

Super's Signal

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Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

Another Train Show is in the rearview mirror. Greg has a report elsewhere in this *Signal*, but the top line take-away is that the Train Show grew compared to last year. I'm sure Greg will continue to build on that.

The show couldn't have been a success without everyone who volunteered for morning and evening setup/teardown, manned the recruiting booth and gate, collected table fees, sourced T-Track components, and promoted the show in the past year. And our vendors were happy with the money we, as volunteers, spent at their tables. Thanks to everyone!

Local News

Smokestack Hobbies distributed some interesting news on their mailing list last month. Co-Owner Patti Rioridan was in the National news following her attendance at a National Retail Federation meeting in Washington DC. That led to a radio interview by NPR news, which in turn led to more local recognition for her Shop – and indirectly, for the hobby.

I'm including Smokestack's information about her exciting summer below. You can find the article mentioned here:

<https://www.npr.org/2022/08/21/1118212761/inflation-prices-consumer-spending-retail-savings>

The following is from Smokestack Hobbies' *Stack Talk* (lightly edited for length).

In late July, the National Retail Federation's America's *Retail Champions Program* celebrated small retailers who are exceptional champions for retail and the communities they serve. They selected thirty-three U.S. small retailers as champions for the program. One of thirty-three was the Smoke Stack Hobby Shop. Recognizing as a top retailer out of the thousands of small businesses in the U.S. is an exceptional honor.

Representing the Smokestack Hobby Shop, Patti Rioridan traveled to Washington, D.C. The NRFA recognized Patti and the other thirty-two honorees for their

Sunday, 20 November Zane Trace & National Trail Model Railroad Club (24 South 6th Street) Zanesville

1:00: Social gathering at Zanesville Club

1:05: Contest submissions open

1:45: Contest submissions closes; Voting begins

1:55: Contest voting ends

2:00: Division 6 Meeting

2:45: Clinic: None - visit the layout

Model Contest: Closed Freight Car

Virtual Photo Contest: Closed Freight Car

work during the Retail Advocates Summit. Shortly after Patti returned from Washington D.C., the Lt. Governor of Ohio, Jon Husted, got word of the Shop's recognition and made a trip to Lancaster. Everything in the Shop, especially the model railroad display by the Hocking Valley Model Railroaders, amazed him.

Scott Horsley of National Public Radio also heard about the Shop's recognition. He tracked



Patti at Smokestack Hobbies
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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

**The Mt. Vernon Clerk's Report is in the October Signal.
There was no Division Meeting in October because of the Train Show.**

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Patti down for a segment on *All Things Considered*. Horsley is NPR's Chief Economics Correspondent and reports on ups and downs in the national economy. He also reports on the fault lines between booming and busting communities. Horsley wanted to talk about how small businesses are coping with the economy in an inflationary environment. Patti talked about how their customers sometimes turn to our pre-owned items, especially trains, to help them through tight times.

In September, the NREFA invited Patti to a panel hosted by the National Retail Federation and Package Coalition. The panel discussed how small businesses rely more than ever on the U.S. Postal Service. It serves as a lifeline and economic engine for small businesses across the U.S. The panel discussed how small businesses rely on the Postal Service for reliable small package delivery services that help grow businesses and create jobs.

Thanks for your involvement in the hobby, Patti and Don!
Several members have expressed interest in hearing more
about the retail hobby business – you may hear from us.

Time to drop the fire!

Matt



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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 Junction 2022</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: <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 Virtual Photo Contest: Thumbz (Whimsical Railroad Items)	Laughlin Center, Cambridge
21 October	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
20 November Sunday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Zane Trace & National Trail Model Railroad Club</i> Clinic: None - Layout visitation Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Closed Freight Car	Zanesville
24 November	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
10 December Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Upper Arlington Library</i> Clinic: <i>History of the Union Stockyards in Chicago</i> , Bob Lee; <i>Your Mini Clinics</i> Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Passenger Car	Upper Arlington
15 December	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		





Due to the lack of space at the Zanesville Club, there won't be a clinic in November.

The December 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 of the stockyards in the United States from 1865-1971. Many different railroads served the stockyards. Come learn about the history and operations of the stockyards. Perhaps you might consider modeling moving livestock on your railroad. If there is time, I'll do my mini-clinic on *Modeling Crap* since stockyards produce a lot of it.

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

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

There are plenty of opportunities throughout the winter 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.

N&W HC-46 ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper

Paul Maciulewicz, Division 7 Car Projects Chairman

Division 7 offers a Norfolk & Western class HC-46 repaint scheme. The car uses the Accurail's 2200 Series ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper as the basis. These cars are from an original batch of fifty cars built in 1966 by ACF with the Round Herald paint scheme. Some cars underwent a general maintenance program and were repainted in the block N&W livery.

We found photos showing at least three of these cars (road numbers 170753, 170768, and 170794) reweighed at a later date. The area on the car is "patched out," and the new data is displayed. Those same photos place these three cars in service in 1992 and 2004. It is these three highly unique road numbers that Cincinnati Division 7 is now offering for sale as limited edition kits.



Pricing is \$25 per car or a 3-car set at \$70. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$9.45 for one car and \$17.10 for two to three cars. Ohio residents, please add 7.8% sales tax on the total price of the kits and the shipping/handling fee.

Contact information at: <https://www.cincy-div7.org/projects.html>

Contest Point Summary July 2022

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Modeler 2022

Howdy Lamprecht, MMR	16	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

Matt Goodman
Photos by Author

Division 6 on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision



A photograph of a model train layout. In the background, a blue boxcar with 'GENERAL PAPER' and '2004' is next to a yellow boxcar with 'E. HIGGINS & CO. TELLIN OILS MI. DEAN D' and 'OARX 15'. In the foreground, two black flatcars are on the tracks, labeled 'OARX 16' and 'OARX 15'. The tracks are on a gravel bed.

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RAILS TO PITTSBURGH 2023

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

EVERYTHING YOU WANT IN A GREAT CONVENTION, AND MORE!
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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



For more information, check our website frequently for updates: www.keystonedivision.org

Fifth Annual NMRA Division 6

Train Show

Cambridge Ohio

Sunday

October 22, 2023

10 am to 3 pm



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Cambridge OH 43725



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