

Super's Signal

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April 2024

Superintendent's Report

Matt Goodman, Division 6 Superintendent

Happy Spring, everyone. It's four days after the March Equinox, i.e., *Spring*, when the day length is the same everywhere in the world, just under 12 hours and 10 minutes. Technically, day and night are equal lengths at the two equinoxes, but in practice, equal day and night lengths occur about three or four days before the Equinox. That's called the Equilux.

I want to thank Bob Baker for his interesting talk on the *Canadian Pacific's Spiral Tunnels* that form part of the descent from Kicking Horse Pass. He's wanted to present this for a while, and the wait was well worth it. We recorded his presentation, and I have uploaded it to YouTube for those who didn't see it live. The link is in Mike Wolf's *Clinic Corner*, or go to our YouTube channel (**NMRABuckeyeDivision**), and you'll find it (and past videos) there. The video has apparently caught the attention of the algorithm; it's got 188 views, four "likes," and two comments! That, or there are a lot of people doing searches on the Spiral Tunnels.

I believe I have one more Superintendent's Report to write after this one, and then Bob Baker will take over. I decided to look back at my first column, written for the July 2020 *Super's Signal*, to see what's changed. In it, I spelled out two goals: *Leadership Continuity* and *Website Modernization*.

I think we are in pretty good shape on the Continuity Goal. The point of this was to ensure that if any one of the officers or committee chairs were not able to continue, there would be someone else with enough knowledge of the position could continue. The Webmaster position was a little trickier since it's not something you can learn the gist of by coming to the monthly meetings. To solve that, Don Wilke and I set up a cheat sheet covering billing, accessing and updating the web pages, etc. It's probably time to review that document to make sure

Super's Signal Deadline
25 April

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.

21 April (*Sunday*) Division 6 Meeting Gahanna Library (Meeting Rooms 2 & 3) 310 Granville Street Gahanna

1:00: Gahanna Library Meeting Rooms open

1:00: Social gathering at Gahanna Library

1:05: Contest submissions open

1:40: Contest submissions closes; Voting begins

1:50: Contest Voting ends

2:00: Division 6 Meeting

Clinic: *Creating Switchlists*, Michael Percy

5:00: Gahanna Library closes

Virtual Photo Contest & Model Contest:

Railroad Served Structure, Not RR Owned

it's still current.

One outcome of website modernization was the addition of Facebook and YouTube links to the site. Recently there has been some discussion at the National and Regional level to bring some NMRA branding consistency to all the division websites (ours hits most of the recommendations). That effort and the upcoming *Buckeye Express Convention* give us a new reason to review site changes.

My July 2020 article also had one

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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
Northside Library
Columbus
16 March 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
Director	Ken McDonough
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf, MMR®

Division 6 Chairs Present:

Company Store	Greg Short
Contest	Don Wilke
Membership	Ken McDonough
Programs	Mike Wolf, MMR®
Raffle	Scott Brown
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Don Wilke
Train Show	Greg Short
Webmaster	Don Wilke
501 Committee	Ken McDonough, Mike Wolf, MMR®

Absent:

Assistant Superintendent	Dexter Hill
Clerk	Carter Jastram
Paymaster	Jim Borcz
Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR®
Inspector of Elections	Harry "Butch" Sage
Membership Retention	Bruce McDonald

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Carter is absent from attending a band performance. In his absence, Matt Goodman presented the Clerk's Report. Don Wilke noted the minutes of the February meeting regarding the nomination and election of officers needed a correction. The correction is as follows in bold font:

"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. **Don Wilke then moved that the nominations closed and the candidates elected by acclamation per Division 6 Regulations. Another member seconded the motion, and the membership approved it. Superintendent Matt Goodman then declared the new officers elected by acclamation.** New officers start May 31. Matt will work with the new Superintendent, Bob Baker, to ease the transition."

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The membership approved the Clerk's Report of the February membership meeting, as published in the February 2024 *Super's Signal*, as corrected above.

Paymaster's Report: Matt Goodman. Jim Borcz is absent. Matt Goodman presented the Paymaster's Report for Jim. The CD is due in May. Paymaster Jim will arrange with the new Paymaster Carter and another officer with signing authority, most likely Mike Wolf, to obtain a new CD. Mike Wolf moved, and Don Wilke seconded to approve the report, subject to audit.

Clinic/Program Report: Mike Wolf. Our next meeting is on Sunday, April 21, at the Gahanna Branch Library. Michael Percy will present a clinic on *Preparing and Using Switchlists and Computer Programs* to enhance operations.

Division 6 will not hold a May meeting since the **North Coast Limited Mid Central Region Convention** meeting will be held from May 16 – 19, 2024, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

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. Darrel Logan will present a clinic on *Scenery – Beginning to End*.

For clinics in July, Dexter Hill, the current Assistant Superintendent, and Michael Percy, the incoming Assistant Superintendent, will collaborate to determine meeting locations and dates.

Communications Report: Don Wilke. Don reports that the website is up to date. He plans to work on the *Super's Signal* starting on Thursday, March 21, and asked for articles, etc., as soon as possible.

Groups.io Report: Matt Goodman. Matt and Mike Wolf are administrators for the Division 6 Groups.io. They can update access to the groups.io page for those who want to access that resource.

Membership Report: Ken McDonough. Ken reported we currently have 142 active members, including nine renewals in February. National did not report any new members in February. Two members were reported in the 30-day past category, and none were reported in the 60-day past category.

Policies and Procedures Manual: Don Wilke. Don and Butch Sage have written a draft *Policies and Procedures Manual* (PPM). The BOD approved the PPM after the February 18, 2024 business meeting.

Tax Status: Greg Short. Greg has been collecting sales tax on our BSC gondolas. Mike Wolf handles the reporting of sales tax and other state taxes with the State of Ohio.

Ken McDonough reported that the Internal Revenue Ser-

vice approved our application to obtain 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status by a Determination Letter issued on February 16, 2024.

Buckeye Express 2025 Convention: Greg Short. Chair Greg held a planning meeting on Thursday, February 22. He scheduled another meeting for Thursday, March 21, at 7 pm at the New Albany Public Library. Greg noted members have filled all the convention committee chair positions.

Gondola: This is a reminder that the Buckeye Steel Castings HO gondola kits are \$25.00 for members purchased at a Division 6 Meeting (tax included). They are \$27.00 when purchased by mail, with \$10.00 shipping and handling for one car and \$17.00 shipping and handling for two or three cars. Mike Wolf has submitted information about our car sale to the NMRA Magazine and MR Hobbyist.

Old Business:

Darrell Logan suggested that Division 6 have a registration form for the *2025 Buckeye Express Mid Central Region Convention* ready to distribute at the *North Coast Limited Mid Central Region Convention* in May in Cleveland.

New Business:

Mike Wolf noted that we need to renew membership efforts in recruiting and retention. Mike will contact Don at *Smokestack Hobbies* to arrange a membership recruiting table at their meeting on April 13. Mike reported he is reaching out to others to help plan and build a modular HO layout to demonstrate various phases of construction – from framing thru completed scenery – and operations.

Club Reports:

Scioto Junction Model Railroad Club: Ken McDonough noted that Ray Thibaut reported at the PRRT&HS meeting that the *Scioto Junction Model Railroad Club* has a layout under construction in Kenton, Ohio, and they welcome visitors. Check out their Facebook page for details.

Contest Results:

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

January 2024 Models - Open Freight Cars

First place tie: George Stringer, *Two Steam Shovels on Two Flat Cars* (present), and Bob Lee, *Old Transformers Load* (not present).

February 2024 Models – Non-Revenue Maintenance of Way Equipment.

First Place: Greg Short, *HO MOW Crane*.

Second Place: Bob Lee, *Santa Fe Derrick and Boom Car*.

Don Wilke announced today's winners for **Non-Steam Locomotives**.

Photo Contest:

Third Place: Scott Brown, *Arcade & Attica RR GE Center Cab*.

Second Place: Bob Baker, *New Mexico Railrunner MP36 at Albuquerque*.

First Place: Darrell Logan, *UP Gas Turbine (HO) Night Shot with Starry Sky*.

Model Contest:

First Place: George Stringer, *HO D&RGW Galloping Goose*.

Second Place: Greg Short, *Southern Pacific Krause Maffei Diesel Hydraulic Locomotive, HO*.

Third Place: Matt Goodman, *HO Sperry Rail Car*.

The April contest is **Railroad Served Structures, Not Railroad Owned**.

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

Raffle:

Scott Brown.

Today's raffle winners are:

Model Power Globe News HO-Scale Building Kit, John Madden

HO-Scale Athearn MCR-MWR-NCR 1983 Convention 40' Box Car, Connie Logan

N-Scale Micro-Trains Maine Central 40' 1923 Steel Box Car, John Madden

Cass Scenic Railroad Book, John Madden

Scott gave some history about the *Maine Central Railroad*, built between 1856 and 1862. At one time, the railroad was the longest railroad in New England. It owned hotels, steamships, and car ferries. The *Main Central* sold these assets after WWI ended. The government nationalized the *Main Central* during the First World War. The government returned the *Main Central* to private ownership after the war.

Scott reminded us that the **Special Raffle** is for an *HO-Scale Athearn GP 40-2, a DC locomotive with dynamic brakes*. Scott wants to sell 40 tickets for the 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, please contact Scott Brown.

Good of the Order

All Aboard Ohio: Don Wilke. Don asked if the maps included in the *Super's Signal* showing possible new Amtrak routes under consideration were of interest. The

consensus is that they are.

Steering Committee Meetings: The Steering Committee Meetings take place every third Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The next scheduled meeting is **April 18**. Any member may attend any Steering Committee Meeting. If interested, contact Superintendent Matt Goodman for the Zoom meeting link.

Next Division 6 Membership Meeting: The next Division 6 meeting will be on **Sunday, April 21**, at 2:00 p.m. at the **Gahanna Branch Library**. The room will open at 1 pm for contest entry and kibitzing.

Car Kits: Greg Short has about 60 *Buckeye Steel Casting* gondola kits from Accurail in stock.

Upcoming Swap Meets:

April 6, 2024: *Bucyrus Model Railroad Club* meets at Crawford County Fairgrounds.

April 13, 2024: *Lancaster Hobby Expo and Swap Meet* at Fairfield County Fairgrounds.

April 14, 2024: *Springfield Model Train Meet* at Clark County Fairgrounds.

Fran Ryan Meeting Center (aka Janis Center): Connie Logan reported that construction is well underway on the new building. Planning has started for the new layout, named *Janis Junction* in honor of the former building. The layout will be ADA-accessible, with wide aisles and large viewing windows.

Connie also reported that she will be giving an *Operation Lifesaver* presentation at the *Mill Creek Central Live Steam RR* on **April 20**. The railroad is hosting Scouts who will be working on their railroad merit badges. Connie will also give a presentation on **May 4** at the *Galion Depot Days* and at the *North Coast Limited MCR Region Convention* in May.

COMRC Update: John Madden reported plans are underway for a major building renovation, which will include rebuilding the HO and other layouts.

Donated Books and NYC Shirts: Ken noted that many books donated to the division, as are two NYC shirts, are still available. The shirts are free.

Adjournment:

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

Clinic:

Bob Baker gave a clinic on the spiral tunnels of The Canadian Pacific Railway. Bob reviewed the history of Canada and described how the CP tied the new nation together. He described how James J. Hill, a Canadian, advocated for building a new railway in part in the United States. While Cornelius Van Horne, an American, advocated building a new railway entirely in Canada. When the CP approached the Canadian Rockies, the grades were for-

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midable. Van Horne convinced the CP to build the line with grades up to 4.5% to get the line in service quickly. That created an operating bottleneck. The CP built three safety spurs coming down the mountain. The railroad aligned the turnouts to take the safety spur unless the train engineer gave a specific signal indicating they had the train under control. Several wrecks occurred due to excessive speed or confusion about the signals. The CP decided to build two spiral tunnels over about five (5) miles, reducing the grade to 2.2%. Bob shared photos of the line, both historic and more recent, to show the terrain the CP line runs through. The Trans-Canada Highway now occupies a good part of the alignment of the original rail line – including the steep 4.5% grades. A very informative clinic – worthy of presentation at a Regional or National Convention! Thanks, Bob!

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other interesting nugget; we had just recently had our first "Virtual" meeting on June 20th to fill in for the Covid-canceled Marion Meeting. I believe we had a turnout equal to our typical in-person meetings. In retrospect, that Zoom call was the start of a general increase in the tech-savviness of the general membership. I know members who don't think twice

about joining a Zoom meeting now but have reservations in 2020!

We accomplished other items during the last four years that weren't part of any long-term goals. In my final article, I'll review the last four years and summarize outstanding events.



Time to drop the fire!

Company Store Update

Greg Short

The gondola kits are here, and sales have started. As of this message, we have the final price for the gondolas on the website. But, we are offering the kits to the membership at meeting 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*.



Share the Knowledge!!

Division 6 on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/nmrabuckeyedivision

Division 6 in Facebook:

NMRA Buckeye Division [in search field]

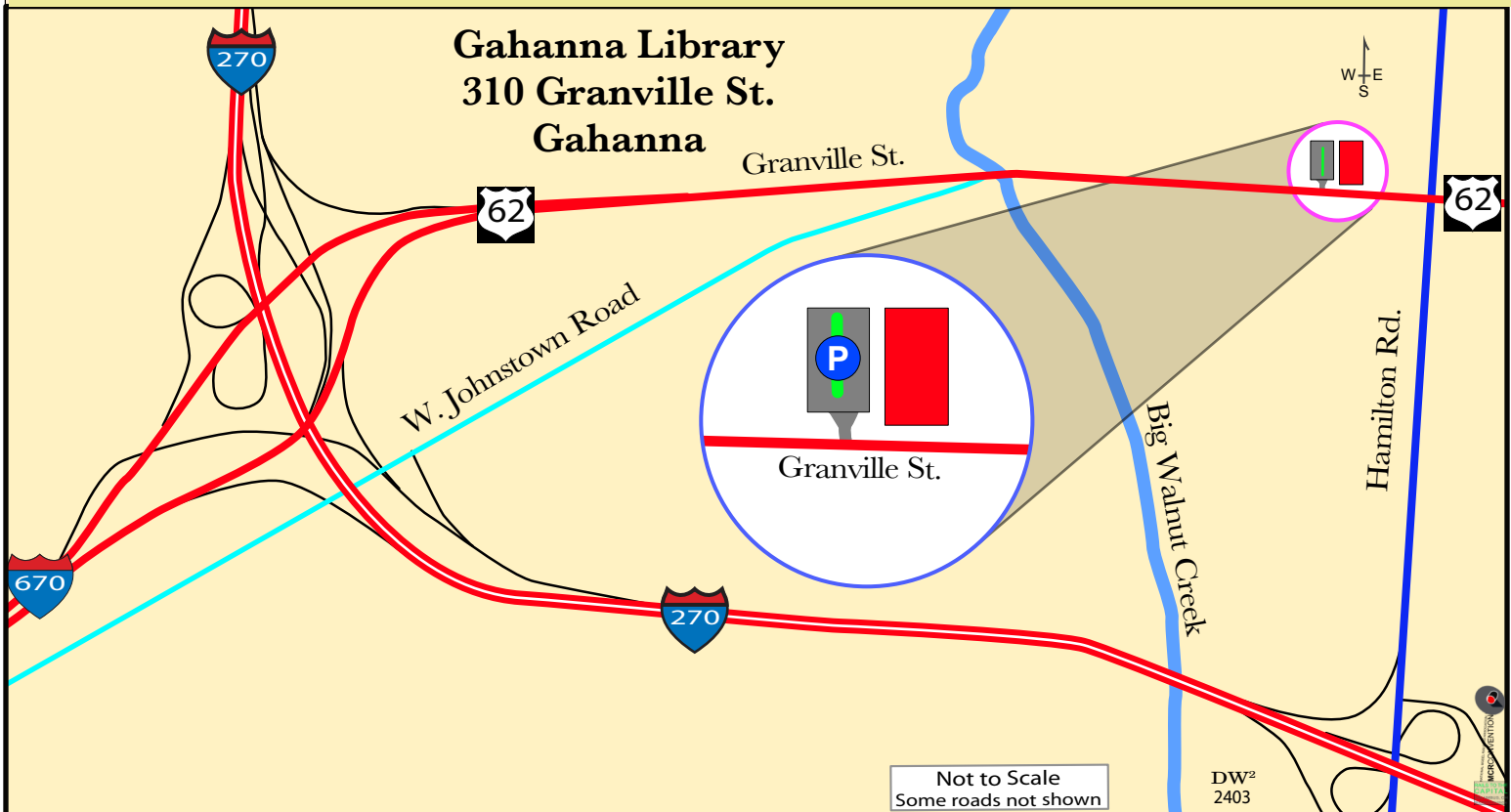
Division 6 Email Group:

NMRABuckeyeDivision@groups.io

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 Deadline</i>		
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 Deadline</i>		
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 Deadline</i>		
21 April (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Gahanna Library (Meeting Rooms 2 &3) Clinics: Creating Switchlists , Michael Percy Contests: Railroad Served Structure, Not RR Owned	Gahanna
29 April	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
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 Deadline</i>		

April Map



Jim Ruisinger's Celebration of Life at *Amelita Mirolo Barn*.





Thanks to Bob Baker for presenting his clinic entitled *Canadian Pacific Railway: The Big Hill and Spiral Tunnels* at our meeting in March. In addition to providing some Canadian trivia and background information on Canada's transcontinental railroad and the line's original construction and operations on the "Big Hill," Bob discussed the changes made in 1909 when the Railway constructed two spiral tunnels to reduce the steep grades of the original "temporary" routing. Bob illustrated the construction of the tunnels with maps and photographs, showing the line's new alignment and operations. So don't be a hoser, eh! Grab your toque and check out the video of the clinic here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Az7fBnowGs>

April's meeting will be at the Gahanna Library, where Michael Percy will present a clinic on *Creating Switchlists*. Michael uses a Mac app called *Switch Lists* to generate the switch lists for his layout. He'll explain the basics of setting up the app and the custom switchlists it can produce.

There is no Division Meeting in May due to the *Regional Convention* in Cleveland but save up 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 there are plenty of openings throughout 2024. As Matt mentioned at the meeting, it's a good 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

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.

Contest Report

Contest Chair

March Contest: Non-Steam Locomotive Model Contest

First Place: George Stringer, *HO Scale D&RGW Galloping Goose*.

Second Place: Greg Short, *HO Scale Southern Pacific Krause Maffei Diesel Hydraulic Locomotive*.

Third Place: Matt Goodman, *HO Scale Sperry Rail Car*.

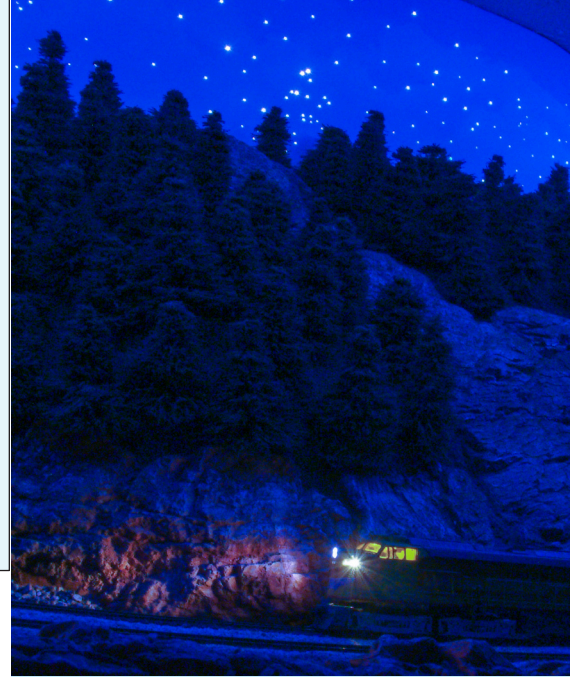
Virtual Photo Contest

Third Place: Scott Brown, *Arcade & Attica RR GE Center Cab*.

Second Place: Bob Baker, *New Mexico Railrunner MP36 at Albuquerque*.

First Place: Darrell Logan, *HO Scale UP Gas Turbine Night Shot with Starry Sky*.

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



1st Place Virtual Photo by Darrell Logan, Copyright by the entrant



1st Place Model by George Stringer Copyright by Don Wilke

April Contest Topic: Railroad Served Structure, Not RR Owned

Including: Warehouse, Lumber Yard, Oil Rack, Stock Pen, Scrap Yard, etc

Contest Point Summary March 2024

Modeler 2024

Greg Short	9	George Stringer	8
Bob Lee	8	Matt Goodman	3

Photographer 2024

Darrel Logan	4	Scott Brown	2
Bob Baker	3	Matt Goodman	1

March Contest Winners:

https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/contest240316-C/Contest_240316.html

Long-Distance Corridors and Central Ohio



Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) Executive Director Matt Dietrich announced that the ORDC is in the final stages of freeing up money from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The ORDC will use the money to do the feasibility studies (Stage 1) of the two corridors in Ohio that the ORDC nominated. The corridors are the Cleveland—Columbus—Dayton—Cincinnati (3C&D) and Cleveland—Toledo—Detroit corridors. Each corridor will receive half a million dollars. This will allow the ORDC to hire a consultant to undertake the feasibility studies. There will probably be just one consultant for both corridors. Matt stated that this would probably take place fairly quickly. Good news!

The other two Ohio corridors are not sponsored by ORDC. AMTRAK sponsors the Daily Cardinal Service, and the multi-state Midwest Connect sponsors the Pittsburgh—Columbus—Lima—Ft. Wayne—Chicago corridor.



Interested in Narrow Gauge - So Are We



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Pittsburgh, PA

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Modular Layouts * Model Contest

All Scales & Gauges Welcome
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Admission to this event is free, admission to the rest of the park is the normal admission price.

2024 Model Railroad TRAINing Day

Carillon Historical Park* 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH on
April 6, 2024 from 9:30am to 4pm.

(*Also home of the annual June Railfest and the CPR&SS train ride in Daytonas well as the new mile long 3' narrow gauge train ride.)

Everyone Invited. Events for adults and for the kids.

New modelers and Experienced modelers; we have something for everyone. Our friendly, experienced model railroaders will be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate techniques.

Children 12 and under can help construct a small HO layout.

Those who participate are entered to win the layout.

Try your hand at operating a train.

What is T-TRAK??? Learn about the latest trend in modeling railroads: T-TRAK! This involves compact modules that join to make incredibly complex layouts which can be stored in a storage tub, under the bed, in some dresser drawers, . . . Examples of modules, as well as a running layout will be available.

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Demonstrations include:

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Building Structures and Scenery

Digital Command Control (DCC) basics

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Maintaining locomotives and cars

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Building train cars

T-Trak Modules—the future

And much more . . .

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



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



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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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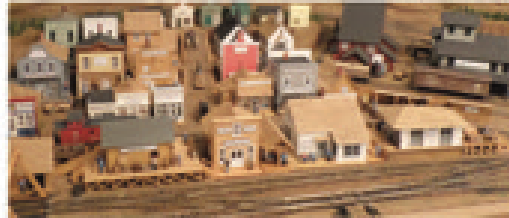
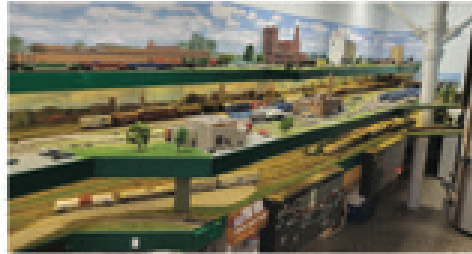
LOOK AT THE LINEUP OF LAYOUTS TO VISIT!

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



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

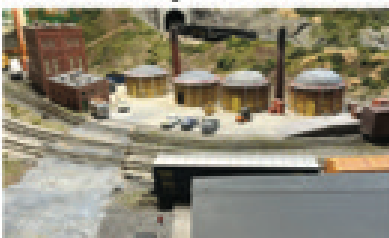
*Bram Bailey
John Witt
John Puch
Joe Filipiak
Dave Lawler
Ron Morgan
Ben Lanza
Terry Kolenc*

*Mark Pekelnicky
Steve Riddlebaugh
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!

<https://forms.gle/RkKrdTWxcZetGDUr6>

Useful Links

NMRA Mid Central Region, North Coast Division

<https://www.div4.org/>

North Coast Limited ConvenCon

<https://northcoastlimited2024.org/>

T-TRAK InformaCon

<https://ntrak.org/T-TRAK-Home>

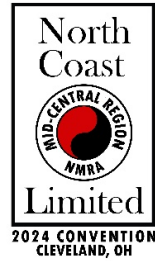
T-TRAK Wiki

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Questions

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The North Coast Limited 2024 Mid-Central Regional Convention May 16 – 19, 2024



The North Coast Limited 2024 Convention will be arriving soon. If you have not already registered, you will want to make sure to register soon and book your hotel room. Your hosts, Division 4, The North Coast Division, have full array of activities you can do during your visit to Northeast Ohio. Some of the Convention highlights include:

AWARDS & RECOGNITION BANQUET

The Convention is capped off on Saturday evening with the Awards & Recognition Banquet. Our Banquet speaker will be Mr. Pete Poremba, Executive Director of the Jerry and Laura Jacobson Foundation, dba Ages of Steam Roundhouse Museum. Pete will be talking about how his interest in model trains growing up led to an over 40-year career in railroading and to him being named Executive Director of the Foundation to carry on Jerry Jacobson's legacy for Ages of Steam Roundhouse. You do not want to miss Pete's presentation.

OPERATING SESSIONS

The schedule of Operating Sessions has been posted to the NCL 2024 website. Most operating sessions are on Thursday evening with a few more on Friday evening. Sign up for operating sessions is on a first come – first reserved basis and is done through the NCL 2024 Registration portal. We have eight different layouts hosting operating sessions with over 50 operating positions. Host layouts vary from large home and club layouts to small home layouts.

PROTOTYPE ACTIVITIES

Among the Prototype Activities happening during NCL 2024 are open houses at the Midwest Railway Preservation Society and the Northern Ohio Railway Museum. Midwest Rail is located in the former B&O roundhouse in the Flats industrial section of Cleveland. They have ongoing efforts to restore various pieces of rolling stock as part of their mission. MRPS will be hosting two tours on Saturday morning, The Northern Ohio Railway Museum is located about 30 minutes south in Seville, Ohio, an easy drive down Interstate 77. NORM has an interesting collection of trolley and interurban cars on display and being restored. NORM will be open Saturday morning from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM with rides at 11:00 AM.

VOLUNTEERS

Every convention needs volunteers to help make sure everything runs smoothly. NCL 2024 is no different. We NEED volunteers during the Convention to help with things such as registration check-in, bag check, contest room monitor, Yard Sale room monitor, clinician check and more. We are trying out a new way of signing up volunteers using the SignUp Genius website. The following link [Div 4 MCR NMRA: North Coast Limited 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com) will take you to the website so you can sign up for one of the volunteer times. If you have difficulty with SignUp Genius you can always email me directly.

Sixth Annual NMRA Division 6

Train Show

Cambridge Ohio

Sunday

October 27, 2024

10 am to 3 pm



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Checkout our website for a listing for more information:

<https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/trainshow.html>

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

