

Super's Signal

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

July 2022

Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

Summer is now fully upon us, and mowing season has thankfully passed. Not that my yard is big enough to create much effort. Despite the season, I'm spending a couple of hours per week on my layout. As of this writing, I have one more switch machine to install. Then I'll cross my fingers, turn the power back on, and hope the electrons don't find a way to run into one another as they find their way through the boatload of new turnouts.

Once the power is back on, it's time for what Marty McGuirk calls "Sea Trials." That is, run an engine on it to find out what needs more attention.

Marion Business Meeting

Like last year, the Marion meeting had a great program of clinics. Props to Mike Wolf for his work for getting clinicians together and a big thanks to those that took the time to prepare and present clinics.

Mike presented one full-length clinic and two minis. His full-length clinic was a nicely-researched talk on the history of air brakes, and how they work. He included all the piping, valves, and rigging involved. His clinic included a 10-minute video from a YouTube documentary about George Westinghouse. It's worth looking up and watching.

Mike's first mini-clinic was on modeling horse-manure gondola loads (including fiber!). Check June's contest entries to see a picture of his (crappie) loads. His second mini was an update on a DCC++ system he has been tinkering with. He reminded us that it is not hard to build, doesn't need any programming, and can run a small DCC layout for around \$30.

Jerry Severson presented an overview of his layout and his approach to building the many control panels that he needed. He brought in one of his panels to illustrate his off-layout building concept. That panel generated a lot of conversation. Thanks are also extended to Doug for holding Jerry's physical layout plan for about 15 minutes.

Super's Signal Deadline
30 June

Saturday, 16 July Historic Sunbury Town Hall & Sunbury Club Sunbury

1:00: Social gathering @ Historic Sunbury Town Hall

1:15: Contest submissions open

1:45: Contest submissions closes; Voting begins

1:55: Contest voting closes

2:00: Division 6 Meeting

2:30: Division Meeting Adjourns;
Move to Sunbury Club

(Addresses on map)

Model Contest: Railroad Bridges and Trestles

Virtual Photography Contest: Railroad Bridges and Trestles

Carter Jastram's talk was on his interest in determining the relationship between frog number and its angle (in degrees). It took many of us back to our high school days remembering some of the geometric concepts. Carter's curiosity led him to develop a spreadsheet to do the conversion, something which he is going to share.

Lastly, I talked about one of my favorite track-building products – Central Valley's tie strips. I think it's a nice balance between flex track and hand-laying.

Howard Smith Memorial Award

The Howard Smith Memorial Award is an award presented by the Superintendent to a division member to recognize service and dedication to Division 6. I was extremely happy to present this to Butch Sage for 2022.

Butch is a person that works behind the scenes to make things run smoothly in the Division. Over the past couple of years, he has driven three projects that have done exactly that. Our recruiting table banner, electronic voting, and Division 6 Regulation updates.

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Clerk's Report

Buckeye Division 6,

Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.

Annual Division 6 Membership Meeting

Marion Union Station

25 June 2022

Carter Jastram, Clerk

Annual Meeting

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, called the Annual Membership Meeting of Division 6 to order at 1:04 p.m.

There being no business to conduct, the Annual Membership Meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Division 6 Meeting:

The Division 6 Membership Meeting was called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, at 1:05 p.m.

Division 6 Officers Present:

Superintendent

Matt Goodman

Clerk

Carter Jastram

Paymaster

Jim Borcz

Director

Don Wilke

Director

Mike Wolf, MMR[®]

Division 6 Chairs Present:

Company Store

Greg Short

Contest

Jim Ruisinger

Groups.io

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Membership

Matt Goodman, *pro tem*

Programs

Mike Wolf, MMR[®]

Raffle

Harry "Butch" Sage

Super's Signal Publisher

Don Wilke

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Don Wilke

Absent:

Assistant Superintendent/Programs

Dexter Hill

Director, Achievement Program

Dick Briggs, MMR[®]

Membership Retention

Bruce McDonald

Announcements:

Superintendent Matt Goodman welcomed the members and reminded us to sign in.

Division 12 is holding a one-day Mini Meet on September 10 in Erie, PA. Registration is open and they need clinicians.

The next MCR Convention is Rails to Pittsburgh, May 4-7, 2023 (RailstoPittsburgh.com). Registration in 2022 is \$85 and hotel rooms are \$114 per night.

Rick Brown has resigned as Membership Chair, we need someone to step in. Duties are managing the member rolls, recognizing time lengths of membership, reaching out, and using MailChimp. Talk to Matt if interested.

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Continued: **Clerk's Report**

Judy Logan was a big fan of Marion Union Station (MUS). Donations for the Station are being accepted in her memory. There is a "Donations Can" in the MUS ticket office, or give your contribution to Matt.

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Carter Jastram. Carter expressed his gratitude to Patrick Hreachmack for substituting for him at the last meeting. The membership approved Patrick's Clerk's Report as published in the June 2022 *Super's Signal*.

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

Program Locations Report: Dexter Hill. Mike Wolf reported that the locations of meetings are on our website and are mostly in the central Ohio area. Our next meeting is at the Sunbury Town Hall on July 16, followed by Smoke Stack Hobbies on Sunday, August 14. The date for the Mt. Vernon meeting has not yet been set.

Program Clinics Report: Mike Wolf. Mike has only one clinician and needs more for future meetings. Mike or Matt can help with preparing PowerPoint slides. Please contact Mike with any clinic ideas, and watch the *Super's Signal* for the details.

Achievement Report: There was no Achievement Report given today.

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

Links are on the division Welcome Page. (https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/Welcome_Page.html)

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. The deadline for the July issue of the *Signal* is this Thursday, June 30. If an article is not quite ready, please inform Don of how much space it will need. Don has changed the color of hyperlinks from blue to red to be more visible.

Media Report: Jim Ruisinger. Jim reports that our groups.io is stable. We have had a few hits on Facebook. He will post photos on Facebook from Don by Thursday, June 30.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. Matt tells us we had 162 members on May 30.

Old Business:

We will publish information about insurance in a later issue of the *Super's Signal*.

New Business:

There was no New Business to take up.

Club Reports:

No club member presented a club report.

Contest Results:

Contest Certificates: Jim Ruisinger. Jim handed out certificates to Photo Contest past winners Matt Goodman, Mike Wolf, Ken McDonough (absent), Greg Short, Howdy Lamprecht, Mark Krueger, and Scott Brown.

Model Contest winners receiving certificates today were George Stringer, Eric Porch (absent), Mark Krueger, and Howdy Lamprecht.

June Virtual Photo Contest—Favorite Train: The photo contest winners are: Third Place: Matt Goodman. Second Place: Mike Wolf. First Place: Howdy Lamprecht.

June Model Contest—Favorite Train: Today's model contest winners are: Third Place: Butch Sage. Second Place: Howdy Lamprecht. First Place: Mike Wolf.

Congratulations to the winners! Thanks to all who entered. The July contest topic is "Railroad Bridges and Trestles," so let's keep those entries coming!

Please see Jim's article on the contests elsewhere in the *Super's Signal*.

Raffle:

Today's "Standard Raffle" winners were Greg Short (twice) and Darrell Logan (twice). And Greg Short won the "Special Raffle" of a diesel locomotive.

Here's a big Thank You to the members who support the division by buying raffle tickets and donating raffle prizes. If you wish to donate a possible raffle prize, please contact Butch Sage.

Superintendent's Howard Smith Memorial Award:

Matt Goodman presented this year's *Howard Smith Memorial Award* to Harry "Butch" Sage. He repressed gratitude for Butch's work on creating a new banner for the Division, and for revising and rewording the Division's Regulations. Congratulations, Butch, and well deserved!

General Announcements:

Matt expressed thanks for all to Ken Miesse for lunch. (His sloppy joe mix was delicious!—Clerk.)

Pete White, of the Marion Union Station Association, is very appreciative of our division's financial contribution every time we hold a meeting here at the Station.

Good of the Order:

Next Steering Committee Meeting: The next Steering Committee will be a Zoom meeting on Thursday, July 21, 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, July 16. Be sure to check the website and the *Super's Signal* for details. In case of conflicting information, the website wins.

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Continued: **Clerk's Report****Adjournment:**

Matt adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m., after a motion and a second to adjourn.

Clinics:

Matt Goodman, Carter Jastram, Jerry Severson, and Mike Wolf presented six clinics during the day. They were:

10:00 a.m., *Modeling Brake Systems*, Mike Wolf, MMR®.

1:50 p.m., *Control Panels*, Jerry Severson.

2:35 p.m., *Frog Numbers and Frog Angles*, Carter Jastram.

2:53 p.m., *Central Valley Tie Strips: An Alternative to Flex Track*, Matt Goodman.

3:12 p.m., *Offal Modeling* (aka *Modeling Crap*), Mike Wolf, MMR®.

3:25 p.m., *DCC+ Update*, Mike Wolf, MMR®.

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

Continued: **The Super's Report**

Our existing banner was too small and was out of date both in content, size, and design. Something we recognized when we started manning a Train Show Booth again in 2019. It needed a refresh. Not only did Butch volunteer to do the design work, but he also displayed great patience and grace in dealing with multiple rounds of input from me and the Board. It took many months to come up with a design that is a huge improvement. And he produced the end product.

Secondly, Butch recognized the need for rolling out electronic voting to the division. He was responsible for identifying the tool we use (ElectionBuddy), and developing and testing the way we could use it.

The third item that stood out to me was the revision of our Regulations. We needed the changes to the Regula-

tions to accommodate electronic voting. It developed into a general cleanup of inconsistencies in the text, from consistent use of our legal name to punctuation, and everything in between. The entire Board's attentiveness to this work deserves recognition. But Butch was the guy that put his hands on the keyboard to generate multiple revisions for input.

These efforts are a good illustration of what the term "above and beyond" refers to and are the reason he is a well-deserving recipient of 2022's Howard Smith Memorial Award. Thanks, Butch!

Time to drop the fire!

**Photos from the Annual Business Meeting**

Inspecting Jerry's Control Panel
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Mike's Talk On Braking Systems
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Rail Fan - Rail Fanning
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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

Our Annual Membership Meeting in Marion saw some nice entries for our **Favorite Train** contest. We held our Photo Contest via the internet while the Model Contest took place at the meeting. 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 July division meeting in Sunbury. Our subject will be **Railroad Bridges and Trestles**. The deadline for submitting your photos to the contest chairman will be Wednesday, July 13th at 9 pm. Voting will take place Thursday and end on Friday, July 15 at 9 pm. We will announce the winners at Saturday's Division 6 Meeting in Sunbury.

The Contest Subject matter for our contests is pretty well set thru the end of this year. We are still finalizing some of our meeting locations. We will continue to conduct our photo contests via the web while our model contests will be "in the flesh" at our meetings.

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/ContestFold/contest220625/Contest_220625.html



1st Place Model

by Mike Wolf

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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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by Howdy Lamprecht
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Contest Point Summary June 2022

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler 2022

Photographer 2022

Howdy Lamprecht, MMR16	Butch Sage	3	Mike Wolf, MMR®	14	Dave Richter	2
Mike Wolf, MMR®	10	George Stinner	3	Howdy Lamprecht, MMR13	Harry Sage	2
Greg Short	6	Matt Goodman	2	Jim Ruisinger	Matt Fisher	1
Eric Porch	5	Jim Kehn	1	Matt Goodman	John Gafney	1
John Gafney	4	Mark Krueger	1	Jim Oberst	Carter Jastram	1
Jim Ruisinger	3			Don Wilke	Jim Kehn	1
				Ken McDonough	Darrell Logan	1
				Bob Baker	Ken Miesse	1
				Scott Brown	Bruce Steinfurth	1
				Mark Krueger	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.

Clinic Updates



We had a pretty good lineup of clinics at Marion on June 25th. I started the morning session with a discussion of railroad car brake systems. How they work and how to model them accurately. As mentioned in the clinic, I found the biography on George Westinghouse fascinating. You can find it on YouTube here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuqodfC9WwY

In the afternoon, Jerry Severson kicked off the mini-clinics with an update on his layout's design, operations flow, and construction methods for building control panels. Carter Jastram dazzled us with some geometry and explained the mathematics behind frog numbers and frog angles. He presented his Excel spreadsheet to assist in converting them. Matt Goodman presented his successes and lessons learned in using Central Valley Tie Strips instead of flex track on his layout. I

returned to close out the day with some Offal Modeling (modeling horse manure in open gons). Also, an update on DCC++ to include a live demo of a self-contained DCC command station using phone throttles via WiFi for approximately \$60.

Since we're visiting the Sunbury Club or the Delaware County Model Railroader Group in July, there will be no clinic. However, join us in Lancaster in August when Bob Lee will present his clinic on the History of the *Union Stockyards in Chicago*.

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.

Recent Changes to The Buckeye Division's Regulations

Reported 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 found at:

https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/AboutFold/Division_6_Regulations_200426.pdf

The primary reason for these changes was so The Buckeye Division could hold its elections in any format permitted by law. This is as opposed to holding elections tied to a mail election. The BOD and Steering Committee hopes that by going to an online ballot/voting process the level of participation, historically less than 20%, will increase. While we were at it, we decided to do some house cleaning on the rest of the document to eliminate gender-specific pronouns, change the shortened name from "Buckeye Division 6 NMRA Inc." to "The Buckeye Division", and eliminate some inconsistencies.

Previously we mailed ballots and other election information to every division member. That 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" with an email address of invitations@mail.electibuddy.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, if requested.

If you have any questions or comments contact Super Matt Goodman Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org or Elections Chair Harry "Butch" Sage.

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.

Membership Chair Changes

Matt Goodman

March of 2020 was a busy month. Not only were things start shutting down at the start of the Pandemic, but we also welcomed a new Membership Chair. Rick Brown answered my call for a volunteer to take on that role, a role that was opening when I moved to Superintendent.

Two years later, Rick told me that he's got one too many irons in the fire. He had to make a decision to step aside as Membership Chair. It was fantastic to have a person of Rick's caliber in that role, and I'm going to miss that. He brought fresh energy, an exceedingly outgoing personality, and a marketing

mindset to the job. His personality was perfect for welcoming and reaching out to new members. His marketing ideas brought a new perspective to our MailChimp newsletters. I'm going to miss having those responsibilities in such capable hands.

Thanks Rick!

To that end, I'm looking for someone who has an interest in taking over this role. See elsewhere in the Signal for more information and contact me if you are curious.

Volunteer Opportunity – Membership Chair

Matt Goodman

Division 6 is looking for someone interested in taking on the role of Membership Chair. If you're interested in getting more involved with the division, this is a fun place to start. This job was the first one I volunteered for, meaning that newbies - like I was - are welcome. The work is not overly time-consuming; about 1-2 hours per month for regular tasks. You might be faster. Anyone who takes the job will get plenty of support while you ramp up if you need it. What's involved, you ask? Monthly tasks:

- Update the division's roster. National distributes the roster to the Divisions via spreadsheet. So it requires a very basic level of understanding of Excel and saving it to Dropbox (for backup purposes). 5 minutes. More if you choose to manipulate the data.
- Send welcome emails to new members. 0-30 minutes.

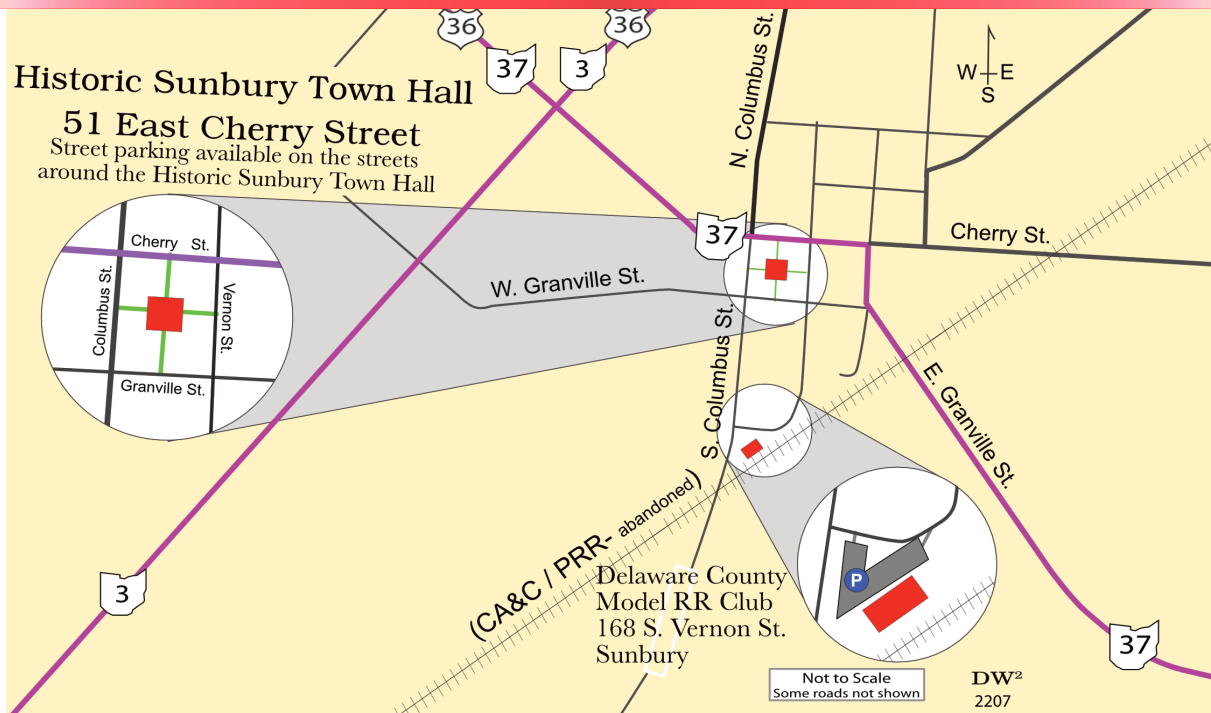
- Update the MailChimp mailing list used for Super's Signal notifications. 10 minutes.
- Send MailChimp emails once to three times per month. 5-10 minutes each.
- Write a membership report for the Super's Signal (optional). This can be as simple or detailed as you like but generally takes about 20 minutes.

There are occasional questions that will come to you from members, from other committees or officers.

Like many roles in the division, this one is flexible enough to make it your own. Rick tweaked it to match his interests and skills. I did the same when I took the job before that.

If you're interested or have questions, contact me at the following address – and thanks!

mgoodman312@icloud.com



RAIL TALES-1

Jim Kehn

This incident happened, I believe, in the summer of 1996. First, a little background. I was hired on the *Indiana and Ohio Railway* as a conductor in November 1995.

I had worked for *Penn Central* and *Conrail* as a block operator (tower guy) and a train dispatcher. Those were 8-hour days and you did the job sitting down. Some years later I needed a job and was able to get one with the *I&O*. It was very physical and usually a day was 12 hours long, which is the maximum you can work in that craft under Federal regulations. I worked out of Lancaster and the day started at 5:00 AM at the Anchor Hocking Distribution Center (DC). Our equipment was a GP9 #63, a former Wabash caboose #2844, and eighteen



I&O #63 the first engine Jim worked on
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86 foot Hi-Cube boxcars. Basically, we would take 9 MT (empty) cars from the DC to the manufacturing plant (Plant 1) downtown and swap them out for nine loaded cars. This was about a 3-mile trip. We used the caboose as a shoving platform because it had lights and an air horn. The job was to take around 2 hours. We would finish back at the DC and then head back downtown. We then worked the other side of Plant 1 placing cars of raw materials (sand, soda ash, limestone) and pulling MTs. The next stop was out on the old PRR where we serviced Ralston Foods. We would head back to the DC when we finished. We waited for them to unload the boxcars and then do a second shuttle. This was a normal day for the L-1 (Lancaster Job 1).



IOCR #844 Jim's old caboose
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The *I&O* had a second train (L-3) that ran out of Logan. It would do its work, then head for Lancaster and pick up any MTs we had. Then they worked their way to Parsons Yard, set off and picked up loads for our line, dropped off Lancaster cars, and headed back for Logan. For the most part, this worked like clockwork.

On this particularly hot summer day, we did the morning An-

chor shuttle. Then they were to head to Parsons Yard to pick up needed cars, as the L-3 had not run the evening before. I was not used to doing this and being fairly new, had only been to Parsons a few times on my own. Up we went and got into Parsons okay, picked up, I think, 33 cars, and headed back down toward Lancaster. Many of you might know that the *I&O* parallels Route 33 from Canal Winchester to Carroll.

Old #63 was a terrible water leaker and every few days we had to put cooling water in it. As we headed back to Lancaster, the low water button came on and the engine shut down. We still had to climb Carroll Hill with all these cars. The engineer stuck a flag between the low water button and the inside of the engine compartment door and restarted the engine. I opened up every door on the long hood of the engine to help cool it enough to get over the hill. We made it somehow and as it was getting time for the second AH shuttle, I decided to cut off the cars at the yard limit board and go do the shuttle. But first, we had to get water and the only place close was AH Plant 1. We stopped at the Collins Road switch which connected the DC Lead to the main track. Can't recall the reason why I did that but there had to have been a good reason. I was hot, tired, under pressure (the shuttles were our Number One priority), and running out of time, as it was getting deep into our 12-hour window.

A van pulled into the area off the road near the switch, which today is the place where the *I&O* maintains its office. Out pops a guy and he walks up to me and said he had a question. Okay, I thought, a GERF (glassy-eyed railfan) or foamer wanting to know about the train. Being a polite, and decent person, I asked what he wanted.

In an accusatory voice, he said "DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A CAR IN YOUR TRAIN WITH A NAKED WOMAN PAINTED ON THE SIDE??!!!"

I was dumbfounded.

"YOU HAVE A CAR IN YOUR TRAIN WITH A NAKED WOMAN PAINTED ON THE SIDE AND KIDS CAN SEE IT FROM THE HIGHWAY!!!"

Now I was hot, tired, and mad.

I wish I had thought to say "What cars? Do you see any cars behind this engine? Are you sure you have the right train?"

But I didn't.

"WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT??!!!"

I shot back that I didn't paint any cars with naked women and to get out of here!

"WHOSE RAILROAD IS THIS??!!!"

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*IOCR 86008 AH shuttle car Logan OH
Sorry, we have a mixed audience
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“LOOK FOR YOURSELF!”

So, he looked at poor old #63 with all its doors open and was unable to read the name on the side.

He stormed off yelling “I’M CALLING THE SHERIFF! I’M CALLING THE SHERIFF!!”

Well, we hightailed it to Plant 1, got water, and barely finished the PM shuttle in time. On the way back to DC, I called my supervisor in Logan, reported the incident, and told him he might get a call.

The next day I asked him if the sheriff called. Yes, he had and (probably between guffaws) asked what the railroad was going to do about it. The supervisor said that all we could do was paint panties on her.

The car had been the last one in the train. Since conductors are preoccupied with other things than looking at graffitied cars, I had not seen the drawing. When I finally did, I wasn’t sure if I was looking at a female in a compromised position or if SPRAY CAN REMBRANDT had been trying to paint a hound dog with floppy ears.

Howard Smith Award

Matt Goodman

Early in his term as Superintendent Greg Short founded an annual award for outstanding service to the Buckeye Division. Greg named this award after Howard Smith, MMR®. Howard worked tirelessly in promoting the NMRA. He was also devoted to The Buckeye Division. He embodied what a member should be and how to get the most out of a membership. The Superintendent will present the Howard Smith Award to a division member the Super feels has given the most effort in helping the workings of the division or who has put forth in promoting the hobby, and the NMRA. The Superintendent will award the division member each year at the Buckeye Division Annual Meeting.

A list of the current winners:

- 2015 Dick Briggs, MMR®
- 2016 Don Wilke
- 2017 Matt Goodman
- 2018 Harry "Butch" Sage
- 2019 Bruce McDonald
- 2020 Mike Wolf, MMR®
- 2021 Darrell Logan



The 2022 Howard Smith Award presented to Harry "Butch" Sage by Superintendent Matt Goodman

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