wife Mizumi and sons Steve and Garrett.

Bill Hanna

***Division 6 Train Show***

Greg Short, Train Show Chair

As many of you know we scheduled our Division 6 Train Show for this October 17. For this to be a success we need your help. If you would like to help please let me know. I will see that you are included in this great day. We will need folks to help set up, tear down, and do various other items during the day. We also need folks to help get the word out, passing out flyers at other events, or visiting hobby shops throughout the region to place flyers there. We are also in need of some folks that would like to help with future events by setting on the Train Show Committee. If this is something that perks your interest, contact me.

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Division 6 – 2021 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
10 Jan	Zoom Virtual Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zoom</i> Clinic: <i>Building Structures</i> , Frank Bongiovanni Virtual Photo Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load	Zoom Video Call
21 Feb	Zoom Virtual Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zoom</i> Clinic: <i>Building Interiors</i> , Pat Hreachmack Virtual Photo Contest: Non-Revenue–MOW Car	Zoom Video Call
14 Mar	Zoom Virtual Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zoom</i> Clinic: <i>Detailing a Steam Locomotive</i> , Mike Wolf, MMR Virtual Photo Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive	Zoom Video Call
11 Apr	Zoom Virtual Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zoom</i> Clinic: <i>Prairie Sentinels</i> , Rick Brown Virtual Photo Contest: Rail Road Owned Line-Side Structure	Zoom Video Call
15 Apr	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
16 May	Zoom Virtual Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zoom</i> Clinic: <i>Structure Mock-Ups</i> , Matt Goodman; <i>Using Mock-Ups in Layout Planning</i> , Ken McDonough Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Signals	Zoom Video Call
20 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
20-23 May	MCR Convention	<i>The Northern Express</i> - Canceled	Erie, PA
19 Jun Saturday	Division 6 Meeting (TBD)	Business Meeting: Clinic: <i>The Great Flood of 1913 and its Impact on the PRR in Ohio</i> , Bill Brubach; <i>Model Sound</i> , JT Burke (Scale Sound Systems) & Scenery Extravaganza <i>Building Tunnels</i> , Darrell Logan; <i>Making Trees</i> , Darrell Logan; <i>Roads Using Grout</i> , Howdy Lamprecht, MMR; <i>Oak Leaf Hydrangea Trees</i> , Mike Wolf, MMR; <i>Hillsides of Trees</i> , Mike Wolf, MMR; <i>Track Detailing</i> , Matt Goodman Model Contest: Favorite Train Virtual Photo Contest: Favorite Train	Marion
23 Jun	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
11 July	Possible Virtual Contest	Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Bridges & Trestles	
15 Aug (Change)	Division 6 Meeting (TBD)	Business Meeting: <i>SE Columbus Library</i> Clinic: <i>Making roads using plastic sign material</i> , George Stringer Model Contest: Caboose(s) Virtual Photo Contest: Caboose(s)	Groveport
19 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
12 Sept	Division 6 Meeting (TBD)	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Model Contest: Favorite Train Virtual Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive	TBD
16 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Oct	Division 6 Meeting (TBD)	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Virtual Photo Contest: Thumbz (Whimsical Railroad Items)	TBD
14 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
17 Oct	Division 6 Train Show		Cambridge
14 Nov	Division 6 Meeting (TBD)	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Virtual Photo Contest: Closed Freight Car	TBD
18 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
12 Dec	Division 6 Meeting (TBD)	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Virtual Photo Contest: Passenger Car	TBD
16 Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

“Hybrid” Contest #6 June in Review

We were back to an in-person Division 6 meeting in Marion for June. We had a little organizational twist in our contest format for **Favorite Train**. We conducted the photo contest *virtually* online like we’ve been doing the past 15 months. The model contest took place *in the flesh*, so to speak at our meeting in Marion. We announced the top three vote recipients at our June 19th Division Meeting. We also posted the winners on the Division 6 Facebook Page and website.

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our August Division 6 Meeting (location TBD).

We traditionally haven’t held a meeting in July, but we’re still going to hold a Photo Contest. We will conduct the photo contest *virtually* via the internet. Our subject will be: **Bridges and Trestles**. We all love taking those *artsy craftsy* pics with a bridge or trestle in them, so look thru your photo files and find a good one to enter!

Members will be able to submit their photos to the contest chair’s email starting June 28th and must be in by 10 pm, Thursday, July 8th. Voting will take place on Friday and Saturday (the 9th and 10th) and will conclude at 10 pm on the 10th. We will announce the photo winners via our email groups, along with the division’s website and Facebook page.

“Virtual” Photo Contest #7 June in Review

We didn’t have a division meeting in July but WE DID hold a Virtual Photo Contest. Our subject was **Bridges and Trestles** and we had a nice selection of photos to choose from (16 of ‘em).

Our August contest will be **Cabooses and Cabin Cars**

June Hybrid Meeting

Model: Favorite Train

1st Place: Steve Hurt, *Frisco Heavy Load Special*

2nd Place (Tie): Mike Wolf, MMR®, *Pennsy Coal drag*

2nd Place (Tie): Jim Ruisinger, *Northern Pacific Local*

3rd Place: Patrick Hreachmack, *Tennessee Corn Line*

Photo: Favorite Train

1st Place: Don Wilke, *Soo Line local on the Mill Creek*

2nd Place: Howdy Lamprecht, MMR®, *Amtrak’s California Zephyr at Galesburg, IL*

3rd Place: Matt Goodman, *N/S freight wrapped around the infamous, Horseshoe Curve*

July Virtual Meeting

1st Place: Jim Oberst, *Scratch-built curved trestle on his Jamestown RR layout*

2nd Place: Mike Wolf, MMR®, *Two classic bridges, while an angler uses the quiet to try and catch his dinner*

3rd Place: Harry Butch Sage, *Trestle on the late Doc Sage’s D&RGW, Chama Subdivision*

(for you SPF’s). Watch your emails for details (submission deadlines, voting time frames, etc.) on the Virtual Photo Contest part. We will hold our Model Contest *in the flesh* at a To Be Determined meeting site.

As always, if you have any questions about our Division 6 Contests, feel free to direct any questions to:

Contest Chair, Jim Ruisinger.

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Contest Point Summary July 2021

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler 2020–2021

Steve Hurt	10	Jim Borcz	2
Pat Hreachmack	7	Harry Sage	2
Jerry Hurt	6	Dan Dennis	1
Howdy Lamprecht, MMR	5	Bob Doerflein	1
Jim Ruisinger	5	Alan Evens	1
Mike Wolf, MMR	5	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

Photographer 2021

Bob Baker	13	Charles Scherer	4
Howdy Lamprecht, MMR	12	John Gafney	3
Don Wilke	11	Jim Oberst	3
Jim Ruisinger	8	Dave Richter	3
Harry Sage	7	Jerry Hurt	2
Matt Goodman	6	Doug Kullman	2
Steve Hurt	6	Jim Borcz	1
Dick Briggs, MMR	5	Darrell Logan	1
Mike Wolf, MMR	5	Ken McDonough	1
Bill Alarie	4	Bruce Steinfurth	1
Richard Matejovic	4	David White	1

June & July Contest Winners

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair



1st Place Model for June by Steve Hurt (Copyright by Don Wilke)



1st Place Photo for June
by Don Wilke (Copyright by
Photographer)



1st Place Photo for July by Jim Oberst (Copyright by Photographer)

Membership End of the Month Report

Rick Brown, Membership Chair

Summary

The end of May report from NMRA saw one member derail (remember to send in your dues!). Looking at the month to month numbers shown here, our membership in Division 6 is stable and strong

Want to inquire about your membership, or when dues are to be paid? Happy to help

Active Members (end of the month):

May '21	163	May '20	165
April '21	164	April '20	165
March '21	164	March '20	165
February '21	161	February '20	168

Upcoming Expirations – Check your dates! 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)

February saw **one** member renew their membership. We had **one** member derailed. We had **one** member move into the division from another region. We had **three** new members!

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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Commentary

The annual Marion meeting sure was fun, wasn't it? It was terrific to see everyone who came. It's been soooo long. And Mike Wolf's array of clinicians was first-rate. Every clinic was super informative. I learned new stuff in every single clinic. Congrats to all the presenters and Mike.

Marion is a special place. Everyone should visit sometime other than during the annual meeting. Spend the time, take in the history, watch a few trains. This is a local treasure you shouldn't waste. And having the annual meeting

there is a rare treat. This was a big event.

Another (somewhat local) BIG event will be the Three Region Convention next spring. If you are serious about this activity and the NMRA and what it brings for you, this probably should be a don't miss event. The best of the best clinics will be there, displays, tour opportunities, and a chance to expand your model railroad social circle. Take a good look at the information that is coming out for that. It is your Region!



Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

Division 6 Email Group:

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Clinic Updates

Did you miss the clinics at Marion in June? Want to watch part of them again? Check them out for a limited time.

Bill Brubach started things off by presenting a well-researched discussion of the Flood of 1913 and its effect on PRR. If you aren't familiar with this piece of Ohio history or would like to see some vintage photos of the era, check it out.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/13bz025hbm59j3l/Flood-Brubach.mp4?dl=0>

JT Burke discussed some new sound options and then moved on to a lot of great tips and techniques on soldering. I'm sure you'll learn something useful (there is a short break in the middle due to technical issues).

https://www.dropbox.com/s/whwfd8uhc5qfwd7/Soldering-Burke_CombinedMed720.mp4?dl=0

Looking to model a dirt road or detailing your track? Check out Howdy's and Matt's Clinics.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/o6etkstsqdcxpzv/Grout-Lamprecht_Track-Goodman.mp4?dl=0

Ever thought about casting parts in resin? Contemplating painting a backdrop. You'll want to check out Pat's intro to resin casting and Jim's clinic on painting a backdrop.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/lt3m1sii5xuyr7v/Resin-Hreachmack_Backdrops-Kehn.mp4?dl=0

Speaking of upcoming clinics, I AM IN DESPERATE NEED FOR A CLINICIAN FOR THE AUGUST 15th MEETING! Please contact me ASAP if you have a topic in mind.

We've got a full schedule for the fall and plenty of clinic opportunities for you to participate in. Drop me a line at wvunion@gmail.com if you have an idea you'd like to present. It doesn't have to be an hour-long presentation. We can combine two or more mini-clinics. And clinics can count toward the Author or Volunteer AP. Check out the requirements for each to see which certificate your presentation qualifies.

Reminder Spam Button Misuse NMRA IT Department

It has come to the attention of the NMRA IT department that many NMRA members do not receive NMRA email publications (*Turntable*, *eBulletin*, *Dispatch*) because **other** members use the **Spam button**.

If the publication is not of interest, simply **delete** it. If you no longer want to receive any NMRA email publication, please use the **Unsubscribe link** (found at the bottom of the email), which is safe and secure. Never use the **Spam** or **Junk button**. If too many people do this, service providers such as Yahoo will block all people from ever seeing the emails. Most NMRA members want to keep in touch. Don't ruin it for them.

Please note that **Unsubscribe** will apply to all NMRA email publications, including the *Turntable*, *eBulletin*, *special eBulletins*, and *Dispatch*.

Note From the Signal Editor

The NMRA National and the Mid Central Region are not the only ones with this problem. Reports of missing emails from the Buckeye Division have been increasing lately. We have been trying to track down the problem. The only common problem was members who had an AOL account. I think the **Spam** or **Junk** button use is now the problem. According to the information from National, this not only affects your email account but other division members as well.

I'm not sure if this will work. If you have used the **Spam** or **Junk** button, go to the **Spam folder** or the **Junk folder** and move any NMRA, MCR, and Division 6 emails from those folders and then delete them. I know some service providers, like - but not limited to - Yahoo, run email filters. I'm guessing if enough people declare a group email as Spam or Junk they will not let it pass through their system. If we un-Spam and un-Junk enough group emails maybe they will change their filter. That will take time because they have to collect enough data.

Help your fellow members. Don't use the **Spam Button** or the **Junk Button**, just delete the group email you don't want. Or set up a folder called Delete Later and direct those group emails there.

Inexpensive Pine Trees

Darrell Logan

With a layout the size of the *Cheyenne Denver and Laramie Railroad* (42 x 14 double-deck), a large number of trees would be required, and the cost of using only commercial trees was out of the question. At first, I wasn't sure what kind of trees would be used, but I knew that a lot of trees would be necessary.

In the beginning, I made pine trees using twenty (20) gauge floral wire and green dyed hemp rope. The process of separating the hemp rope, dyeing the separate strands green, and letting them dry was a time-consuming task. It also created a mess that resulted in being banned from the kitchen. The dyeing process was an adventure all by itself, not counting the required cleanup of the kitchen. As a result of this, I began to experiment with other material

I found that could easily replace the Hemp rope with was bailing twine. Since it is a single strand, I eliminated the time spend separating the hemp rope. I discovered that I could purchase one thousand (1000') feet of bailing twine for about three (3) dollars at Tractor Supply Company. The floral wire at first came from a craft store. Due to a large number of trees required I needed a better supply source. I contacted a local florist warehouse and purchased two boxes of floral wire, one was 24 gauge the other 22 gauge. I ordered packages of each box. They were five (5) pounds each and cost about twenty (20) dollars each. I was now in the pine tree industry.

First, I bent the floral wire in half and a small twist was made in the wire. Next, I cut the bailing twine to varying lengths. I placed the twine on the floral wire and made a small twist to hold the twine in place. The next longer length was install and this continued until I completed the basic tree.

Next using a small hand drill the floral wire I twisted the floral wire to insure the bailing twine would not fall out. At this stage, the tree looks like either a bottle brush or a dead tree. At this stage, the "dead" trees are set aside. After producing a large quantity of "dead" trees, I trimmed them. Next, I sprayed them with dark green paint and tossed them into a small container full of Woodland Scenics ground foam. They were shaken, not stirred until done. I continued this process until all the "dead" trees turned into "healthy live trees". I drilled a small hole with a pin vise and then coating the trunk with "hot" glue to plant each tree. My first large planting was over one thousand trees. I felt that many trees would be enough at first. Since the original batch of trees, I have planted over two thousand more pine trees. I still need more trees to complete the railroad. The only problem was pine trees are not the only kind of trees found in the area I model. I acquired additional trees from Woodland Scenics and installed them on the layout. I also used additional trees from Accurail on the layout. In addition, I have used trees supplied by Scenic Express, and Jane's Trees.

Currently, I am looking for a source of material that will allow the mass production of Aspens and other trees common to the area that I am modeling. I am also trying to locate a supply of Sage Brush that will allow me to use the stuff most Arts & Craft Dealers discard as I want to be able to model some other types of trees. I tried to make a wire trunk and it looks good but is way too time-consuming.



White Pine



Red Pine

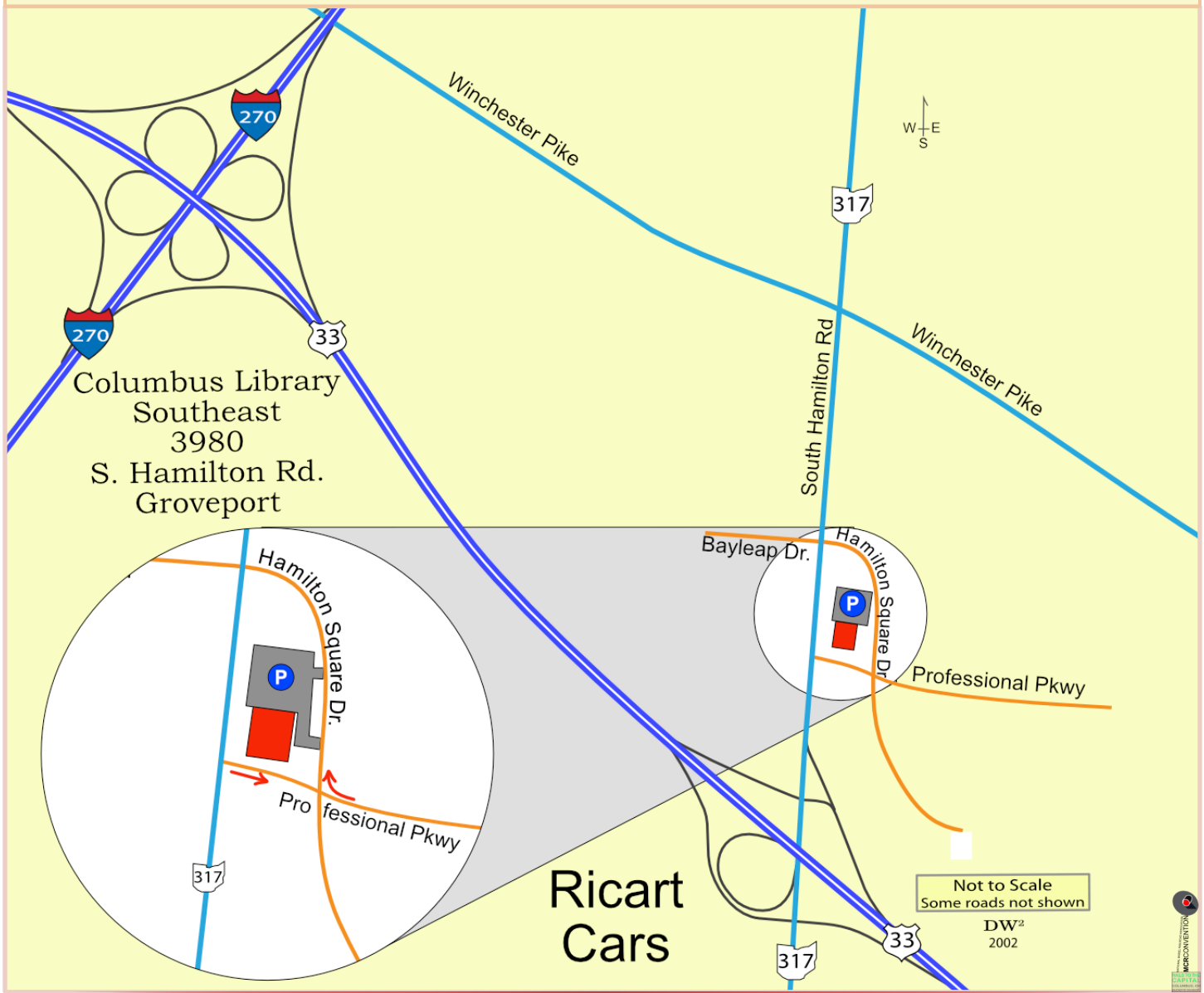


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Super's Signal

August 2021

Columbus South East Library



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Indy Junction 2022

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The RPM Conference has joined with the NCR, MWR, and MCR to bring to model railroaders INDY JUNCTION 2022 from May 18 to 22, 2022.

Some details of what that means for Indy Junction 2022 attendees

- The RPM Conference has a 27 year history in the Chicagoland area, and will be bringing the best features of those events to Indy. The group is looking forward to being back in person and celebrating the camaraderie of model railroading by sharing information and modeling techniques.
- The heart of RPM Conferences is presentations and there will be a full slate of 30+ presenters planned to run three to four at a time. This will be in addition to all the NMRA clinics. Attendees can attend all clinics on the same ticket.
- All convention participants will have access to all convention activities, with the single exception of the NMRA judged contests, which are open to NMRA members only.
- The RPM Conference will have an open model display room; a feature of all RPM events. In addition, the Modutrak display layout and other RPM Conference displays from RPM Chicagoland events will be present.
- The NMRA clinics will be primarily in the morning and most evenings with the afternoon available for layout visits and operating sessions.
- The RPM clinics will be morning, afternoon, and some evenings. Those attendees who do not wish to travel or operate can attend the afternoon RPM clinics.

- A Friends of the Freight Car dinner is planned as part of the RPM style activities. Dinner, with a feature presentation, is planned for this event.

That's some great news for all Indy Junction 2022 attendees. We've also revised the event logo to show the inclusion of the RPM Conference.

We'll contact you next by mid June. But don't forget to put Indy Junction 2022 on your calendar !

If you would like to receive the MailChimp email updates which are intended for Indy Junction attendees, you can sign up here - <https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>

One question that has started to come up, "When and where can I sign up for the INDY JUNCTION 2022 Convention". The answer is soon and on the website. The Registration Committee is hard at work getting registration ready for prime time. We promise as soon as it's available, we'll get that word out.

Meanwhile, encourage members of your region, division or group to sign up on the website to receive the latest INDY JUNCTION 2022 information. We bring the information to you !

Marketing Committee

INDY JUNCTION 2022 Convention

NCR MWR MCR NMRA and RPM Conference

Indianapolis Marriott East, May 18-22, 2022

<https://www.indyjunction2022.org/>

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April 20, 2021

Back in August of 2019, you remember when things were normal, and we began discussing a three region convention to take place in 2022, it seemed like a long way off and there was plenty of time to put together a great convention. Now Indy Junction 2022 is scheduled for May 18th to 22nd in Indianapolis and the clock is ticking.

The original idea for several regions to get together and put on a convention was because the NMRA National Convention was to be held in Birmingham, England in 2022 and it was reasoned that many would opt to attend a convention in the middle of the USA. What's more, instead of a week abroad, it would be 4 full days in Circle City (Indianapolis) at The Crossroads of America. As we all know now, Birmingham didn't work out but Indy Junction is going to take place and we'll be packing our bags to attend in just a few days over a year from now.

The Midwest Region, North Central Region, and the Mid Central Region have joined together to make it happen. And Indy Junction will be a suburban convention not a downtown convention. The Indianapolis Marriott East is easily accessible from I-465/I-70 with reasonable room rates and FREE parking. And the convention will take place in the spring - the most beautiful time of the year out on the edge of the prairie.

Layout tours will be during the day and they're ALL self-driving so you can spend as much time as YOU want at each stop. We are planning a two-day train show for Saturday and Sunday. But it won't be a flea market/buy/trade/sell event. You will not see the big name manufacturers who only bring displays to the show. Instead, we're looking at having smaller but well-known manufacturers who will sell direct to you as an attendee.

And of course there will be all the rest of the usual things - contests, non-rail, prototype tours, and other activities.

If you're going to go to just one convention in 2022, THIS is the ONE! Visit the Indy Junction 2022 website <https://www.indyjunction2022.org/> or follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/indyjunction2022> to stay up to date on the latest info for INDY JUNCTION 2022.

Four Full Days, Three Regions, Two-Day Train Show - ONE CONVENTION !

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 11, 2021



Dates:	Wednesday May 18 to Sunday May 22, 2022
Sponsors:	Midwest, North Central and Mid Central Regions National Model Railroad Association
Event:	Indy Junction 2022 Convention
Location:	Indianapolis Marriott East 7202 East 21st St Indianapolis, IN 46219
Convention Fee:	\$ (not yet available)
Information:	Four Full Days, Three Regions, One Convention The Midwest, North Central, and Mid Central Regions of the NMRA will host this Tri-Regional convention in May 2022 Clinics, Layout Tours, Ops Sessions, Prototype Tours, Non-Rail Clinics and Activities and a Train Show Mark your calendar NOW FREE Parking and Much More !

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