

# Super's Signal

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

September 2024



## Superintendent's Report

Bob Baker, Division 6 Superintendent

As fall approaches, I hope having less yard work will allow more time in the basement. Many of my projects have been put on hold during the past few months. Perhaps you are experiencing something similar.

On August 17th, the division held a family cookout lunch at the Ariel-Foundation Park in Mount Vernon. Our Assistant Super, Michael Percy, arranged the event and brought brats and burgers. The rest of us brought a variety of wonderful side dishes and desserts. Among the 15 attendees, we had three wives and one member's son. It was great to see new faces and get to know some of our members' families. My wife and another spouse plan to get together again during the convention in May. I heard from the wives that they now know what mysterious things we discuss during our meetings.

Following our business meeting, Michael provided a very interesting lecture about the history of the park site. He told us about the PPG glass factory that used to be on the park grounds. At one time, this was the largest glass manufacturing plant in the country. Michael was on the committee that developed the park, so he has an intimate knowledge of the park's history and transformation from an industrial site to a beautiful park. There are three lakes at the park, which previously were gravel pits. They decided to keep one of the stacks (280-foot tall) and add an observation deck at the 140-foot level. [photos 1 and 2 below] After the meeting, some of us toured the site and saw, among other features, the River of Glass that used some of the leftover glass residue. [photo 3 below] One of the factory buildings has been converted into an Event Center that can be rented by groups [photo 4 below].

The weather was hot and humid, but we met under a covered pavilion, and there was no rain. Overall, it was a very scenic setting for our meeting. I hope in the future, we will be able to have similar functions that include family members in locations that are interesting to everyone.

## 22 September (*Sunday*) Division 6 Meeting Coshocton Club, Coshocton County Fairgrounds, 707 Kenilworth Ave. Coshocton

**1:00:** Coshocton Club opens

**1:15:** Social gathering at the club

**2:00:** Division 6 Meeting

**2:45:** *Bring-N-Brag*

Bring something you're working on, whether it's just started, part way, or almost complete.

Please discuss problems, solutions, happy accidents, or just bragging.

**5:00:** Coshocton Club closes

**Model Contest: None**

**Virtual Photography Contest: *Steam Locomotive***

## Local Activities

**What: Penn Central Railroad Historical Society**

**When: September 19–21, 2024**

**Where: MARION UNION STATION**

**What: 2024 Central OHIO RPM**

**When: October 10–12, 2024**

**Where: MARION UNION STATION**



*Super's Signal Deadline  
16 October  
after Train Show*

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, September 22, at the *Coshocton Model Railroad Club*. Watch the *Super's Signal* for more details and directions. We will have a photo contest only with the category of *Steam Locomotives* (one of my favorites). In lieu of a clinic, we will have a *Bring-N-Brag* session. So, bring a model that

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*Clerk's Report  
Buckeye Division,  
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.  
Membership Meeting  
Ariel-Foundation Park,  
Mt. Vernon  
17 August 2024*

*Cater Jastram, Substitute Clerk*

**Call to Order**

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Bob Baker, Division 6 Superintendent, at 1:26 p.m.

**Division 6 Officers Present:**

Superintendent

Bob Baker

Assistant Superintendent

Michael Percy

Paymaster

Carter Jastram

Director

Ken McDonough

Director

Don Wilke

Director

Mike Wolf, MMR®

**Division 6 Chairs Present:**

*Buckeye Express* Convention

Greg Short

Company Store

Greg Short

Contest

Don Wilke

Membership

Ken McDonough

Membership Retention/Recruitment

Mike Wolf, MMR®

Programs

Michael Percy

Raffle

Scott Brown

*Super's Signal* Publisher

Don Wilke

Train Show

Greg Short

Webmaster

Don Wilke

**Absent:**

Achievement Program

Dick Briggs, MMR®

Clerk

Matt Goodman

**Announcements**

Bob thanked Michael Percy for arranging the Division 6 picnic and meeting in this beautiful park. He welcomed attendees and spouses.

**Reports:**

**Clerk's Report:** Bob Baker for Matt Goodman. The membership approved the Clerk's Report, as published in the August 2024 *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-3.

**Paymaster's Report:** Carter Jastram. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit. Carter thanked Mike Wolf, Ken McDonough, and Jim Borcz for ensuring that all materials and reports were up to date prior to Carter's assuming the duties of the office.

**Audit Report:** Don Wilke. Don reported that the Audit Committee met on August 1 via Zoom along with Jim Borcz and Carter Jastram. Members of the Committee had a few questions, which were answered to their satisfaction. The Audit Committee approved the Audit Report, a copy of which will be published in the *Super's Signal*, and another

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copy will be sent to Matt Goodman, Clerk. The Committee recommended that an Audit be performed every six months.

**Program Report:** Michael Percy. Be sure to check the Time Table Page, August *Super's Signal*, p. 5, for the latest program and contest information. On September 22, we meet at the Coshocton Club for a **What's on your workbench? Bring-N-Brag**. The virtual photo contest that month will be **Steam Locomotive**, either prototype or model. On October 27 (Sunday, not Saturday), the division holds our annual **Cambridge Train Show**. Greg Short will be coordinating volunteers for that event. There will be no model contest, but we will hold the monthly virtual photo contest. The topic is **Railroad Sign**, which means signs that an engineer, fireman, or other working railroader would see from a train. On November 17, we meet at the Dublin Library, where both contest subjects are **Closed Freight Car**. Don needs a contest substitute to run the contest on that day. We need a clinic or program for the November meeting.

Watch for future issues of the *Super's Signal* for further information.

**Communications Report:**

**Webmaster:** Don Wilke. The website is up to date. Don is tweaking a couple of things. Check the Time Table page for contest information.

**Super's Signal Report:** Don Wilke. The deadline for the September issue of the *Signal* is this Thursday, August 22. If an article is not quite ready, please inform Don of how much space it will need.

**Membership Report:** Ken McDonough. Division 6 has 140 members. There were no new members as of July 31 and five renewals. Five members are 30 days past due, and one is 60 days past due. Ken is discussing with Jerry Severson about being an Assistant Membership Chair.

**Achievement Program Report:** Dick Briggs. Carter reported that he and Jim Kehn met at Dick's house last Tuesday evening to receive guidance on the Chief Dispatcher Certificate. Matt will join us next week.

**Buckeye Express 2025 Convention:** Greg Short. Greg reports we are on track [pun enjoyed—Clerk] with our plans and preparations. He would like to hold a short Convention meeting at the end of this Membership Meeting today. The deadline for the next issue of the *Kingpin* will be early to mid-November for submissions (such as promoting the Convention). The *Kingpin* is also issued after each biannual MCR BoD meeting.

**Train Show Report:** Greg Short. We have only 22 tables remaining to sell, which is way ahead of where we were this time last year. We assume this means vendors are happy with our Train Show. No longer having a show at Mt. Hope helps. Advertising has been mailed out except for a few flyers that Greg and Michael will be distributing.

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to take up.

**New Business:**

There was no New Business to take up.

**Club Reports:**

**Janis Center Railroad Club (Columbus):** Carter reported that the Club has been notified that the City would like a small layout set up in the Club's new space in time for the Fran Ryan Center Grand Opening in January. The Center should be available to the Club right after Thanksgiving.

**Zane Trace & National Trail Model Railroad Club (Zanesville):** Greg reports that the Zanesville Club will hold an Open House the second weekend of November.

**Cambridge Club:** Cambridge has reformed its club with an operating layout and 501(c)3 status.

**Contest Results:**

**Contest Certificates:** Greg handed out certificates to Bob Baker, who won First place in June *Favorite Train*, and Michael Percy, who won First place in July *Caboose*.

**Virtual Photo Contest—Railroad Signals:** The photo contest winners for August are:

Third Place: Mike Wolf

Second Place: Matt Goodman

First Place: Scott Brown

There was no model contest held today. Congratulations to the winners! And please keep those entries coming. We love to see them all, and you can't win if you don't enter.

The September Photo Contest is **Steam Locomotive**, prototype or model. We will hold a **Bring-N-Brag** at the September meeting: **What's on Your Workbench?**

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

**Raffle:** Scott Brown.

Scott briefly discussed the raffle prizes, especially the DVD *A Century of Lionel Legendary Trains*. We then took a break to buy raffle tickets and listen to Michael share his experiences helping to develop the *Ariel-Foundation Park*. See "Clinic" below.

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Today's raffle winners were Ken McDonough, 40' Penn Central box car; Bob Baker, NYC 70-ton offset 9-panel triple hopper car; and Carter Jastram, N scale Muncie & Western 40' Ball Glass Jars box car and Lionel DVD. The Special Raffle of an Athearn GP40-2 undecorated locomotive will occur after 30 tickets in total are sold.

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:**

**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 one is on September 19 at 7:00 p.m. Any member may attend any Steering Committee meeting. If interested, contact Superintendent Bob Baker for the Zoom meeting link.

**Next Division 6 Membership Meeting:** The next Division 6 meeting will be on Sunday, September 22, at 2:00 p.m. at the Coshocton Club (A.M.R.E.C.). The Club

will be open before then.

**Adjournment:**

After a motion and a second to adjourn, Bob adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

**Clinic:**

Michael Percy told us some of the history of the grounds around us that become the present-day park: the PPG glass factory, some of whose buildings remain, and the gravel quarry pit that is now three small lakes. Thanks to a land purchase to expand the park, the *Heart of Ohio Rail Trail* (former PRR/PC/CR) is connected through the grounds. The park is now 200 acres and filled with trails over grass and through woods. The weather was perfect, and a few of us had a good look around before gathering for lunch and our meeting.

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



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is either completed or in process from your workbench.

On October 27, we will have our *Annual Train Show* at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center in Cambridge. This event is growing in popularity. The Train Show coordinator, Greg Short, reports that table rentals are ahead of last year. If you want a table, be sure to contact Greg soon to reserve it.

Finally, the *Buckeye Express Convention* Committee continues to work on the convention in Dublin, Ohio, from May 15-18, 2025. Be sure to reserve these dates on your schedule. Check-in with the *Buckeye Express* website occasionally to keep track of the developments.

Happy Modeling,

*Bob Baker*

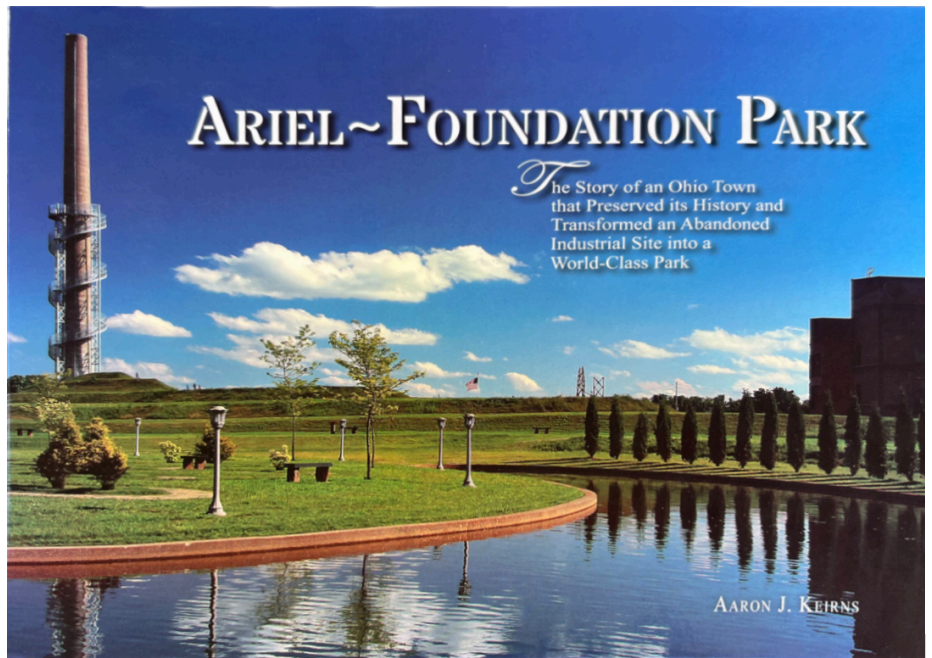


Photo 1

The cover of the Ariel-Foundaion book shows the 280-foot stack and park.

Editor: The book is only available at the park or a Mt. Vernon bookstore.

Addition photographs on the next page.

All of the photographs were taken by the photographer, Bob Baker.



**Photo 2**

*The Smokestack with added circular stairway and observation deck.*



**Photo 3**

*The River of Glass.*



**Photo 5**

*A relaxing day at The Ariel-Foundation Park listening to Michael Percy explaining the history of the park*

*Photo by Don Wilke.*



**Photo 4**

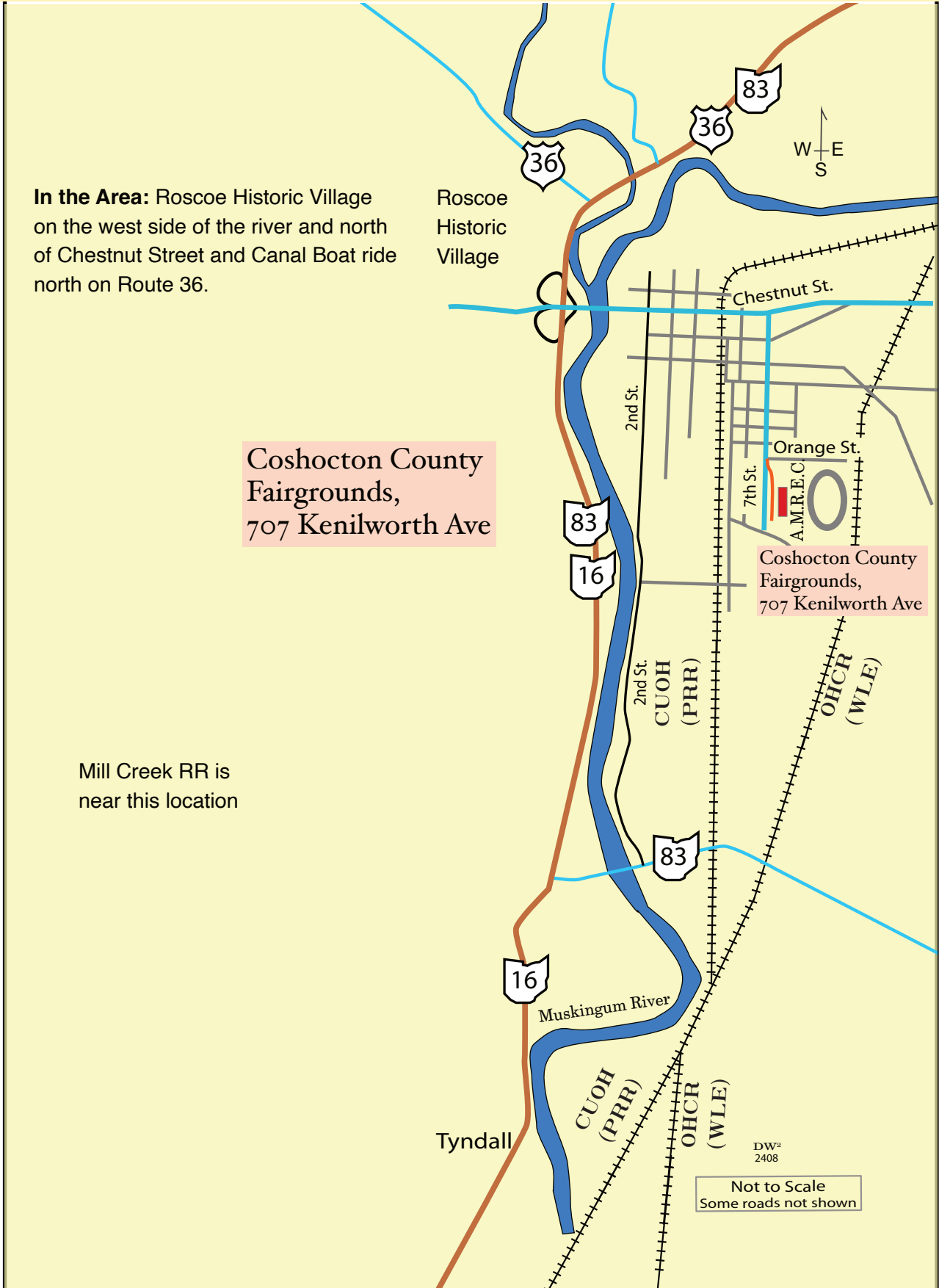
*The Event Center & adjacent abandoned building.*

## Division 6 – 2024 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
21 January (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Hilltop Library</b> Clinic: <b>Quick Rollin Stock Weathering Techniques</b> , Mark Krueger Contests: <b>Open Car with Load</b>	Columbus
26 January	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
18 February (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Barnett Library</b> (Livingston Library) Clinic: <b>Steam Locomotive Water Cycle</b> , Matt Goodman Contests: <b>Non-Revenue / MOW</b>	Columbus
23 February	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
16 March (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Northside Library</b> (Meeting Room 1) Clinic: <b>Canadian Pacific Railway: The Big Hill and Spiral Tunnels</b> , Bob Baker Contests: <b>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>	Columbus
21 March	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
21 April (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Gahanna Library</b> (Meeting Rooms 2 & 3) Clinics: <b>Creating Switchlists</b> , Michael Percy Contests: <b>Railroad Served Structure, Not RR Owned</b>	Gahanna
29 April	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
16-19 May	MCR Convention	<b>The North Coast Limited</b>	Cleveland, OH
15 June (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Annual Meeting & Business Meeting: <b>Marion Union Station</b> Mini Clinics: <b>Estate Planning for Model Railroaders</b> , Butch Sage Contest: Photo: <b>Favorite Train</b> ; Bring-N-Brag: <b>Favorite Train</b>	Marion
22 June	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
20 July (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Mill Creek Railroad</b> Model Contest: <b>None</b> Virtual Photo Contest: <b>Caboose (Change)</b>	Coshocton
25 July	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
17 August (Saturday)	Division 6 Picnic	Location: <b>Ariel-Foundation Park, Kiwanis Pavilion</b> Clinic: <b>The History of the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus Railway</b> , Gloria Parsisson; <b>The History of the Former PPG Glass Manufacturing Site</b> , Michael Percy, <b>Possible Tour of the Site</b> Model Contest: <b>None</b> ; Virtual Photo Contest: <b>RR Signals</b>	Mt. Vernon
22 August	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
22 September (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Coshocton Club</b> Open House: <b>Coshocton Club</b> <b>What's on Your Workbench?</b> Virtual Photo Contest: <b>Steam Locomotive</b>	Coshocton
26 October	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>	No October <i>Signal</i>	
27 October (Sunday)	Division 6 Train Show	<b>Train Show</b> Model Contest: <b>None</b> Virtual Photo Contest: <b>Railroad Signs</b>	Laughlin Center, Cambridge
26 October	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
17 November (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Dublin Library</b> Contests: <b>Closed Freight Car</b>	Dublin

**Don't Just Belong,  
Participate!!  
Like Matt.**

September Map



**Buckeye Division Audit Committee Report**



**Buckeye Division  
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.  
Paymaster Audit Report**

August 2, 2024

MEMO FOR RECORD

Audit Committee Members:  
Don Wilke, Division 6 Director, Committee Chair  
Ken McDonough, Division 6 Director  
Mike Wolf, Division 6 Director

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Buckeye Division, the Audit Committee met via Zoom at 7 pm on 1 August 2024 to review the Buckeye Division's financial records for the period of September 2022 through June 2024. Outgoing Paymaster Jim Borcz and incoming Paymaster Carter Jastram were also present to answer any questions. Prior to the meeting, the Committee Chairman summarized all the transactions on an Excel spreadsheet based on the bank statements from the period. That spreadsheet is attached.

Committee members clarified the purpose of several of these transactions and corrections made to the spreadsheet. The Committee found no discrepancies in the financial records. The audit was concluded with a unanimous vote of the Audit Committee members to approve the review of financial records with no discrepancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Wilke  
Audit Committee Chair



### Division 6 Membership

Ken McDonough, Membership Chair

Our membership has been steady at about 140 for most of this year. Many of you have been renewing your NMRA membership, which is constant at about 6 to 10 each month. We are seeing some members slide 30 to 60 days behind on renewing memberships, and that is concerning. Unfortunately, some members have not renewed their memberships for various reasons. I encourage you to renew your membership to avoid missing out on anything.

That leads to my question: Why are we members of the NMRA? For some, we want to support the organization

that has led the model railroading hobby by developing standards for our control systems, track, locomotives, and rolling stock. For others, it is to meet other modelers and share this great hobby. And for some, it's the opportunity to attend our regular meetings, regional or national conventions. For me, it is all of the above! How about you?

I am looking forward to our *2025 Buckeye Express Regional Convention* next May. Hope to see you there!



### Save The Date



**The Buckeye Express Convention**  
**15-18 May, 2025**  
**Embassy Suites, Dublin**



### 44th National Narrow Gauge Convention

**September 11-14th, 2024**  
**Pittsburgh, PA**

<https://www.44nngc.com/>

### MCR Elections

The Mid Central Region Elections Nominating Committee has identified the following slate of candidates for the 2025 elections:

President: Jerry Doyle

Vice President: Frank Trocchia

Treasurer: Barbara Soward

Secretary: Bruce DeMaeyer

Per MCR regulations Article X, Section 3, members of the region can make nominations for Mid Central Region offices by presenting a petition to the Region Nominating Committee Manager, signed by fifteen (15) members of the Mid Central Region. Petitions must be received by September 20th, 2024.

Contact the Region Nominating Committee Manager at the following address with any questions, or to arrange delivery of petitions.

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Regards, MCR Elections Nominating Committee

Bob Shreve, Chairman

Jim DiPaola, Bob Belt



# Sixth Annual NMRA Division 6

# Train Show

## Cambridge Ohio

**Sunday**

**October 27, 2024**

**10 am to 3 pm**



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7033 Glenn Hwy

Cambridge OH 43725



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