

Super's Signal

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Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

Happy August! Last month I wrote that I had one more switch machine to install in Circleville. Then I would be ready to power up the layout for the first time in several months. The power-up went smoothly, with no dead shorts. I did find one phantom short in one of the new turnout's frog when my test locomotive's pilot wheel spanned the gap between the frog point and the adjacent wing rail.

The entire frog should have been dead, and therefore short-proof. I couldn't locate the problem until my son helped me troubleshoot the problem a couple of nights later. He almost immediately spotted the problem. It was a tiny thread of uncut metal across the rail base at the isolation gap. What made the identification more impressive was that he saw that wispy piece of metal from two feet away through the super narrow gap made by the .009" cutoff discs. I shared that at December's Mini Clinic. That's what young eyes do for you - it's amazing to think that I used to be able to do that!

Sunbury Meeting

July's meeting was in Sunbury's Historic Town Hall. It is a very traditional square building in the middle of the city square. The meeting was relatively lightly attended, in part due to the weather. Rain came down in sheets as the meeting start time arrived.

The Delaware County Model Railroad Club was open before and after the meeting. They refined it quite a bit since I last visited. Jerry Hurt indicated that different members take ownership of different parts of the layout. This seems like a logical way to approach things so each location has the cohesiveness of one primary person's vision. One example is the city scene, which Division 6 member Rick Brown has focused on. Jerry pointed out the lighting and the 2D background behind some storefronts that looked very 3D.

On a slightly different note, I was also impressed that

Sunday, 14 August Smoke Stack Hobbies Lancaster

- 1:00:** Social gathering; Contest submissions open
- 1:45:** Contest submissions closes; Voting begins
- 2:00:** Contest voting closes; Division 6 Meeting
- 2:45:** Clinic: *The History of the Union Stockyard in Chicago*, Bob Lee

Model Contest: Caboose(s)
Virtual Photography Contest: Caboose(s)

one of the club members supervising the open house was a very engaged middle teenager. He had a good grasp of local railroad history. And he also actively listened to steam stories bandied by the older folks in attendance (I count myself here).

Other News

In division news, last March, Don Riordan of Smokestack Hobbies, approached me and Assistant Superintendent Dexter Hill about helping out with staffing future Hobby Expo events. Smokestack Hobbies and FORK radio aircraft event sponsor the Hobby Expo in Lancaster. The board of directors discussed this possibility at a recent board meeting. Dexter is reaching out to Don to get more information on what he needs muscle for (set up and tear down, for example).

Then we will reach out to the membership to see if we have enough interest to commit. More to come.

The Mid Central Region, the Region to which our Division belongs, is seeking candidates for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the upcoming 2023 elections. If you need additional information, contact me or Bob Shreve (bshreve@fuse.net).

Time to drop the fire!

Matt

Super's Signal Deadline
18 August



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Clerk's Report Buckeye Division, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Membership Meeting Sunbury Historic Town Hall & Delaware County Model Railroad Club 16 July 2022

Pat Hreachmack for Carter Jastram, Clerk

Division 6 Meeting:

The Division 6 Membership Meeting was called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, at 1:00 p.m.

Division 6 Officers Present:

Superintendent	Matt Goodman
Acting Clerk	Pat Hreachmack
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
Media	Jim Ruisinger
Membership	Matt Goodman, <i>pro tem</i>
Programs	Mike Wolf, MMR [®]
Raffle	Harry "Butch" Sage
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Train Show	Greg Short
Webmaster	Don Wilke

Absent:

Assistant Superintendent/Programs	Dexter Hill
Clerk	Carter Jastram
Director, Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR [®]
Membership Retention	Available

Announcements:

Superintendent Matt Goodman welcomed the members and reminded us to sign in. A total of 17 division members signed in. Note that the weather was a severe T-Storm and down-pouring rain! Thanks to those who braved the storms.

The division held the business part of the meeting at the Historic Sunbury Town Hall on the town square. After the meeting, the members moved to the Delaware Model Railroad Club in the old station on South Vernon Street.

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.

Matt also reported that we still need someone to step forward

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to take over the Membership Chair position.

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Matt Goodman. The membership approved the Clerk's Report as it appeared in the current *Super's Signal*.

Paymaster's Report: Jim Borcz. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit. A member raised a question about auditing the division's accounts. Matt said he would put an audit on the agenda for the Steering Committee meeting on the 21st.

Program Locations Report: Dexter Hill. The September meeting will be at Mt. Vernon but the location is not yet set. Dexter says the old waiting room at the station is now occupied by the City of Mt. Vernon as office space.

We will hold the November Meeting at the Zanesville Club on Sunday, November 20. Both contests for that meeting are **Closed Freight Car**.

Note that with exception of the December meeting at the Upper Arlington Library, the second half of 2022 is being devoted to meetings outside of the Columbus area. The contest for the December meeting is **Passenger Car**.

Program Clinics Report: Mike Wolf. The August meeting will be at Smoke Stack Hobbies in Lancaster, on August 14. Model & Virtual photo contest will be **Ca-booses, Cab Cars**, etc. The August meeting will feature a clinic provided by Bob Lee and his development of Chicago's stockyard.

We still need clinics! Please contact Mike Wolf (wvu-nion@gmail.com) if you would like to do a clinic.

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 *Super's Signal*.

Don reported that the website has a series of new buttons, allowing access to the Train Show and to Contest Winners. Links are on the division Welcome Page. (https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/Welcome_Page.html)

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke. Please let Don or Matt know immediately if you notice any errors in the *Signal* or on our web page. Hopefully, members have read Jim Kehn's new article *Rail Tails-1*. This is open to anyone wishing to publish a true story of the railroads. Please submit your article to Don

Media Report: Jim Ruisinger. Our Facebook page is constantly updated. But Jim requested that more people need access and use our site. Few people are using or accessing Groups IO. There are updates by Matt on his workbench activities.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. There are five new members over the last six months.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Signal Articles: Matt Goodman. Matt requested more articles for the *Signal* and our other publication venues.

NMRA: Division member. Members discussed that the NMRA will now support Divisional Membership drives for membership recruitment and related activities with matching funds.

T-TRAK Modules: John Madden. John announced that the two primary manufacturers of T-TRAK and N-Scale modules are on hold due to a shortage of birchwood. Seems birchwood is a product of Russia and has become very scarce. Masterpiece is no longer manufacturing models.

Train Shows: Butch Sage. Butch mentioned a train show in Elyria from September 23 to 25.

Club Reports:

No club member presented a club report.

Contest Results:

We will list the winners of the model and photo contests in the *Signal*.

Raffle:

Please refer to the upcoming *Signal* for the Raffle winners.



Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

Division 6 Email Group:

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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		
10 September Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Mt. Vernon Club</i> (Possibly) Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive	Mt. Vernon Library
? 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!!

Delaware County Model Railroad Group





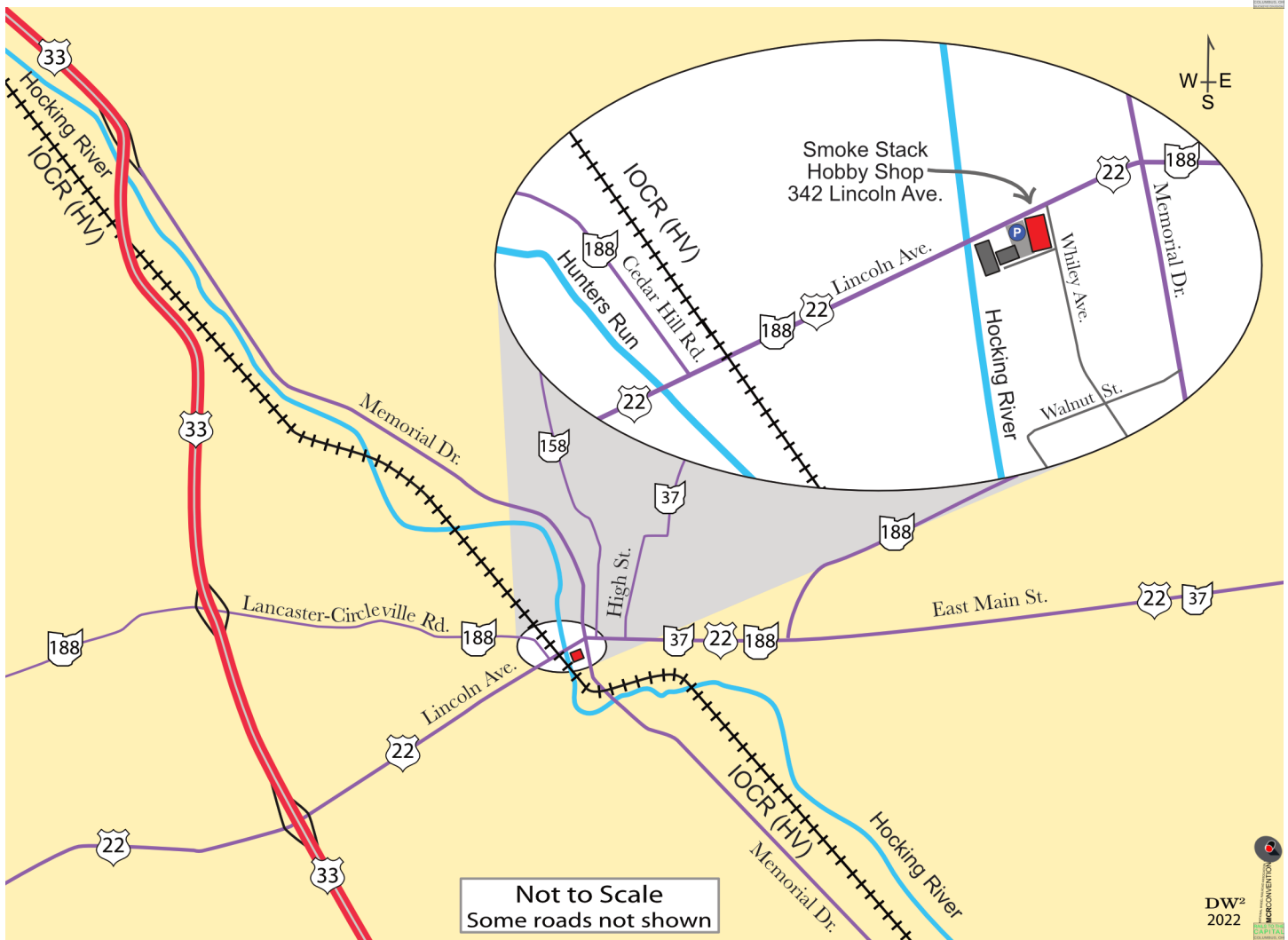
idea you'd like to present. Clinics can count toward the Author or Volunteer AP. Check out the requirements for each to see which certificate your presentation qualifies for.

Since we were visiting the Sunbury Club and catching up on their progress, we didn't have a clinic in July.

Join us in Lancaster at Smokestack Hobbies in August. Bob Lee will present his clinic on the *History of the Union Stockyards in Chicago*. Chicago was likely the largest stockyard in the United States from 1865-1971. Many different railroads served the Chicago Stockyards. Come to learn about the history and operations of the stockyards. Perhaps you could consider modeling moving livestock on your railroad. If there is time, I'll do my mini-clinic on *Modeling Crap* since stockyards produced a lot of it.

Fall will be here before we know it. 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



Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Model & Photo Contest July 16, 2022

Our July meeting is now in the books for our **Bridges and Trestles** contest.

We held our Photo Contest via the internet while the Model Contest took place at the meeting. We had 14 great entries in the photo contest that were all top notch making it tough for our members to decide.

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our August meeting in Lancaster where our subject will be **Cabooses, Crummies, Cabins, Bobbers**, etc.

A word about Contests

We've tried to keep the subject matter pretty much the same from year to year, with a wrinkle or two from time to time. Members can plan ahead and have something to enter. The Model Contest requires that the model be present at the actual meeting.

We conduct the Photo Contests virtually via the web in order to allow as many members as possible to enter a photo without the need to attend the meetings. I'm puzzled that we have pretty much the same 10 – 15 members submitting photos and voting. Now, with 160+ members on the roster, that's pretty sad. We ARE all model railroaders and almost by default, railroad photographers. There is no reason we can't have 20, 30, or even 40 or more photos entered. If you're like me, you've taken hundreds, if not thousands of railroad-themed photos over the years. Dig through your photos and slides and dig out some good ones to enter. You can take slides to a photography shop and have them digitized to put on your computer. Plus I imagine we have members who have slide scanners that can maybe help you out. The rules are simple. The member submitting the photo must have taken the photo. The photo can be either the prototype or a model. Take this as a challenge.... ENTER THE PHOTO CONTESTS!!!!

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.
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Photos of all the winner are at:

https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/contest220716/Contest_220716.html

July Contest: Bridges and Trestles

Virtual Photo Contest:

1st Place: Mark Krueger, *Remains of Car Ferry Bridge in St. Ignace, MI*

2nd Place: Mike Wolf, *Pennsy Coal Drag Crossing Swisher Creek*

3rd Place: Charles Scherer, *N&W Pocahontas crossing on the C&O bridge at Sciotoville*

Model Contest:

1st Place: Mike Wolf, *Frugal Modelers Covered Bridge*

2nd Place: None

3rd Place: None



1st Place Virtual Photo
by Mark Krueger
Copyright by Photographer



1st Place Model
by Mike Wolf
Copyright by Photographer

Contest Point Summary July 2022

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler 2022

Howdy Lamprecht, MMR16	Butch Sage	3
Mike Wolf, MMR® 14	George Stinner	3
Greg Short 6	Matt Goodman	2
Eric Porch 5	Jim Kehn	1
John Gafney 4	Mark Krueger	1
Jim Ruisinger 3		

Photographer 2022

Mike Wolf, MMR® 17	Dave Richter	2
Howdy Lamprecht, MMR 14	Harry Sage	2
Jim Ruisinger 9	George Stringer	2
Matt Goodman 8	Matt Fisher	1
Mark Krueger 8	John Gafney	1
Jim Oberst 7	Carter Jastram	1
Don Wilke 6	Jim Kehn	1
Ken McDonough 6	Darrell Logan	1
Bob Baker 5	Ken Miesse	1
Scott Brown 5	Bruce Steinfurth	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.



Alleghany Western Mini-Meet

Mini-Meet



Alleghany Western Mini-Meet September 10, 2022

The Alleghany Western Mini-Meet (AWMM) is not a train sale or swap meet; it is a chance to experience the atmosphere and activities of a model railroad convention.

The on-site activities on Saturday will be at the Ambassador Center, 7794 Peach Street, Erie, PA.

- Download a copy of the "Save the Date" flyer here: [2022 AWMM "Save the Date" flyer](#)
- [AWMM Registration](#) Visit this page for registration and hotel information.
- [Program Schedule and Clinics](#) Visit this page for information about the clinics and the schedule for the day. We are planning a variety of clinics of interest to model railroaders, and the page will be updated as we finalize the schedule.
- [Display Room](#) Visit this page for information about the model displays and merit award judging.
- [Raffles and Vendors](#) Visit this page for information about the raffle prizes, donors, and on-site vendors.
- [Ops-sessions and Model Railroad Tours](#) Visit this page for information about off-site opportunities before and after the meet.
- [Volunteering](#) Please help us provide a successful event by volunteering for an hour or so. Visit this page for information and to sign up.





RAILS TO PITTSBURGH 2023 Mid Central NMRA Regional Convention! May 4-7, 2023

EVERYTHING YOU WANT IN A GREAT CONVENTION, AND MORE!
Clinics – Tours – Contests – Non-Rail Activities – Layout Tours
Banquet – White Elephant Tables – Door Prizes – Railfanning

Our convention hotel, the Doubletree by Hilton at Cranberry is conveniently located within easy access to the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Interstate-79 just north of Pittsburgh. You can visit the city, see Station Square, ride the Duquesne or Monongahela Inclines, railfan and enjoy the area. You are just 15 minutes from Norfolk Southern Mainline and 20 minutes from CSX Mainline.

Here are some of the **POTENTIAL** activities available at the **RAILS TO PITTSBURGH** Convention!

A Variety of Rail Tours

Steel Industry History
The Bridges of Pittsburgh
Port Authority Light Rail Shops
The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum
Allegheny Valley Railroad and Yard

Excellent Clinics

Western Pennsylvania Railroads
Steel and Other Industries
Operations: Real and Simulated
Modern Railroad Practices
Modeling Structures, Rolling Stock and
Scenery

Non-Rail Tours and Clinics

Pittsburgh Glass Factory Tour,
Card making, Jewelry,

Local Attractions

Carnegie Science Center – National
Aviary
Heinz History Center – Duquesne Incline
Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
Phipps Conservatory – The Andy Warhol
Museum

Railfanning

NS & CSX Mainline Action
W & LE & Union Railroad
Variety of Local Short lines



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