

Super's Signal

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

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Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

I'm writing this a few days after our November meeting at the Zane Trace Model Railroad Club. It doesn't seem that long since the last time the division (or I) visited the club. Looking back through my photos shows that it's been five years. I need to get out more!

The club has made amazing progress since our last visit, with virtually every foot of the layout having some level of finish on it. I'm sure regular members can point to a dozen places that need more work, but from my point of view, that wasn't obvious. Mike Spink and John Roberts said the club has most of the signaling work done. However, they are still working through some gremlins with the interface to JMRI. Nice work folks, and thanks for hosting the division!

Other News

2023 Division Schedule

Assistant Superintendent Dexter Hill is at work on the 2023 schedule and has proposed dates for the first quarter of 2023. Our goal was to have a skeleton schedule in place earlier in the year (compared to 2022) so that members could set their personal calendars. Dexter reports that setting some locations is a little tricky since our most common venues, libraries, only allow scheduling 90 days in advance. So expect locations (and possibly dates) may shift as we get deeper into the year.

Don has updated the Timetable Page on the division website with the first batch of dates.

Policy and Procedure Manual

At the end of last summer, Don Wilke suggested creating a new *Policy and Procedure Manual*. The purpose of the manual, or at least the way I like to think about it, is to serve as an instructional guide to future Superintendents and to the Board. It will provide more detail on how to execute items required by our regulations. Also, items that are not required but are traditional things our division does. An example of the former is specifics of the election process; the latter would cover things like awards.

11 December (Sunday) Division 6 Meeting Upper Arlington Library 2800 Tremont Road Upper Arlington

1:00: Social gathering at Upper Arlington Library

1:05: Contest submissions open

1:45: Contest submissions closes; Voting begins

1:55: Contest voting ends

2:00: Division 6 Meeting

As Available: *Rails to Pittsburgh*, MCR Convention Committee

2:45: Clinic: *History of the Union Stockyards in Chicago*, Bob Lee; *YOUR Mini-Clinics*, **You**; *A Look at Model Railroading From the Past*, Howdy Lamprecht; *Behind the Scenes: Your Contest Photo on the Web & in the Signal*, Don Wilke; *Bring your own videos and slides (with projector)*, Division Members

5:00: Upper Arlington Library Closes

Don and Butch are already at work on this and have shared the first draft with the Board. Once complete, this document will be a huge benefit to the division and future officers.

While I'm on the topic of recognizing contributions, I also want to recognize the "behind the scenes" work that George Stringer has recently been doing for us. Several months ago, he used his eagle eyes to point out

inconsistencies in the information we communicated to our members. As a result of his interest, I asked him to review the *Signal* prior to publication with

the goal of spotting errors, omissions, or things that needed clarification. He's also extended his quality checks to the division website and MailChimp communications, pointing out (for example) broken links. The result has been incremental improvements. It's amazing what a set of fresh eyes can do. Thanks, George.

Clinics and Articles

Occasionally while working on the layout, I come across techniques or topics that I think are

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Clerk's Report Buckeye Division, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Membership Meeting Zanesville Club 20 November 2022

Carter Jastram, Clerk

Division 6 Meeting:

The Division 6 Membership Meeting was called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, at 2:00 p.m.

Division 6 Officers Present:

Superintendent

Matt Goodman

Assistant Superintendent

Dexter Hill

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

Jim Ruisinger

Inspector of Elections

Harry "Butch" Sage

Media

Don Wilke

Membership

Ken McDonough

Programs

Dexter Hill/Mike Wolf, MMR[®]

Raffle

Harry "Butch" Sage

Super's Signal Publisher

Don Wilke

Train Show

Greg Short

Webmaster

Don Wilke

Absent:

Director, Achievement Program Dick Briggs, MMR[®]

Announcements:

Welcome: Matt Goodman. Matt thanked the Zane Trace & National Trail Model Railroad Club for hosting. Progress on the layout since the last time here is impressive. Please be sure to sign in on the attendance sheet.

Update: Matt Goodman. The Steering Committee and the Board of Directors have begun discussing a *Policy and Procedures Manual* (PPM). Thank you to Don Wilke for suggesting it. It will serve as a resource for new committee chairs and members of the Board of Directors.

Elections: Matt Goodman. We will hold an election very soon for the three Buckeye Division Directors. The membership will elect the Directors next year.

Division Schedule: The 2023 division meeting schedule is under development.

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Carter Jastram. The Clerk's Report of the August meeting in Lancaster is now available in the September *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4, and the Clerk's Report of the September meeting in Mt.

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Vernon is in the October issue of the *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4. There is no Clerk's Report in the November issue due to the Train Show in Cambridge in October. After a motion and a second, the membership approved both of the above reports as published.

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

Meeting Schedule and Program Locations Report: Dexter Hill. Dexter reported that he had confirmed a room in the *Southeast Columbus Library* for January 21. Within 90 days of each date, Dexter can confirm the *Hilltop Library* on the west side for February 18 and the *Hilliard Library* for March 18. He will continue to schedule meeting places on the third Saturday of each month, except for July and October. The MCR Region generally holds its Convention in May. Whether Division 6 will hold a meeting in May is still under discussion. The date for our June meeting in Marion is not yet set. Dexter will ask for the third Saturday.

Program Clinics Report: Mike Wolf. The division moved our December meeting to Sunday, the 11th. Typically this is our annual tapes and slides show. Mike asks that if anyone brings slides, also bring a slide projector. Bob Lee will present a talk on the Chicago Stock Yards. Mike Wolf is asking for mini-clinics from the membership for that day and for full clinics for our meetings next year. If you have something to offer, contact Mike and watch the *Super's Signal* for the details.

Achievement Report: Dick Briggs. There was no Achievement Report.

Communications Report: Don Wilke. The *Super's Signal* will come out earlier this month. Don has updated the current Timetable page on the website. Scroll down to see three or four lines for the beginning of 2023 schedule.

Don will update the Contest and the Welcome Page on the website by Tuesday. The deadline for *Signal* articles is Thursday, November 24.

Groups.io Report: Jim Ruisinger. Jim wants the members to use groups.io more. He will post contest winners to the Facebook page.

Membership Report: Matt Goodman. We will have 155 members after one finalized renewal. Last month there was one Rail Pass and four renewals. August is usually the high month for renewals.

Membership Retention & Recruitment: Mike Wolf. Mike will talk with Howdy Lamprecht about this topic. If there is a third person interested in this, please let Mike know (wvunion@gmail.com).

Train Show Report: Greg Short. Attendance was decent, but we need rain or colder temperatures for increased numbers. Advertising for the Train Show was good. Flyers worked the best, and Facebook was decent. We initially sold

one hundred tables. But due to no-shows or cancellations, we ended up with 96 sold tables. Next year, we will make more tables available. Thank you to all the helpers and to Pat Leslie with the hot dog trailer. The bulk of the vendors were happy, and about 50 of them intend to return next year.

Elections Inspector Report: Butch Sage. We will vote for Buckeye Division Directors in the coming 2023 election cycle. The position of Director is not term-limited. If you are interested in running for Director, contact Butch. Ask any division Officer what is involved. If there are more than three candidates for the office, Butch will use electronic voting. Watch the *Super's Signal* for developments.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business to take up.

New Business:

Division 3: John reported that there were eight or nine people in Division 3 who expressed interest in interacting with Division 6. He has given them Dexter's contact information.

Club Reports:

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: (COMRC, Columbus, www.comrc.club): COMRC will hold an open house Friday, November 25, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They have an improved yard and yard ladders, and their website is open.

Contest Results:

Virtual Photo Contest—Closed Freight Car: The photo contest winners are:

- **Third Place:** Ken McDonough, *PRR Box Car*
- **Second Place:** Don Wilke, *Swift & Co., Reefer*
- **First Place:** Howdy Lamprecht, *Magnolia Chemical tank car "on the ground"*

Model Contest—Closed Freight Car: Today's winners are:

- **Third Place:** Greg Short, *Steel Coil Car*
- **Second Place:** Mike Wolf, *Graffiti'd up Conrail Box Car*
- **First Place:** Howdy Lamprecht, *Magnolia Chemical Tank Car*

Congratulations to the winners, and our thanks to all who entered another fine set of photographs and models!

The December contest will be **Passenger Cars**. Watch for an email or the *Super's Signal*. If you have a contest category to suggest for next year, please contact Jim Ruisinger (Jimbo2490@yahoo.com) The suggestion should keep the contest category broad, not narrow.

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

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self.

Raffle:

Butch Sage. Today's raffle winners were Scott O'Conner, Jim Borcz, and Connie Frazee twice. Thank you for supporting the division by entering the Raffle. If you wish to donate a possible raffle prize, please contact Butch Sage (hsage3@yahoo.com).

Good of the Order:

Zanesville Club: Mike Spinks thanked Division 6 for coming. They love to show the layout.

Smoke Stack Hobby Store: Mike also announced that *Smoke Stack Hobby Store* has received a large model railroad collection from Kansas. This was thanks to NPR's publicizing Patti's story. *Smoke Stack* opened a new store in the mall last Tuesday and have stored the collection next

door. The materials will not all be available at once. First, *Smoke Stack* must inventory and price them

Steering Committee Meeting: The division Steering Committee meetings take place every third Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The next meeting is December 15. Any member may attend any Steering Committee meeting. Contact Superintendent Matt Goodman for the Zoom meeting link if interested.

Division 6 Membership Meeting: The next Division 6 meeting will be on Sunday, December 11, at 2:00 p.m. at the Upper Arlington Library. The room will open at 1 p.m.

Adjournment:

Matt adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m. after a motion and a second to adjourn.

There were no clinics due to limited space, so we continued to enjoy the layout.

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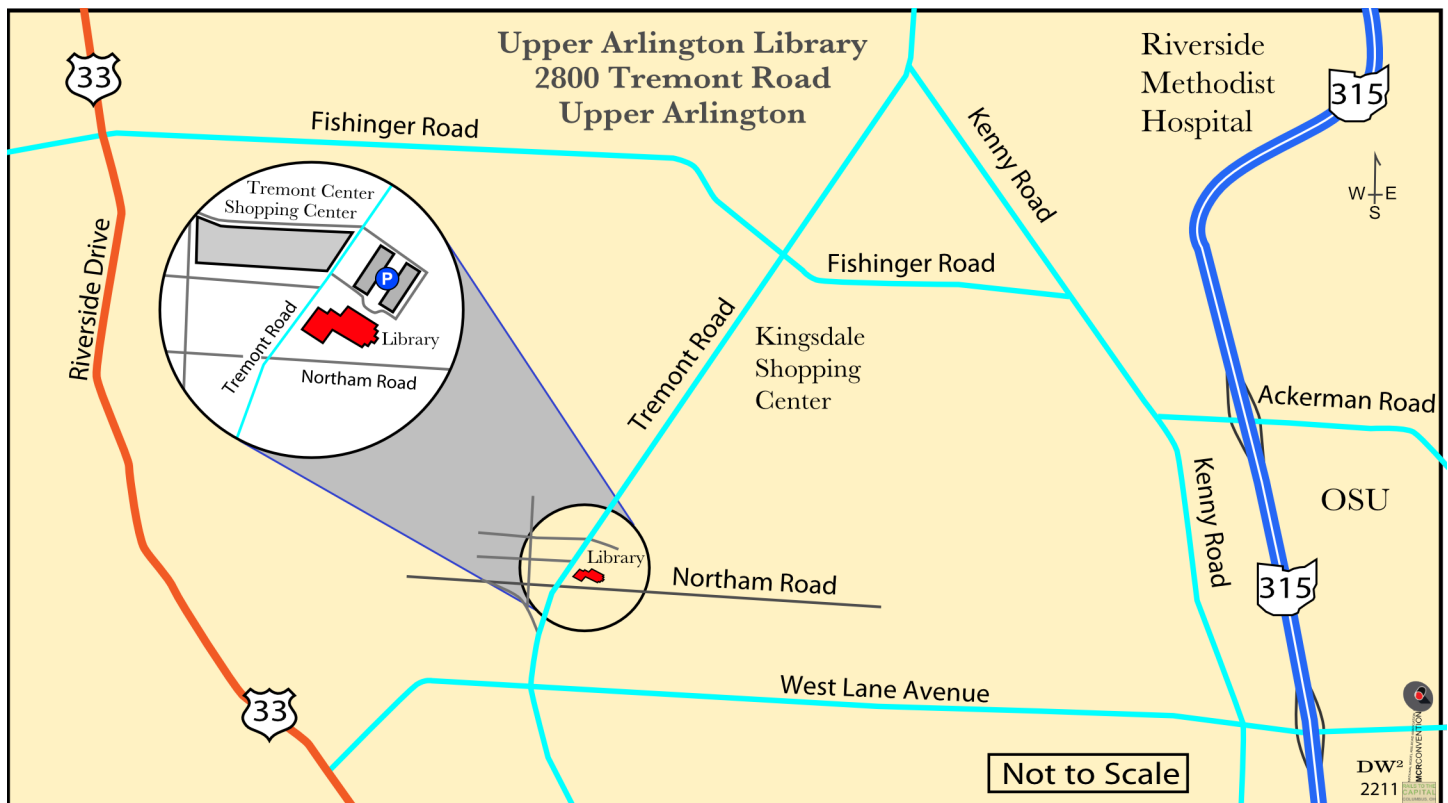
worth sharing. Sometimes I turn those items into short articles for the *Signal*, topics for mini/normal clinics, or simply a topic for the mailing list (<https://groups.io/g/NMRABuckeyeDivision>).

I know I'm not the only one that has ideas like this. The next time this occurs to you, consider contacting Mike Wolf (clinics), Don Wilke (*Signal*), or Jim

Ruisinger (*groups.io*) about sharing it. The way I look at it, one mission of the NMRA is helping model railroaders to share things with one another (from track gauges to newsletters). So by writing or presenting, you will be continuing this founding principle!

Time to drop the fire!

Matt



Division 6 – 2023 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
21 January	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Columbus Southeast Library</i> Clinic: Contest:	Groveport
25 January	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
18 February (Tentative)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Clinic: Contest:	Columbus
23 February	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
18 March (Tentative)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Columbus Hilliard Library</i> Clinic: Contest:	Hilliard
24 March	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		

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Date	Event	Meeting	City
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 Deadline</i>		
23 October	Division 6 Train Show	Train Show	Laughlin Center, Cambridge
27 October	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
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 Deadline</i>		
11 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 Deadline</i>		

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December 2022



Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Model & Photo Contest, November 20

Our meeting in Zanesville saw a meager turnout of models, but the quality was top-notch.

Congratulations to our winners. We will have certificates for you at our December at the Upper Arlington Library. Watch the group emails for timings on the Virtual Photo Contest for December, where our subject matter will be **Passenger Cars** and the Model Contest too.

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.

But, 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 150+ members on the roster, that's pretty sad. We ARE all model railroaders and, almost by default, railroad photographers.

There really 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 division 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!!!!**

The Contest Committee is considering some new ideas for contest subjects. If any of you have ideas that might have broad appeal to our members, drop the Contest Chairman a note with your idea(s). 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

November Contest: Closed Freight Car

Virtual Photo Contest:

1st Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *Magnolia Chemical tank car "on the ground"*

2nd Place: Don Wilke, *Swift & Co., Reefer*

3rd Place: Ken McDonough, *PRR Box Car*

Model Contest:

1st Place: Mike Wolf, *Graffiti's up Conrail Box Car*

2nd Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *Magnolia Chemical Tank Car*

3rd Place: Greg Short, *Steel Coil Car*



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



1st Place Model
by Mark Krueger
Copyright by entrant

Photos of all the winner are at:

https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/Contest-Fold/contest221120/Contest_221120.html

Don't Just Belong, Participate!!



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.

Several people have volunteered to do mini-clinics. Howdy will present *A Look at Model Railroading From the Past*, and Don will present *Behind the Scenes: Your Contest Photo on the Web & in the Signal*. We'll also likely have a presentation by the Regional Convention Committee on *Rails to Pittsburgh*.

If you have slides you'd like to share, please bring a projector. See you on SUNDAY, December 11th, at the UA Library!

There are plenty of opportunities throughout the winter schedule to provide a clinic. Drop me a line at vwunion@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>

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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



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

Fifth Annual NMRA Division 6

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Cambridge Ohio

Sunday

October 22, 2023

10 am to 3 pm



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7033 Glen Hwy

Cambridge OH 43725



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Vendors Contact Greg - (740) 607-3223 - trainshow@div6-mcr-nmra.org

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

