

# Super's Signal

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

March 2022

## Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

First, it's time for my monthly reference to the weather or sun. I'm writing this at the end of February, and today is a full hour and ten minutes longer than when I wrote my last article. We have also just entered a period of maximum day-length growth. Each day growing 2.5 minutes longer than the previous day. This rate will stay more or less stable until mid-April when the increase starts tapering off on the way to the peak day length in June.

With that out of the way, here's a recap of what is going on in the division.

### Magazine Changes

About a month from now, the digital version of the NMRA magazine will become available for all members, whether they currently subscribe to the magazine or not.

I've heard some very encouraging buzz from those who have seen the latest test magazines. You can access the magazine on desktop/laptop computers via the NMRA website ([nmra.org](https://www.nmra.org)), and on mobile devices via a new NMRA app. Apparently, the magazine viewing experience on the app is quite good. The app will also provide easy access to other membership benefits and information.

You will have to set up an account in the members-only section of the NMRA website to read the magazine on either platform. Most of those reading this probably already have an account. For those that don't, look for more information in upcoming communications from National, or reach out to me for help.

Along with the new magazine, National is also working on scanning copies of older magazines/bulletins/Scale Rails and posting them to the NMRA website. As of this writing, you can read bulletins dating from as early as 1935! To see these (it's worth it), visit <https://www.nmra.org/nmra-digital-magazine>. Note that you have to log into the members-only section to view these.

**Super's Signal Deadline**  
26 March

## Saturday, 19 March Dublin Library 75 North High Street Dublin

- 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:** Clinic: *The Lincoln Funeral Train*, Jim Kehn and Bill Brubach

**Model Contest:** Diesel & Electric Locomotive

**Virtual Photography Contest:** Diesel & Electric

Along with the new magazine, April is also when National scheduled a dues increase. National covers their reasoning behind the increase in the NMRA Magazine. Suffice to say if you are up for renewal, doing so before the end of March makes sense. Going forward, you will have the option of retaining or dropping your print subscription (if you have one). Doing so will more than offset the overall dues increase.

### Postcard Discontinuance

For the past six or seven years, the division has mailed postcard meeting reminders to the membership. I still remember the day we voted for the postcard program in former Super Bob Lee's basement. We saw it as a way to ease our transition away from a printed *Super's Signal* to the electronic version.

Times and needs change, and the Board has voted to discontinue the postcards to reduce costs to the division. The Board has discussed dropping the postcards off and on over the past couple of years. When Darrell Logan, who has been printing and mailing the postcards for several years, indicated he was ready to step aside, the Board determined it was a logical time to wrap up the pro-

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## **Clerk's Report** **Buckeye Division 6,** **Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.** **Division 6 Meeting** **Hilltop Library** **19 February 2022**

*Carter Jastram, Clerk*

### Call to order

The Division 6 Meeting called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, at 1:58 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

Director

Mike Wolf, MMR®

### Division 6 Chairs Present:

Achievement Program

Dick Briggs, MMR®

Company Store

Greg Short

Contest

Jim Ruisinger

Groups.io

Jim Ruisinger

Inspector of Elections

Harry "Butch" Sage

Programs

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Raffle

Harry "Butch" Sage

*Super's Signal* Publisher

Don Wilke

Train Show

Greg Short

Webmaster

Don Wilke

### Absent:

Media, Membership

Rick Brown

Membership Retention

Bruce McDonald

### Announcements:

**Other Division Meetings:** Matt Goodman. Matt attended Division 12's *Modeling Session* via Zoom and viewed a Division 8 hybrid meeting on YouTube after the fact. Our new NMRA president visited the Division 8 meeting from his home in the Orkney Isles. Hybrid meetings give us the ability to see what is going on elsewhere. The conversational tone of Division 12's modeling session impressed Matt. Watch for an announcement from him about Division 6 being able to hold a similar event.

**Meeting Day Survey:** Mike Wolf. Mike sent out the survey to the membership on groups.io and MailChimp. Thirty-six members had responded by midnight last night. Please take the survey and add your comments. The Steering Committee will meet next Thursday to discuss the results.

**Division 6 Shirt:** Pat Hreachmack and Dick Briggs. Pat and Dick are researching the best way to make a new Division 6 polo shirt available to the membership.

**Division 6 Regulations:** Butch Sage. Spurred by meetings held on the internet, Butch Sage has prepared a draft docu-

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ment updating the division Regulations. Once the Board votes on it, he will write an article explaining the updates to the membership.

**Meeting Postcards:** Matt Goodman. Darrell Logan has designed all the postcards mailed to the membership, but he has now stepped down. The Board decided to discontinue the postcard mailings. We will mail one more postcard explaining that the meeting information will be available on the website, in the *Super's Signal*, and via email. The division updates the website, the Facebook page, and groups.io about the first of every month. Meetings are typically but not always held on the second weekend of the month. Each issue of the *Super's Signal* has the schedule on page one and a map inside.

**Indy Junction 2022:** The registration fee goes up on April 28. The convention meeting dates are May 18-22.

**Tom Veigel Memorial Service:** Tom's family will hold a celebration of his life on March 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Newcomer Funeral Home, Westerville.

[Link to obituary:

<https://www.newcomercolumbus.com/Obituary/207698/Thomas-Veigel-Esq/Columbus-OH> --Clerk]

**Reports:**

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

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

**Meeting Schedule and Program Locations Report:** Dexter Hill. Our next division meeting is on March 19 at the Dublin Branch Library at 1:00 p.m. Dexter will book either Smoke Stack Hobbies or a library room for April 9 or 10. Marion Union Station is popular this year for many groups. Our Annual Meeting will take place on June 25, starting at 9:00 a.m. Dexter will schedule our 2023 Annual Meeting very soon.

**Program Clinics Report:** Mike Wolf. Mike needs a clinic for the March meeting. He has two or three mini-clinics for our April meeting and could use a couple more. These are 5-10 minutes long, covering a short topic with a couple of photos or a show-and-tell. The Marion meeting will have two regular clinics in the morning and another series of mini-clinics in the afternoon.

Don is always looking for *Super's Signal* articles. He welcomes even one or two photos and a couple of paragraphs. Clinicians, take note! And as always, watch the *Super's Signal* for the latest details.

**Achievement Report:** Dick Briggs. Dick gave the Golden Spike Award to **George Stringer** for the completion of his layout. It is 23' by 17' and Dick said it was amazing how much George accomplished in one year.

**Communications Report:** Don Wilke. The deadline for the *Super's Signal* is this Thursday, February 24. If an article is not quite ready, please inform Don of how much space it will need. Don updated the Time-Table Page on the website through the *Indianapolis Convention* and the June meeting in Marion.

**Social Media Report:** Jim Ruisinger. There were some hits on our Facebook page, and one more person has joined our groups.io.

**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt reports that we have three new members: one Railpass and two new memberships.

**Recruitment Report:** Mike Wolf. Mike requests the members to tell him of any type of train show at which we could set up a table and promote the NMRA.

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to take up.

**New Business:**

**Youth Involvement:** George Stringer. George proposed we find ways to draw in more young people. On making his second trip to the Central Ohio Model Railroad Club (COMRC), he was amazed at the number of young people there. George shared some ideas and talked with a few other members after this meeting ended.

**Club Reports:**

No club member presented a club report.

**Contest Results:**

**Contest Certificates:** Jim Ruisinger. Jim handed out certificates to Bob Baker, Dick Briggs, Matt Goodman, Pat Hreachmack, Steve Hurt (absent), Howdy Lamprecht, Ken McDonough, Jim Oberst (absent), Butch Sage, Don Wilke, and Mike Wolf.

**January Photo Contest:** Certificates were presented for third place to Mike Wolf, second place to Howdy Lamprecht, and first place to Jim Ruisinger.

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**MOY (2020-21)/POY (2021):** Mike Wolf received his cash awards for placing second as Photographer of the Year and third as Modeler of the Year.

**Model Contest-MoW/NonRevenue:** Today's winners are: Third Place to Howdy Lamprecht for his end of train device PortaJohn. Second Place to Eric Porch for his ash and cinder gondola cars (ashes were from good cigars). First Place to Mike Wolf for his big hook with lights.

**Virtual Photo Contest-MoW/NonRevenue:** The photo contest winners are: Third Place to Jim Oberst for his speeder. Second Place to Mike Wolf for his big hook cleaning up a coal car derailment. First Place to Howdy Lamprecht for his photo of his one truck PortaJohn at the end of a log car.

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Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all for displaying your creativity!

**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 Zoom meetings on Thursday, February 24. And on Thursday, March 17, both at 7:00 p.m. Any 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**, March 19, at 1:00, at the Dublin Branch Library.

**Adjournment:**

Matt adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m., after a motion and a second to adjourn.

**Raffle:**

Butch Sage. Today's raffle winners were Darrell Logan (twice), Scott O'Conner, 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.

**Clinics:**

Dave Evers presented his clinic on large gauge/scale model railroads, titled *Large Scale Demystified...or Perhaps Obfuscated!* His presentation slides are available on groups.io.

We express our appreciation to Dave and encourage anyone with an idea or an experience to talk with Mike Wolf about sharing a clinic at a future date.

**Layout Tour:**

Dick Briggs invited the membership to visit his layout after the meeting. He gave his address and directions. We enjoyed the visit and thank Dick for hosting us.

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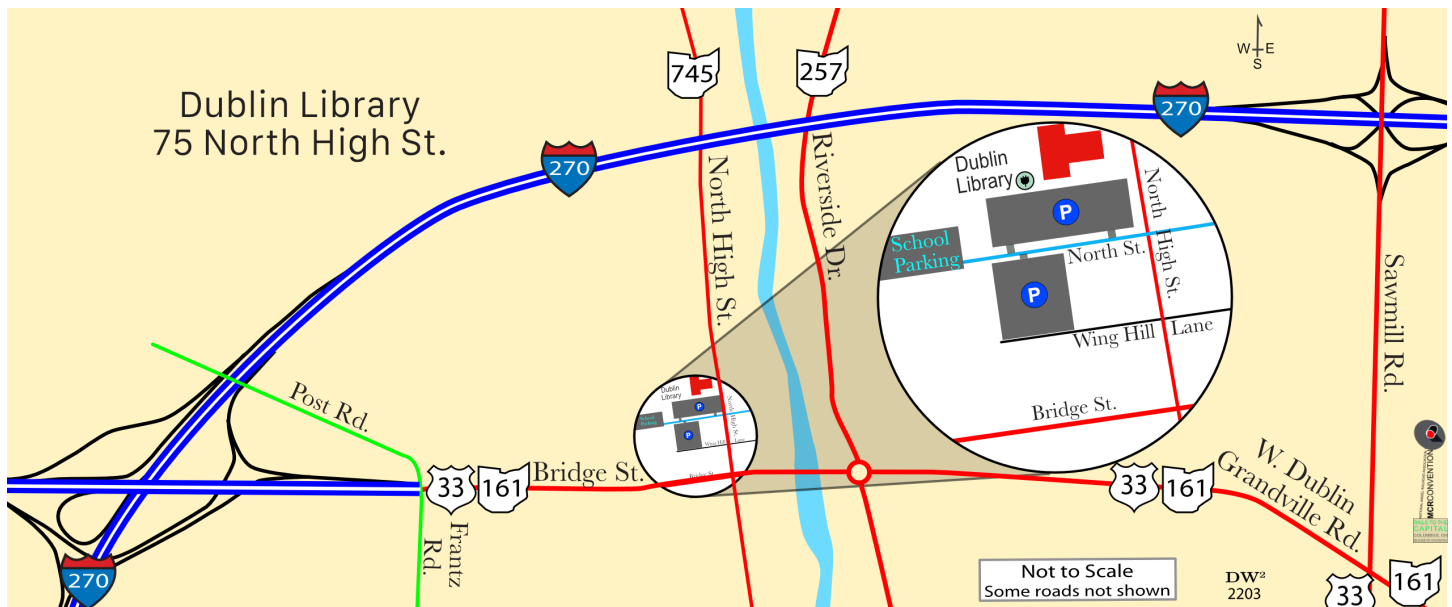
gram.

Darrell did a fantastic job with the postcards, making huge improvements in timeliness, content, and overall professionalism. This was one of several contributions that I cited when I recognized his contributions with the Howard Smith award last June. Thanks, Darrell!

To ensure this change is adequately communicated to the Division's membership, we will mail a final March postcard describing the change. We will include pointers to existing online sources of meeting information.

Time to drop the fire!

*Matt*





**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: <i>Dublin Library</i> Clinic: <i>The Lincoln Funeral Train</i> , Jim Kehn and Bill Brubach Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive	Dublin
9 Apr Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>South East Library</i> Clinic: <i>Mini Clinics</i> Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Rail Road Severed Structure	Groveport
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 David Evers for expanding the scale of our knowledge at the February division meeting. For those who missed it, David discussed all things large-scale. Unfortunately, our recording of the clinic fell short but David has shared his slides in the files section of the division's Groups.io.

Join us in March when Jim Kehn and Bill Brubach will provide insight into *The Lincoln Funeral Train*. *The Lincoln Funeral Train* was one of the last big military operations of the Civil War. After John Wilkes Booth assassinated Lincoln on April 15, 1865, his body had to be moved to Springfield, Illinois. A special train moved his body in a timely fashion, but with the honors due him from a mourning nation. This clinic will detail some of the interesting facts and tribulations of this journey.

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.

I've still got plenty of openings in the clinic line up including Marion and beyond. Drop me a line at [wvunion@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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**Division 6 on YouTube:**  
[www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision](https://www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision)

# Share the Knowledge!!

## Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

### February Contest in Review

Turnout for our Model Contest was somewhat sparse but the quality was there as we had some nice and a few unusual entries. While the photo contest had a number of super nice entries, making it tough for many members to choose.....

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our next meeting which should be March 19. Our contest subject for March will be Diesel, Diesel-Electric and Electric Locomotives. This would also include Gas Electrics, Interurbans, Trolleys, Doodlebugs, and certain Steam Turbines, etc. The Photo contest will come ahead of the meeting so make sure to check your group emails. You can start entering photos now with the deadline being Wednesday, March 16th at 9 pm.

### 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.

Standings for 'Modeler of the Year' and 'Photographer of the Year' will start appearing after the March meeting.

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

Contest Chair, Jim Ruisinger.  
(614) 440-8962 [Jimbo2490@yahoo.com](mailto:Jimbo2490@yahoo.com)

Photos of all the winner are at:

[https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/contest220219/Contest\\_220219.html](https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/contest220219/Contest_220219.html)

### February Contest: MoW/NonRevenue

#### Virtual Photo Contest:

**1st Place:** Howdy Lamprecht, *The 'Original Porta-Jon' on the Olive Grove*

**2nd Place:** Mike Wolf, *WVU RR Wrecking Crane in action*

**3rd Place:** Jim Oberst, *Jamestown RR Speeder*

#### Model Contest:

**1st Place:** Mike Wolf, *Wrecking Crane*

**2nd Place:** Eric Porsch, *PRR Ash & Cinder gondola*

**3rd Place:** Howdy Lamprecht, *The 'Original Porta-Jon' on the Olive Grove Lumber Co railroad*



1st Place Virtual Photo  
by Howdy Lamprecht

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1st Place Model  
by Mike Wolf



## Golden Spike Laid

By Mike Wolf, MMR®

Congratulations to Christopher Walsh for reaching a milestone in the construction of his new Pennsylvania Railroad-based layout. On Sunday, February 29th, a group of volunteers and friends were on hand to celebrate the completion of the double track mainline (and wiring) around the perimeter of his 50' x 56' layout. While there is still plenty of track to lay on the various branch, interchange, and industrial benchwork peninsulas he has constructed, it's always great to see that first train run. He and his team of volunteers have also made good progress on the backdrop, valances, and electronic control grid for the layout. All in less than two years of construction.

Similar to his earlier Pennsy layout in Hilliard, Chris models Ohio in the transition era. On this layout, he plans to capture the essence of the PRR from Steubenville to Richmond IN in the 1947-52 timeframe. His plan includes interchanges with the Nickel Plate, B&O, and C&O, the PRR trackwork in Newcomerstown, a large steel industry at Steubenville/Mingo Junction, two coal mines at Cadiz, a branch line from Richmond to Hamilton, and the passenger and freight yards at Richmond (including the interchange trackwork for the C&O). An operations-based focus is also planned with a large staging yard to accommodate traffic coming and going from Steubenville and Richmond.

For the ceremony, Carter Jastram provided the "vintage" locomotives and figures and Howdy Lamprecht scratch built a marker similar to the one found at Promontory Point (except with a Keystone-shaped sign of course), and Dick Argo created the gold spike. George Stringer also brought



*Golden Spike Ceremony at  
Christopher Walsh's*

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along a Big Boy and FEF and cars matching the UP's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad.

Chris would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped move along the construction of the layout this quickly (including several members of Division 6). Keep up the good work and we look forward to a future open house and the first operating session on the railroad.



## Recent Changes to The Buckeye Division's Regulations

by Harry "Butch" Sage

This past fall and winter your Board of Directors, with input from the Steering Committee, made changes to the Corporate Regulations of The Buckeye Division. The revised regulations are at: [https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/AboutFold/Division\\_6\\_Regulations\\_220302.pdf](https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/AboutFold/Division_6_Regulations_220302.pdf).

The primary reason for these changes was so The Buckeye Division could hold its elections in any format permitted by law. We did not want mail elections to be our only option. The BOD and Steering Committee is hoping that by going to an online ballot/voting process the level of participation will increase. Historically less than 20% of the members returned ballots. While we were at it, we decided to do some house cleaning on the rest of the document. We eliminated gender-specific pronouns, changed the shortened name from "Buckeye Division 6 NMRA Inc." to "The Buckeye Division" and eliminated some inconsistencies.

Previously mailed ballots and other election information to every member cost approximately \$100 in postage plus the

cost of printing those materials. An online election, using our preferred vendor, will cost us \$19 and there is no printing cost. Also, the security provided by online voting is superior to mail ballots.

The email announcing the election and providing the secure link for members to vote will come from "The Buckeye Division". The email address will be [invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com](mailto:invitations@mail.electionbuddy.com). We recommend that you add this email address to your contacts so that your email doesn't end up in your spam folder. Please note that the NMRA also uses electionbuddy for their elections.

For those members that we do not have a valid email address, currently less than 10 people, we will continue to provide election information and ballot by mail.

Contact Super Matt Goodman or Elections Chair Harry "Butch" Sage if you have any questions or comments.





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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:	<b>Indy Junction 2022 Convention</b>
Location:	Indianapolis Marriott East 7202 East 21st St Indianapolis, IN 46219
Convention Fee:	\$ (not yet available)
Information:	<b>Four Full Days, Three Regions, One Convention</b> 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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