

Super's Signal

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Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

Happy November, everyone. In less than a month and a half, the days will start getting longer again. Currently, my wife leaves for work before it's light, and soon, it'll be dark before she leaves work. Thence begins two months of seeing no daylight during the weekdays for her. As I am currently working from home, I won't suffer that same depressing fate.

Cambridge Train Show

The Cambridge Train Show was a success and returned a small profit to the division. Greg Short reported that he sold all the tables that were available. Jim Borcz reported we had about 165 people come through the gate, not including vendors and volunteers. On the vendor side of things, the feedback I heard after the show was good. Greg reported that most of the vendors were already inquiring about space for next year!

I want to extend a BIG THANKS to everyone who volunteered to help out on the day of the show. We had a lot of muscle to help set up and tear down, and gregarious guys manning the recruiting table. The recruiting table was a bit longer than normal. It included a longer T-Track layout, with most of the modules and rolling stock provided by members Bob Horner, Terry Bacus, and John Madden. In addition, Mike Wolf's JMRI/Arduino DCC system demonstration, Rich Matejovic's Z scale briefcase layout, and Darrell Logan's tree-making clinic.

The BOD and the volunteers conducted a "what went well" session (sometimes called a post-mortem) the week following the show. We gathered ideas to improve the event for next year. We did something similar back in 2019, and the results from that were on-site coffee, a food truck, and a slightly earlier start in 2021. Some of the takeaways this year are changes to flier distribution (especially to other train shows), changes or additions to social media or other online advertisements, and even some discussions about the location of the show.

Super's Signal Deadline
18 November

14 November

In-Person & Zoom

Coshocton Model Railroad Club Fairgrounds, Coshocton

12:30: Coshocton Model Railroad Club opens

1:00: Contest entries opens

1:45: Contest entries closes; voting begins

2:00: Contest voting ends; Division 6 Meeting

2:30: Contest Results announced

2:45: Clinic: *No Silly Questions*, Dick Briggs, MMR®

Model Contest: Closed Freight Car

Virtual Photography Contest: Closed Freight Car

Other Items

Now that we are moving into the indoor season, many of us will start spending more time on hobby projects. If that sounds like you, submit the occasional update to our mailing list (nmrabuckeydivision@groups.io) to keep everyone in the loop and get feedback. As a side benefit, you'll have the basis for a future mini-clinic or *Super's Signal* article!

My current project is building a cluster of four turnouts; a mainline crossover, a turnout to the industrial track, and an industrial track switching lead. Space considerations meant all had to be on a curve. I'm trying out a new building technique with every curved turnout I come to, and this batch is no different. One day I'll settle on one technique and stick with it.

While building, I can hear two voices in the back of my head (Dick and Mike shall remain nameless), constantly prattling the equivalent of "what's taking so long?!!!!". And that's a good thing. Deadlines and peer pressure help keep things moving and standards high. Another benefit of our organization!

Time to drop the fire!

Matt

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different (for Division 6 at least). The topic of discussion will be *NO SILLY QUESTIONS*. Do you have a question you've always wanted to ask but thought it was too simple? We're providing a SAFE SPACE and affording you the opportunity to ask it in a judgement free zone. If you have a more difficult question, ask that too. We'll have several panel members ready to take your questions. If they don't know the answer, hopefully someone else in the room can. Here's a question I wished I asked about 7 years ago – do I have to wait until the contest month for passenger cars comes up to get my passenger car judged for the AP program. The answer is NO (but it likely delayed my AP progress for a year because I thought it was a silly question and didn't ask).

In December, we're going to supplement the tapes (or DVDs) and slide show with some mini-clinics by YOU! Are you currently working on a project? Take some photos of your progress and bring them to the December meeting. A quick 5-10 minutes on what you did, what you learned, or whatever you want to talk about on the project. Whether it's scenic-ing part of your layout, building a kit, weathering a car, superdetailing a loco, installing a decoder, or adding an interior to a building. Whatever you want to show and tell (about). Put your photos in a couple slides or bring the model along. The only rule is that YOU participate. I've gotten a couple folks signed up but can use many more.

2022 presents numerous clinic opportunities for you to participate. 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 count toward the Author or Volunteer AP. Check out the requirements for each to see which certificate your presentation qualifies.



Don't Just Belong, Participate!!

Clinic Updates

Join us in Coshocton in November. In addition to being able to tour and ask questions of the club members about their great layout, Richard Jones will be providing us information on the FIFTY YEAR History of the club.

Additionally, based on a suggestion I got from Division 4, we're going to try something a little

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	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) & <i>Scenery Extravaganza</i> <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	Virtual Photo Contest	Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Bridges & Trestles	online
15 Aug (Change)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>SE Columbus Library</i> Clinic: <i>Making Roads Using Plastic Sign Material</i> , George Stringer Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Caboose(s)	Groveport
19 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
11 Sept Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Mark Maynard's</i> Clinic: <i>None</i> Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive	West Portsmouth
16 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Oct	Virtual Photo Contest	Virtual Photo Contest: Thumbz (Whimsical Railroad Items)	online
17 Oct	Division 6 Train Show		Cambridge
21 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
14 Nov	Division 6 Meeting (TBD)	Business Meeting: <i>Coshocton Club</i> Clinic: <i>No Silly Questions; Coshocton Club History</i> Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Closed Freight Car	Coshocton
18 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
12 Dec	Division 6 Meeting (TBD)	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i> Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Passenger Car	TBD
16 Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Virtual Photo Contest in Review

Our Virtual Photo Contest for November, *Closed Freight Cars*, is at hand. Division members may now enter their photos by sending them to the Contest Chairman (that's me). The deadline for submitting your photos is Thursday evening, November 11th at 10 pm. Voting will be all day Friday and Saturday ending at 9 pm Saturday the 13th. Winners will be announced at our November 14th Division 6 Meeting.

The ground rules are pretty basic:

1. Photo must have been taken by a division member submitting the photo.
2. Photo may be of either the prototype or a model.
3. Deadline to submit photos - 10 pm on Thursday November 11th.
4. Voting will be from 12:01 am Friday, November 12th and close at 9 pm Saturday, November 13th.

Examples of *Closed Freight Cars* would include: Covered Hoppers, Covered Gondolas, Box Cars (doors closed),

October Virtual Photo Contest

Virtual Photo: 'Thumbz, humorous and whimsical' stuff on the railroad

1st Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *PRR swayback gondola with 'heavyweight' load*

2nd Place: Jim Kehn, *Benevolent Order Of Boatman and Sailors (BOOBS for short) rest and recreation center*

3rd Place: Jim Kehn, *They's a shotgun weddin' goin on at the chapel*

Tank Cars, Coil Cars (with coil covers), and Generator Cars.

We will hold our Model Contest in the flesh at A.M.R.E.C., The Coshocton Club.

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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1st Place Virtual Photo for October by Howdy Lamprecht (Copyright by Howdy Lamprecht)

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A.M.R.E.C.

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

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



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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Share the Knowledge!!



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Ops Sessions
Prototype Tours



Four Full Days
Three Regions
Two Day Train Show
One Convention
May 18-22, 2022



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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 !

NEWS RELEASE

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 !

For more information visit:

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