

Super's Signal

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June 2022

Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

We're getting close to the longest day of the year and hotter days ahead. Traditionally model railroad-related building slows down in the summer months as outdoor events and chores pick up. Personally, I continue a steady working cadence on the railroad to make up for the fact that I work at a very "deliberate" pace. Some people are good at building in very productive, short sprints. I admire those that fit that description.

Business News

The Steering Committee wrapped up some outstanding tasks at our April meeting. Chief among those items was settling on a vendor to produce new Division 6 Shirts – Susie Kehn. Susie offered a very competitive rate, plus the ability to produce shirts in limited runs. This was a key factor in allowing the division to avoid up-front financial commitments or carrying inventory. Mrs. Kehn also has a track record with the division. She produced the shirts for the convention several years ago and has produced shirts for other local railroad-related groups. On top of those qualifications, her husband is a long-time member of the division. So it's fantastic to keep this business close to home.

Pat Hreachmack suggested the shirt project at December's meeting. He observed that some members' convention-era shirts are starting to show some wear or are "shrinking". Many thanks to Pat and Dick Briggs for their work on this. Expect more information on shirt ordering in future communication.

We also discussed a project we were kicking around to create 3D-printed refrigerator car "cores." They would fit commercially available card-stock refrigerator car sides. For a variety of reasons, this project is being set aside.

Lastly, the Committee began discussing the possibility of collaborating with Smoke Stack Hobby Shop on their annual Hobby Expo in Lancaster. Don from Smoke Stack approached us with this idea in March. We have to determine the extent of the collaboration.

Saturday, 25 June Marion Union Station Marion

- 9:00:** Doors Open, Social gathering
- 9:50:** Contest submissions open
- 10:00:** Clinic: *Modeling Brake Systems*, Mike Wolf, MMR®
- 11:30:** Lunch Brake (Sorry, that's Break)
- 12:30:** Contest submissions closes; Voting begins
- 12:55:** Contest voting closes
- 1:00:** Division 6 Annual Meeting
- 1:30:** Annual Meeting closes; Contest results announced
- 1:45:** MiniClinics: *Turnout Frog Angles*, Carter Jastram; *An Alternative to Flex Track - Central Valley Tie Strips*, Matt Goodman; *DCC++ Updates*, Mike Wolf, MMR®; *Control Panels or Wiring Turnouts*, Jerry Severson

Model Contest: Favorite Train

Virtual Photography Contest: Favorite Train

It will certainly involve division volunteers helping to staff the event. More to come on this.

Events — Marion

On June 25th, we will hold the Division 6 Annual Membership Meeting at Marion Union Depot. Mike Wolf has a program planned that is similar to last year's well-received mix of full-length and mini-clinics. See the full schedule above.

A cookout will return this year, after a two-year absence. Ken Miesse will be running the show this year. The menu is TBD as I'm writing this. If tradition holds, it will include burgers, dogs, and soda (or pop, if you're from the northeast).

Speaking of cookout traditions, this year's will be missing Judy Logan's involvement due to her passing in April. In previous years Judy and Darrell have driven the cookout, and she loved visiting the station. In remembrance of that involvement and love, I will

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Super's Signal Deadline
30 June

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Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division 6,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Division 6 Meeting
South East Library, Groveport
9 April 2022

Patrick Hreachmack, Past Clerk

Call to order

The Division 6 Meeting called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent.

Division 6 Officers Present:

Superintendent

Matt Goodman

Assistant Superintendent

Dexter Hill

Paymaster

Jim Borcz

Director

Don Wilke

Director

Mike Wolf, MMR®

Division 6 Chairs Present:

Company Store

Greg Short

Contest

Jim Ruisinger

Groups.io

Jim Ruisinger

Programs

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Raffle

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Carter Jastram

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Rick Brown

Membership Retention

Bruce McDonald

Announcements:

Welcome Guests and New Members: Matt Goodman. Matt welcomed Robert Smith, who resides in Columbus, near Westerville, was our "guest" today. He has been a member of the NMRA since 1975 but has been a bit inactive for several years. He models MN railroads.

Attendance: A total of twenty-two division members signed in today.

Indy Junction 2022: Matt Goodman. Matt reminded the gathering about the *Indy Junction 2022 Convention* on May 18-22.

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Matt Goodman. The membership approved the Clerk's Report, as published in the current *Super's Signal*. Jim Borcz made a motion to approve the motion and Don Wilke seconded it..

Paymaster's Report: Jim Borcz. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit. Don Wilke made a motion to approve the motion and Mike Wolf seconded it.

Program Locations Report: Greg Short. Greg reported:

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- The August division meeting will be at Smoke Stack Hobbies in Lancaster, date TBD. The meeting will feature a clinic provided by Bob Lee and his development of a stockyard.
- Greg reminded us about the *Division 6 Train Show* in Cambridge.
- The November meeting will be on a Sunday at the Zanesville Club.
- The second half of the division 2022 schedule is devoted to meetings outside of the Columbus area.

Marion Meeting: Mike Wolf. After a brief discussion about bringing tables to the Marion meeting, we determined division members may bring tables. The tables are for selling model railroad-related items and other division activities.

- It is possible the old restaurant near the Marion Union Station, may have reopen under a new name and management by the date of the meeting.
- The Marion meeting location will open at 9 am. One clinic will be in the morning. Several mini-clinics will be in the afternoon.
- If you have a mini-clinic to provide, please contact either Dexter Hill or Mike Wolf.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs: Dick Briggs was absent, there was no Achievement Report.

Webmaster's Report: Don Wilke. Don reported that the division website has a series of new buttons. They allow direct access to train show information and current contest winners from the Welcome Page.

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. Don reported that the next *Signal* will be in two issues. The first issue will be on the *Indy Junction Convention* and the current contest winners. The second issue will follow with a report on our clinics and updates. Please let Don or Matt know immediately if you notice any errors in the *Signal* or on our web page.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt reporting on behalf of Rick, said there are approximately 165 members currently in Division 6.

Groups.io Report: Jim Ruisinger. Jim reports few people are using or accessing Groups IO. Currently, there are updates by Matt on his workbench activities

Old Business:

Division Shirts: Pat Hreachmack. Pat provided a discussion of his research on new Division 6 shirts. Three local organizations including Roach Products, Powell Printing, and Susie Kehn have submitted bids. One out-of-state entity stated they would set up a Division 6 Shop within their website for us to use. They are the only bidders who require a minimum amount of business from us. Three other

bidders have either failed to submit bids or have not replied in any way to Pat.

New Business:

Signal Articles: There was a request for more articles for the *Signal* and our other publication venues.

Club Reports:

The Sunbury Club will have an open house on April 10 from noon to 4 pm.

Raffle:

Darrell Logan won the marked cars from previous conventions.

Bill Frost won the N-Scale TV boxcar.

Patrick Hreachmack won the C&O hopper car kit.

Darrell Logan won the special run car.

Butch Sage will hold a drawing after all the tickets for the Special Raffle have been sold. The offering is an SP-40-2 in Union Pacific markings. It is DC only.

Contest Results:

The May *Super's Signal* will list the winners of the model contest in more detail.

The May Virtual Photo Contest is **Railroad Signals**. Members may enter photographs of models or prototypes.

There is NO May Model Contest because of the convention.

Clinics:

After the division meeting, the members saw three mini-clinics today.

- Matt began with a short clinic on *Wiring and Soldering*. Featured in his clinic were several tools including a Soldering paste with a pinpoint applicator, a briefing on soldering wire under rails, and several tools available on Amazon. He also discussed an easy method to connect electrical busses under the table with a new style of connector and wire strippers.
- Howdy provided a mini-clinic demonstrating how to install a curved turnout between two existing curved tracks to create a passing track. He also mentioned that when using hand throws, set a railroad track spike beneath the throw bar head so the throw bar does not go all the way to the ground. Howdy reminded us that using high-quality Shinohara turnouts are great but that these turnouts must have an electrical gap cut in the rails after the frog position.
- Mike Wolf discussed adding interiors into building kits as he assembled the kits. He demonstrated trimming windows before he attached them. Another way he installs windows is to create a second frame using his 3D printer. The original frame and the second inside window frame can sandwich the "glass" between them.

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have a can set up for donations to the Station in her name. This will most likely be at the ticket counter inside the main building. Anything you choose to give in Judy's name will help support the Station's operations.

– **IndyJunction 2022 Convention**

The Tri-Regional Indy Junction 2022 Convention and RPM event, held in May, was by all accounts, a great success. While official numbers aren't out, it is generally agreed that over 500 people attended. People drove from as far away as Texas, Iowa, and Maryland, and at least one flew from Scotland. I'll give the new president credit – he's a traveler!

I saw a lot of division faces while there, several of whom shared their talents by presenting clinics. This was no cakewalk, given the convention's goal of presenting each clinic twice. Along with clinics, there was also the traditional rail yard sale, contest room, layout tours, and operating sessions.

Several things made this convention unique. The first was the involvement of three NMRA Regions. That virtually guaranteed more (and different) clinicians and topics. The second was the addition of a slate of RPM clinicians and topics. Which (generally) have a different, more focused vibe than NMRA content. The third was in the inclusion of a train show, with formal vendors in one ballroom and individual sellers in another. Last was the inclusion of seven(!) layouts on-site.

If you went, I hope you had a great time. More convention coverage is elsewhere in this issue.

Time to drop the fire!

Matt

Clinic Updates

Hopefully, many of you were able to attend the Regional Convention in Indianapolis and learn something new from the many clinics offered. I know I did. The committee did a good job scheduling most clinics twice, so you didn't have to choose one over the other if topics interesting to you overlapped.

On June 25th we'll meet for our full-day Annual Membership Meeting in Marion. We'll feature a full-length clinic in the morning and mini-clinics in the afternoon. See the schedule of events elsewhere in the *Super's Signal* for more details.

Fall will be here before we know it and there are plenty of opportunities throughout the fall schedule to provide a clinic. Drop me a line at wvunion@gmail.com if you have an idea you'd like to present. Clinics can count

toward the Author or Volunteer AP. Check out the requirements for each to see which certificate your presentation qualifies for.

Indy Junction 2022 Contest Report

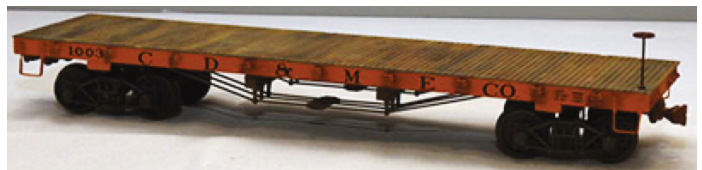
Contest Administration Committee

There were one hundred and five models, nine displays, thirty-six photos, and eight arts and crafts entries. This totals out as 158 entries. Forty-five Merit Awards were earned.

At least two Division 6 members placed in the Model Contest. If I missed a winner, please contact me with your name and category and I'll add it.



2nd Place Kit Steam Locomotive – Michael Wolf, MCR,
PRR 1sa #4510
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1st Place Scratch Traction – Jim Kehn, MCR,
CD&ME Co. 1003 Traction Flatcar
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*Division 6 in Facebook:
NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]*

Division 6 – 2022 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
22 January 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 January	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
19 February 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 March 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 April Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>South East Library</i> Clinic: <i>Mini Clinics</i> Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Rail Road Served Structure	Groveport
15 April	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18-22 May	MCR Convention	<i>Indy Junction2022</i>	Indianapolis, IN
26 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
25 June Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station Clinic: <i>Modeling Brake Systems</i> , Mike Wolf, MMR® MiniClinics: <i>Turnout Frog Angles</i> , Carter Jastram; <i>An Alternative to Flex Track - Central Valley Tie Strips</i> , Matt Goodman; <i>DCC++ Updates</i> , Mike Wolf, MMR®; <i>Control Panels or Wiring Turnouts</i> , Jerry Severson Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Favorite Train	Marion
30 June	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
16 July Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Sunbury Club</i> Clinic: Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Bridges & Trestles	Sunbury
21 July	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
14 August Sunday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Smoke Stack Hobbies</i> Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Caboose(s)	Lancaster
18 August	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
? September	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Mt. Vernon Club</i> (Possibly) Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive	Possibly Mt. Vernon
? September	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
23 October	Division 6 Train Show	Train Show Virtual Photo Contest: Thumbz (Whimsical Railroad Items)	Laughlin Center, Cambridge
21 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
20 November Sunday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zanesville Club</i> Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Closed Freight Car	Zanesville
24 November	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 Dec Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Upper Arlington Library</i> Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Passenger Car	Upper Arlington
15 Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

Share the Knowledge!!

Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

May Contest in Review

Due to the Regional Convention in May, there was no Division 6 meeting. However, we DID hold a Virtual Photo Contest with the category being Railroad Signals. As usual, the entries were all top notch making it tough for our members to decide.

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our June Annual Membership Meeting in Marion.

June Contest

Our annual visit to the Marion Club for our Annual Membership Meeting will be on 24 June. The model contest at Marion is **Favorite Train**. So, figure out what your model entry will be and bring it with you to Marion. Now, you don't need to bring a 100-car coal drag as there's not enough room. However, your entry should consist of motive power, five or six cars, and a caboose or some sort of EOT device. Also, bring along enough track to properly display your model entry.

Our Virtual Photo Contest subject is also **Favorite Train** and is virtual via the web. The deadline for submitting your photos to the contest chairman will be Wednesday, June 22nd at 9 pm. Voting will take place Thursday and end on Friday, June 24th at 9 pm. We will announce the winners at Saturday's Annual Membership Meeting in Marion.

We posted the projected Contest Schedule for 2022 on the division's website on the Timetable Page. And it is in this issue of the *Signal*.

Standings for *Modeler of the Year* and *Photographer of the Year* (to date) appear elsewhere in the *Signal*. 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

Photos of all the winner are at:

https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/Contest_Virtual/virtContest220511/Contest_220511.html

May Contest: Railroad Signals

Virtual Photo Contest:

1st Place: Matt Goodman, *NYC Signals along the Big 4 line through Clintonville*

2nd Place: Ken McDonough, *Overhead Signal Bridge*

3rd Place: Mike Wolf, *Grade Crossing on the Tacoma Belt Railway*



1st Place Virtual Photo
by Matt Goodman
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Editor's Note

Don Wilke

There is a small change in the hyperlink's form to make them easier to find and read the hyperlink. They are now in a different font, slightly larger, and red, as shown above. The end of articles is still marked with a search-light Stop Signal. The end of the Super's Signal issue is still marked with Pennsylvania Stop Signal. Neither of which I entered in the May Virtual Photo Contest.



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www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Contest Point Summary May 2022

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler 2022

Howdy Lamprecht,MMR13	Jim Ruisinger	3	
Mike Wolf, MMR	6	George Stinner	2
Eric Porch	5	Jim Kehn	1
Greg Short	5	Mark Krueger	1
John Gafney	4	Butch Sage	1



Photographer 2022

Mike Wolf, MMR	11	Dave Richter	2
Howdy Lamprecht,MMR	9	Harry Sage	2
Jim Oberst	7	Matt Fisher	1
Jim Ruisinger	7	John Gafney	1
Matt Goodman	5	Carter Jastram	1
Ken McDonough	5	Jim Kehn	1
Don Wilke	5	Darrell Logan	1
Mark Krueger	4	Ken Miesse	1
Bob Baker	3	Bruce Steinfurth	1
Scott Brown	3	George Stringer	1



On August Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA

Triple Clinic Event Invitation

MINI MEET CLINICS

Sunday, August 21 from Noon to 4:30 pm

Horsepower Farm 2227 Trinity Dr., Middletown OH 45044



All three clinics presented by *special guest Rich Mahaney*
With a *popular contest** open to all NMRA members

12:30 – Welcome and Announcements

1 pm - “Quick Industries” For Your Model Railroad - Industry ideas for model railroads that can be assembled in several evenings. These industries can quickly increase railroad traffic and new customers. Includes examples of both real facilities and model railroads, and associated details such as track work, loading docks, industry placement and building concepts.

2 pm - 2:10 pm Break and Contest Voting

2:10 pm - Follow the tracks of the Great Northern Railway from Skykomish, WA to Shelby, MT - Take a “ride” through Rich’s camera lens and images as he follows the Great Northern Railway tracks from Skykomish, WA through WA, ID and MT to Shelby, MT in July of 2011. See sights, views, cities and areas that are often modeled on many GN model railroad layouts.

3:10 pm - 3:20 pm Break and Pick-up Contest Entries

3:20 pm - 1950’s Refrigerator Car Layout Operations on Model Railroad Layouts – Enjoy insightful photos of refrigerator cars, icing platforms, cold storage and related buildings and operations, then see some of the best ideas and modeling that capture the feel and operations involved with refrigerator car operations in the 1950’s.

4:30 pm - Adjourn, Pick-up contest entries

Rich Mahaney’s career spans over 40-years in the loss prevention field. He’s a Michigan certified Professional Emergency Manager and instructor, specializing in fire, hazmat, floods, and medical emergencies. Rich is a professional educator, with a bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Technical Education. He’s authored numerous training manuals and articles, and conducted college courses and educational presentations around the world. Rich models the Great Northern in the 1950’s. He has created over 25 model clinics and presents them around the country at Regional and National NMRA conventions.

