

Super's Signal

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

November 2023

Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent

A brief update for our Train Show Special Edition of the *Signal*.

Train Show

Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make our Cambridge Train Show / Swap Meet a success in October. We had volunteers at the ticket table, recruiting table, and setting up and tearing down. (Figure 1)



Fig. 1
Some of the volunteers at the Ticket Table and Recruiting Table.

However, the actual recognition goes to Greg Short. None of this would have been possible without his advocacy seven years ago for a Train Show in an area with a shortage of events like this.

Greg will tell you that the overall attendee headcount doesn't matter (the amount of our spending is more important!). (Figure 2) I was pleased to see that attendance was up about 10% over last year. Our advertising played a role in that – 43 (21%) of attendees saw our ad on Facebook, and 28 (13%) saw our flyer.

Additional Train Shows

Looking around the state, I see several other shows coming up. They are:

- November 4-5 – Dayton: 2023 47th Dayton Train Show. New Montgomery County Fairgrounds

18 November Division 6 Meeting CA&C Depot (Upstairs Meeting Room) 501 South Main Street Mount Vernon, Ohio

- 1:00: CA&C Depot opens
- 1:00: Social gathering at CA&C Depot
- 1:05: Contest submissions open
- 1:40: Contest submissions closes; Voting begins
- 1:50: Contest Voting ends
- 2:00: Division 6 Meeting
- 2:45: Clinic: *Sergent Engineering Couplers*, Michael Percy
- 2:45: Layout Tour: Mt Vernon Club

Virtual Photo Contest: Closed Freight Car

Model Contest: Closed Freight Car



Fig. 2
Buyers at the Train Show.

Super's Signal Deadline
24 November

- December 2nd – Marion: 37th Annual Model Train Show. 220 E Fairgrounds Rd.
- December 16th – Lima: Train Town Train Show & Swap Meet. Allen County Fairgrounds, 2750 Harding Highway.

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*Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Membership Meeting
Zanesville Club
16 September 2023*

Carter Jastram, Clerk

*Note: Report from
Zanesville Meeting to be
voted on during the Mt.
Vernon Meeting.*

Call to Order

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superin-
tendent, at 2:01 p.m.

Division 6 Officers Present:

Superintendent	Matt Goodman
Clerk	Carter Jastram
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf, MMR [®]

Division 6 Chairs Present:

Company Store	Greg Short
Programs	Mike Wolf, MMR [®]
Super's Signal Publisher	Don Wilke
Train Show	Greg Short
Webmaster	Don Wilke

Absent:

Assistant Superintendent, Programs	Dexter Hill
Paymaster	Jim Borcz
Director	Ken McDonough
Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR [®]
Contest, Groups.io	Jim Ruisinger
Inspector of Elections	Harry "Butch" Sage
Membership	Ken McDonough
Membership Retention	Bruce McDonald
Raffle	Scott Brown

Announcements:

Matt Goodman welcomed new NMRA member Joshua Pack, Sr. (with Savannah Pack).

Matt and the members thank the *Zane Trace & National Trail Model Railroad Club* of Zanesville for hosting our meeting.

Greg Short gave his *Train Show*, Car Project, and Convention reports since he needed to leave early. See the reports below.

Bob Lee passed around the member sign-in sheet.

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Carter Jastram. The membership approved the Clerk's Report on our meeting in Coshocton, published in the September 2023 *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4.

Paymaster's Report: Jim Borcz. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, as presented by Matt Goodman, pending audit.

Program Report: Mike Wolf. There is no meeting in October because of our annual *Train Show*, but we will hold the Virtual Photo Contest. In November, we will meet in

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Mount Vernon. Michael Percy will discuss *Sergent Engineering Couplers*, and the *Mount Vernon Club* will open. Greg Short will discuss *Modeling Fire Equipment*, and George Stringer will share his *Experience with LEDs* at the Upper Arlington Library in December..

For 2024, Dexter will line up our meeting locations, and Mark Krueger and Darrell Logan will present clinics. Watch the *Super's Signal* and your *MailChimp* emails for the details.

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

Publications Report: Don Wilke. Don expects the October issue of the *Super's Signal* to be short, with limited information to report. He plans to prepare a page on the division's website on Monday for the *Train Show* and the results on Tuesday for the contests. The *Super's Signal* deadline on Thursday, September 21, is a hard deadline this time.

Groups.io/Facebook Report: There was no Groups.io/Facebook Report.

Membership Report: Ken McDonough. On Ken's behalf, Matt reported that we have 144 division members, which includes one new member and eighteen renewals. We have four members who are 30 days past renewal and three who are 60 days past renewal.

Retention and Recruitment Report: Mike Wolf. The Membership Committee will set up our recruiting booth at the *Division 6 Train Show* in October. We will not have a booth at the *Buckeye Railroadiana and Model Trains Show & Sale* in December. The committee plans on attending the *Great American Train Show* in mid-January at the State Fairgrounds.

Nominations and Elections Report: Butch Sage. Matt reminded us that all four officers (Super, Assistant Super, Clerk, and Paymaster) are term-limited from seeking reelection, but they may run for a different office. Any member who wishes to nominate oneself or someone else to an office should contact Butch Sage or Jim Kehn. Don will publish job descriptions in the *Super's Signal* in about four to six weeks. Also, see the **Division 6 Regulations**. There is a link on the All About Us on the division's website. Nominations Chair will accept nominations from the membership before or during the November meeting. The Nominations Chair will close the nominations after the meeting.

Car Project Report: Greg Short. Greg brought the *Buckeye Steel Castings Gondolas* to sell at the meeting. They are \$27 plus shipping/handling if ordering by mail. The webmaster will post details on the web by Tuesday.

Train Show Report: Greg Short. We are five weeks away. Table sales are going well. We will line up volunteers soon for opening/set up and closing/cleanup.

Fliers continue to go out to a variety of places.

Car Project Report: Greg Short. The Oxide Red *Buckeye Steel Castings* gondolas are here. We have already sold about one-fourth of them. Greg plans to make unsold gondolas available at the *Cambridge Train Show*.

2025 MCR Convention Report: Greg Short. We are currently in "cruise mode." the Convention Committee will start meeting monthly at various libraries after the *Train Show*.

501 Committee Report: Mike Wolf. These ad hoc committee members are Ken McDonough, Carter Jastram, Mike Wolf, and Jim Borcz. Jim's research has uncovered two "Employer Identification Numbers" (EINs) in old documents. One document is a copy of a Letter of Determination from the IRS. Ken is working to acquire one. Mike is working on applying for the vendor's license from the State of Ohio after consulting with Jerry Krueger. Once we have the IRS's Letter of Determination, Division 6 will not have to pay tax on our dinner at the 2025 MCR Convention or future purchases. Mike reminded the members that tax-exempt organizations must file an annual report with the Ohio Attorney General's office. Our **Division 6 Regulations** contain two references to our holding 501(c)3 status.

Old Business:

Donated Railroad Books: Carter Jastram. Carter brought the four bins of donated books to the Division 6 meeting for people to peruse. Super Matt Goodman will accept the suggested donation of \$10 per book.

3-D Printed Car Kits: Carter Jastram. Carter brought Jim Borcz's bundle of printed car sides, ends, and a couple of 3-D printed car bodies. Anyone wishing to use these to build box cars should contact Jim.

Division 6 Shirts: Carter Jastram. Carter and Patrick Hreachmack will continue taking orders for Division 6 polo shirts with embroidered first names until at least the end of this calendar year. Jim Kehn, whose wife does the embroidering, said his wife may extend the deadline. Jim is holding onto and distributing the completed shirts.

All Aboard Ohio (AAO): Don Wilke. Don shared information about this effort to reestablish passenger rail service in Ohio. The Federal Rail Administration is considering several possible corridors. Improving the track between Cleveland and Cincinnati to sustain trains doing 79 mph should cost about 1/3 Billion dollars. The current cost of the I-70 – I-71 interchange is over 100 Billion dollars. The AAO and The State of Ohio are looking to Michigan as an example. Trains between Detroit and Benton Harbor run at 79 mph, with over half of that distance at 110 mph.

Operation LifeSaver: Connie Logan. Connie will present at the

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Fostoria Rail Fest and our *Cambridge Train Show*. Any group interested in a presentation on rail safety should contact Connie and tell her the size, age, type of group, and presentation length.

New Business:

There was no New Business to take up.

Club Reports:

No club member presented a club report.

Contest Results:

Contest: Don Wilke for Jim Ruisinger. Jim's physical activities are more limited at present. He remains Photo & Contest Chair and will continue to run the Virtual Photo Contest. Don will help out with the Model Contest during our meetings.

September Contest Topic: Steam Engine.

The Virtual Photo Contest winners are:

Third Place: Bob Baker, *Cumbres & Toltec #487 at Osier*

Second Place: Jim Ruisinger, *Oregon, Pacific & Eastern #19 at the Age of Steam Roundhouse*

First Place: Jim Kehn, *#s 757, 765, and a truck at Bellevue, October 2021*

The Model Contest Winners are:

Third Place: Greg Short, *Union Pacific 4-8-8-4 Big Boy 2-8-2 #4004*

Second Place: Mike Wolf, *Pennsy 2-8-2 #1205*

First Place: Bob Baker, *Canadian Pacific 2-8-2 #5343*

Thanks for entering the contests, and congratulations to the winners.

Contest Certificates: Don handed out certificates to the winners of previous photo and model contests to Bob Baker, Connie Logan, Ken McDonough, Jim Oberst, Harry Sage, Greg Short, George Stringer, Mike Wolf, and Don Wilke.

The winners of last month's contests who received certificates were Scott Brown, Matt Goodman, Mark Krueger, Greg Short, and Mike Wolf.

The October contest is **Virtual Photo Contest only**, with the topic **Railroad Bridges and Trestles**. The Virtual Photo Contest will take place before the *Division 6 Cambridge Train Show*. The Contest Chair will an-

nounce the winners at the November Division 6 meeting and on the division website.

Remember, a member may only enter photos taken by oneself.

Raffle:

Scott Brown. We did not hold a raffle at this meeting. 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, don't hesitate to contact Scott Brown.

Announcements:

MCR Technology Committee: Matt Goodman. The MCR Technology Committee will meet via Zoom on October 2 at 7:30 p.m. The committee discusses the uses of social media, websites, and similar topics.

Meeting with Gordy Robinson, NMRA President: MCR Division 3 is hosting this meeting in person and via Zoom on October 15—Division 3 limited seating to 20 seats and 25 attendees on Zoom. If interested, reserve your spot ASAP.

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 next one is October 19. Any member may attend any Steering Committee meeting. Contact Superintendent Matt Goodman for the Zoom meeting link if interested.

Next Division 6 Membership Meeting: There is no division meeting in October because of the *Cambridge Train Show*.

The next Division 6 meeting will be on Saturday, November 18, at 2:00 p.m. at the *Mount Vernon Railroad Club* layout, second floor.

Adjournment:

After a motion and a second to adjourn, Matt adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Impromptu Clinic:

3-D Resin Printed Passenger Cars: New division member Joshua Pack, Sr., shared his experience creating passenger cars using his Saturn 3 Resin Printer. Some examples he brought with him are similar to the cars now in use on the *Hocking Valley Scenic Railway* in Nelsonville. Josh can 3-D print cars, buildings, or locomotive shells. He plans to offer shells, kits, or completed cars for sale soon.

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



Continued: **The Super's Report**

Other NMRA News

Occasionally, conversations pop up in person or (especially) online asking what the NMRA National is doing. Recently, National published a list of "in the works" topics, some of which I'm sharing here. I'm very impressed with this list and with the focus, leadership, and speed the current administration is displaying:

Recently completed

- Leadership principles document ([click here](#))
- Published the budget on the website ([click here](#)) so members (and non-members) better understand the organization's priorities.

In the works

- A new Retention and Onboarding task force is developing a new onboarding program to welcome and retain new members.
- A Model Railroad Future Leadership Training Summit
- Engagement and Brand efforts to increase overall awareness of NMRA and produce new members' support material
- Developing a Division Success Kit that includes things like marketing/recruitment/retention activities materials, support for Social Media and website development, guides for conventions and shows, National contracts, and others
- National website upgrade. The current platform doesn't support modern web usage expectations.

Other News

I recently returned from the RPM Chicagoland Conference in Naperville, IL, sponsored by the Fox Valley Division of the Midwest Region. (Figure 3) This conference is thematically similar to the recent Central Ohio RPM in Marion, although the Naperville RPM has been around longer. I've wanted to attend this for 10-15 years and finally prioritized it.



Fig. 3
Modular Layout at RPM Chicagoland Conference.

Along with 400 attendees and 1700 models, there were layout tours and rivet-counting (in a good way) clinics. Highlights outside of the conference were the Illinois Railway Museum. I took many steam locomotive photos and visited Bill Darnaby's *Maumee Route* layout. (Figure 4)



Fig. 4
Matt at Bill Darnaby's Maumee Route layout.

Any conference or road trip of this type aims to gain inspiration or information. This conference did that in spades. But more importantly, I also made some new social connections, which is the second most important aspect of the hobby. This aspect is also the reason I am a member of the NMRA.

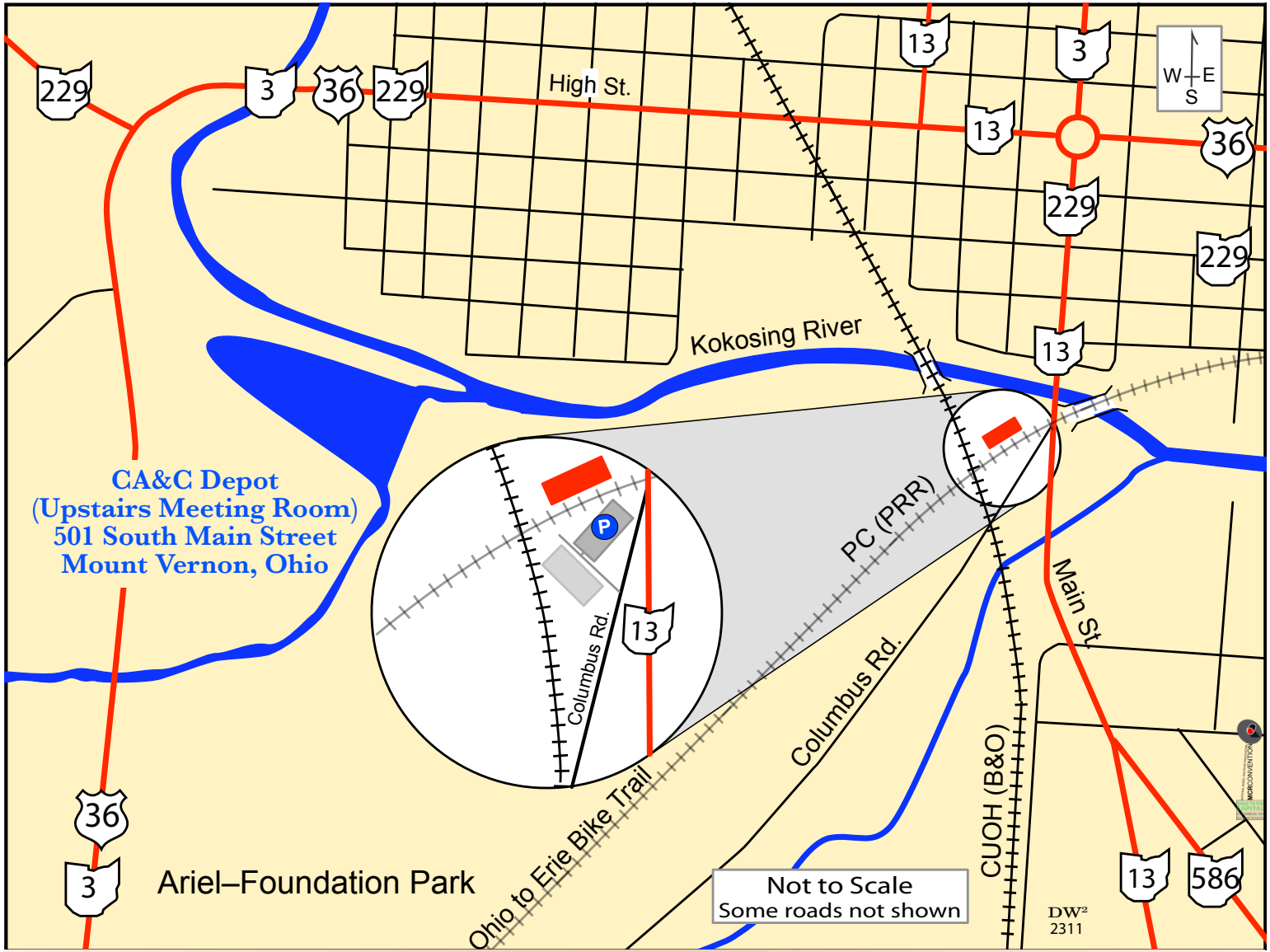
Matt

Time to drop the fire!

Division 6 – 2023 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
21 January (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	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
18 February	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Hilltop Library Layout Tours: Matt Goodman, Darrell Logan Contest: Non-Revenue / MOW	Columbus
23 February	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
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	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
15 April	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Hilltop Library Clinic: Contest: RR Served Structure, Not RR Owned	Columbus
29 April	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
4–7 May	MCR Convention	Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Signals [No Model Contest]	Pittsburgh, PA
17 June 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	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
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	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
19 August	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Coshocton Club Clinic: Painting Backdrop Clouds , Darrell Logan Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Caboose(s)	Coshocton
24 August	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
16 September	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Zanesville Club Open House: Zanesville Club Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive	Zanesville
26 October	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>	No October <i>Signal</i>	
22 October	Division 6 Train Show	Train Show Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Bridges & Trestles	Laughlin Center, Cambridge
26 October	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
18 November	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Mt. Vernon Station Clinic: Sergeant Engineering Couplers , Michael Percy Model & Virtual Photo Contest: Closed Freight Car	Mt. Vernon
23 November	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
16 Dec (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	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		

Don't Just Belong, Participate!!



2024 Buckeye Division Election of Officers

Harry "Butch" Sage

Buckeye Division Elections Teller

The next Buckeye Division election, scheduled for early 2024, is for the four officer positions. The officers are all term-limited, and they cannot run for re-election. They can run for a different office should they so choose.

The nominating process is open and will conclude at the November Buckeye Division Meeting. Are you interested in running for one of the four positions? Don't hesitate to contact me and let me know which position you wish to run for. You can also seek nomination by presenting a petition during the November division meeting. You can also seek nomination by announcing your interest during the November meeting. Details on how to do this are in the Buckeye Division's Regulations located at:

https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/AboutFold/Division_6_Regulations_220225.pdf

Please consider becoming active in the leadership and management of your Buckeye Division.

Harry "Butch" Sage hsage3@yahoo.com

Nominations Committee Chair



Train Show Report

Greg Short

The 2023 Train Show is now in the books, and it was a success. We had over 200 attendees, which to some may be a small number, but many of those who came were buyers leaving with boxes or bags of train goodies. We had a good table count at 94 tables sold, even with three vendors backing out, accounting for another 20 tables. Vendors backing out happens seemingly every year for one reason or another. Even with the cancelations, we were in the black on the show before the doors opened. Paymaster Jim will have the numbers in his report, but I am happy with the take. I spoke with many of the vendors and were delighted with their sales. I did notice that a lot of them packed up a lot less than they brought in. Happy vendors are good, as they will return to the Train Show with several stating they will be back next year. There are still things we can do better, and the Train Show group will work on them, but most of it will not be hard. Advertising still seems lacking in some areas, but with new contacts and the discovery of new outlets, it will grow. I had several good comments from both vendors and patrons on how excellent the facility was, the ease of getting to the venue, and how we had the show-room laid out. One thing I did hear a lot was how nice the aisle width we had made it very easy to navigate the hall and not have to fight to get through. The vendors also say this makes it easier to police their tables.

I cannot go without saying a huge thanks to everyone who helped make the day successful. There was a lot of work getting the setup and teardown done. As expected, the setup was a bit sluggish at first, but it picked up. A lot of that is on me as it is just not putting the tables up but also making sure tables we set up in a way that fits the vendors. Going into it, I have an idea of how I need to do it, but it will never be the same every time, as the number of tables going to a given vendor changes year to year, which will change the vendor count. As I stated before, if all the vendors had made it, we would have had our highest table count yet, which I want to exceed next

year. Teardown was lighting fast, and we were all done and gone before 4 p.m. The teardown is the fastest we have ever done. Much of that comes from vendors that do not mess around and have a suitable teardown method. It also helps if they do not need to pack up everything that they showed up with, and this was the case. So, as the vendors were packing up, our folks were putting the tables and chairs away.

To the folks at the T-TRAK and the Division 6 tables, thanks. I know there were several members floating through during the show and helping out, and since I can't remember everyone, I will just say thanks to the group.

We need to thank the N-Scale group from Athens for coming back and setting up the layout again this year. The layout looked bigger this year, even though I didn't have time to look at it. I hope they come back next year. Along with that, I hope that we can get HO and O-Scale layouts to be part of the show. We have the room as we have more space that we can use. So, if anyone knows where we can get a layout, let me know, as it would be great to have several scales represented. As we know, this is important to the non or new modeler to spark the interest.

So, if anyone has a suggestion on how we can do something better, let me know. As I stated before, I am pleased with the show and its success. We made some money for the division and had fun. I only lost a little sleep and had minor headaches worrying about things, but it all worked out due to everyone's help.

Oh, and on your calendar, I have reserved the Pritchard Laughlin Center for October 27, 2024, for the next Train Show.

Thanks to everyone

Greg



Hello Friends

Some of you remember me, some probably do not. I'm writing to you with a request.

After many years of living in a house, last March, medical issues forced me to move into a senior living facility. As part of that process, I had to dispose of my collection of trains, model railroad supplies, accessories, etc. It just wouldn't fit into a studio apartment. I kept a few pieces. I expected I'd be finished with my days of model railroading. Once here, I met a neighbor in essentially the same situation. We had been thinking about building some minimal layout to keep in our apartments. We both realized that such an undertaking wasn't very practical.

While discussing this, we thought, "Why not try to form a club here and see if we can get some space to build a layout?" After some discussion with the facility managers, they granted us the use of a space 10 feet by 25 feet, and we were off. The facility even supported us to the extent that they provided materials for some initial benchwork. The idea is taking off, and we now number six or seven members. Some experienced model railroaders, and some are new to the hobby but very interested. We also have several people interested in the endeavor's scenery aspects but not the trains specifically. It's amazing to see how excited people who thought their

time with the hobby was over get at the prospect of continuing and doing it with several like-minded individuals. But we need much more than a few tables.

One of the very first things we did was develop a set of standards for the proposed layout. The central part of this was the dimensions of the benchwork. We have many people here with mobility issues and need to accommodate them. The mobility issues impose limitations on how high the benchwork can be, how deep it can be, and how much clearance we need underneath. Researching this, we couldn't find any guidelines, so we developed our own. We believe that a layout built to these standards will allow a person in a wheelchair to both work on the layout and run trains. As you may know, living in a facility like this is not cheap, and as retirees, we don't have much money.

So, I'm asking you, if you have any to spare, would you be willing to donate supplies to us? We need Code 100 or Code 83 flex track, switches, roadbeds, scenery supplies, rolling stock, and locomotives, about everything you need to build a model railroad. If you can help, please get in touch with me so we can discuss it.

Thank you very much.

Karen Parker

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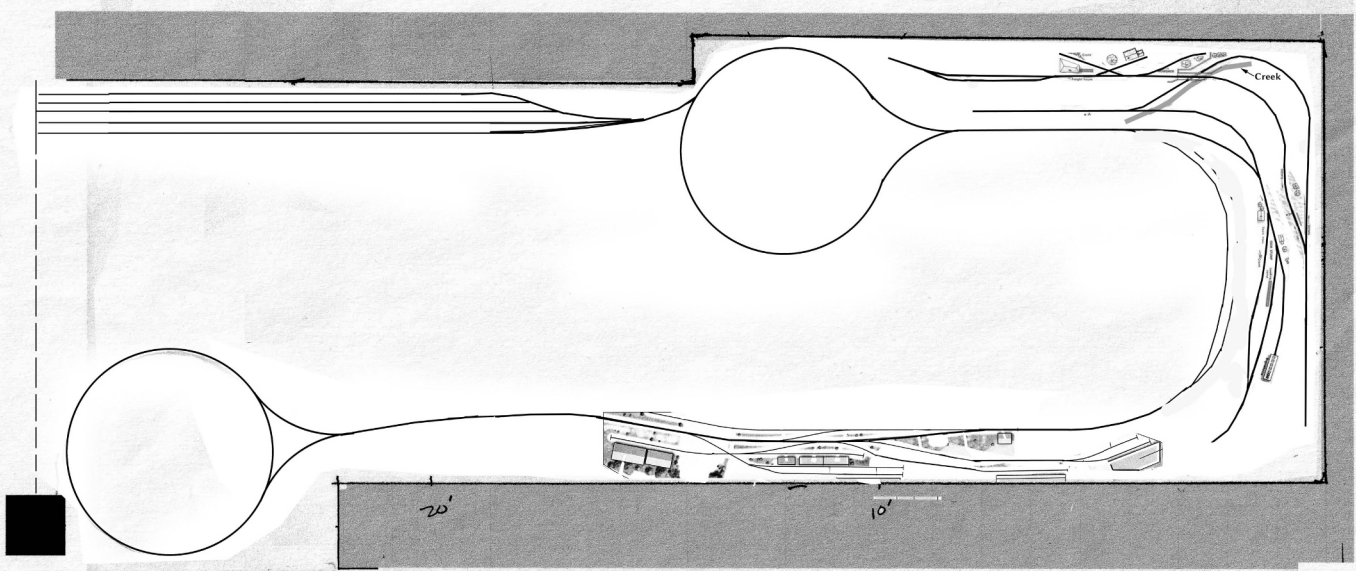
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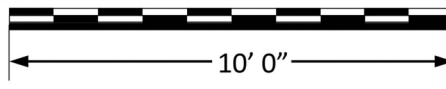
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Mainline Minimum Radius 27"

Branchline Minimum Radius 18"



Scale 1 cm = 1 ft (1:30.5)
236.2 px = 1 ft @ 600 dpi
19.68 px = 1 inch @ 600 dpi





In November, join us in Mt Vernon when Michael Percy will talk about *Sergent Engineering Couplers*. He uses them exclusively on his operations-focused layout and will share his lessons learned on installing and using them. See you November 18th.

George Stringer and Greg Short will close the year at our December meeting in Upper Arlington. Greg will discuss *Modeling Firefighting Equipment*, and George will demonstrate *Installing LEDs for Marker Lights* (including using fiber optics).

We lined up Mark Krueger, Bob Baker, and Darrell Logan for 2024 clinics, but I still have plenty of openings through-

out 2024. As Matt mentioned at the meeting, it's an excellent time to practice your clinic, as we'll need numerous volunteers to present at our region convention in 2025.

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.

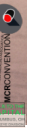
Clinics can count toward the *Author or Volunteer AP*. Check out the requirements for each to see which certificate your presentation qualifies.



Company Store Update

Greg Short

The gondola kits are here, and sales have started. As of this message, we still do not have the final price for the gondolas on the website. But, we are offering the kits to the membership for \$25. This price is only good if a division member purchases the kits for personal use. Members must pay for and pick up the gondola at a division meeting. We will have the price for shipping the kits and how to order them by the next *Signal*.



Buckeye Division Shirts

Pat Hreachmack

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.

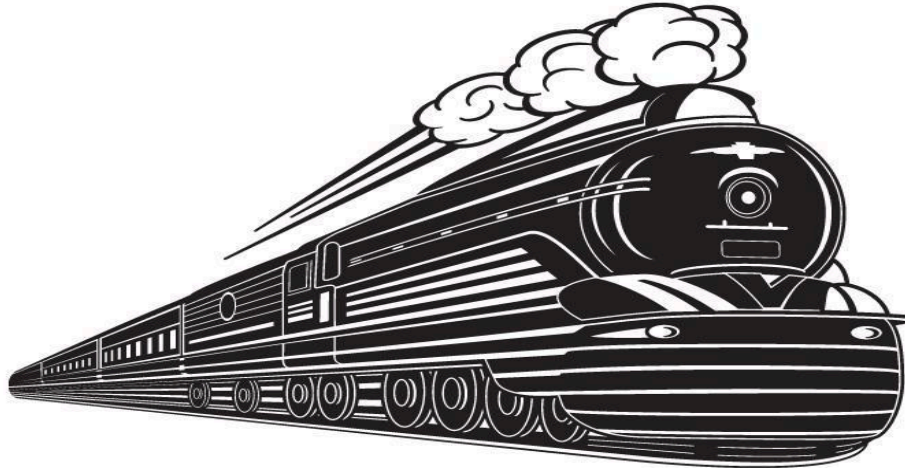
If you have not ordered a shirt, please get your money and order to Patrick or Carter before or during our next Division Meeting. For those of you who have ordered but not yet paid, your funds are due by the closure of our next division meeting.

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



TRAIN SHOW & SALE

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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ADVANCE TICKETS



DEALER INFORMATION



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May 16-19 2024
Cleveland, Ohio



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SCHEDULE of EVENTS

*Layout Tours, Operating Sessions, 4 Clinic Rooms
(including make & take clinics for a small fee)
Celebration of Modeling, Yard Sale, Prototype Tours, General interest Tours,
Non-Rail Tours*

*More events are being added as the NCL moves closer to the convention date.
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Contest Report

Jim Ruisinger, Contest Chair



1st Place Virtual Photo
by Jim Kehn
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October Virtual Photo Contest:
RR Bridges & Trestles
Model Contest: None

**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+

August Contest: Caboose

Virtual Photo Contest:

1st Place: Jim Kehn, NKP #s 757 & 765 with Old NKP Chevy pickup

2nd Place: Jim Ruisinger, Oregon Pacific & Eastern #19 at AoS

3rd Place: Bob Baker, Cumbres & Toltec (former D&RGW) #487 at Osier

Model Contest:

1st Place: Bob Baker, Canadian Pacific 2-8-2 #5343

2nd Place: Mike Wolf, Pennsy 2-8-2 #1205

3rd Place: Greg Short, Union Pacific 4-8-8-4 Big Boy 2-8-2 #4004

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).



1st Place Model by Bob Baker Copyright by Don Wilke

August Contest Winners:

https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/contest230916/Contest_230916.html

