

Super's Signal

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February 2022

Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

Happy winter everyone. I was very happy to finally get to shovel my driveway (it's great exercise). The driveway gets a bit longer every year.

Train Show

The Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee, led by Mike Wolf, MMR®, organized the table and volunteers for the Great American Train show in early January. The division's thanks go to Mike and volunteers Carter Jastram, Howdy Lamprecht, MRR®, (also a committee member), Mark Krueger, Jim Kehn, Darrell, and Judy Logan, Pat Hreachmack, Rick Brown, John Gafney, and non-member Giles Kennedy.

Everyone reported steady interaction with the public, and I personally talked to a lot of kids. They won't be members for a while, but first impressions might stick. Mike has already started collecting lessons learned and ideas from the front line to improve things. I was part of the tear-down crew, and it amazed me with how much he paired the necessary materials down. Less material means you are in and out quicker, with fewer tubs to transport back and forth.

January Meeting and 2022 Timetable

Dexter scheduled our meeting in a new venue – the Northern Lights Library branch. The location was fine, but we had crossed wires on the start time; the website had one time; the postcards had another. My apologies to those that planned around the later time and found they arrived too late to enter the contest. We are working on getting those disconnects fixed.

Going forward, if there is a difference of information between the Website, Postcard, MailChimp, and Super's Signal, the Website will be the source of truth.

On a related topic, the Steering Committee selected meeting dates for the first half of 2022 (through June). The website is now updated with these dates and Dex-

Saturday, 19 February In-Person Meeting Hilltop Library 511 South Hague Ave Columbus

1:00: Social gathering

1:15: Contest entries opens

1:45: Contest entries closes; Voting begins

1:55: Contest voting ends

2:00: Division 6 Meeting begins

2:45: Contest results announced

2:30: Clinic: *Demystifying Large Scale*, David Evers

After Clinic: Layout Tour: Dick Briggs' Pennsylvania RR

Model Contest: Non-Revenue/MOW

Virtual Photography Contest: Non-Revenue/MOW

ter has a clear signal for planning the locations of those meetings. Jim Ruisinger has already scheduled the model contest theme, which is also on the website now, so start planning your builds.

We will have dates for the second half of the year pegged after February's Steering Committee meeting. My goal is to make the dates/days consistent so they are easier to remember.

On a programmatic note, one of our goals this year is reviving layout tours after a year and a half without them. This came to fruition quickly as we expect to have a tour in February following the Hilltop Branch meeting. More on that later.

Online Magazine

The National BOD has communicated to the membership that we will have an Electronic magazine available to us starting in April 2022. If you are getting the paper magazine, this will not change until and unless you choose to drop it

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Super's Signal Deadline
26 January

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Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division 6,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Division 6 Meeting
Northern Lights Library
22 January 2022

Carter Jastram, Clerk
With thanks to Harry "Butch" Sage

Call to order

The Division 6 Meeting 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	Don Wilke

Division 6 Chairs Present:

Company Store	Greg Short
Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Groups.io	Jim Ruisinger
Inspector of Elections	Harry "Butch" Sage
Programs	Dexter Hill
Raffle	Harry "Butch" Sage
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Train Show	Greg Short
Webmaster	Don Wilke

Absent:

Director, Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR®
Director, Programs	Mike Wolf, MMR®
Media, Membership	Rick Brown
Membership Retention	Bruce McDonald

Announcements:

Matt Goodman. Matt gave a short review of the recent Columbus Train show and Buckeye division recruitment efforts. He also discussed the NMRA's moving the NMRA Magazine (and fka Scale Rails) to digital format.

Reports:

Paymaster's Report: Jim Borcz. Jim reported receiving money to deposit from the Raffle and a donation. He also reported the latest checking and savings account balances. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit.

Meeting Schedule and Program Locations Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reported that meeting dates are set through June on the third Saturday of each month, except April, fourth Saturday, and May, no meeting because of *Indy Junction 2022*. Tentative meeting dates for the rest of the year may also be on the third Saturday, except October for our *Cambridge Train Show*. Subject to further discussion. Mike Wolf is, as always, looking for additional clinic presenters. Please watch the *Super's Signal* and the Division 6 website for updates.

Webmaster's Report: Don Wilke. Don has posted the schedule of meeting dates through June on the website.

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Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. Nothing new to report.

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. The deadline for the February issue of the *Signal* is this Thursday, January 27. If an article is not quite ready, please inform Don of how much space it will need.

Groups.io Report: Jim Ruisinger. Jim reports no significant changes and urges all members to join our group.

Membership Report: Rick Brown. Matt reports two new members in December and no other changes.

Clerk's Report: Carter Jastram. The membership approved the Clerk's December Meeting Report, as published in the January 2022 *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to take up.

New Business:

Bower Models: Bowser has been advertising its RS-3s, but U.S. Customs will not yet release them. Two road names are in the country, but Customs has at least three other names tied up.

Model Contest: A member expressed the opinion that the Model Contest needs more time. We should start the voting a half hour before the meeting. The meeting schedule on the postcards needs to match the schedule as presented on the Division 6 website.

Tom Veigel: Tom Veigel's family will hold a celebration of his life on March 12, 2:00 p.m., at Newcomers Funeral Home in Westerville. It will include a wine toast.

Club Reports:

No club member presented a club report.

Contest Results:

Contest Certificates: Jim Ruisinger. Jim handed out certificates to past contest winners.

October Photo Contest: Certificates for third and second places to Jim Kehn, and first place to Howdy Lamprecht.

November Photo Contest: Certificates for third place to Mike Wolf, second Place to Howdy Lamprecht, and first place to Butch Sage.

November Model Contest: Certificates for third place to Butch Sage, second place to Mike Wolf, and first place to Howdy Lamprecht.

December Photo Contest: Certificates for third place to Howdy Lamprecht, second place to Jim Ruisinger, and Mike Wolf "received several first places."

Model Contest—Open Car with Load: Jim Ruisinger. Today's winners are:

Third Place: Howdy Lamprecht, Second Place: Jim Ruisinger, and First Place: John Gafney.

Virtual Photo Contest—Open Car with Load: Jim Ruisinger. The photo contest winners are:

Third Place: Mike Wolf, Second Place: Howdy Lamprecht, First Place: Jim Ruisinger.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all who entered. You created a good display of your handiwork!

The February contest topic is **Maintenance of Way (MoW) or Non-Revenue**. Members may enter photographs of models or prototypes from now through Wednesday, February 16 at 9:00 p.m. Members may vote on Thursday and Friday until 9:00 p.m. The Contest Chair will announce the winners at the February 19 Division 6 meeting.

There is currently no limit to the number of photos a person may enter. Remember, a member may only enter photos taken by oneself.

Jim invited division members to bring their MoW models to the division meeting on the 19th for the in-person model contest.

Photographer of the Year (2021) and Modeler of the Year (2020-2021):

Each year the Division awards cash prizes to the winners of these two categories. Jim is proud to announce that for 2021 Photographer of the Year (POY), tied for Third Place are Don Wilke, Mike Wolf, and Bob Baker. Second Place goes to Jim Kehn, and First Place goes to Howdy Lamprecht.

The winners of 2020-2021 Modeler of the Year (MOY): in Third Place is Steve Hurt. Second Place goes to Mike Wolf, and First Place goes to Howdy Lamprecht.

Congratulations to the winners on jobs well done! We encourage all members to enter photographs and models—you never know what might happen!

Raffle:

Today's raffle winners were Judy Logan, Darrell Logan, Greg Short, and Jim Borcz. We appreciate the members' support of the division by buying raffle tickets and donating raffle prizes. If you wish to donate a possible raffle prize, please contact Butch Sage.

Good of the Order:

Tom Veigel: Save the date of March 12 if you wish to attend the ceremony for Tom Veigel.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: The next Steering Committee will be a Zoom meeting on Thursday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. Any division member may attend any Steering Committee meeting. Contact Superintendent Matt Goodman for the Zoom meeting link, if interested.

Next Division 6 Membership Meeting: The next Division 6 meeting will be on **Saturday**,

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February 19, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Branch Library off of Hague Avenue. The room will open at 1 p.m. Watch the Super's Signal and the Division 6 website for the most up-to-date information.

Adjournment:

Matt adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m., after a motion and a second to adjourn.

Clinics:

Matt Goodman presented an interesting clinic with slides on modeling *Shrinking Circleville: Small City Industries*. His slides included old and modern photos and maps. Thank you, Matt!

We encourage anyone with an idea or an experience to talk with Mike Wolf about sharing a clinic at a future date, especially for February 19.

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at your next renewal. Otherwise, you need to do nothing in the short term.

However, if you want to take advantage of the online version, you will have to have a members-only account on NMRA.ORG. If you haven't set up an account here yet, it's easy – click the "Member Log-In | Registration" link at the top right of the screen. If you have any questions, contact membership chair Rick Brown or me.

Hobby Goals

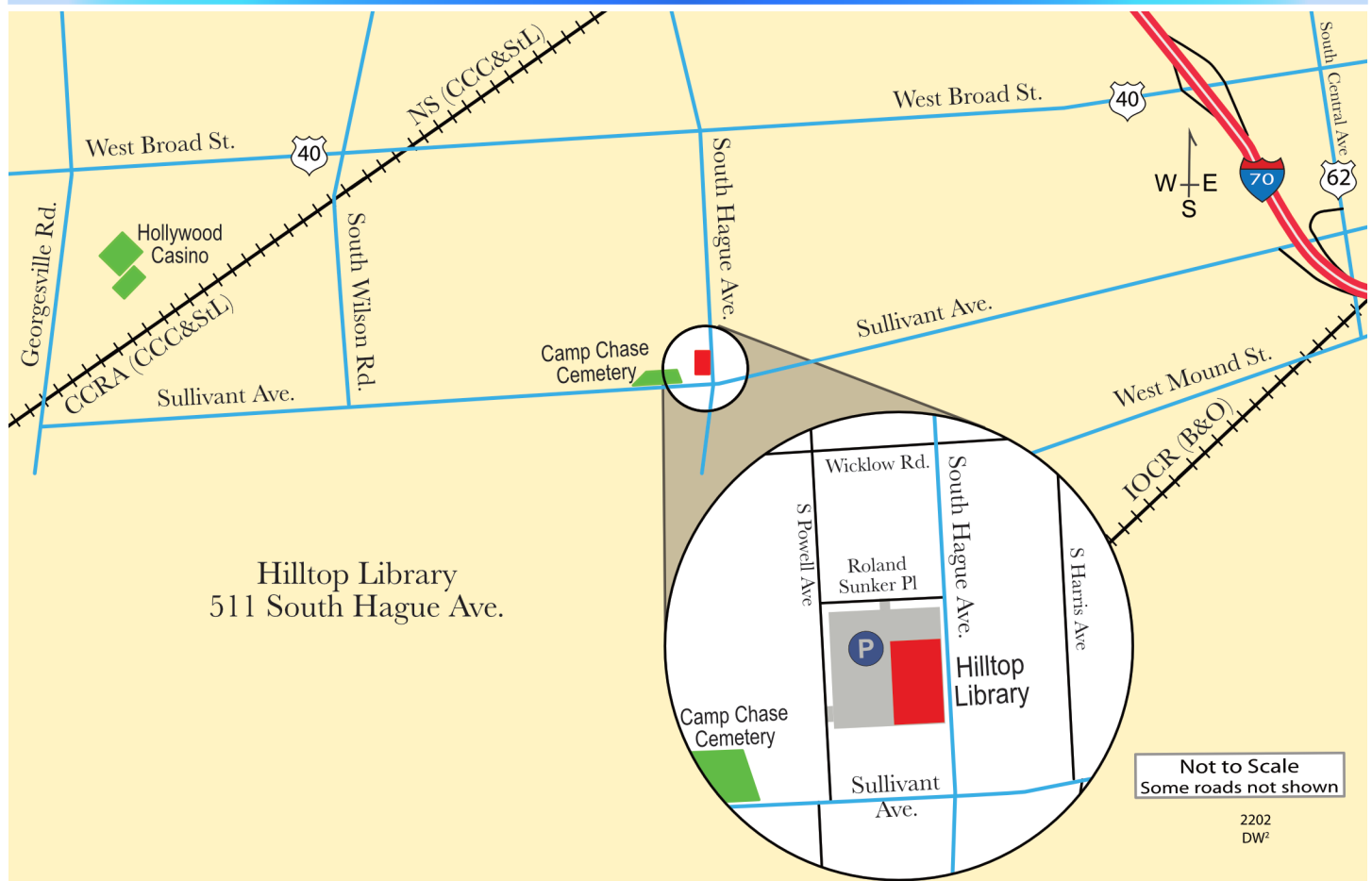
Last month I wrote that I had a New Year's hobby goal

of completing the last of the turnouts along the Old Main Line through Circleville, Ohio. I'm happy to report that I MADE IT – as long as you don't count guardrails... (I finished those the following weekend). I spent a few hours over the following days working out figurative kinks, employing files where needed, and de-soldering/re-soldering the diverging rail of one turnout. My next goal is to connect all those turnouts with track and dropping feeders.

All the while, I hear Christy occasionally asking "does it run yet?"

Time to drop the fire!

Matt



Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

December Contest in Review

We kicked off 2022 with our January meeting and contest. Contest turnout was somewhat sparse but the quality was there as we had some really nice and a few unusual entries. As one member remarked, "Damn you guys are making it tough to pick a favorite. Everything is so good".

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our next meeting which should be February 19. Our contest subject for February will be Maintenance of Way (MOW) and Non-Revenue Railroad equipment. Examples could include: Wrecking Crane, Rail Laying cars/Equipment, Dormitory Cars, Snowplows, Flangers, Scale Cars, Fire Train Cars, etc.

Contests for 2022

The Contest Subject matter our contests is pretty well set thru the June meeting as we are still finalizing meeting locations. We will continue to hold our photo contests virtually via the web. Our model contests will be 'in the flesh' at our meeting. We will continue to announce the winners for both model and photo contests at our regular division meetings. Keep your eyes peeled for informational emails.

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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Modeler of the Year 2020-2021
Howdy Lamprecht, MMR®



Photographer of the
Year 2021
Howdy Lamprecht

December Contest

Virtual Photo: Open Freight Car with Load

1st Place: Jim Ruisinger, *B&O Pulpwood Car #470 with Load*

2nd Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *Olive Grove Lumber Bulkhead Flat Car with Wrapped Lumber Loads*

3rd Place: Mike Wolf, *PRR Flat Car with a herd of Deere... (John Deere's that is!!!)*

Model: Open Freight Car with Load

1st Place: John Gafney, *US Army Flat Cars with RN Hawker Fairey Swordfish Torpedo Bomber Load*

2nd Place: Jim Ruisinger, *Logging Flat Car with Donkey Skidder Load*

3rd Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *Olive Grove Lumber Bulkhead Flat Car with Wrapped Lumber Loads*



1st Place Virtual Photo
by Jim Ruisinger

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1st Place Model
by John Gafney

Division 6 – 2021 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
22 Jan Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Northern Lights Library</i> Clinic: <i>Shrinking Circleville</i> , Matt Goodman Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Open Freight Car WITH Load	Columbus
26 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
19 Feb Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Clinic: <i>Demystifying Large Scale</i> , David Evers Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Non-Revenue–MOW Car	Columbus
19 Mar Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Clinic: <i>Detailing a Steam Locomotive</i> , Mike Wolf, MMR® Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive	TBD
23 Apr Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Rail Road Severed Structure	TBD
15 Apr	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18-22 May	MCR Convention	<i>Indy Junction2022</i>	Indianapolis, IN
18 Jun Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Favorite Train	Marion
23 Jun	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
17 Oct	Division 6 Train Show		Laughlin Center, Cambridge

Clinic Updates



Thanks to Matt Goodman for presenting his clinic on his research, deciding what to model, and selectively compressing his layout in circa 1938 Circleville, Ohio.

Matt adapted his clinic from a talk he developed for the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Library. He used images and information he collected while planning his Circleville. The clinic focused on the industries that existed along a four-mile stretch, with most of those being in the city proper.

The clinic had a couple of goals. One goal was to show the varied types of smaller industries that were common in the late thirties. Along with a couple of industries

(strawboard and corn cob mills) that were uncommon. The smallness of the timeframe is a real advantage when it comes to making things fit.

The second goal was to talk about the decision matrix to determine which industries to include on the layout and which to set aside. For example, Matt prioritized industries that he or his family clearly remember, those that were local landmarks, or ones that had an oddball product (strawboard and ground corn cobs!). The first two points help keep the family and the occasional non-model railroading stranger interested in the project. On the flip side, Matt merged or removed industries of a similar type (coal yards or elevators) to save space.

Matt's father grew up in Circleville. Matt told a few stories about his dad's memories hanging around the tracks or local tower kept most people awake in a dark, pleasantly warm library.

Join us in February when David Evers will expand the scale of our knowledge base by demystifying large scale. He'll explore scale, gauge, power delivery, naming, and most things Large Scale. As many of you probably know, David has been into large scale for many years. His current indoor layout is about 600 sq. ft. It represents about one mile of railroad set in a small midwestern Ohio village in the early 1980's timeframe. It is a switching layout in a 1:29 scale designed for one to two operators. It serves industries typical of a small agricultural area. The track is all hand laid or will be when he completes it. Rolling stock is almost all RTR. Power is via RC and batteries onboard.

Have you been taking a couple of photos or documenting your progress on a project or topic for our April Mini Clinics? If you need help putting some PowerPoint slides together, I can help. Let me know what topics you are working on and we'll include them in April or perhaps at Marion's meeting in June.

I've still got plenty of openings in the clinic line up including Marion and beyond. Drop me a line at wvunion@gmail.com if you have an idea you'd like to present. And clinics can count toward the Author or Volunteer AP. Check out the requirements for each to see which certificate your presentation qualifies.

Layout Tours. Interested in showing off your layout progress to other Division 6 members. We're looking for layouts to include following our monthly meetings. In March we'll be on the NW side of town (Dublin). Let Dexter know if interested and we'll adjust the schedule later in the year to be on your side of town.



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Clinics
Layout Tours
Ops Sessions
Prototype Tours



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



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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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