# Super's Signal

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

July 2023

## Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Super

Happy Summer, everyone!

#### **June Business Meeting**

June's business meeting is an unusual meeting for several reasons. It serves as both our Annual Membership Meeting and a regular Division Meeting. New officers officially take office. It's an all-day event with many clinics, food, and train-watching. This year's event had a good turnout, including visitors from remote divisions and some members I don't recall seeing at previous meetings (you know who you are!).

During the Annual Membership Meeting, Ken McDonough became the third Buckeye Division Director. Alongside Don Wilke and Mike Wolf. Welcome, Ken! Dick Briggs previously held this position, and I want to thank him for many years of service to the division—his past (and future) mentorship and guidance to me personally.

Some division members had another spirited discussion about outreach and social media. Involvement from the members makes the business meetings much more enjoyable. I love the engagement and hope this trend continues! As I noted at the meeting, I'm looking for a Social Media "native" to drive what the kids call "organic posts" on platforms we don't typically have much exposure. Another interesting topic was Jim Ruisinger's "show and tell" of a tank car lettered *Buckeye Fuel Oil*. He built and lettered using decal artwork by Butch Sage.

They are advocating this as another car project based on a Tichy kit.

Following the business meeting was a wide range of clinic topics. We heard updates about the East Broad Top Railroad from long-time "Friends" member Butch Sage. Information on protecting decoders from problems related to momentary shorts from Mike Wolf. Ideas for operations of paired industries from Carter Jastram. Howdy Lamprecht presented advertisements from early Model Railroader magazines. And Connie Logan finished up with her Operation Life Saver instruction. Thanks to Mike for drumming

15 July Division 6 Meeting Sunbury Library 44 Burrer Drive Sunbury

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**1:00**: Social gathering at Sunbury Library

1:05: Contest submissions open

**1:40:** Contest submissions closes; Voting begins

1:50: Contest voting ends **2:00:** Division 6 Meeting

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Clinic: Overview of the NMRA Website, Ken McDonough

**After Meeting - Layout Tour:** Sunbury Club Contest: Shanties, Shacks, Shelters, & Sheds

up the presenters and the presenters for volunteering their time!

A lunch catered by Darrell and Connie Logan split the morning and afternoon clinics. This is a great service to our division by the Logans. They also brought a load of duplicate or unneeded books to the meeting and made them available to members in exchange for (a voluntary) donation to the division. The effort netted about \$60 for the division and more free space for the Logans. Thank you for your efforts and generosity, Connie and Darrell!

#### **Division Shirts**

Division Shirts are available again. Patrick Hreachmack has headed the effort to

freshen up your wardrobe by replacing your well-worn, glue and model paint-stained division shirt. He began taking orders at the June meeting. See last month's *Signal* or contact Pat for details.

#### Car Project - They're Here!

Most members know the multiple freight car projects that Greg Short has in the pipeline. The first project is a rerun of the Buckeye Steel gondola (this time in oxide red). The mem-Continued on Page 5

#### **DIVISION 6 OFFICERS**

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#### **Directors**

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A full list of Division 6 Chairs can be found at:

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Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
Marion Union Station
17 June 2023

Carter Jastram, Clerk

#### Call to order

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, called to order the Division 6 Annual Meeting at 1:01 p.m.

**Clerk's Report on Election Results:** Carter Jastram. Four candidates ran for the three positions of Director of Division 6. Members returned 35 ballots electronically and one ballot by snail mail. In alphabetical order, the results of the election are:

Mark Krueger, 17; Ken McDonough, 25; Don Wilke, 25; Mike Wolf, 30.

The membership reelected Don and Mike to their second terms. The membership elected Ken to his first term in the position vacated by Dick Briggs, MMR<sup>®</sup>. Dick chose not to run for reelection. The new terms of office began on May 31, 2023. "The ballots will be retained by the Elections Chair until ordered destroyed by the Board of Directors." (Regulations, Article X, Section 7.)

**Clerk's Comments:** We thank the four men who ran for these offices. Any three of them would be excellent as Directors. We encourage others interested in running for office to talk to the Executive Board about these opportunities to serve the Buckeye Division.

(There were no questions.)

The membership moved, seconded, and voted to approve the Report as read (this step is not required).

**Nominations and Elections Chair:** Harry Sage commented that the electronic election cost \$19. This cost compares favorably to previous postage costs of about \$80, plus printing costs.

**Adjournment:** After a Motion and a Second to adjourn, Matt adjourned the Annual Meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ J. Carter Jastram, Buckeye Division Clerk

Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Membership Meeting
Marion Union Station
17 June 2023

Carter Jastram, Clerk

#### **Division 6 Meeting:**

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent, at 1:04 p.m.

#### **Division 6 Officers Present:**

Superintendent Clerk

Paymaster

Matt Goodman Carter Jastram Jim Borcz

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Director Don Wilke

Director Mike Wolf, MMR®

**Division 6 Chairs Present:** 

Contest Jim Ruisinger Groups.io Jim Ruisinger Harry "Butch" Sage Inspector of Elections Membership Ken McDonough Membership Retention Bruce McDonald Mike Wolf, MMR® **Programs** Harry "Butch" Sage Raffle Super's Signal Publisher Don Wilke Don Wilke Webmaster

**Absent:** 

Assistant Superintendent Dexter Hill
Director Ken McDonough
Achievement Program Dick Briggs, MMR®
Company Store & Train Show Greg Short

#### **Announcements:**

Matt Goodman. Matt introduced guest Michael Percy and returnee Bruce McDonald. Later in the meeting, Pat introduced his friend and guest, Randy Wiseman, a fellow member of the COMRC.

#### Reports:

**Clerk's Report:** Carter Jastram. The membership approved the Clerk's Report of the April Member Meeting, as published in the June 2023 *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4.

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

**Program Clinics Report:** Mike Wolf. Mike has a few clinics "in the hopper." Watch the *Super's Signal* and our division website for the details.

**Achievement Program Report:** Dick Briggs. In Dick's absence, Mike encouraged members to get their work evaluated.

**Webmaster's Report:** Don Wilke. Don will update the Division 6 Welcome Page on Monday. Try the blue buttons, and let Don know if they are incorrect or incomplete.

**Super's Signal Report:** Don Wilke. Don urges us to write a short article, such as a clinic synopsis, and submit them to the *Signal*. Prepare for the 2025 MCR Convention (hosted by Division 6).

The deadline for the July issue of the *Signal* is this Thursday, June 22. If an article is not quite ready, please inform Don how much space it will need. *Super's Signal* due dates are typically the Thursday after a Division 6 Member Meeting.

**Groups.io/Facebook Report:** Jim Ruisinger. There are several likes and subscriptions on our Facebook page. The groups.io shows no movement. It is a simple process to join our group. Matt commented on the number of social media platforms and mentioned NMRA's Discord. We need more contact with the younger generations. The NMRA has a Discord web page; if interested, read the directions very carefully.

**Membership Report:** Matt Goodman. The Buckeye Division currently has 145 members.

**Retention and Recruitment Report:** Mike Wolf. Mike reports that retention and recruitment are essential at the national level. Our committee is forming now with Howdy and Mark and will meet later this year via Zoom. Anyone else interested in serving, don't hesitate to get in touch with Mike.

Jerry Severson commented that one million people call themselves model railroaders. Yet National has 16,000 members. One reason the number has declined from losses is due to entering contests and being "trashed." We need to encourage our contest entrants. We need to inform them what is good and what would make it better. Bob Weinheimer reminded us that non-modeling member positions are available.

A discussion of the next generations followed. Bob Lee commented that kids are into electronics, so get them into programming, installing decoders, etc.

Nominations and Elections Report: Butch Sage. Butch reports all four officers are term-limited next year. A current officer can run for a different office. Nominations for the office of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, and Paymaster are due by the November meeting (November 18, 2023). The division will hold the election in Spring 2024.

**Car Project (Company Store) Report:** Greg Short. Matt reports that 104 Accurail 40-foot oxide red "Buckeye Steel Castings" gondolas are ready. The artwork is the same as the previously issued black gons. Our goal is to refresh the information about our inventory yearly, at least.

**Tank Car Kit:** Jim Ruisinger. Jim has a 10,000-gallon, 40-foot "Buckeye Fuel Oil Co." tank car kit to offer as a project. As a Tichy kit, it can be intricate, complicated, and sometimes tedious to build. Could this be a Conference car? Please give your feedback to Jim or Butch.

**3-D Printed Car Body:** Jim Borcz. Jim has car sides and a friend who 3-D printed a matching car body. On the website, the car body costs \$15 per car. He's offering a 20% discount for members of the division. Look for an article in the Super's Signal.

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#### Continued: Clerk's Report

#### **Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to take up.

#### **New Business:**

**New Division 6 Shirts:** Patrick Hreachmack. Pat and Carter collected orders and money for new Division 6 polo shirts. We have orders for 13 shirts at this meeting and would like a few more. We will continue to take orders for a couple more months. See elsewhere in the *Super's Signal* for a description..

#### **Club Reports:**

No club member presented a club report.

#### **Contest Results:**

**Contest Certificates:** Jim Ruisinger. Jim handed out certificates to the winners of photo and model contests in April and May 2023.

June Contest Topic: Favorite Train.

**Virtual Photo Contest.** The June photo contest winners are:

**Third Place:** Connie Logan, *Train NS 9-1-1 in Watkins Yard* 

**Second Place:** George Stringer, *Special Monon Passenger Train in the Indianapolis Station.* 

**First Place:** Butch Sage, *East Broad Top Steam Special Under Power in May 2023.* 

Model Contest: Today's winners are:

**Second Place:** Connie Logan, *Nearly Complete HO-Scale Model of the NS 9-1-1 Train.* 

**First Place:** Mike Wolf, Manure Hauling Train (is that "offal" or "awful"?)

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all who entered. Please keep those entries coming!

The July model and virtual photo contests are *Shanties*, *Shacks*, *Shelters*, & *Sheds*. Please watch the *Super's Signal* and your MailChimp emails from the Contest Chair for the details of entering and voting.

The Contest Chair will announce the winners at the July Division 6 meeting. Remember, a member may only enter photos taken by oneself.

#### Raffle:

Scott Brown is assuming leadership of the Raffle from Butch Sage. The Buckeye Division thanks Butch for the years he has coordinated and run the raffle. Today's raffle winners were B&O FM H16-44 special raffle prize to George Stringer, two convention cars to Scott O'Conner, a GN boxcar to Bob Smith, Gondola to Mike Wolf, and an N-Scale car to Jim Borcz.

The next special raffle prize is a wall-mounted display shelf. We appreciate the members' support of the Buckeye Division by buying raffle tickets and donating prizes. If you wish to donate a possible raffle prize, please get in touch with Scott Brown.

#### Good of the Order:

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 Super scheduled the next two meetings for July 20 and August 17. 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, July 15, at the Sunbury Library. See the Division 6 website, Welcome page, for updated details.

**3-D Printing:** Jim Borcz has a friend who will do 3-D printing for us. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Jim for what you need.

**Railroad Books:** Connie told us to take home all her leftover books.

**Sale of Collectibles:** Jim Ruisinger announced he would begin to sell his model railroad collection. Some of which are collectible steam locomotives of the logging industry. Watch for his list and contact him if interested.

#### **Adjournment:**

After a motion and a second to adjourn, Matt adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

#### Clinic:

Four division members presented mini-clinics in the morning between 10:12 a.m. and 12:07 p.m. They were East Broad Top Update by Butch Sage; A Look Back Through Old Magazines by Howdy Lamprecht, MMR®; Protecting Your Decoder from Shorts by Mike Wolf, MMR®; and Switching Back to Back Industries Using Car Cards and Waybills by Carter Jastram.

At about 2:15, Connie Logan, Operation Lifesaver (OLI) volunteer, gave her presentation on *Safe Rail-fanning Reminders*. We were the first group to which she presented a new set of slides. She also made some critical points and gave us several reminders. For a presentation customized for your group or to become an OLI volunteer, contact Alan Stouder, State Coordinator, at oplifeohio@gmail.com or 419-551-6398.

Darrell Logan postponed his clinic for another meeting.

We express our appreciation to the clinicians and encourage anyone with an idea or an experience to talk with Mike Wolf about sharing a clinic at a future date.



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bership approved the idea at the March Membership Meeting. We got our deposit to Accurail in April, and Accurail delivered the completed cars much sooner than expected. Greg took possession of 104 models in the last week of June. He is working on the final details, but they will be available soon. Based on the excitement at the March meeting, we expect these to go quickly, so get your wallets ready!

#### Good of the Order

♦ Dexter has lined up all remaining meetings of 2023. Look for locations and dates in the Timetable and add them to your calendar.

- ♦ Jim Ruisinger will be stepping back from some of the Contest Chair duties he's traditionally taken care of namely, the model contest part at the meetings (he will continue running the virtual photo contest). Don Wilke will pick up the on-site work but could use some assistance. See Jim's note elsewhere in the Signal for more information. Contact me if you are willing to lend a hand.
- ♦ The next Steering Committee meeting is Thursday, July 20th. Contact me for the Zoom information if you want to listen in.

Time to drop the fire!



Our annual meeting at Marion on Saturday, June 17th, is rapidly approaching. We have a great lineup of clinics for you. In the morning, Butch Sage will provide us with an update on the East Broad Top Railroad. Then Howdy Lamprecht will offer an entertaining look at the past of our great hobby through the pages of Model Railroader Magazine. Mike Wolf, MMR<sup>®</sup> tell us how to protect your decoders from losing their mind. On the operational side of the hobby, Carter Jastram will tell us about the Car Card System he has come up with for opposing industries on his layout (i.e., coal mine/power-plant).

It gets even better after lunch and our business meeting with Darrell Logan providing a hands-on demo of his rattle-can

cloud painting technique. Then Connie Logan will update us on the critical safety education Project Lifesaver provides.

As always, drop me a line at wvunion@gmail.com if you have an idea you'd like to present or a layout you'd like to share with others. We'll have both full-length and mini-clinics.

Clinics can count toward the Author or Volunteer AP. Check out the requirements for each to see which certificate your presentation qualifies.

#### **Buckeye Division Shirts**

Pat Hreachmack

As of July 7, Division 6 has 14 members who have ordered 15 shirts (one member ordered two!) All these orders are in the hands of Jim Kehn's wife, Suzi.

The value of the ordered shirts is \$478. Of this amount ordered, there is still \$158 due from members who have ordered shirts, INCLUDING our fearless leader!

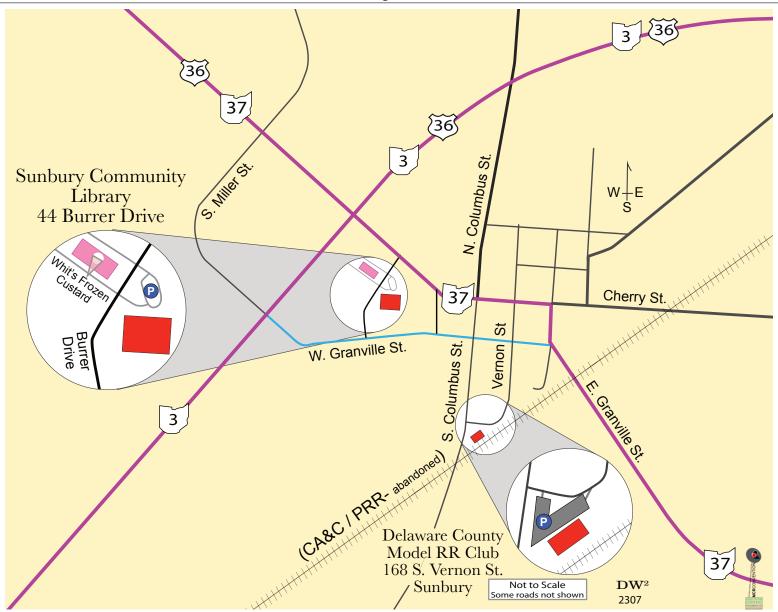
If you have not ordered a shirt, please get your money and

order to Patrick or Carter before or during our next Division Meeting. For those of you who have ordered but not vet paid, your funds are due by the closure of our next division meeting.

Come on, NMRA Members, look sharp as a unit and order your shirts before we announce any price change.



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I was asked to include Whit's Frozen Custard on the map because it's the best custard and it's a-crossed from the Sunbury Community Library.

#### NMRA Division 6 Shirts

Patrick Hreachmack

**Attention all Division 6 members:** Division members may now order Division 6 shirts thru our division.

You will recall that the red shirts are Jerzees oxford with a collar and short sleeves. There is a pocket on the left chest. The Oxford shirts are a 47/53% cotton/polyester blend. The Division 6 logo will be on one side, and your name will be on the other side. Please write your name as you want it to appear on your shirt.

Prices have increased slightly and now are small, medium, and large for \$30 each. X-large is \$32. XX-large through 5X large are \$35.

Please get your payment and reservation to Patrick Hreachmack or Carter Jastram at one of our regular meetings. Remember to bring checks or cash to place their shirt orders. When we have enough orders, Patrick will send the payment and order information to Brenda Kehn for processing.

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| Division 6 – 2023 Time Table |                         |   |  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Date                         | Event                   | Meeting   | City   |
| 21 January<br>(Change)       | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: Hilltop Library 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 Contest: Open Car with Load   | Columbus   |
| 25 January                   | Super's Signal Deadline |   |  |
| 18 February                  | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Layout Tours: Matt Goodman, Darrell Logan Contest: Non-Revenue / MOW   | Columbus   |
| 23 February                  | Super's Signal Deadline |   |  |
| 18 March                     | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: Hilliard Library Clinic: How The Big Show Moved in The 1920's, The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Jerry Severson Contest: Self Propelled & Non-Steam Locomotive  | Hilliard   |
| 24 March                     | Super's Signal Deadline |   |  |
| 15 April                     | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> Clinic: Contest: RR Served Structure, Not RR Owned   | Columbus   |
| 29 April                     | Super's Signal Deadline |   |  |
| 4–7 May                      | MCR Convention          | Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Signals [No Model Contest]  | Pittsburgh, PA   |
| 17 June<br>Saturday          | Division 6 Meeting      | Annual Business Meeting: Marion Union Station Clinic: Mini Clinics: East Broad Top Update, Butch Sage; Look-back on the Hobby Through the Page of MR, Howdy Lamprecht; Protecting your Decoders From Losing Their Mind, Mike Wolf, MMR®; Car Cards for Opposing Industries, Carter Jastram; Painting Clouds, Darrell Logan; Operation Lifesaver, Connie Logan Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Favorite Train | Marion   |
| 22 June                      | Super's Signal Deadline |   |  |
| 15 July                      | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: Sunbury Library Clinic: Overview of the NMRA Website, Ken McDonough Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Shanties, Shacks, Shelters, & Sheds  | Sunbury  |
| 27 July                      | Super's Signal Deadline |   |  |
| 19 August                    | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: Coshocton Club<br>Clinic: <i>Painting Backdrop Clouds</i> , Darrell Logan<br>Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Caboose(s)  | Coshocton  |
| 24 August                    | Super's Signal Deadline |   |  |
| 16 September                 | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: Zanesville Club (Possibly) Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive  | Zanesville   |
| 26 October                   | Super's Signal Deadline | No October Signal   |  |
| 23 October                   | Division 6 Train Show   | Train Show  | Laughlin Center,<br>Cambridge  |
| 26 October                   | Super's Signal Deadline |   |  |
| 18 November                  | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: Mt. Vernon Library<br>Clinic: Sergeant Engineering Couplers, Michael Percy<br>Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Closed Freight Car   | Mt. Vernon   |
| 23 November                  | Super's Signal Deadline |   |  |
| 16 Dec<br>(Tentative)        | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: Upper Arlington Library Clinic: Modeling Firefighting Equipment, Greg Short Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Passenger Car  | Upper Arlington  |
| 21 Dec                       | Super's Signal Deadline |   | NALL OF THE CAPITAL SOLUTION O |

# Don't Just Belong, Participate!!

#### **Contest Report**

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair

**June Contest:** Favorite Train

**Virtual Photo Contest:** 

**1st Place:** Butch Sage, *East Broad Top #16 leads a northbound trip.* 

**2nd Place:** George Stringer, Excursion Train preparing to leave Indianapolis.

3rd Place: Connie Logan, Train in Watkins Yard with NS #9-1-1.

**Model Contest:** 

1st Place: Mike Wolf, Short, Smelly Train.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Connie Logan, NS Hazardous Train with NS #9-1-1.



1st Place Model by Mike Wolf Copyright by Don Wilke

#### **Contest Chair Splitting Duties**

There's an old saying that goes something like this. "It's hell gettin' old!!!". As some of you know, I ended up on my butt in Marion, which resulted in sprained knee ligaments. Earlier this year, or late last year, I experienced a Cardiac issue that landed me in the Ross Heart Hospital at OSU for part of February. Add to that two surgical procedures, and wa-la, here we are. Being able to ascend steps has been an issue for some time. It's nearly impossible, making it harder and harder to get around. As if that isn't enough, cardio-vascular and pulmonary testing in the last couple of weeks, and my Doctors want me to

July Contests: Shanties, Shacks, Shelters, & Sheds



1st Place Virtual Photo by Butch Sage Copyright by the entrant

undergo a Cardiac Catheterization.

Therefore, I am splitting Model Contest duties with Don Wilke. He will be handling the duties of the on-site Model Contest Chair. I will continue to run the Photo Contest side of things. Don can and does attend most Division Meetings, but I cannot. I am handing over all my forms, spreadsheets, etc., to Don. And, of course, I am always available via text, email, or phone call to assist. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Jim

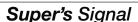
June Winners: https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/contest230617/Contest\_230218.html

## The Mini Bunch Fall Meet The Meeting At The Glaize

Harry "Butch" Sage

The Mini Bunch Fall Meet will be in Defiance Sept. 29 - Oct. 1. Activities will include: clinics, swap tables, model contest, "Odd and Unusual" display, raffle, operating displays and more. While the Mini Bunch is primarily a narrow gauge group, all model railroaders are invited.

For more information please contact host Richard Wittebrog at rswitteborg@hotmail.com.



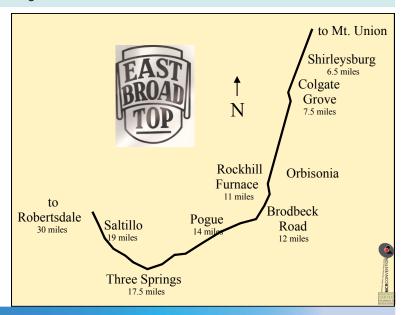
#### Update to the East Broad Top Update

Butch Sager

After I finished my presentation, it dawned on me that I should have included a map to show where the items I discussed were taking place. The mileages shown on the map are the distance from Mt. Union. The current trip from Rockhill Furnace to Colgate Grove is about 5 miles. The work on rehabilitating the line south and east to Saltillo will add about eight additional miles to the trip. To my knowledge, there is no timetable for this. But an employee said that it is a priority.

If you want to make the 5 ½ hour drive to visit the EBT, the FEBT.org website lists many of the lodging options in the area.

Also, the 30th anniversary of the PBS show Great Scenic Railway Journeys has an 8-minute segment on the East Broad Top. It is being shown on some PBS stations now. Unfortunately, WOSU isn't going to show it until November 22nd.



#### DIRECTOR ELECTION

Reported by Harry "Butch" Sage Buckeye Division Elections Teller

The 2023 Buckeye Division Directors Election had 35 ballots returned electronically and one ballot by mail. The results of the election are as follows:

Mark Krueger -- 17

Ken McDonough -- 25

Don Wilke -- 25

Mike Wolf, MMR® -- 30

The voting members reelected Don and Mike to the position of Director. They also elected Ken to the position previously held by Dick Briggs, MMR<sup>®</sup>, who chose not

to run for reelection. Ken's term of office will begin May 31, 2023.

The Superintendent will announce the results at the Annual Business Meeting at Marion, Ohio, in June.

My thanks go to those members who agreed to run. I believe we justified our decision to begin using Election Buddy.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry "Butch" Sage

**Elections Chair** 



#### 2024 Buckeye Division Election of Officers

Harry "Butch" Sage Buckeye Division Elections Teller

Our current officers' terms of office run through May 2024. Those officers are all term-limited, meaning they may not run for re-election. They could run for a different position should they choose to do so.

The *Buckeye Division Regulations* state that next year's election nominations are due by our November Division Meeting. Officer Candidates must be a member of the Buckeye Division. The Buckeye Division Nominating Committee may accept nominations by presentation of a petition with signatures from five division members. Or by a nomination during the November Division Meeting.

Please note the Nominating Committee can not accept the nomination of a division member without their permission.

The Nominating Committee, being myself, Jim Ruisinger, and Jim Kehn. We are looking for division members interested in running for the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Paymaster, or Chief Clerk offices. Please consider running for one of these positions and sharing your knowledge and experience with the division.

#### **Company Store Update**

Greg Short

Hey everyone, I have some good news. The Company Store is back open with our latest offering. If you have not been following, we decided to do a "new" run of the Buckeye Steel gondola that we had previously done, only with some changes. I have in stock the Accurail 41-foot gon kits. These differ from the first run in color. The first run was black, and this new run is oxide red. There is only one number in the run, #23. If you wish to buy more than a single car, I have decals for number

changes. There are 100 kits in stock, so don't wait too long, as they should sell out quickly. As I write this, we do not have the final price set, but I will have that before the July meeting. I will also have the kits with me at the upcoming meetings for purchase or pickup, as this will save shipping. I need to shout out to Accurail for getting this done so quickly. If you wish to order a car or more, contact me, and I will get them setback for you.



# Share the Knowledge!!











## Fifth Annual NMRA Division 6

# Train Show Cambridge Ohio

Sunday

October 22, 2023
10 am to 3 pm



Easy Access from I-70 and I-77

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Free Parking
ADMSSION \$5
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https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/trainshow.html

VendorsContactGreg - (740) 607-3223 - trainshow@div6-mcr-nmra.org

