

Super's Signal

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January 2023

Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

I'm writing this late in December, with snow sticking on the grass outside my window. Ten days ago, I mowed it for the final time to prepare it for winter. Despite this winter-arrival reminder, days will get longer in less than a week. I always find December 21st a cheerful day because of that, even if it's gloomy outside.

Not too long ago, we had our December division meeting. I was unable to attend due to a conflicting family event. Dexter reported the show went on smoothly, including our first Zoom in quite a while. Dexter told me there were some technical problems with the audio. But Paymaster Jim Borcz jumped in and resolved the issue. It's a reminder that while we all share an interest in Model Railroading, our individual experiences and expertise run the gamut.

With more members having hands-on (i.e., trial by fire) experience running a meeting, it may be time to consider taking another swing at making this a regular occurrence. Thanks to Dexter for offering to pick up this torch. Jim Borcz may have also accidentally volunteered, and others have helped with cameras in the past. As they say, more hands make easy work.

The reason for Zoom was to allow Dennis Coglianese, Superintendent of Division 2, to make the pitch for the next MCR Convention - *Rails to Pittsburgh*. Not too long ago, all pitches were in person, meaning a lot of travel by many volunteers, sometimes in erratic weather. Having Zoom available as a backup certainly helps, as it did in this case. Scroll to the end of this newsletter to see the *Rails to Pittsburgh* flier and get all the details.

Super's Signal Deadline
26 January

21 January Division 6 Meeting Hilltop Library 511 South Hague Ave

1:00: Social gathering at Hilltop Library

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: *Map Maker: Using Google Maps to build maps of non-existent*, Matt Goodman; *Using maps to research and document railroads - two case studies*, Butch Sage

5:00: Hilltop Library Closes

In broader news, there has been an ongoing discussion among the Region leaders about building Train Show test tracks. There was good feedback on what things we should test and what testing we should or should not do. We want to help the buyer and do not want to burn bridges with vendors. It's a balance that Division 3 and Division 7 seem to have worked out. It is something our Trains Show Committee can reference if our division decides to offer this service.

The holiday season is now well upon us. A gift receipt came a little early for me in the form of an N&W Y2 2-8-8-2 that arrived this month. Most modelers are familiar with the Y6b, the final refinement of this iconic heavy-freight design. Some consider the Y2 to be the great-great-grandfather of that locomotive. A locomotive that almost anyone who is not an N&W steam nerd like me has forgotten. It's a beautiful model that perfectly fits my modeled time frame. I'm still grinning.

Enjoy your holiday season with family and friends, and

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Clerk's Report Buckeye Division, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Membership Meeting Upper Arlington Library 11 December 2022

Carter Jastram, Clerk

Division 6 Meeting:

The Division 6 Membership Meeting was called to order by Dexter Hill, Division 6 Assistant Superintendent, at 1:55 p.m.

Division 6 Officers Present:

Assistant Superintendent

Dexter Hill

Clerk

Carter Jastram

Paymaster

Jim Borcz

Division 6 Chairs Present:

Contest

Jim Ruisinger

Groups.io

Jim Ruisinger

Inspector of Elections

Harry "Butch" Sage

Programs

Dexter Hill

Raffle

Harry "Butch" Sage

Absent:

Superintendent

Matt Goodman

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Announcements:

Dexter Hill. Dexter give a big Thank You to Jim Borcz and the Upper Arlington Library staff for setting up the use of their computers and Zoom meeting capability for our meeting.

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Carter Jastram. The membership approved the Clerk's Report on the meeting in Zanesville, as published in the December 2022 *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4.

Paymaster's Report: Jim Borcz. Jim paid the Laughlin Center in full for the 2022 Train Show and the deposit for our 2023 Train Show. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit.

Meeting Schedule and Program Locations Report: Dexter Hill. Dexter reported the Columbus Southeast Library (Groveport) confirmed our January 21 division meeting. [Editor: **Due to a water main break, the meeting will be at the Hilltop Library.**] The Hilltop Library confirmed our division meeting on February 18.

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The Hilliard Library confirmed our division meeting on March 18.

Reports: There were no Program Clinics, Achievement Program, Webmaster, or *Super's Signal* Reports. The deadline for the January issue of the *Super's Signal* is this Thursday, December 15. If an article is not ready, please inform Don how much space it will need.

Groups.io/Facebook Report: Jim Ruisinger. Jim wishes more members would use our Facebook and Groups.io accounts.

Elections Inspector Report: Butch Sage. The election in early 2023 will be for the three Director positions. Any division member interested in running for Director should submit a petition to Butch. The petition should have five other members' signatures and NMRA membership numbers. Butch will finish the nominations in February, and voting will begin shortly after.

Old Business, New Business:

There was neither Old Business nor New Business to take up.

Club Reports:

Central Ohio Model Railroad Club: (COMRC, Columbus, www.comrc.club) COMRC is holding its holiday season open houses from now through January 1 on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. (Closed Christmas Day, Open New Year's Day.) Link to their announcement: <https://www.comrc.club/2022/11/11/holiday-open-house-2022/>

Contest Results:

Contest Certificates: Jim Ruisinger. Jim will hand out certificates to the winners at the next meeting.

Virtual Photo Contest—Passenger Car: The photo contest winners are:

Third Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *Dawn train to Sapphire*. (entry #4)

Second Place: Don Wilke, *Durango & Silverton car*. (entry #6)

First Place: Mike Wolf, *Senator Blowhard's campaign stop*. (entry #3)

Model Contest—Passenger Car: Today's winners are:

Third Place: George Stringer, *PRR business car "Hopedale"* (entry #1).

Second Place: Scott Brown, *"Schlitz Circus Parade" car* (entry #2).

First Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *A two-car set from the Olive Grove RR* (entry #3).

Jim will report on the Modeler and the Photographer of the Year awards in the January *Super's Signal*.

The January contest is **Open Trade Car**. Watch for Jim's announcements in the *Super's Signal* and by email coming soon. If anyone has an idea for a contest category, please get in touch with Jim.

Raffle:

Today's raffle winners were Butch Sage, Pat Hreachmack twice, and Jim Borcz. Butch will raffle the special raffle prize, a Bachmann Spectrum B&O Trainmaster, at the next division meeting.

We thank the members for their support of the division by buying raffle tickets and donating raffle prizes. If you wish to donate a possible raffle prize, please get in touch with Butch Sage.

Good of the Order:

Merry Christmas and Blessed Holidays to all!

Next Steering Committee Meeting: The Steering Committee meetings take place every third Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The next meeting is on January 19, 2023. 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, January 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbus Southeast Library. [Editor: at the **Hilltop Library**.] The room will open at 1 p.m.

Adjournment:

Dexter adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m. after a motion and a second to adjourn.

Rails to Pittsburgh 2023: Dennis Conglianese, Superintendent of Division 2, gave a fifteen-minute presentation concerning the plans for the next MCR Region Convention, May 4-7, 2023, in Pittsburgh. His presentation was very appealing, and we look forward to a strong representation from Division 6. The convention website is www.railstopittsburgh.com.

Clinics:

Division members presented two clinics this afternoon. Bob Lee told us *The History of the Union Stockyards in Chicago*. Howdy Lamprecht shared *A Look Back at Some Model Railroader Magazines*. Thank you to both gentlemen for sharing your historical perspectives with us.

Mike Wolf is always looking for clinicians. We encourage anyone with an idea or an experience to talk with Mike about presenting a clinic at a future date.

Division 6 – 2023 Time Table

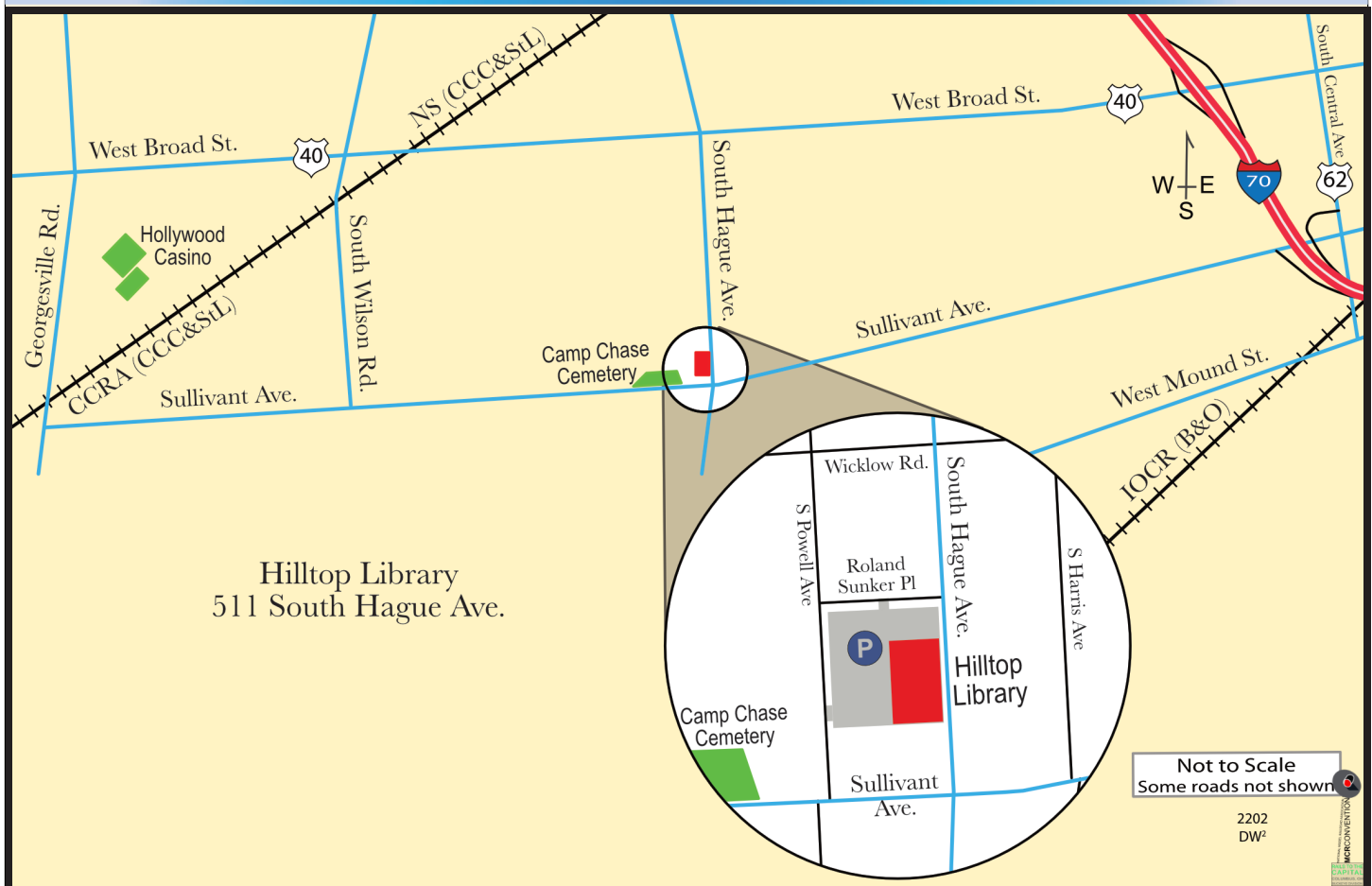
| Date | Event | Meeting | City |
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| 21 January (Change) | Division 6 Meeting | Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Clinic: <i>Map Maker: Using Google Maps to Build Maps of Non-existent</i> , Matt Goodman; <i>Using Maps to Research and Document Railroads - Two Case Studies</i> , Butch Sage Contest: Open Car with Load | Columbus |
| 25 January | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> | | |
| 18 February | Division 6 Meeting | Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Clinic: Contest: | Columbus |
| 23 February | <i>Super's Signal Deadline</i> | | |
| 18 March | Division 6 Meeting | Business Meeting: <i>Columbus Hilliard Library</i> Clinic: Contest: | Hilliard |

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we'll see you in January!

Time to drop the fire!

Matt



Share the Knowledge!!

Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

Model & Photo Contest, November 20

The Virtual Photo Contest for January, where our subject matter will be **Open Car with Load** 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: Mike Wolf, *Senator Blowhard's campaign stop*

2nd Place: Don Wilke, *Durango & Silverton car B2*

3rd Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *Dawn train to Sapphire*

Model Contest:

1st Place: Howdy Lamprecht, *A two-car set from the Olive Grove RR*

2nd Place: Scott Brown, *"Schlitz Circus Parade" car*

3rd Place: George Stringer, *PRR business car "Hopedale"*



1st Place Virtual Photo
by Mike Wolf

Copyright by the entrant



1st Place Model
by Howdy Lamprecht

Copyright by entrant

Photos of all the winner are at:

https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/Contest-Fold/contest221210/Contest_221210.html



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Clinic Corner

Mike Wolf, MMR
Clinic Coordinator

Thanks to Bob, Howdy, and Don for their clinics during the December meeting. And thanks to Dennis Coglianesse for his update on the *Rails to Pittsburgh* MCR Regional Convention coming up in May 2023. See their website for more information and to register.

<https://www.keystonedivision.org/convention/index.html>

In January, join us for two clinics on maps. Matt Goodman will present *Map Maker: Using Google Maps to Build Maps of Non-existent*. Butch Sage will present *Using Maps to Research and Document Railroads - Two Case Studies*.

There are plenty of opportunities throughout 2023 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>



*Don't Just Belong,
Participate!!*

29th Annual Midwest Narrow Gauge Show March 16-18, 2023

All Scales and Gauges Welcome

HOn30, HOn3, Sn2, Sn3, On2, On30, On3

Vendors * Clinics * Modular Layouts * Displays * Model Contest

Show Location

7600 W. SOUTH RANGE RD.
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SALEM, OH 44460

PRICING

Individuals: \$20.00 for the weekend
Vendors/Manufacturers: \$30.00 First Table
Extra Tables \$15.00 each

SHOW TIMES

Thursday, March 16: Evening Setup
Friday, March 17: Setup at 8:30 a.m.
Show opens at 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 18: Setup at 8:00 a.m.
Show opens at 9:00 a.m.
If you plan to do a clinic, bring a layout or model
for the contest, please contact Gary Kohler.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Holiday Inn Express
240 North Cunningham Rd.
Salem, OH 44460
330-408-9119



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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

Train Show

Cambridge Ohio

Sunday

October 22, 2023

10 am to 3 pm



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Cambridge OH 43725



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