

# Super's Signal

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



## Superintendent's Report

Bob Baker, Division 6 Superintendent

The recent rainfall was welcome after the long spell of warm and dry weather we had in the early fall. Then this happened today. (See Picture 1.) The good news is that I won't be able to do yard work, giving me more time in the basement. The bad news is that I still need some dry weather to mow and blow away the thick layer of leaves.



Picture 1

The change of the season means more time for model railroading

Photo by Bob Baker

I recently had the pleasure of visiting a Division 7 meeting to promote our MCR Convention in May 2025—the *Buckeye Express*. [Picture 2] Matt Goodman and Ken McDonough have also visited other divisions, with more visits planned by Greg Short, Ken, and me. We have all been warmly welcomed, and our convention has generated a lot of interest. The meeting attendees have of-



Division 7 Meeting with our *Buckeye Express* on the Screen

Photo by Bob Baker

## 15 December (*Saturday*) Division 6 Meeting Upper Arlington Library Meeting Room B 2800 Tremont Rd. Upper Arlington

- 1:00:** Upper Arlington Library opens
- 1:00:** Social gathering at Upper Arlington
- 1:05:** Contest submissions open
- 1:40:** Contest submissions closes; Voting begins
- 1:50:** Contest Voting ends
- 2:00:** Division 6 Meeting
- 2:45: Clinic:**

**Model Contest:** *Passenger Train Car*

**Virtual Photography Contest:** *Passenger Train Car*

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ferred several helpful suggestions, including ensuring we have sufficient non-rail clinics and activities. They have suggested additions to the convention website. Some attendees have offered to conduct great clinics that I hope we can add to the lineup. We had opportunities to see how other divisions do things, such as providing a free raffle ticket to people who bring a model for the contest or Bring-N-Brag. These ideas will be considered at future BOD meetings to determine if they make sense for us.

We are always looking for people to lead clinics at our monthly meetings. These clinics do not have to be long and involved presentations. A couple of mini-clinics (about 15 minutes long) would be very interesting and helpful. We have many skilled modelers in the division. Think about some-

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*Clerk's Report  
Buckeye Division,  
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.  
Membership Meeting  
Dublin Library, Dublin  
17 November 2024*

*Matt Goodman, Clerk*

**Call to Order**

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Bob Baker, Division 6 Superintendent, at 2:02 p.m.

**Division 6 Officers Present:**

Superintendent

Bob Baker

Clerk

Matt Goodman

Director

Mike Wolf, MMR®

**Division 6 Chairs Present:**

Achievement Program

Dick Briggs, MMR®

*Buckeye Express* Convention

Greg Short

Company Store

Greg Short

Election Nominations

Harry "Butch" Sage

Membership Retention/Recruitment

Mike Wolf, MMR®

Raffle

Scott Brown

Train Show

Greg Short

Webmaster

Don Wilke

**Absent:**

Assistant Superintendent

Michael Percy

Paymaster

Carter Jastram

Director

Ken McDonough

Director

Don Wilke

Contest

Don Wilke

Membership

Ken McDonough

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**Announcements**

Bob Baker reminded the members present of the next meeting location at the Upper Arlington Library. He will present a slideshow and ask for additional content for that meeting.

Bob also announced that Michael Percy will resign from the Assistant Superintendent position at the end of June. Bob is looking for interested volunteers to fill the remainder of Michael's term.

**Reports:**

**Clerk's Report:** Matt Goodman. The membership approved the September Clerk's Report, as published in the November 2024 *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-5. A motion was made by Darrell Logan and seconded by Jim Kehn.

**Paymaster's Report:** Bob Baker read the Paymaster's report in Carter Jastram's absence. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit. A motion was made by

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Darrell Logan and seconded by Connie Logan.

**Program Report:** Bob Baker, Mike Wolf, and Greg Short in Michael's absence. Michael is looking for clinicians for the January – March dates. Upcoming meetings are:

December 14th at Upper Arlington Library

January 18th at Gahanna Library

February 16th at Hilltop Library

March at Smokestack Hobby in Lancaster. The date is TBD, though Greg thinks it will likely be on Sunday to avoid store traffic.

Watch the *Super's Signal* for the details.

### **Communications Report:**

**Webmaster:** Open conversation in Don Wilke's absence. Dick expressed concern that too many Convention pages don't have information yet and wanted to know when they would be updated.

**Super's Signal Report:** Mike Wolf for Don Wilke.

The December issue of the *Signal* deadline is Thursday, November 21st. If an article is not quite ready, please inform Don how much space it will need.

**Media: Groups.io, Facebook:** No report.

**Membership Report:** Bob Baker for Ken McDonough in the latter's absence. The division has 142 members, 14 renewals, and no one in the "thirty-day" bucket in the last roster.

**Retention and Recruitment Report:** Mike Wolf. Mike reported that the *Railroadiana Show* will be held at the fairgrounds in December. Division 6 will not have a booth at that show. The *Great American Train Show* is January 11-12. As the date approaches, Mike will ask for volunteers, and the show will let him know if there will be a table for us.

**Achievement Program Report:** Dick Briggs. Dick reports about a dozen people are getting close to completing various certificates, with various excuses as to why they aren't done yet. Dick is creating a list to chase them down.

Last month Mike Wolf, Howdy Lamprecht, and Dick judged Jim Kehn's submissions for his Cars and Author certificates. Some models and articles were very ancient. Those are complete and accepted, and Dick is just waiting on the certificates.

Dick presented Jim Kehn with his **Dispatcher's Certificate**. Jim now needs one more certificate for MMR<sup>®</sup> and aims to complete that before the *Buckeye Express Convention*.

Mike and Dick reminded members working on AP Certificates to read the requirements, don't make it more complex than it needs to be, and (in the case of Cars) to not leave points on the floor by not providing conformance information.

**Nominations or Elections Report:** Butch Sage. Butch is looking for nominations for Director. Let Butch know of your interest by February.

**Buckeye Express Convention:** Greg Short. Ken is starting on the clinic's schedule and waiting for the final commitments from some clinicians. Mike Wolf has nailed down the *Hands-On Modeling* details and the extra-fare van tour to Coshocton. He is waiting for feedback on a traction motor tour. The convention website is missing some information. Greg is working on setting banquet pricing; however, the hotel is still unwilling to provide pricing. Division 6 marketing visits are underway, with the majority either completed or scheduled. No visits are planned yet for Division 5, 11 (Western PA), and 10 (Louisville) area).

George Stringer gave an overview of the Contest Room progress and passed around a form for volunteers. He will always need three people in the room (except during lunch) and help with setup and teardown. A discussion about whether the room should be open or closed during judging was taken offline.

**Company Store/Car Project and Train Show Report:** Greg Short. Greg said the most recent Train Show netted about \$1,300, with some outstanding expenses. Two vendors with multiple tables were no-shows, which impacted net income. Greg is looking into having vendors pay upfront at future shows. Some other minor hiccups included two reported thefts. Jim Kehn noted that bad actors are out there, and each vendor should protect themselves. Some vendors took too long to pack up. Next year's Train Show is the last Sunday in October. Several vendors have already committed to returning. Greg extended his thanks to everyone who helped.

**Operation Life Saver:** Connie Logan. Connie said she and Darrell talked to 78 people at the *Cambridge Train Show* and 104 people in Dayton. She also reported that she had been selected to train as an RISC instructor (Rail Incident Safety Course—training for first responders in safe operation on and near railroads).

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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):** Connie Logan. Connie and Darrel visited the *Fran Ryan Center* recently. No benchwork is up yet, so a layout won't be ready by the grand opening on January 8th. The club's workaround is to put a temporary layout in front of the window. Connie will put signage in the window, inviting viewers to watch the layout progress and get involved. The city wants the club/group to be semi-educational, including occasional presentations in the common meeting room. Connie is talking to the city about allowing Division 6 to use that room for Division meetings, and the city seems receptive.

**Contest Results:**

Scott Brown, in Don Wilke's absence

**Virtual Photo Contest—Closed Freight Car:**

**3rd Place:** Connie Logan, *A picture of a restored Pennsylvania Railroad boxcar taken at the Age of Steam Roundhouse on May 20, 2023*

**2nd Place:** Matt Goodman, *Pere Marquette 81805, weathered by my daughter during a Father's Day bulk-weathering-fest in 2020*

**1st Place:** Bob Baker, *A D&RGW box car at Antonito, Colorado*

**Model Contest—Closed Freight Car:**

**3rd Place:** Greg Short, *Accurail Kit, Weathered Southern Two Bay Covered Hopper*

**2nd Place:** Bob Baker, *Intermountain Kit, Weathered CPR Box Car*

**1st Place:** Mark Krueger, *Modified Accurail Kit, Weathered CB&O Box Car*

Next month's Photo and Model Contest (December) will feature a **Passenger Train Car**. Any car, including head-end cars, in a passenger train.

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

**Raffle:** Scott Brown.

Scott Brown announced that he is starting a new Special Raffle due to low interest in the previous model (an undecorated GP-40). The new Special Raffle is a B&O Baldwin S-12. Scott described the history of the prototype.

Today's raffle winners were

- N&W 4 Bay hopper – Joe Brackett
- Division 4 '78 Convention Car – Joe Brackett
- N Scale boxcar – Greg Short
- NS notepad – Joe Brackett

We appreciate the members' support of the division by buying raffle tickets and donating raffle prizes. If you wish to donate a potential raffle prize, don't hesitate to get in touch with Scott Brown.

**Announcements:**

There was no Announcement

**Good of the Order:**

**Steering Committee Meetings:** The Steering Committee meetings generally take place on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Any member may attend any Steering Committee meeting. The meetings are used for brainstorming or refining ideas that impact the division. If interested, contact Superintendent Bob Baker for the Zoom meeting link.

**Next Division 6 Membership Meeting:** The next Division 6 meeting will be on Saturday, 15 December, at 2:00 p.m. in Room B of the Upper Arlington Library. Doors will open at 1 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

After a motion and a second to adjourn, Bob adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

**Clinic:**

Matt Goodman presented the clinic *Trim Coil Backdrop*.

We express our appreciation to Matt 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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thing you have been working on lately and consider presenting it as a clinic. Even though it may seem basic to you, I am sure that others will find something new and useful to apply to their own modeling. If you have an idea, please contact Michael Percy at [michael@mtv.insure](mailto:michael@mtv.insure) and let him know your thoughts.

At our recent meeting in Dublin, Matt Goodman gave us a presentation about how he used spooled aluminum for the backdrop of his model railroad. This was a straightforward method to achieve an almost seamless backdrop. The supplies are available at Home Depot and other big-box stores. Thank you, Matt!

There will be a Scottish theme at the December 14 meeting at the Upper Arlington Library. I will present some photos and videos from my recent trip to Scotland and England—just the railway-related ones. However, if you'd like to see some Highland scenery, castles, and a few other very old things, I might throw in a couple of those pictures. At the meeting, you may see a few other items for which Scotland is famous.

Watch for opportunities to sign up for volunteer positions as the Buckeye Express approaches. We need your help to make the convention a success.

As always, Happy Modeling!

*Bob*

**Division 6 – 2025 Time Table**

Date	Event	Meeting	City
18 January (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Gahanna Library</i> Clinic: Contests: <b>TBD</b>	Gahanna
23 January	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
16 February (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i> (Livingston Library) Clinic: Contests: <b>TBD</b>	Columbus
23 February	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
TBD	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>Smokestack Hobbies</i> Clinic: Contests: <b>TBD</b>	Lancaster
TBD March	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		

**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*.



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

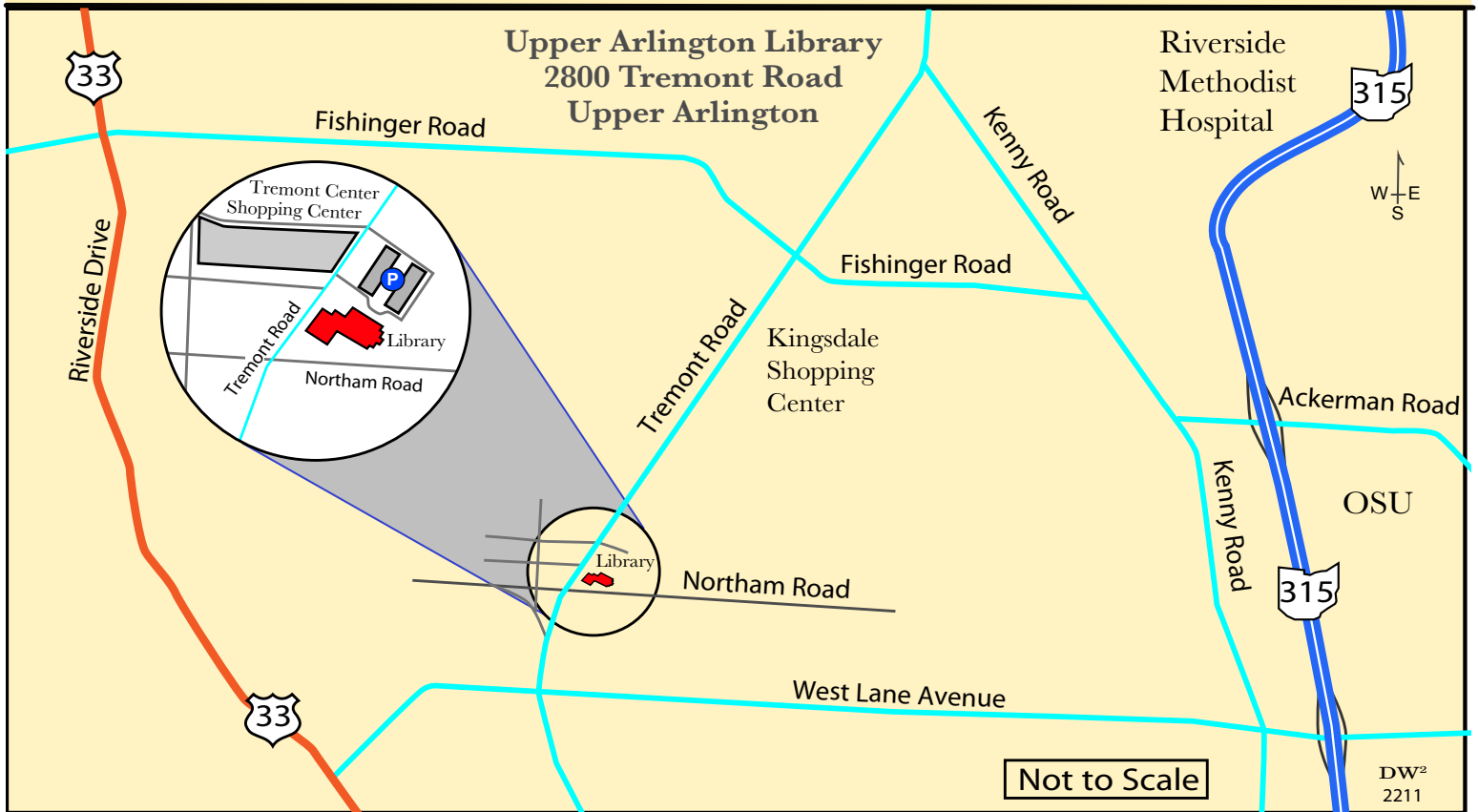


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Date	Event	Meeting	City
21 January ( <b>Sunday</b> )	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Hilltop Library</b> Clinic: <b>Quick Rollin Stock Weathering Techniques</b> , Mark Krueger Contests: <b>Open Car with Load</b>	Columbus
26 January	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
18 February ( <b>Sunday</b> )	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 ( <b>Saturday</b> )	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 ( <b>Sunday</b> )	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 ( <b>Saturday</b> )	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 ( <b>Saturday</b> )	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 ( <b>Saturday</b> )	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 ( <b>Sunday</b> )	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 ( <b>Sunday</b> )	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 ( <b>Sunday</b> )	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Dublin Library, Room #1</b> Contests: <b>Closed Freight Car</b>	Dublin
21 November	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		
14 December ( <b>Saturday</b> )	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Upper Arlington Library, Room B</b> Clinic: Model & Virtual Photo Contest: <b>Passenger Train Car</b>	Upper Arlington
18 December	<i>Super's Signal Deadline</i>		

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

### December Map



#### 2025 Division 6 Directors Nominations

*Harry "Butch" Sage*  
*Buckeye Division Election Chair*

In 2025, the three Director positions will be elected. 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 have any questions about the election, please feel free to contact me. Nominations will be finalized at the February 2025 Buckeye Division meeting.

#### MCR Elections

*Bob Shreve, Chair*

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, Chair, Jim DiPaola, Bob Belt

*Share the Knowledge!!*



## Contest Report

Contest Chair

### November Contest: Closed Freight Car Virtual Photo Contest

**First Place:** Bob Baker, A D&RGW box car at Antonito, Colorado

**Second Place:** Matt Goodman, Pere Marquette 81805, weathered by my daughter during a Father's Day bulk-weathering-fest in 2020

**Third Place:** Connie Logan, A picture of a restored Pennsylvania Railroad boxcar taken at the Age of Steam Roundhouse on May 20, 2023

### Model Contest

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**Second Place:** Bob Baker, Intermountain Kit, Weathered CPR Box Car

**Third Place:** Greg Short, Accurail Kit, Weathered Southern Two Bay Covered Hopper

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



1st Place Virtual Photo by Bob Baker  
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1st Place Model by Mark Krueger  
Copyright by the entrant

### December Model Contest: Passenger Train Car

### December Virtual Photo Contest: Passenger Train Car

We are trying to expand the previous December contest category of passenger cars. Many modelers only brought a coach car for the contest. We are turning this around to include any car in a passenger train. This would include cars like an RPO car, a dining car, an express car, and a

baggage car. These are examples of pre-Amtrak transition cars equipped with a steam line. After the Amtrak transition, cars might include a baggage car, a dormitory car, and the standard cars for passengers.

## Contest Point Summary November 2024

### Modeler 2024

Greg Short	15	Mark Kruger	4
Bob Lee	8	Bob Baker	3
George Stringer	8	Scott Brown	1
Matt Goodman	7	Mike Wolf	1

### Photographer 2024

Matt Goodman	21	George Stringer	5
Bob Baker	15	Mike Wolf	3
Scott Brown	9	Connie Logan	2
Darrel Logan	8	Ken McD	2
Dave Wetterstroem	6	Jim Kehn	1
Michael Percy	5		

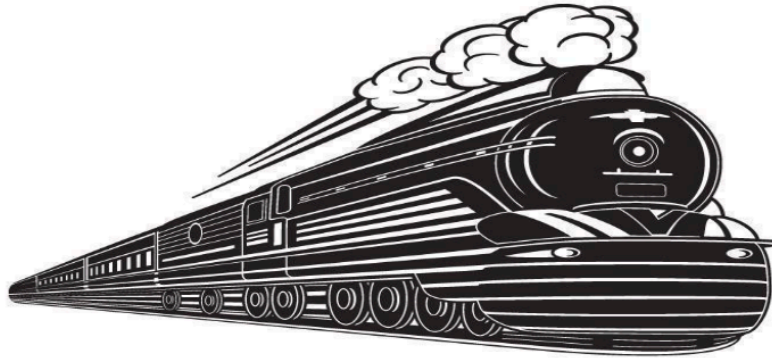
### November Contest Winners:

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