

# Super's Signal

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## Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

As I've browsed through the *NMRA Magazine* over the past couple of months, I've noticed more announcements. The announcements appear on topics ranging from the magazine's online version, clarifying specific RP or Standards in the context of testing products, potential policy updates, and requests for volunteers to fill specific needs.

One reason the announcements have been catching my eye is the formatting. A border surrounds the announcement that visually communicates that it's an official statement. I may have missed these in the past. Assuming I haven't, I attribute these numerous announcements to a focus on communication by the current leadership at National. The President's frequent formal and informal appearances at gatherings and conventions and on podcasts reflect this focus.

I hope you are also seeing this new outreach. If you have noticed the same thing, let me know what you think.

### Local News

One of the items reported at the September meeting in Mt. Vernon is our *Train Show*. You'll find details in Carter's meeting minutes, so my goal is to remind everyone that we need volunteers! The show is in Cambridge on October 23 and will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will need set up help beginning at 7 a.m., tear down after 4 p.m. Additional some friendly folks to man the recruitment table in shifts.

Volunteers will get in for free and, of course, will also have the satisfaction of having a hand in growing the show. Contact me ([Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org](mailto:Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org)), Greg Short ([oc5855@hotmail.com](mailto:oc5855@hotmail.com)), or any of the officers if you'd like to pitch in.

Regarding the September meeting, I want to give a BIG THANKS to Mike Cassidy and the Kokosing Valley Model Railroad Club members for opening their doors to those in attendance. The layout is still chang-

## 23 October Division 6 Train Show Pritchard Laughlin Center 7033 Glenn Hwy, Cambridge

**7:00:** Set up Train Show

**10:00:** Train Show opens

**4:00:** Train Show closes

**4:00:** Train Show clean up

ing, and they report they now have operating sessions. Mike also reported that he and others regularly set up T-Track modules during *First Night Events* in Mt. Vernon. These are open street events that expose our hobby to the general public. These events are very cool, and I hope to see an article in the *Signal* about this in the future (nudge, nudge).

### Region News

The Mid Central Region held its Board Meeting on September 16 via Zoom. These meetings are a good way to communicate Region business to members. Go-

ing forward, I will make the date & time available to everyone. If the meeting is a Zoom meeting, I will make the Zoom link available to those interested in attending. The Region will post the BOD

Minutes on the Region website soon. Here are a couple of items that are worth a preview.

Jerry Doyle, our Region VP, has proposed forming a group to discuss the region's tech needs. Including best practices for Social Media or other digital communication, ideas to help members who aren't comfortable with some aspect of our digital presence, and any related topics. Contact me if interested in contributing and have a good knowledge of Facebook, YouTube, Discord (this is a new one), websites, Zoom, and audio/video equipment. The scope of this committee is TBD.

Bob Weinheimer, past MCR President and currently the Regional Advisory Council Director to National, reported

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## Clerk's Report Buckeye Division, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Membership Meeting Mt. Vernon Library 10 September 2022

Carter Jastram, Clerk

### Division 6 Meeting:

The Division 6 Membership Meeting was called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, at 2:05 p.m.

### Division 6 Officers Present:

Superintendent	Matt Goodman
Clerk	Carter Jastram

### Division 6 Chairs Present:

Contest	Jim Ruisinger
Groups.io	Jim Ruisinger
Inspector of Elections	Harry "Butch" Sage
Communications-Social	Jim Ruisinger
Raffle	Harry "Butch" Sage

### Absent:

Assistant Superintendent	Dexter Hill
Director, Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR <sup>®</sup>
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf, MMR <sup>®</sup>
Paymaster	Jim Borcz
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<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Train Show	Greg Short
Webmaster	Don Wilke

### Announcements:

**Welcome:** Matt Goodman. Matt welcomed Gary Kubina and Bob Cunningham to our meeting. Ken McDonough has volunteered to take on the Membership Chair, and Jerry Severson to assist.

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

### Reports:

**Clerk's Report:** Carter Jastram. Because of difficulty locating the published version of the Clerk's Report of the August meeting, we tabled the Report's approval until the next meeting.

**Paymaster's Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt reported the current balances in our accounts. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit.

### Meeting Schedule and Program Locations Report:

Matt Goodman. Matt reported that Dexter has yet to con-

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firm the downstairs room at the Upper Arlington Library for our December meeting.

**Program Clinics Report:** Matt Goodman. Watch the *Super's Signal* for the details. Please contact Mike Wolf ([wvu-nion@gmail.com](mailto:wvu-nion@gmail.com)) if you would like to do a clinic.

**Super's Signal Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt reminded us that the deadline for the next issue of the *Super's Signal* is this Thursday, September 15. Matt encouraged us to contribute something, even if only a few sentences long. If an article is not quite ready, please inform Don of how much space it will need.

**Groups.io Report:** Jim Ruisinger. Jim wants the members to use groups.io more. He will post contest winners to the Facebook page. Matt will send new member information to Jim, inviting them to join groups.io. Matt wondered about putting the entire MailChimp list into groups.io.

**Discussion: Junior Members:** We discussed how clubs and the NMRA handle junior members, i.e., those younger than 18 or 21. Here are a few comments and topics: level of interest, making a mentor available, having a "family membership," a probation period, or a parent always accompanying a minor. Liability insurance is a big question. A member advised us to contact our own insurance agents for advice. One trustee of COMRC is also a parent. A T-Trac module could be part of a "new member package." Some club members could be mingling with spectators. George commented that insurance is no good if a parent does not accompany a minor.

**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt tells us there were 13 renewals last month, and with three rerails, our membership is at 159.

**Train Show Report:** Matt Goodman. Matt passed on to us that we sold about 70 tables for the Show, which brings us into the black. The **Train Show** is on October 23 in Cambridge, Ohio, at the Pritchard Laughlin Center near Interstates 70 (Exit 179) and 77. Advertising will post to Facebook about one month prior. We need volunteers, so please contact Greg Short at 740-607-3223 to volunteer.

If you have a T-Trak module, please finish it, or dust it off, or otherwise prepare it for use in the Train Show's T-Trak display. Volunteers should arrive about 6-7 am. for setup. The Train Show opens at 10 am. Food vendors will also be there.

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to take up.

**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 the present winners of last month's contest.

**Virtual Photo Contest—Seam Locomotive:** The photo contest winners are:

- **Third Place:** Butch Sage, *K-27 on a trestle*
- **Second Place:** Mike Wolf, *PRR S2 #6200*
- **First Place:** Howdy Lamprecht, *OGLC Shay #5*

**Model Contest—Seam Locomotive:** Today's winners are:

- **Third Place:** Lance Hilburn, *N-scale 2-8-0*
- **Second Place:** Lance Hilburn, *PRR II decapod*
- **First Place:** Mark Krueger, *C&NW 0-6-0 (painted with Tamiya paints in spray cans)*

Congratulations to the winners! Jim will hand out certificates at the November division meeting.

The November contest for photos and models is **Closed Freight Car**. Prepare your models and photos now so you can enter when the time is right. Whether you win or not, we all love to see your work.

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

**Raffle:**

Today's raffle winners were George Stringer and Gerald Lien. We appreciate the members' support of the division by buying raffle tickets and donating raffle prizes. If you wish to donate a possible raffle prize, please contact Butch Sage.

**Good of the Order:**

**Open House:** Mark Maynard in West Portsmouth will host an Open House next Saturday, September 17. Mark's layout is where we usually hold joint meetings with Division 9.

**Steering Committee Meeting:** The next Steering Committee will be a Zoom meeting on Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. Any member may attend any Steering Committee meeting. Contact Superintendent Matt Goodman for the Zoom meeting link if interested.

**Division 6 Membership Meeting:** Due to the Cambridge Train Show, there is no Division 6 meeting in October. The next Division 6 meeting will be on Sunday, November 20, at 2:00 p.m. in Zanesville. The room will open at 1 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

Matt adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m., after a motion to adjourn.

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There was no clinic to present, so we headed to the *Kokosing Valley Central Model Railroad Club*, which has an HO- and an

N-Scale layout in the basement of the CA&C depot near the center of Mount Vernon. We thank the club members for their hospitality, their information their enthusiasm for layouts.

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that the digital version of the NMRA magazine is rolling out smoothly. As of July, 25% of the NMRA members have accessed the magazine since its rollout. If you haven't yet tried the digital version of the magazine, but interested in doing so, and puzzled about how to do it, contact me ([Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org](mailto:Super@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org)). It's one of your membership benefits, even if you get the physical magazine.

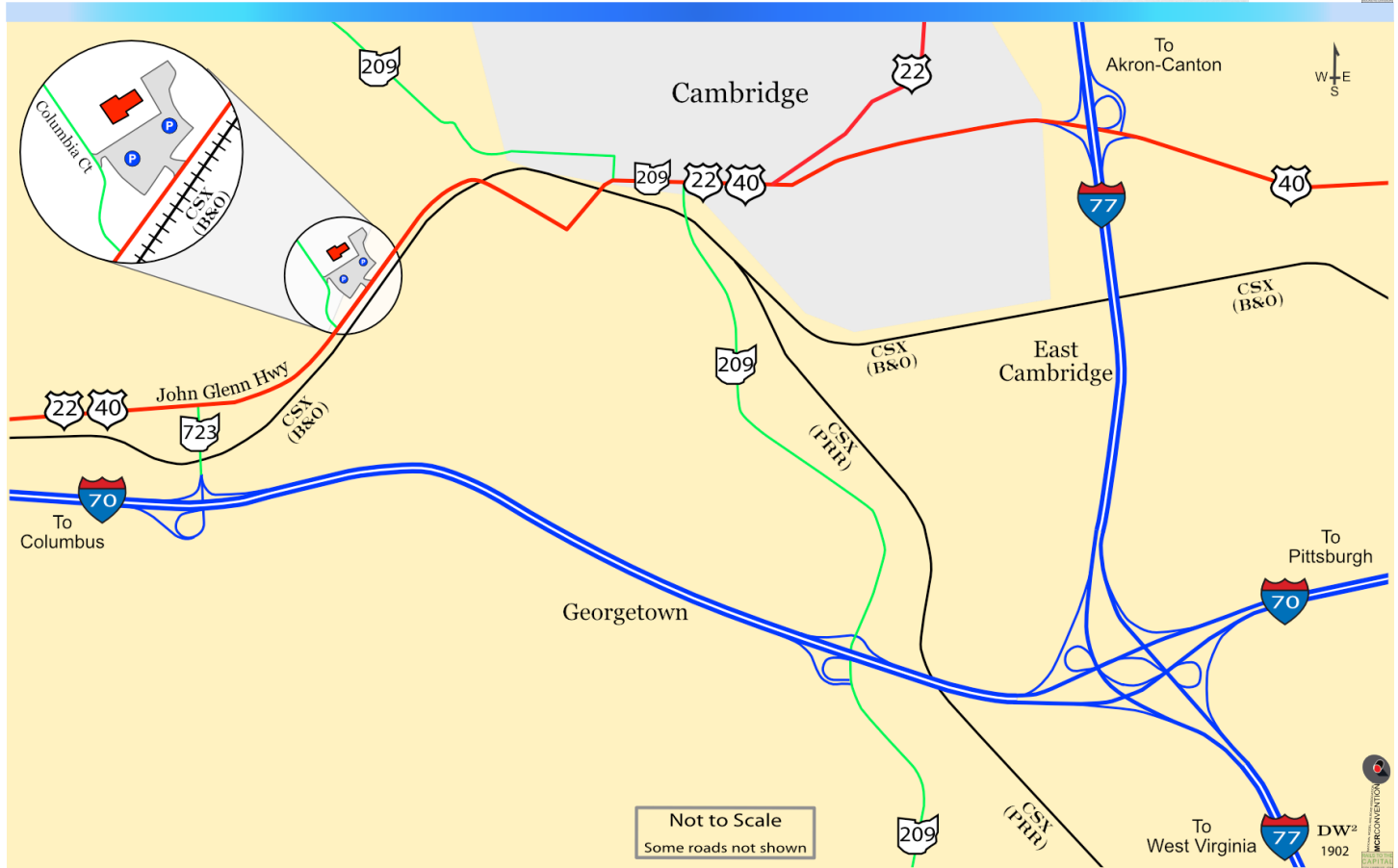
Bob also reported the latest updates on a new member communication tool that will be rolling out soon called *The Interchange*. NMRA President Robinson has mentioned this in recent columns. Bob Weinheimer described it as a text-based way of staying in touch with

other members that will be available to all Regions and Divisions. Bob said, "think of it as Facebook, without the politics". Along with the text feature, which functions similar-ish to Groups.io or Facebook Groups, there is also a feature that will allow members to start an ad-hoc audio or video chat, similar to Zoom. There is much more information coming on this. Bob said he expects it to roll out to the membership by Thanksgiving.

Look for full meeting minutes in the future.

Time to drop the fire!

*Matt*



*Division 6 on YouTube:*

[www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision](http://www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision)

*Division 6 in Facebook:*

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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 <sup>®</sup> 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 <sup>®</sup> ; <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: <i>The History of the Union Stockyard in Chicago</i> , Bob Lee 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
15 September	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
23 October	Division 6 Train Show	Train Show	Laughlin Center, Cambridge
27 October	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
20 November Sunday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zanesville Club</i> Clinic: None 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: <i>History of the Union Stockyards in Chicago</i> , Bob Lee; <i>Mini Clinics</i> 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

### Model & Photo Contest September 16

Our September meeting is now in the books for our **Steam Locomotive** contest.

We had another excellent turnout for photos and a modest turnout of models for our September meeting. Hopefully, we can keep the trend going. We will hold our contest for photos via the web while our model contests take place 'in the flesh' at our meetings. Members had 16 great photo entries and nice models entered. All were top-notch, making it challenging for our members to decide.

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our next in-person meeting in November.

### A word about Contests Gonna keep harpin' on this!

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 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-plus division 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, 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.  
(614) 440-8962 [Jimbo2490@yahoo.com](mailto:Jimbo2490@yahoo.com)

### September Contest: Stream Locomotive

#### Virtual Photo Contest:

**1st Place:** Howdy Lamprecht, *Olive Grove Lumber Co. Shay #5*

**2nd Place:** Mike Wolf, *Pennsy Steam Turbine on turntable*

**3rd Place:** Butch Sage, *D&RGW K-27 #464 on the Chama Sub-Division*

#### Model Contest:

**1st Place:** Mark Krueger, *USRA 0-6-0*

**2nd Place:** Lance Hilburn, *B&O 2-8-2 Mikado #2734*

**3rd Place:** Lance Hilburn, *PRR I1s 2-10-0*



1st Place Virtual Photo  
by Howdy Lamprecht  
Copyright by the entrant



1st Place Model  
by Mark Krueger  
Copyright by Butch Sage

Photos of all the winner are at:

[https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/Contest-Fold/contest220910/Contest\\_220910.html](https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/Contest-Fold/contest220910/Contest_220910.html)



# Don't Just Belong, Participate!!

## Contest Point Summary September 2022

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

### Modeler 2022

Howdy Lamprecht, MMR	18	George Stinger	5
Mike Wolf, MMR®	18	John Gafney	4
Greg Short	7	Lance Hilburn	4
Mark Krueger	6	Jim Ruisinger	4
Butch Sage	6	Matt Goodman	2
Eric Porch	5	Jim Kehn	1

### Photographer 2022

Mike Wolf, MMR®	21	George Stringer	3
Howdy Lamprecht, MMR	20	Dave Richter	2
Don Wilke	11	Charles Scherer	2
Jim Ruisinger	11	Matt Fisher	1
Matt Goodman	10	John Gafney	1
Mark Krueger	8	Pat Hreachmack	1
Ken McDonough	8	Carter Jastram	1
Jim Oberst	7	Jim Kehn	1
Bob Baker	5	Doug Kullman	1
Scott Brown	5	Darrell Logan	1
Harry Sage	5	Ken Miesse	1
Steve Hurt	4	Bruce Steinfurth	1



## Clinic Corner

Mike Wolf, MMR  
Clinic Coordinator

Due to the Division 6 Train Show and a lack of space at the Zanesville Club, there won't be any clinics in October or November.

The December division meeting will feature **YOUR Mini-Clinics** and Bob Lee's presentation on the *History of the Union Stockyards in Chicago*. Chicago was likely the largest collection of stockyards in the United States from 1865-1971. Many different railroads served the stockyards. Come to learn about the history and operations of the stockyards. Consider how you could model livestock on your railroad. If there is time, I'll do my mini-clinic on *Modeling Crap* since stockyards produced a lot of it.

Did I mention **YOUR MINI-CLINICS**? You, yes you! Take some photos of any projects you're working on, new tools, or

techniques you're experimenting with, and share them with us in December. The target length is 10-15 minutes each.

Falling leaves will be here before we know it, and there are plenty of opportunities to provide a clinic throughout the winter. Drop me a line at [wvunion@gmail.com](mailto:wvunion@gmail.com) if you have an idea you'd like to present. Clinics can count toward the Author or Volunteer AP. Check out each requirement to see which certificate your presentation qualifies.

## Share the Knowledge!!





## RAIL TALES – 2

Jim Kehn

In the summer of 1974, Penn Central employed me on the Columbus Division, as a block operator, for about a year. My territory was the old PRR Panhandle side working the following mainline towers: Bricker just west of Frazeysburg, Morgan Run, between Coshocton and West Lafayette, Town Tower in Newcomerstown, Uhrich Tower in Uhrichsville, and Custer Tower near Jewett. I also covered the block station at New Lexington on the Zanesville Branch.

That summer, the Cincinnati Division was experiencing a shortage of operators, and I was “loaned” to that Division for a few weeks. My job would be to work a “temporary block” to facilitate traffic in the territory between manned towers while track work was being done. This job was a new experience for me.

I went to West Jefferson to relieve the temporary operator in the evening. Most operator jobs were limited to no more than nine hours on duty by law, but a temporary operator job could work twelve. So off to West Jeff, I went, not having a clue where it was. In those days, you had to use a MAP to navigate your way. I found the town and looked for the railroad. It was on an embankment, and I had to park my car and walk up a spur track to get to the job site. At the top was a little portable enclosed shanty between the main and the spur track. I met the operator named Steve (a character I would later have more dealings with during my career), and he briefed me on the situation. Basically, I would be working with a ballast cleaner crew, and they would clear on the spur for traffic, etc. Since I had time before I went on duty, I told Steve I would get something to eat and relieve him at 6:00 P.M. I found a local Dairy Queen and got some food. I also learned to pronounce B-R-A-Z-I-E-R as bray-sure and not the long form of the word BRA.

Upon returning to the job to relieve Steve, I saw plenty of activity at the top of the spur. The ballast cleaner was there, and lots of track men, but what I didn't see was the temporary shanty. Arriving at the scene, I had a clear view of the shanty, looking like a collapsed deck of cards. The ballast cleaner had entered the spur to clear the track, snagged the shanty and flattened it. Not a good way to start a job. I asked if someone was going to repair it and got a resounding “I don't know.”

Fortunately, it was a lovely summer evening, and I wasn't too concerned about the weather. I relieved Steve and learned the hard way that the temporary phone contraption had a push button on the receiver you had to push to talk (PTT). Finally, I talked to the dispatcher and the block stations on either side and got oriented to this portion of the railroad. South Charleston Tower was to the west of me, and Buckeye Yard to the east. I also learned the tracks were arranged differently than anywhere else I had worked. The normal westbound track was an eastbound and vice versa. Oh boy,



*A Shanty Like Jim's – Years Later*

this was going to be fun...

Looking at the remains of the shanty, I set up my equipment and paperwork on what was left of it. This shouldn't be too bad. I can read out here and just enjoy it. Good thinking until it started to get dark, and there were no lights except my lanterns. Getting rather ticked off at being in this situation as it got darker, I decided I would start a fire. So, I pulled one of the plywood sides around and looked for something to start a fire with. I found a piece of fabric. Remember Permanent Press pants, etc., back in the 1970s? Well, that is where this fabric came from, and it burned rather well. I now had a fire going, and if the company couldn't fix my shanty, then I would burn it up for light and warmth. As the night wore on, I found I couldn't read well by lantern light, so I just waited out the hours. I also learned that late night and early morning dew makes writing on train orders and clearance forms very difficult. Also, passing trains tended to blow all my paperwork around. Fortunately, I made it through the night without getting anyone hurt or screwing up anything. I was glad when Steve relieved me in the morning.

The next night I returned to find a rebuilt shanty minus what I had burned up, which turned out to be a lower side panel. And it naturally rained that night.....

Can't remember how many nights I had to work that job, but it might have been three. So, the last night I knew that I would be relieved before Amtrak Train 30 showed up, and I dozed off. The next thing I heard was an angry air horn, and I awoke to see a stopped Amtrak. I quickly got a hold of the dispatcher and got him cleared and on his way. When I OS'd Number 30 by, the dispatcher informed me that my relief (Steve) had overslept and was on his way. I gladly headed back to the Panhandle where I belonged.

In 1985, I was assigned to a temporary block on the Big Four near Rushsylvania. I swear that the shanty looked awfully familiar. At least it was all there.







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

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

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

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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**

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