# Super's Sign

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Superintendent's Report Bob Baker, Division 6 Superintendent

As I write this article, Christmas is less than one week away. It always seems that this holiday sneaks up on me and many others. This may be because of all the shopping, decorating, baking (yes, I bake), card writing, and other tasks that need to be done. Like most of you, I remember when shopping was done in brick-and-mortar stores among the crowds and schlepping around with lots of bags while my mother tried to herd us three kids. For us, it also involved taking the subway and streetcar while the snow was falling. How the world has changed in the last 60 to 70 years. This year, I did almost all of my shopping online.

Christmas is also the season of model trains. I guess that most of us received our first toy train set at Christmas. When I read the stories of new MMR<sup>®</sup> recipients in the NMRA Magazine, almost all of them say that their involvement in the hobby began as a child with a Lionel, American Flyer, or similar set at Christmas. Mine was a Marx set, and the rest is history. For those of you who have young children or grandchildren, this is a great time to set up a circle of track under the Christmas tree and let the youngsters play. It might take them away from their phones or video games for a little while and spark their interest in a lifelong hobby.

As I think about how people get started in the hobby, I begin thinking about our division's current recruitment and retention efforts. The membership numbers over the last decade or so have gone down. Some of this is due to the membership's aging and subsequent "derailments" and "fallen flags." However, during a recent Steering Committee membership discussion, our Assistant Superintendent, Michael Percy, noted that many model railroaders in Knox and Richland Counties do not belong to the NMRA. I'm sure the same could also be said for many other countries. We discussed ways to engage these modelers better and encourage them to join. How-

## 18 January (*Saturday*) **Division 6 Meeting** Hilltop Library 511 South Hague Ave. Columbus

**10:00:** Hilltop Library opens **1:00:** Social gathering at the Hilltop Library 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:

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ever, we concluded that we do not have enough information to make specific plans and to take action to accomplish this objective. Thus, a subcommittee has been formed to look at the issue more in-depth and will likely survey the members. The Steering Committee meetings are open to all members and are held at 7:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the monthly division meeting. Please email me for the Zoom link at BOB.MCR.DIV6.SUPER@GMAIL.COM or any of the officers or directors. You are welcome to join us.

Work on the Buckeye Express Convention is coming along well. The registration website is open, and the hotel is taking reservations. A great slate of clinics and other activities is taking shape. Early bird registration ends on January 31st, 2025, so don't delay.

Finally, we need clinics for the upcoming monthly meetings. This is a good opportu-

nity for those of you doing a clinic The Super's Report

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Clerk's Report Buckeye Division, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Membership Meeting Upper Arlington Library, Upper Arlington 14 December 2024 Matt Goodman. Clerk

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Division 6 Officers Present:**

Superintendent Clerk Paymaster Director Director

Bob Baker Matt Goodman Carter Jastram Ken McDonough Don Wilke

Dick Briggs, MMR<sup>®</sup>

Greg Short

Greg Short

Don Wilke

Scott Brown

#### **Division 6 Chairs Present:**

Achievement Program Buckeye Express Convention Company Store Contest Membership Raffle Super's Signal Publisher Train Show Webmaster

#### Absent:

Assistant Superintendent

Director Election Nominations Don Wilke Greg Short Don Wilke

Ken McDonough

Michael Percy Mike Wolf, MMR<sup>®</sup> Harry "Butch" Sage

Membership Retention/Recruitment Mike Wolf, MMR<sup>®</sup> Programs Michael Percy

#### Announcements

Bob Baker welcomed thirteen attendees to the December meeting.

#### **Reports:**

**Clerk's Report:** Matt Goodman. The membership approved the Clerk's Report, as published in the December 2024 *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4.

**Paymaster's Report:** Carter Jastram. Carter detailed corrections for November's Paymaster Report, followed by reports for December and for the Convention account. The membership approved the Paymaster's Report, subject to audit.

**Program Report:** Matt Goodman and Don Wilke for Michael Percy. The dates for the Gahanna and Hilltop meetings have been swapped. Michael Percy is firming up the March meeting at Smokestack Hobby and April's meeting in Cambridge. Watch the *Super's Signal* for the details.

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#### **Communications Report:**

**Webmaster:** Don Wilke. The division website Timetable Page is updated, including the tentative dates for March and April meetings. Links are on the division Welcome Page.

*Super's Signal* Report: Don Wilke. Don would like articles to be submitted early so that he can have time off for the holidays. If an article is not quite ready, please inform Don how much space it will need.

**Membership Report:** Ken McDonough. The division has 141 members, with 1 new member and 9 renewals in November. The division's new member is Norman Wells from Galena.

Achievement Program Report: Dick Briggs. Dick presented four Merit awards and two AP certificates to Jim Kehn

- Merit awards for four O-Scale cars built prior to the turn of the millennium.
- AP Certificate for Model Railroad Author
- AP Certificate for Master Builder Cars

Jim received a well-deserved round of applause from those in attendance. Dick noted others present were dragging their feet on their work.

**Nominations, Elections Report:** Bob Baker for Butch Sage. Bob announced that Director Mike Wolf will not seek re-election when his term expires at the end of May 2025. Bob asks that any members interested in running for this (or any) position contact him or Butch Sage.

Additionally, Michael Percy is resigning from his Assistant Superintendent position at the end of May 2025. Since this is mid-term, a replacement for the remainder of Michael's term will be via an appointment by the Superintendent. Contact Superintendent Bob Baker if you're interested in finishing the term.

• Jim Kehn stated that Mark Krueger has expressed interest in a role, but there is a possibility that he may be moving sometime in the future due to his spouse's work situation.

**Buckeye Express Convention:** Greg Short. Greg provided an overview of the preparations. Division visits or schedules for visits are almost complete. Five more inperson visits will be completed by the end of January. The clinic lineup (Ken McDonough) and operating sessions (Mike Wolf) are well in hand regarding the convention it-

self. We are still waiting for banquet pricing from the hotel, which is expected in the new year.

- George Stringer (Contest Room chair) shared details on room operations and said he would need 2-4 people in the room at all times for security, check-in and out, etc. He passed around a signup sheet for room volunteers.
- Scott Brown (Company Store Chair) reported on the company's progress and how the sales will work. He would like interested volunteers to sign up as an expression of interest, with no commitment for specific times at this point.
- Ken McDonough (Clinic chair) listed some of the clinicians' names from which he received commitments and their topics. He will need volunteers to introduce the clinics and ensure they start and end on time.

In closing, Greg said the next convention meeting will be held in January via Zoom..

**Membership Retention and Recruitment:** Bob Baker for Mike Wolf. The *Great Train Show* is coming January 11-12, 2025. The recruitment tables have yet to be confirmed, but he expects to get them. Volunteers are needed. Two people on each shift for each day. Shifts are roughly 9 am-12 and 12-4 pm. A volunteer is also needed to help Mike set up on Friday..

#### **Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to take up.

#### New Business:

There was no New Business to take up.

#### Club Reports:

**Central Ohio Model Railroad Club (COMRC, Columbus, www.comrc.club):** COMRC will be open from 12-4 every Saturday and Sunday from now to New Year's Day.

**Janis Center Railroad Club (Columbus):** The former Janis Club members visited the Fran Ryan Center (still under construction) on December 11th. They were treated to a 15-minute safety training, complete with hardhats, which they enjoyed. The group will have a temporary layout up and running by January 8<sup>th</sup>. The building will be opened that day for ribbon cutting and VIPs in the morning and open to the public in the afternoon from 4-7.

#### **Contest Results:**

#### **Contest Certificates:**

Greg presented awards for November's contest results

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#### Photos

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Connie Logan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Matt Goodman
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Bob Baker

#### Models

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Greg Short
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Bob Baker
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Mark Krueger

December awards presented by Don Wilke

#### Models

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Greg Short
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Bob Lee
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Scott Brown

**Photos:** Don said the photo contest is still open due to a scheduling mistake. Submit new photos by Tuesday, 12/17.

Don finished the presentations by handing out awards from previous months that hadn't yet been claimed.

Don also discussed a proposed model/photo contest cadence based on an even/odd year schedule. These would be predictable topics communicated in advance so that modelers can plan ahead. One idea is a **Bring-N-Brag** for favorite train, which will be scored by modelers present for the "bragging" (i.e., the discussion). Don also shared a proposed new contest category, **Railroaders at Work**, and gave examples of what may fit into that category. A second proposed category is **Derelicts and Wrecks**. There will also be some open months for which he is looking for ideas.

The January 18th, 2025, contest topic is an **Open Car** *with Load*. The Contest Chair will announce the winners at the January 18th Division 6 meeting.

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

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at the convention to use one of these times to practice and hone your skills. Contact Michael Percy at AssistSuper@Div6-MCR-NMRA.org if you would like to present a clinic. 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

- Scott O'Connor won an HO-Scale Athearn UP gondola
- Ken McDonough acquired an HO-Scale Ertl KD Grain Boxes and Running Gear flat car load.
- Jim Borcz picked up an N-Scale NYC&HR RR box car
- Ken McDonough is the proud new owner of a Toy Trains and Christmas DVD

Scott is looking for more N-Scale donations.

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 occur every third Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The next meeting is January 16th. Any division member may attend any Steering Committee meeting. Contact Superintendent Bob Baker for the Zoom meeting link if you are interested.

**Next Division 6 Membership Meeting:** The next Division 6 meeting will be on Saturday, January 18th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hilltop Library. The room will open at 1 p.m.

#### **Adjournment:**

Bob adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

#### **Clinic:**

Bob Baker presented a *Scottish Rail Experiences* clinic, recounting his family's summer travels in Scotland.

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

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays to All!!

Bob

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| Division 6 – 2025 Time Table   |                         |   |   |
| Date   | Event                   | Meeting   | City  |
| 18 January<br>( <mark>Saturday</mark> )  | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: <i>Hilltop Library</i><br>Clinic:<br>Contests: <b>Open Car with Load</b>  | Columbus  |
| 23 January   | Super's Signal Deadline |   |   |
| 16 February<br>( <mark>Sunday</mark> )   | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: <i>Gahanna Library</i><br>Clinic:<br>Contests: <b>Non-Revenue / MOW</b>   | Gahanna   |
| 20 February  | Super's Signal Deadline |   |   |
| 16 March<br>( <mark>Sunday</mark> )  | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: <i>Smoke Stack Hobbies</i> (<br>Clinic:<br>Contests: <b>Non-Steam Locomotive</b>  | Lancaster   |
| 20 March   | Super's Signal Deadline |   |   |
| 13 April<br>( <mark>Sunday</mark> )<br>(Tentative)   | Division 6 Meeting      | Business Meeting: Cambridge Club<br>Clinics:<br>Contests: TBD   | Cambridge   |
| 29 April   | Super's Signal Deadline |   | D. L.   |
| 15-18 May  | MCR Convention          | The Buckeye Express   | Dublin  |
| June<br>( <mark>Saturday</mark> )  | Division 6 Meeting      | Annual Meeting & Business Meeting: <i>Marion Union Station</i><br>Mini Clinics:<br>Contest: Photo: <b>Favorite Train;</b> Bring-N-Brag: <b>Favorite Train</b> | Marion  |
| June   | Super's Signal Deadline |   |   |
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## Achievement Program Dick Briggs<sup>®</sup>

Jim Kehn has had a very busy second half of 2024. Achievement Program Chair Dick Briggs presented Jim with his Chief Dispatcher Certificate of Achievement at the Buckeye Division Meeting at the Dublin Library in November.



Jim receives his Chief Dispatcher Certificate of Achievement from AP Chair Dick Briggs during the November division meeting.



At the December Meeting at the Upper Arlington Library,

Dick and Jim have a difficult time holding Jim's four Merit Awards for Cars

Dick presented Jim with four Merit Certificates for cars.

The rolling stock achievement requirements are eight pieces of rolling stock, one of which must be a Passenger Car and four of which must be scratch-built. Four of the models need to earn 88 points in judging. You also need a variety of cars. There is nothing hard to do. You have to have the determination to do it. You can see the photographs of Jim's O-Scale cars on this page.



The Civil War-era USMRR boxcar was scratch-built in the 1980s. Jim also added a simple brake system to it.



The interurban freight trailer was scratch-built mostly out of wood in the 1980s. It also received a better brake system this summer. I knew Mike Wolf would never let me get away with a crude brake system.



Interurban under-body updated brake system.



The W&LE mill gondola was built in HO-Scale in the 1970s. It was mostly scratch-built from styrene. I just touched it up this summer.



extensively modified with new styrene sides, among other things. The lettering used dry transfers and cobbled decals. The model was built in the late 1980s.



The Erie wood caboose was scratch-built from mostly wood in the early 1990s. It won the UTU Brass Lantern Award in 1994 at the Cleveland MCR Regional Convention. I added a better braking system before the recent judging.

Dick also presented Jim with two Certificates of Achievement at the December meeting. One is for Master Builder for Cars, and the other certificate is for Author. Jim admitted that much of the work had been done over the last few years, and the only holdup was filling out the paperwork.



Jim receives his Master Builder–Cars Certificate of Achievement from AP Chair Dick Briggs during the December division meeting.



Jim receives his Author Certificate of Achievement from AP Chair Dick Briggs during the December division meeting.

What Achievement program are you working on?

Don't Just Belong, Participate!!

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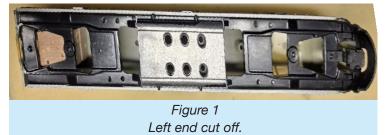
#### Krauss-Maffei Diesel Upgrade George Stringer

The Krauss-Maffei Diesel came from Rivarossi with only a powered truck using DC. It was very noisy and not worth converting to DCC with the old drivetrain. The model came in two paint schemes: Southern Pacific, and Rio Grande were the only US roads to purchase the Germanmade engine.

Use the ET97442-118 American KM Sound Decoder and the separate 56334 Speaker to convert to DCC with sound. The ET97442-118 Sound Decoder is still recommended for DCC without sound, without the speaker. Only this decoder comes factory-programmed to make all the lighting functions work correctly. Other PluX22 decoders can be used but require considerable advancedlevel lighting programming. (The 56627 decoder & speaker kit provides European-style decoder operation, which is not recommended for American DCC systems.)

Rather than try to fit geared trucks under the Rivarossi frame, I used an E8 EMD Proto 2000 frame, motor, and drive train for my conversion before installing DCC. The Proto E8 frame is too long, and two modifications need to be made.

First, using a hacksaw, cut off the frame's rear, which is too long to fit under the Krauss shell. (See Figure 1)



Next, move the rear truck mounting bolster 5/16 of an inch toward the gas tank so that the truck will fit under the Krauss shell and look like it belongs there instead of hanging out the rear of the unit.

Use the existing bolster mount by cutting it loose from the frame side rail on both sides with a Dremel Cut-Off Wheel. Before cutting, use a small square laid across the frame and the centerline of the bolster peg and scratch a line across the frame. This line will mark the starting point to move the bolster 5/16-inches forward.

Lay the frame upside down on a piece of Duct Tape that covers the surgical area after filing away any burs. (See Figure 2).

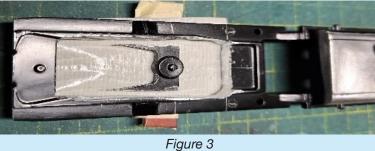
Mix 5-Minute Epoxy and fill the area between the frame side rails with Epoxy. To keep the Epoxy where it belongs before it sets, build a dike in several places to contain it



Figure 2 Upside down frame in a clamp after filing off burs.

with balsa wood stuck to the duct tape. Let the Epoxy cure for a whole day.

The next day, dress the epoxy with a file before painting the frame. Take your time and do a good job. When done, it will look like it came from the factory that way. (See Figure 3).



Area after filling with Epoxy and dressed with a file.

Use the existing rear coupler mounting that attaches to the frame by cutting off the hanging-down portion and spacing a Kadee Coupler pocket to the correct height. It can be drilled and tapped using a .256 screw, but I ACC-ed mine. ed mine. (See Figure 4.)



Figure 4 Checking coupler height

Next, use the front pilot from the donor E8 on your modified frame. No alteration is required as it fits perfectly on the E8 frame. The Krauss shell fits above the E8 pilot. (See Figure 5.)

Next, modify the large weight that is held to the E8 frame with four (4) screws. Two areas need attention to fit the shell over the weight. First, cut off the two inward-protruding areas on the wings of the weight, as they will interfere with



Front pilot.

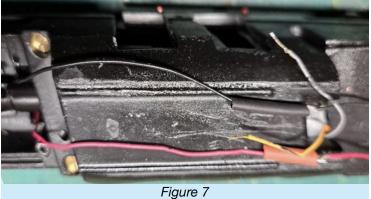
the truck's side-to-side movement when the truck is moved 5/16 inches forward. You may also want to remove the two circuit board lugs forward of the wings for extra space inside the shell.(See Figure 6).

The other modification to the weight is removing material on the top sides to conform to the angle found on both sides of the Krauss shell. Grind each side with a wheel grinder until the weight fits snuggly inside the shell, with the top center touching the center of the shell. (See Figure 7).

Since there is a back door on the rear of the Rivarossi Krauss Shell but no walkway, stairs, or ladder, you may want to install one. I used a donor from an old GEP shell. (See Figure 8).



Figure 6 Frame in clamp for filing.



Underbody fitting into the frame and wiring.

There may be different ways to attach the Krauss shell to the locomotive. The best way is to cut off the old plastic post inside the shell that was used to attach the shell to the Rivarossi frame at an appropriate height to clear the new weight attached to the E8 frame. Then, drill and tap the weight for a new body mount screw.

I wish I had done this, but I drilled the sides of the shell and used two .256 screws to hold the shell to the frame instead. Flattening the heads of the screws and filling them with modeling cement and painting them red will hide them as fuel tank ports. (See Figure 9).



Figure 8 Rear of the diesel showing the repurposed step.



Figure 9 Two fuel tank ports, formally screw heads.

Now is the time to do your wiring. Figure 10 shows the LEDs, resistors, wires, and fiber optics that light the locomotive. I used six LEDs and eight resistors in total.

The Rivarossi plastic light bar in the front of the shell uses light from one bulb to illuminate all four places the light is supposed to emit from the shell: the Head Light, two Number Boards, and Mars Light. This setup needs to be more realistic and pre-



Figure 10 Multiple LEDs. Resistors, and split light bar.

cludes proper operation of the Mars Light. I removed the light bar from the shell and started by cutting the bar into four pieces, one for each place you want the light to come through the shell. Next, attach an LED and a 470 ohm <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Watt resistor to each piece of plastic by drilling a chamfer into the plastic that matches the curvature of your LED, and then ACC the LED to the plastic. Do not forget to use a resistor. Use a stronger resistor on the number boards so they won't be too bright. Use black tape and black paint to create light dams to keep one LED from lighting up another area it is not supposed to light up. Also, cut and add a piece of black tape in the curvature of the front pilot and stick it to the top of the pilot to keep light from shining down on the track.

Next, drill a .030 hole in the shell at the two locations of the blisters that represent the marker lights on the front of the shell. Before drilling, file a flat area on the blister. Next, use a sharp X-Acto Knife blade to center punch the blister. This will keep your drill bit from wandering off position while drilling. Using heat shrink tubing, assemble two six-inch-long .030 fiber optic cables to your three lead 3-mm red/white (or red/green) diffused common anode LED. Two or three applications of heat shrink may be necessary to bring the size of your two cords up to the diameter of the LED before using a single piece to attach both parts.

The three leads on the LED are:

1. Center common to the blue wire.

2. The long leg is red to the yellow wire (backup light), so it will come on when backing up. The short leg goes to the white wire headlight circuit, so it will come on while running forward.

Place the assembly in the shell, leaving the Fiber Optic cord length extra-long, sticking out of the shell, as you may need to move the assembly to get the decoder, speaker, keep-alive, and all else back in the shell before placing it on the engine. When everything works, cut off the extra length of cord 1/8° from the front of the shell

and light a match to heat the Fiber Optic cord to form a blister that looks like a light lens. Practice this on a piece of scrap Fiber Optic cord before doing it on your engine, as it is a little tricky. Too much heat will ruin the job, and you will have to start over.

Figure 11 shows the speaker's position on top of the Fiber Optic cord used to light up the rear of the locomotive. This light shines white when backing up and red going forward. This light feature is molded into the shell and should be filed, centered, and then drilled for the Fiber Optic cord just like you did for the front of the locomotive markers.

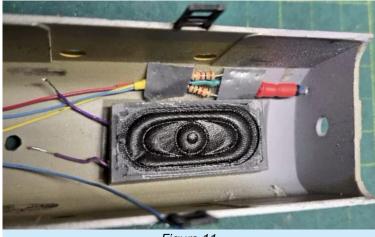


Figure 11 Wiring and speaker at the rear of the diesel.

Next, I installed ladders below each door on the side of the Rivarossi Krauss shell. These ladders were not modeled on the original.

The side frames from the Rivarossi trucks cannot be used on the Proto E 8 trucks, as the spacing of the axles is different. Unless you know the difference between the Rivarossi Krauss truck and the EMD E 8 truck, don't let this bother you

Finish your wiring for the decoder, and then enjoy your work by turning it loose on your layout.

# 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. Two of the current Directors have decided to run for the office. If you are interested in running for one remaining Director position or have any questions about the election, please feel free to contact me. Nominations will be finalized at the February 2025 Buckeye Division meeting.

Michael Percy, our Assistant Superintendent, has decided to resign at the end of May next year due to the time limitations of his job. According to the Buckeye Division Regulations, the Assistant Superintendent position can be filled by the Superintendent with the Board of Directors' approval. The Superintendent is looking for division members who would like to be considered for the office of Assistant Superintendent. Don't hesitate to contact Superintendent Bob Baker if you're interested. Page: 11

Contest Report

#### December Contest: Passenger Train Car Virtual Photo Contest

**First Place:** Ken McDonough, *Rio Grande Galloping Goose #7 at the Colorado Railroad Museum, October 12, 2024* **Second Place:** Ken McDonough, *Dining car ready for dinner on Amtrak's Southwest Chief, October 1, 2024* **Third Place:** Bob Baker, *Observation car "Hello Dolly" on the Strasburg Railroad in 2021. It looks like a Division 6 member wearing his red shirt on the platform* 

#### **Model Contest**

**First Place:** Scott Brown, A Roundhouse, Central Pacific, Passenger/Freight Car **Second Place:** Robert E. Lee, 183-foot Budd, ATSF 36-seat Dinner **Third Place:** Greg Short, Rapido, New York Central Steam Generator Car

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



1st Place Virtual Photo by Ken McDonough Copyright by the entrant



1st Place Model by Scott Brown Copyright by the entrant

January Model Contest: *Open Freight Car with Load* December Virtual Photo Contest:

**Open Freight Car with Load** 

#### **Contest Point Summary November 2024**

Modeler 2024

Photographer 2024

Contest winners will be announced at the January Meeting at the Hilltop Library and will be in the February *Signal*.

December Contest Winners:

https://archive2.div6-mcr-nmra.org/ContestFold/contest241214-L/Contest\_241214.html



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#### 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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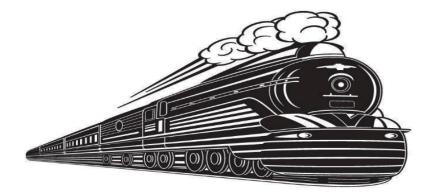
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