

Super's Signal

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March 2024

Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent

This month's meeting at Barnett Library started with a problem – the projector wouldn't light up. Thanks to the Library staff for getting this resolved before the clinic started. The solution was as age-old as computers of old. They unplugged the projector and plugged it back in! The simple fix was even more impressive, given they had an audience intently watching and commentating on the whole process!

The big news of the meeting was the conclusion of this year's election cycle. All Division Officer positions – Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Clerk, and Paymaster – had a single candidate. Our regulations cover this situation with the following note (Article X, Section 4.B): *"In the event of only one (1) nominee for an Officer <snip> the office(s) may be filled by acclamation"*. Congratulations to the new officers, who will officially step into those roles at the end of May. Thanks to Butch Sage for his efforts as Nominations Chair of the Nominating Committee. The future Officers are:

- Superintendent - Bob Baker
- Asst. Superintendent - Michael Percy
- Paymaster - Carter Jastram
- Clerk - Matt Goodman

Bob and Michael are new to the leadership circle. Carter and I did what the Ohio Legislature does – rotate to another spot. They bring excellent organizational skills and professional experience from their government and business careers. As the outgoing Superintendent, I'm excited to see what their new points of view and different background experiences will bring.

The other exciting news from the last Division 6 Meeting was completing and publishing the first version of the *Policy and Procedure Manual* (PPM) to our website. Don

The Celebration of Life for Jimmy Ruisinger will be held Thursday, March 28th from 6 to 8 PM. It will be held at: *Amelita Mirolo Barn, 4395 Carriage Hill Lane, Upper Arlington, OH 43221*

Celebration of Life for Jim Ruisinger:

<https://amandalsage.com/memorial-for-jim-ruisinger/>

You can also RSVP, not required but greatly appreciated, at that website.

16 March (*Saturday*) Division 6 Meeting Northside Library (Meeting Room 1) 1423 North High Street

1:00: Northside Library Meeting Room 1 opens

1:00: Social gathering at Northside Library

1:05: Contest submissions open

1:40: Contest submissions closes; Voting begins

1:50: Contest Voting ends

2:00: Division 6 Meeting

Clinic: *Canadian Pacific Railway: The Big Hill and Spiral Tunnels*, Bob Baker

Virtual Photo Contest: *Non-Revenue / MOW*

Model Contest: *Non-Revenue / MOW*

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Wilke and Butch Sage (and the BOD in general) have been working on this since at least January 2023. Many props to Don for proposing the PPM, Bob Lee for providing a previous version for reference, and Don for herding the rest of the cats to get to this point. An important note about this document is that it is always a work in progress. As the BOD, or any Division Member, sees missing parts, we can adjust or refine the PPM. It is more of a guide or a job aid than a formal document like the Division 6 Regulations.

Both the PPM (and the Division 6 Regulations) are on the "About Us"

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Jim's Obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/james-ruisinger-obituary?id=54062762>

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Clerk's Report Buckeye Division, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Membership Meeting Barnett Library Columbus 18 February 2024

Ken McDonough, Clerk *pro tem*

Call to Order

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

Division 6 Officers Present:

Superintendent	Matt Goodman
Paymaster	Jim Borcz
Director	Ken McDonough
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf, MMR®

Division 6 Chairs Present:

Company Store	Greg Short
Contest	Don Wilke
Inspector of Elections	Harry "Butch" Sage
Membership	Ken McDonough
Membership Retention	Bruce McDonald
Nominations	Harry "Butch" Sage
Programs	Mike Wolf, MMR®
Raffle	Scott Brown
Super's Signal Publisher	Don Wilke
Train Show	Greg Short
Webmaster	Don Wilke

Absent:

Assistant Superintendent	Dexter Hill
Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR®
Clerk	Carter Jastram

Announcements:

Highlights: Matt Goodman.

Matt introduced a visitor, Mike Rector, who is an N&W fan. Matt also introduced long-time member Chad Cook, who is the new PRRT&HS Buckeye Chapter President.

North Coast Limited Update: Division 4 updated the 2024 MCR Convention website with layout tours, op sessions, banquet info, and other items. The registration fee for early registrants was \$90, a discount of \$10. The regular registration is \$100. The website (www.northcoastlimited2024.org) overcharged some members, but they can get a refund by following the information posted or emailed.

Great Train Show Update: Howdy Lamprecht thanked all those who helped to set up, staff, and tear down the show held on Saturday, January 13, and Sunday, January 14, 2024. A member noted that some Division 6 members brought older magazines to the show to hand out to visitors. The magazines were a great way to engage visitors, share information about the hobby, and productively dispose of old magazines.

The Clerk's Report
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Continued: **Clerk's Report****Reports:**

Clerk's Report: Carter is absent because he is attending his father-in-law's funeral. In his absence, Matt Goodman presented the Clerk's Report. The membership approved the Clerk's Report of the January Member Meeting, as published in the February 2024 *Super's Signal*.

Paymaster's Report: Jim Borecz. Jim read off the current balances in the accounts. The membership moved and seconded to approve the report, subject to audit.

Clinic/Program Report: Mike Wolf. Our next Membership Meeting is on Saturday, March 16, at the Northside Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Bob Baker, a Canadian Pacific fan, will present a clinic on the *CP's Transcontinental Line*, focusing on the Kicking Horse Pass and the spiral tunnels. This line presented operating challenges with a 4.5% grade until 1909. A member noted that this is a prototype for a hidden helix.

The April meeting will be at the Gahanna Public Library. Mike Percy will present a clinic on *Generating Switch lists*. Bill Hanna's layout may be open for visitors if Bill has not yet started to dismantle the layout by then.

There is no Membership Meeting in May because of the *MCR Regional Convention* in Cleveland.

The June meeting will be at the Marion Union Station. Butch Sage will present a clinic on *Estate Planning*, a subject he has unfortunately had to deal with recently. Darrell Logan will present a clinic on *Scenery, Beginning to End*.

See the Time-Table Page in the *Super's Signal* or the Division 6 website for more details.

Communications Report: Don Wilke. Don reports that the website is up to date. He plans to work on the *Super's Signal* starting Thursday, February 22. He asked members to send articles as soon as possible.

Groups.io Report: Matt Goodman. Matt noted that Jim Ruisinger was the administrator for our groups.io site. With Jim's passing, Matt Goodman and Mike Wolf are also administrators, and they can update access to the groups.io page for those who want to access that resource.

Membership Report: Ken McDonough. We currently have 144 active division members, including six renewals in January. No members are in the 30-days-past or the 60-days-past categories.

Policies and Procedures Manual: Don Wilke. Don and Butch Sage have written a draft *Policies and Procedures Manual* (PPM). The Steering Committee discussed the updated draft of the *Manual* at its February 15 meeting. The BOD will vote on the PPM after the business

meeting today. The PPM intends to be a flexible "living" document, less formal than the *Division 6 Regulations*. It is to provide guidance on division activities and to give current or prospective Officers, Chairs, and Directors a description of their duties. The *Division 6 Regulations* are available on the division website. Don will soon post the approved PPM on the *All About Us Page*. We express our thanks to Don and Butch for their efforts and to the Chairs and Officers who gave them input.

Tax Status: Greg Short. Greg has been collecting sales tax on our BSC gondolas. Mike Wolf completed the first sales tax filing in January for cars sold last year, and the funds will be (or have been) transferred from the bank account to the state later this week. Mike will file other reports as needed with the state division of taxation. Ken McDonough applied with the Internal Revenue Service to obtain our 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status determination on February 8, 2024.

Buckeye Express 2025 Convention: Greg Short. Greg held a convention planning meeting on Thursday, January 11, and scheduled another meeting for Thursday, February 22, at 7 pm at the New Albany Public Library. Greg is beginning to fill needed jobs, including Program (Clinic) Chair, Company Store Chair, Contest Chair, Prototype Tours Chair, T-Trak Chair, White Elephant Chair, Layout Tours, and Operating Sessions Chair. The Mid Central region will handle the contest judging.

Gondola: The Buckeye Steel Castings HO gondola kits (by Accurail) cost \$25.00 for members purchased at a Division 6 Meeting (tax included). They are \$27.00 for non-members at a meeting. If ordered by mail, please add \$10.00 shipping and handling for one car and \$17.00 shipping and handling for two or three cars, and Ohio residents add 7.5% sales tax to the total.

Mike Wolf plans to submit information about our gondola car sale to the *NMRA Magazine* and *MR Hobbyist*.

Nominations and Elections Report: Butch Sage. Butch presented nominations for the four Officer positions as follows:

- Superintendent: Bob Baker
- Assistant Superintendent: Michael Percy
- Paymaster: Carter Jastram
- Clerk: Matt Goodwin Goodman

Butch asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. He then informed Matt Goodman that each candidate was unopposed for each position. The membership moved and seconded the approval of the Officer candidates by acclamation, per Division 6 Regulations. New officers take office on May 31. Matt will work with Bob Baker to ease the transition.

The Clerk's Report
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Continued: **Clerk's Report****Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to take up.

New Business:

There was no New Business to take up.

Club Reports:

There were no Club Reports.

Contest Results:

Contest Certificates: Greg Short handed out certificates to previous contest winners:

September 2023 Photos *Steam Engines*, Jim Kehn

December 2023 Photos

1st Place: *Jim Ruisinger Memorial Special Train*, Howdy Lamprecht

January 2024 Models *Open Freight Car*

3rd Place: *Westinghouse Turbine Transport*, Greg Short

2nd Place: *MKT Flat Car with Large Pump*, Bob Lee

1st Place (tie): *Two Steam Shovels on Two Fat Cars*, George Stringer

1st Place (tie): *Old Transformers Load*, Bob Lee

There was no Photo Contest in January or February due to Jim Ruisinger's passing. Plans are in the works to get the photo contest underway again soon, as it is popular with division members.

Don Wilke announced today's winners for MOW

1st Place: *Conrail MOW Crane with Erie Lackawanna Gondola*, Greg Short

2nd Place: *Santa Fe Derrick and Boom Car*, Bob Lee

The March contest is **Non-Steam Locomotive**.

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

Raffle:

Scott Brown. Today's raffle winners are:

Special Raffle: *The B&O Parkersburg Depot "All Aboard" Print* It's a framed reproduction of Thomas Stahl's painting.

HO Scale *Bowser 100 Ton Hopper*, Bob Lee

N Scale *boxcar*, Jim Borcz

Scott introduced the next **Special Raffle:** an undecorated **Athearn GP 40-2 with Dynamic Brakes**. (I believe this is a DC locomotive). Scott said he needs 40 tickets sold for the **Special Raffle**.

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.

Good of the Order

Next Steering Committee Meeting: The Steering Committee meetings occur every third Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The next one is March 21. Any member may attend any Steering Committee Meeting. Contact Superintendent Matt Goodman for the Zoom meeting link if you are interested.

Next Division 6 Membership Meeting: The next Division 6 Meeting will be on **Saturday, March 16**, at 2:00 p.m. at the **Northside Branch Library**. The room will open at 1 p.m. contest entries and kibitzing.

Adjournment:

After a motion and a second to adjourn, Matt adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Clinic:

Matt Goodman presented a clinic titled *Steam Locomotive Water Cycle*. Matt described why it was important for railroads to treat water used in the boilers of locomotives to optimize performance and avoid damage to equipment. He presented photos of an N&W water treatment facility located south of Chillicothe, traces of which are tough to find today. Matt also presented photos of several locations where the PRR and NYC installed water troughs for scooping water on the fly. He also described water scoops constructed beneath tenders to scoop water. Matt had photos and information of prototype and model locomotives, showing the location of water pumps and various types of feed-water systems, which evolved over the years to improve efficiency. He described ELESCO, Coffin, and Worthington-type feed-water heaters. A very informative clinic, worthy of presentation at a Regional or National Convention! Thanks, Matt!



Share the Knowledge!!

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page of our website here:

https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/AboutUs_Page.html

I encourage all members to read through both. Are they dry? Yeah, a little. But it's always instructive to see how things work under the hood.

Shortly after our last Membership Meeting at the Barnett Library, we had our second *Buckeye Express Convention* planning meeting. Convention Chair Greg Short

filled two more positions, Clinic and Contest Room, but is still looking for a few more folks. Contact me or Greg if you have questions.

Remember that helping with the Convention is a big step toward earning your **Volunteer Achievement Certificate**. Volunteering for the **2016 Rails to the Capital Convention** was a significant component of my Volunteer Certificate.

Time to drop the fire!

Matt



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*.



2024 Buckeye Division Officers Nominations & Election

Harry "Butch" Sage and Jim Kehn

Buckeye Division Elections Tellers

During the February 2024 Buckeye Division Meeting, the Nominating Committee submitted their list of candidates for the upcoming Officers Election for the 2-year term beginning May 31, 2024. There were no additional nominations from those attending the meeting. As all four candidates ran unopposed, Superintendent Matt Goodman declared them elected by acclamation, as permitted in the Buckeye Division Regulations. The new Officers are:

- Superintendent -- Bob Baker
- Asst. Superintendent -- Michael Percy
- Paymaster -- Carter Jastram
- Clerk -- Matt Goodman

Congratulations to the new officers.



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Division 6 – 2024 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
21 January (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Hilltop Library Clinic: Quick Rollin Stock Weathering Techniques , Mark Krueger Contests: Open Car with Load	Columbus
26 January	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18 February (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Barnett Library (Livingston Library) Clinic: Steam Locomotive Water Cycle , Matt Goodman Contests: Non-Revenue / MOW	Columbus
23 February	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
16 March (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Northside Library (Meeting Room 1) Clinic: Canadian Pacific Railway: The Big Hill and Spiral Tunnels , Bob Baker Contests: Non-Steam Locomotive	Columbus
21 March	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
21 April (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Gahanna Library (Meeting Rooms 2 & 3) Mini Clinics: Contests: Railroad Served Structure, Not RR Owned	Columbus
29 April	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
16-19 May	MCR Convention	The North Coast Limited	Cleveland, OH
15 June Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Annual Business Meeting: Marion Union Station Mini Clinics: Estate Planning , Butch Sage; Scenery Beginning to end , Darrell Logan Contests: Favorite Train	Marion
22 June	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

March Map





remedy this situation. Bob will illustrate the construction of these tunnels, the line's new alignment, and operations with maps and photographs.

April's meeting will be at the Gahanna Library, where Michael Percy will present a clinic on *Creating Switchlists*.

Save examples of your recent modeling (or blow the dust off older ones) to share at a Bring-n-Brag session at Marion in June. Two clinicians have also volunteered for our Marion Meeting, but I still have plenty of openings throughout 2024. Matt mentioned at the February meeting that it's an excellent time to practice your clinic, as we'll need numerous volunteers to present at our *Regional 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.

Buckeye Division Special Raffle

Scott Brown

This past Sunday, we drew the winning ticket for the **Special Raffle Prize**, the framed reproduction artwork *All Aboard* by Thomas H. Stahl. The winner of the raffle was **Rob Hilburn** from the *Kokosing Valley Club* in Mt Vernon. Congratulations Rob!

The new **Special Raffle** item is the undecorated Athearn GP-40-2 Diesel Road Locomotive. It's powered and has dynamic brakes. We will try to sell 40 tickets for this item.

Here is some history of this locomotive:

The EMD GP40-2 is a 4-axle diesel-electric locomotive built by General Motors Electro-Motive Division between April 1972 and December 1986. The locomotive's power is a 16-cylinder engine, which generates 3,000 horsepower.

Standard GP40-2 production totaled 861 units, with 817 built for North American and 44 for Mexican railroads.

The locomotives had gearing to reach a maximum of 65-70 mph.

Three Top Original Buyers

Canadian National Railway - 268 units.

Baltimore & Ohio - 218 units. It operated as B&O from 1830 until 1987, when B&O merged into the Chessie System; its lines are today controlled by CSX Transportation.

Conrail - 129 units. Operated between 1976 and 1999.

If you're interested in operating this locomotive on your railroad and making it your design, see Scott Brown for purchasing raffle tickets at the March meeting.

Let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

Division 6 Email Group:

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Product Review – A Dull Topic

Mike Wolf, MRR®



Photo 1
The products tested

Based on the conversation that followed Mark's clinic at the January Meeting (e.g., the "new" Dullcoat formula is not good), I decided to do a side-by-side comparison of three rattle can matte finishes: Rust-Oleum Matte Clear Enamel, Winsor & Newton (W&N) Matt Varnish, and Tamiya Flat Clear (TS-80) (**Photo 1**). While I



Photo 2
The test samples

onally don't care for the "original" Testor's Dullcoat spray as it usually comes out splotchy, I do like Dullcoat from the bottle (thinned 50/50) applied by an airbrush to provide an even, flat finish. But this review is of spray can products, so here is the test procedure and the results.

The Test

The test surfaces were two recently completed car kits with a fairly glossy surface. I applied each product to both sides and the roof to one-third of each model. I masked the center of each car with tape. (**Photo 2**). I applied a second applica-

tion of each product as a very light mist to one side of the model.

The Tamiya and W&N both had a very fine mist. The Rust-Oleum had a heavier spray pattern.

The Results

Although it's hard to capture in the photos (**Photo 3 & 4**), here are my observations.

The Tamiya was the clear winner, but the Winsor & Newton was a close second. The Rust-Oleum was shinier than the original paint job.

I applied Pan Pastels to each car. The pastels stuck equally well to the Tamiya and W&N sections. The pastels stuck better to the original finish than the Rust-Oleum.

Cost Comparison

The Tamiya can contains 100 ml and sells for \$10.50 at the Train Station. The Winsor & Newton contains 400 ml and lists for \$11-14 at Blick's and Michael's (cheaper with a coupon). The Rust-Oleum is approximately 430 ml and retails under \$9 at any big box store.

Conclusion

Based on the cost analysis, I'll watch for a sale or coupon for the Winsor & Newton Matt Varnish. I'll reserve the Tamiya for my best projects (since I usually apply Pan Pastels over the flat finish anyway).



Photo 3
The Tamiya sample is on the top portion of this car.

Photo 4
The Winsor & Newton is on the top and the Rust-Oleum on the bottom. The Rust-Oleum is shinier than the unpainted area in the middle of the car



Long-Distance Corridors and Central Ohio



Congress has given the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) money to study the Passenger Rail System, both the current and proposed systems. The FRA has divided the study into three projects, each with a different timetable.

The First Project studied the Northeast Corridor. Some monies have been allocated for a new high-speed Amtrak replacement tunnel under Baltimore, upgrading or replacing bridges over inlets, and extending state-sponsored commuter lines.

The Second Project is to study the Regional Corridors. This includes the two corridors through Columbus: the Cincinnati-Dayton-Columbus-Cleveland (3C&D) and the Chicago-Ft. Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh.

The newly released Third Study is on Long-Distance Corridors. When we think of long-distance passenger train travel, we normally think of New York-Chicago or Chicago-California.

The FRA study lists the criteria for developing an interconnected “conceptual enhanced network” that links rural and metropolitan areas with significant public engagement. The idea was to build on the current “baseline” of long-distance service routes. Each detailed route description lists the disclaimer, “Further analysis after completion of this study would be necessary to advance the preferred routes through project planning and project development activities prior to implementation.” There is currently no funding attached to this part of the initiative.

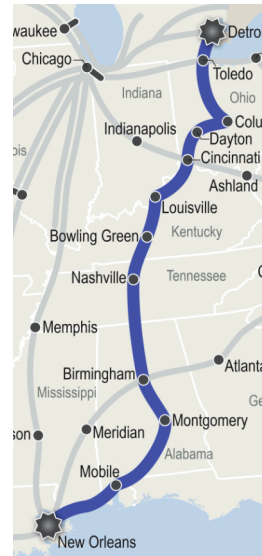
The FRA looked at 69 routes, including existing and 15

new routes. Two of the Long-Distance Corridors are of interest because they go through Columbus. These two corridors are listed as preferred routes and are under study. One additional corridor is also attractive because it would allow passengers to transfer to another train going to Atlanta or Florida.

One proposed route is the Dallas/Fort Worth–New York (via Tulsa, St. Louis, Columbus, and Pittsburgh).



A second proposed route is Detroit–New Orleans (via Columbus, Cincinnati, Nashville, and Birmingham).



Both Long-Distance Corridors complement both the (3C&D) and the Chicago-Ft. Wayne-Columbus-Pittsburgh corridors.

Also shown Chicago-Florida and all proposed routes.

Larger maps on Pages 10–12 and on the Buckeye Division Home Page.



Contest Report

Contest Chair

February Contest: Non-Revenue / MOW

Virtual Photo Contest: No entries

Model Contest:

Second Place: Bob Lee, **ATSF Derrick and Boom Car**

First Place: Greg Short, **Conrail MOW Crane with EL Gondola**

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



1st Place Model by Greg Short Copyright by Don Wilke

February Contest Topic: Non-Steam Locomotives

Including: Diesel-Electric, Electric, Gas-Electric, Gas Direct Drive, etc

Contest Point Summary February 2024

Modeler 2024

No entries

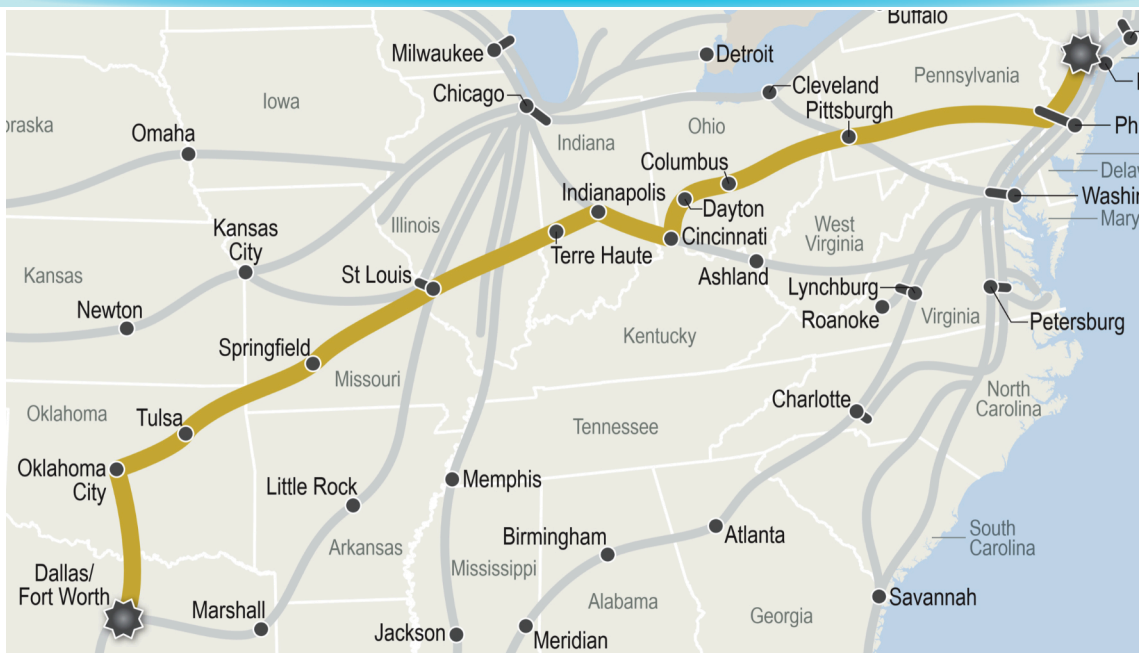
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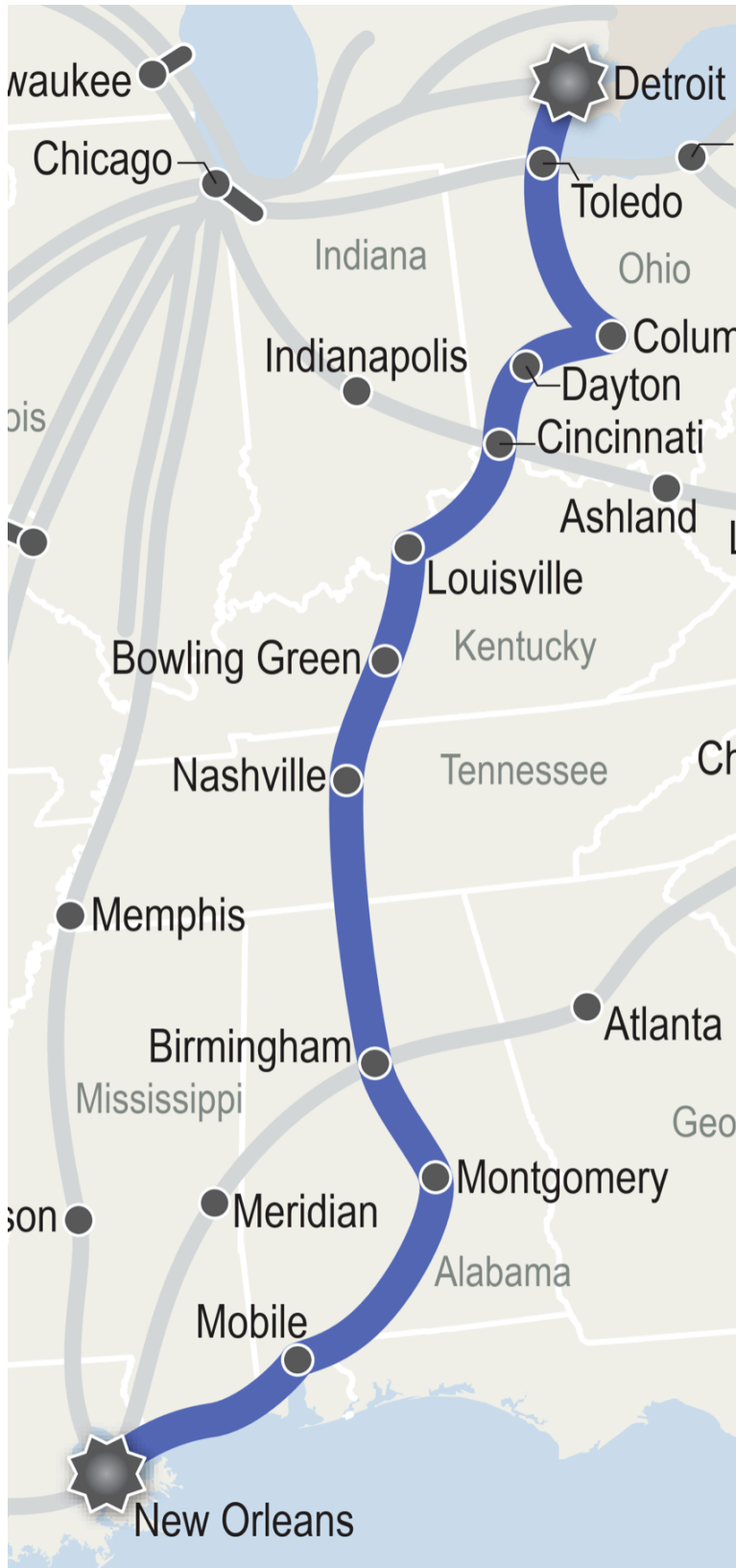
Bob Lee	8	George Stringer	4
Greg Short	6	Matt Goodman	1

February Contest Winners:

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Dallas/Fort Worth–New York (via Tulsa, St. Louis, Columbus, and Pittsburgh)





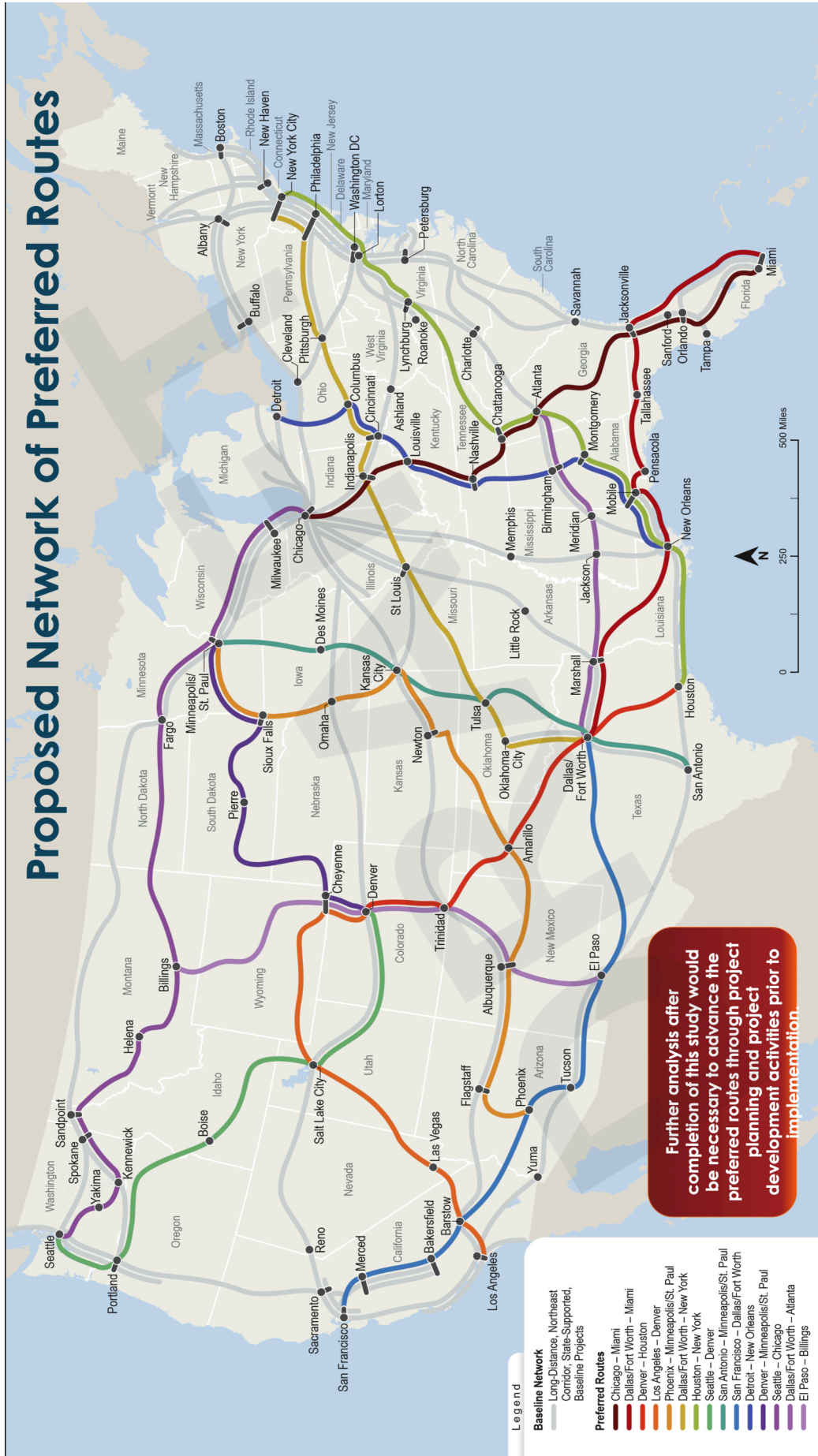
Chicago-Florida Route parallels the Detroit-New Orleans Route from Louisville to Nashville, allowing passengers to change trains to Atlanta and cities in Florida in many locations.

Detroit-New Orleans (via Columbus, Cincinnati, Nashville, and Birmingham)

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The 15 proposed preferred routes are shown, each with its own color. The light gray lines are routes already being used and are not being studied at this time. Each proposed route has been granted money to study its viability, but it is not guaranteed to be implemented.

Information supplied by the Federal Railroad Administration and All About Ohio.



The Mid-Central
Regional Convention
May 16-19 2024
Cleveland, Ohio



Early Registration is \$90.00
through 12/31/2023



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Convention Merchandise

***The North Coast Limited 2024 Convention offers two
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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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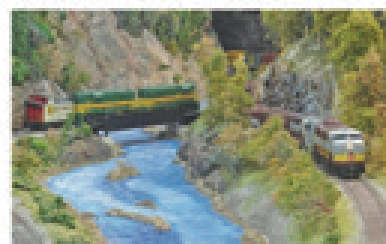
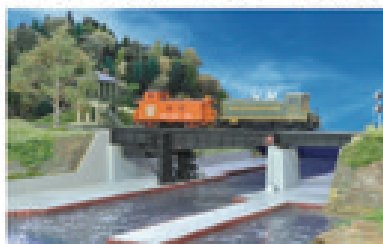
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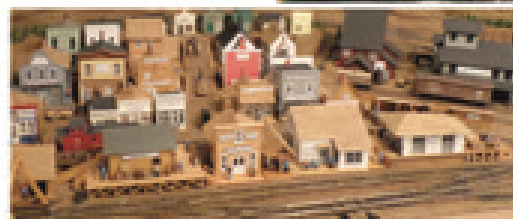
LOOK AT THE LINEUP OF LAYOUTS TO VISIT!

The Mid-Central
Regional Convention
May 16-19 2024
Cleveland, Ohio



Bram Bailey's Ontario Central Railway. Look for his layout in a future issue of RMC!

**RIGHT,
Mark Pekelnicky's
Conrail Toledo Sub
Railroad**



**LEFT,
John Witt's
Copper Peninsula
Railroad.**



**ABOVE TOP & BOTTOM,
John Puch's
Union Valley Central**



Layout on the web site!

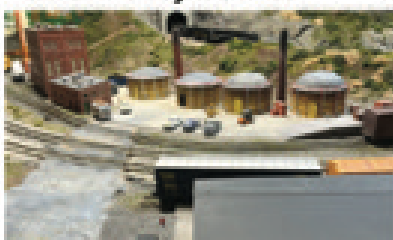
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**Mark Pekelnicky
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Joe Kurilec, MMR®
Paul Novak & Sons
Jim Peters
Jerry Jordak
Cuyahoga Valley &
West Shore Model
Railroad Club.**

Check the website, more layouts will be added

www.northcoastlimited2024.org

**BELOW, CENTER & RIGHT,
Joe Filipiak's Chessie System Railroad**





Call for N-Scale T-TRAK Modules!

It's here! The call for N-Scale T-TRAK modules! It is for those N-Scale T-TRAK modelers who will be attending the North Coast Limited convenCon, hosted by The North Coast Division of the NMRA Mid Central Region. The convenCon will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights, Ohio from May 16-19, 2024.

Let Us Know You're Coming!

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Useful Links

NMRA Mid Central Region, North Coast Division

[h>ps://www.div4.org/](https://www.div4.org/)

North Coast Limited Conven8on

[h>ps://northcoastlimited2024.org/](https://northcoastlimited2024.org/)

T-TRAK Informa8on

[h>ps://ntrak.org/T-TRAK-Home](https://ntrak.org/T-TRAK-Home)

T-TRAK Wiki

[h>p://>rak.wikidot.com/](https://>rak.wikidot.com/)

Questions

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