

Super's Signal

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Superintendent's Report

Bob Baker, Division 6 Superintendent

October is **Train Show** month for the Buckeye Division! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 27th, at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center, 7033 Glenn Hwy, Cambridge 43725. The show is open to attendees from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have not been there before, the center is conveniently located a short distance from I-70 just west of Cambridge. The show has grown in popularity in recent years. This year, the vendor tables were sold out earlier than ever before. We are welcoming some new vendors as well as many familiar faces.

A wide variety of products are available at the show, including models of virtually all scales, both new and previously owned. There are books, photographs, tools, and clothing. Some vendors have several tables, and some have one table of surplus items from their basement.

As in years past, the N-Scale group from Athens will have their modular layout set up. We hope to have a "time-saver" switching layout available for attendees to operate. An O-Scale layout may also be set up. I hope that I will see you in Cambridge this year!

On a completely different note, I want to share some experiences from my recent trip to Scotland and England. I traveled with three family members, none of whom had an interest in railroads. Nevertheless, I persuaded them to take a few side trips to keep me happy.

The first highlight was a stop at Fort William in the west coastal area of Scotland. This is the eastern terminus of the Jacobite Train—a steam-powered train that travels through the western Scottish Highlands. The Highlands are renowned for their natural beauty and found this reputation well deserved. The rail line goes west through Arisaig, the most westerly railway station in mainland Britain, before ending at Mallaig. Notably, the train travels over the 21-arched Glenfinnan Viaduct, which was made famous in Harry Potter films. Although we could not secure tickets on the train, we were fortunate to visit the station coincidentally not long before the arrival of the Jacobite,

27 October (Sunday)
Division 6 Train Show
Pritchard Laughlin Center
7033 Glenn Highway
Cambridge

7:00: Train Show setup

10:00: Train Show Opens

3:00: Train Show Closes

3:00: Train Show Cleanup

Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Signs

Model Contest: None

Super's Signal Deadline
21 November

Local Activities

What: 2024 Central OHIO RPM

When: October 10–12, 2024

Where: MARION UNION STATION

powered by #45212, a 4-6-0 type locomotive, built in 1935 and retained in regular service until 1968. It was originally numbered 5212, with the "4" added under British Railways in 1948. I have included a few pictures. (Photos 1 & 2)

A couple of days later, we stopped at Aviemore, the southern terminus of the Strathspey Railway. The station is shared with a ScotRail stop from which trains travel to Inverness to the northwest and Glasgow or Edinburgh to the southeast. The Strathspey runs steam several days of the week, but not on the day we were there. It runs on a restored line through Boat of Garten, terminating in Broomhill. I did not see any steam locomotives, but apparently, several are operational. However, we were able to see a meet between two ScotRail trains.

Finally, we rode the train from Edinburgh Waverley Station to London's, King's Cross Station, aboard an Azuma high-speed train. It

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The Clerk's Report will appear in the November issue of the *Super's Signal* because of the Train Show.



Photo 1, The Jacobite Locomotive
Photo by Bob Baker



Photo 4
Photo by Bob Baker

was precisely on time. (Photo 3) We passed by the route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway (1825), which was reported to be the first railway to use steam locomotives to transport passengers (1833). Another point of interest is that along this route, the record for the fastest steam locomotive was set in 1938. The locomotive was the famous A4 class Mallard, which achieved a speed of 126 mph, a record that still stands today.

If I'm able to get back to the UK, I will make a point of integrating more railway activities into our itinerary. All for now!

Happy Modeling,

Bob Baker



Photo 2
Cab Interior of The Jacobite
Photo by Bob Baker

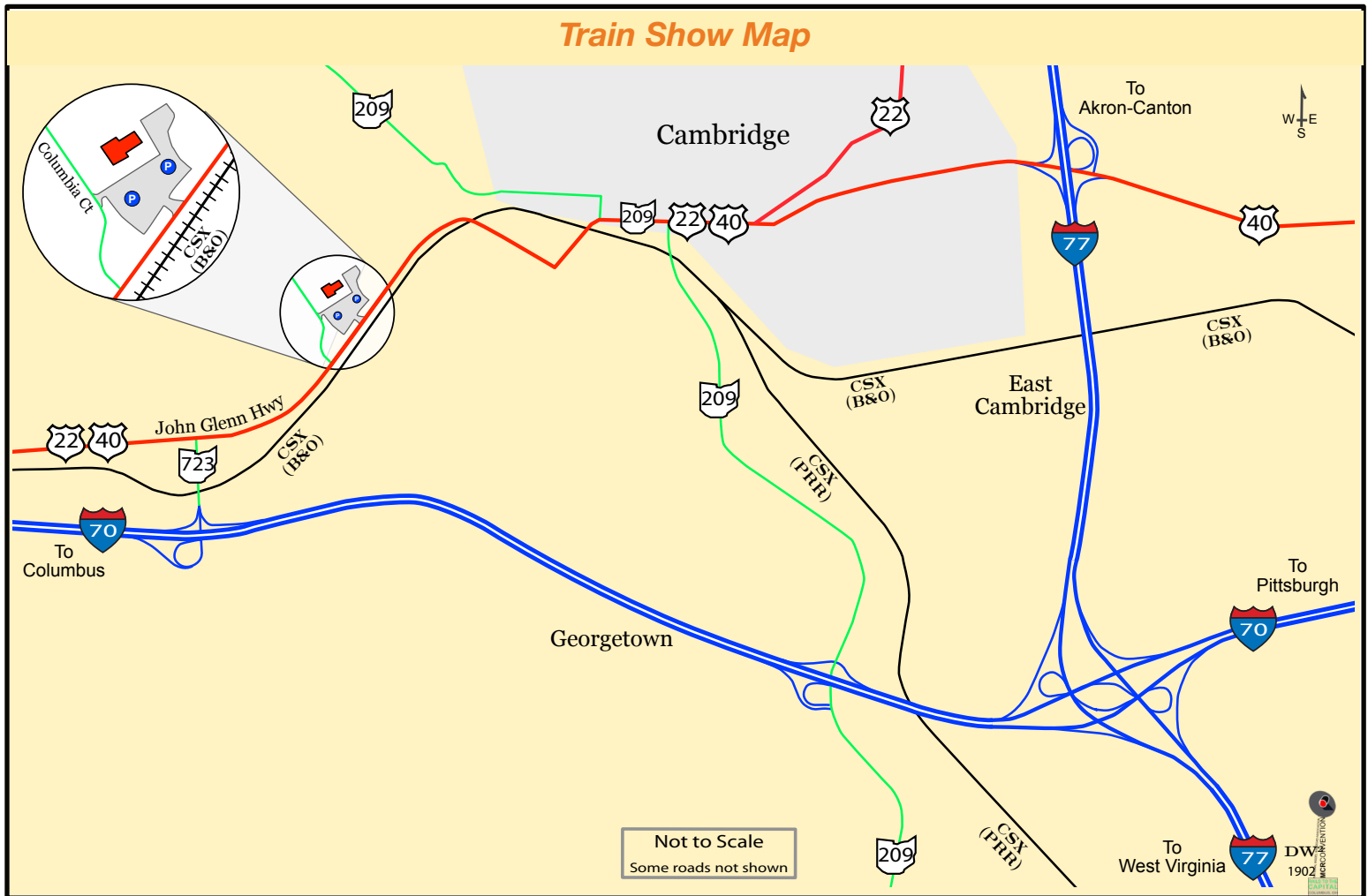
Photo 3
The Azuma high speed train at London's King's Cross Station
Photo by Bob Baker



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 Meeting & Business Meeting: Marion Union Station Mini Clinics: Estate Planning for Model Railroaders , Butch Sage Contest: Photo: Favorite Train ; Bring-N-Brag: Favorite Train	Marion
22 June	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
20 July (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Mill Creek Railroad Model Contest: None Virtual Photo Contest: Caboose (Change)	Coshocton
25 July	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
17 August (Saturday)	Division 6 Picnic	Location: Ariel-Foundation Park, Kiwanis Pavilion Clinic: The History of the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus Railway , Gloria Parsisson; The History of the Former PPG Glass Manufacturing Site , Michael Percy, Possible Tour of the Site Model Contest: None ; Virtual Photo Contest: RR Signals	Mt. Vernon
22 August	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
22 September (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Coshocton Club Open House: Coshocton Club What's on Your Workbench? Virtual Photo Contest: Steam Locomotive	Coshocton
26 October	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>	No October <i>Signal</i>	
27 October (Sunday)	Division 6 Train Show	Train Show Model Contest: None Virtual Photo Contest: Railroad Signs	Laughlin Center, Cambridge
26 October	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
17 November (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Dublin Library Contests: Closed Freight Car	Dublin

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



Jerry Severson
President of the S.I.C.K. RR
(Smokey Inland & Central Kolorado RR)

Five decades is a long time, but it seems like only yesterday that Madison, WI, NMRA members welcomed and accepted a teenager into their ranks. Over fifty times after that, I have chosen to remain an NMRA member and keep renewing. Why?

One reason is the periodic NMRA Division layout tours offered to members. A visit to see the club layout in Zanesville years ago turned out to be super valuable for me. I'm building a large layout with over 150 HO code 70 standard gauge and narrow gauge turnouts. Correct wiring of turnouts is important to me, and the Micro Engineering turnouts I had were not easy to wire. So, I wanted to see how the Zanesville Club wired their turnouts.

A member explained that they used Peco turnouts that only needed two feeder wires. At that time, Peco made either Insul-Frog (Non-powered) turnouts or Electro-Frog (Powered) turnouts. Hidden connecting wires allowed the

turnouts to need only two feeder wires. I really liked that. A seed was planted.

Then, about four years ago, Peco introduced their Uni-Frog turnout, which replaced both their Insul-Frog and Electro-Frog turnouts. The Uni-Frog turnout can quickly be modified to operate the way one desires. I saw that and subsequently switched to Uni-Frog turnouts. I supported The Train Station by ordering 70 turnouts from Mike. I want The Train Station to stay around.

Because I visited the Zanesville Club layout, I discovered Peco turnouts that will save me hundreds of hours of unnecessary wiring. Anyone who elects to visit a layout has the opportunity to learn something that saves time and money. Layout visits are high on my priority list. To everyone, please share an example of how a layout visit helped you. This is just one reason I've renewed my membership over 50 times.

Contest Report

Contest Chair

September Contest: *Steam Locomotive*

Virtual Photo Contest

First Place: Dave Wetterstroem, Cass Shay is #4 inside the Cass shops, getting ready for the 2023 season to begin.

Second Place (Tie): Dave Wetterstroem, Greenbriar Cheat & Elk #11 GC&E #11 is heading for the switchback to Whittaker Station, WV.

Second Place (Tie): Dave Wetterstroem, N&W 611: Early morning steam as N&W #611 leaves Columbus cold spring day in the early '80s.

Third Place: Mike Wolf, An S2 takes a spin on the turntable before heading out on one of its first trips across the rails.

Model Contest: None

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



1st Place Virtual Photo by Dave Wetterstroem (Copyright by the entrant)

Contest Point Summary August 2024

Modeler 2024

Greg Short	13	George Stringer	8
Bob Lee	8	Matt Goodman	6

Photographer 2024

Matt Goodman	15	Michael Percy	4
Bob Baker	8	Mike Wolf	3
Darrel Logan	8	Jim Kehn	1
Scott Brown	7	Ken McDonough	1
Dave Wetterstroem	6	George Stringer	1

October Model Contest: None

October Photo Contest: *Railroad Sign*

September Contest Winners:

https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/contest240922-H/Contest_240922.html

2025 Buckeye Division Election of Officers

Harry "Butch" Sage

Buckeye Division Elections Teller

Three Director positions will be elected in 2025. These positions are not term-limited, so the current directors are all eligible to run for re-election. If you are interested in running for one of the three Director positions or if you have any questions about the election, please feel free to contact me. Nominations will be finalized at the February 2025 Buckeye Division meeting.

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



Awards Presented at A.M.R.E.C.



Connie Logan with Operation Lifesaver presented Buckeye Division's past Superintendent, Matt Goodman, with a certificate in appreciation for continued support of Operation Lifesaver's mission to educate the public about safety around tracks, trains, and crossings.



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Matt Goodman presented an NMRA Merit Award for Motive Power from the recent MCR Convention in Cleveland to Mike Wolf.

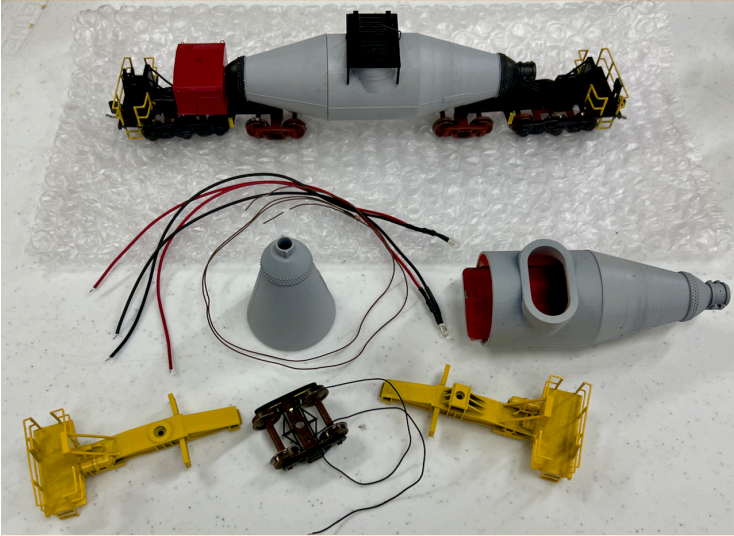
Did You Know?

Singer/songwriter Neil Young is also an inventor whose name is on seven patents related to model trains.

He developed a wireless control, which later became the TrainMaster Command Control system, to make model trains accessible for his son Ben, who has cerebral palsy.



Bring-N-Brag at A.M.R.E.C.



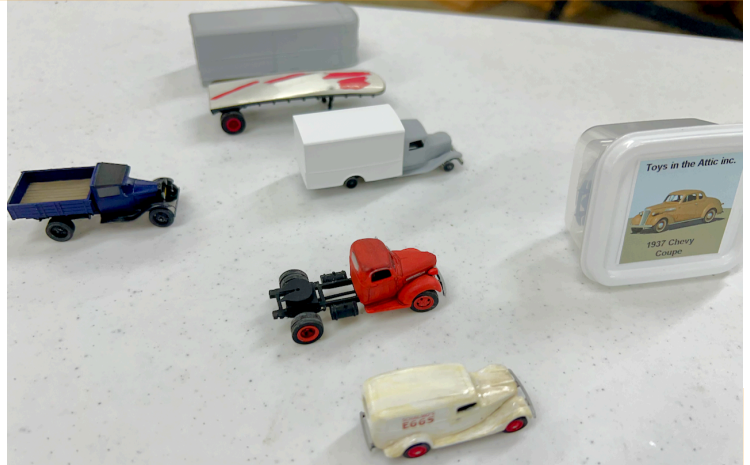
Greg Short's 3-D printed Bottle Car for moving molten steel around a steel plant. The wires on the truck will lead to a led in the car to represent molten steel.



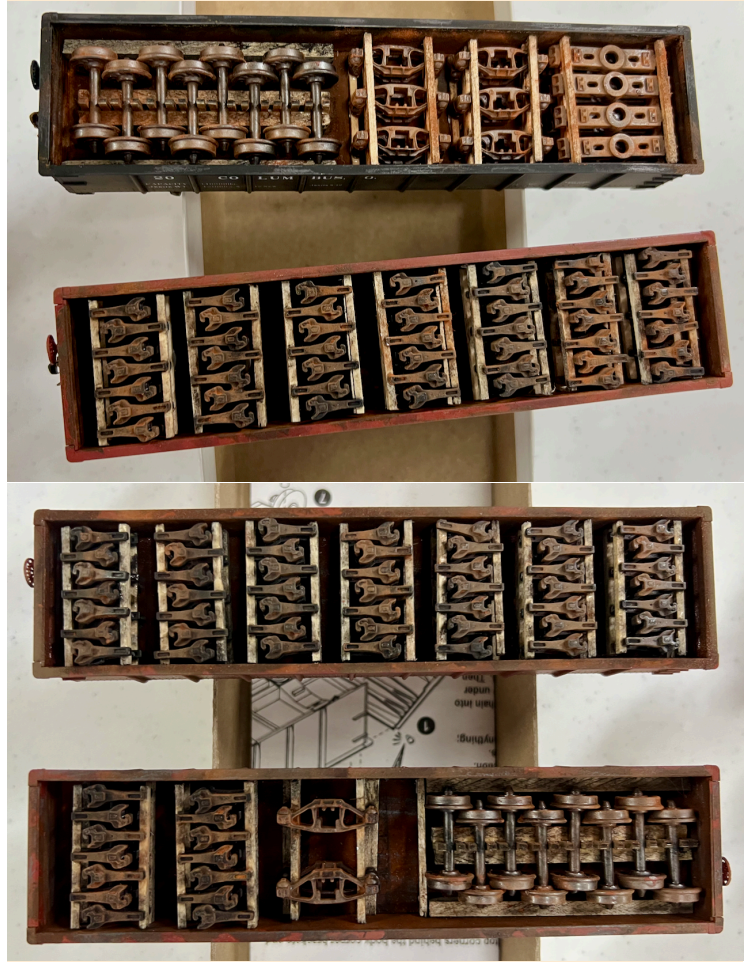
Bob Baker's weathered Hydrocal building kit with sign.



Division members inspecting the Brin-N-Brag models. Photo by Matt Goodman



Matt Goodman's series of older, pre-'40s vehicles, some of which are 3-D printed.



Mike Wolf's weathered wheel sets and 3-D printed couplers and truck side frames in four Buckeye Steel gondolas.

Sixth Annual NMRA Division 6

Train Show

Cambridge Ohio

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October 27, 2024

10 am to 3 pm



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