

# Super's Signal

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## Superintendent's Report

Dick Briggs, MMR®, Division 6 Superintendent

The *Buckeye Express Convention* is now in the rearview mirror. By all accounts, it was a tremendous success, despite some issues with the hotel's lunches. The data is still coming in, and others will report on the details. However, we had a good number of attendees, with 50 wonderful, well-attended clinics, two Hands-On clinics, and a great speaker at the banquet—Stu Nicholson, who is a Director of the Rail Passengers Association and the former Executive Director of All Aboard Ohio.

I want to personally recognize and thank the committee for going above and beyond to make the convention a great success: Greg Short—Convention Chairperson, Matt Goodman—AV Specialist and Assistant Chairperson, Ken McDonough—Clinic Coordinator, Michael Percy—Registration, Carter Jastram—Paymaster and Financial Manager, Mike Wolf—Ops Sessions and Layout Tours, George Stringer—Contest Room, Scott Brown—Company Store, Don Wilke—Web Master, Dick Briggs, and myself—Co-Cheerleaders.

It was a pleasure to have my wife assist me at my clinic and accompany me at the banquet. Thank you, Janet!!

As I write this, there are only a few days left until the end of May, my final day as Superintendent. This will be my last Super's Report. The past year has been filled with memorable and rewarding moments. I want to express my gratitude to all the friends who have supported me throughout the year. I also want to thank Darrell and Connie Logan for their encouragement. I also thank Mark Krueger for joining the leadership group for the upcoming year, Dick Briggs for taking on the Superintendent position for the remainder of my term, and Mike Wolf for stepping into

## 21 June (*Saturday*) Division 6 Meeting Marion Union Station 532 West Center Street Marion

**9:00:** Marion Union Station opens

**10:00:** *Favorite Train* Bring-N-Brag submissions open

**10:30:** Clinic: *Make Your Own Decoder Keep Alive*, Mike Wolf

**10:45:** Clinic: *Modeling Water Using UV-Cured Resin*, Mike Wolf

**11:00:** Clinic: *Construction Pointers for a Tichy Tank Car*, Butch Sage

**11:15:** Lunch Break—Train Show Food Wagon

**12:00:** Buckeye Division Annual Meeting

**12:15:** Buckeye Division Membership Meeting

**12:45:** *Favorite Train* Bring-N-Brag

**13:00:** Clinic: *Modeling the Columbus Beltline*, Steve Hipes

**12:45:** Mini Clinics: *Converting Passenger Car Couplers to Kadee*, George Stringer; *Evaluating Cars and Structures for a Merit Award*, Dick Briggs; *Bump Caps*, Matt Goodman

**Bring-N-Brag Contest:** *Favorite Train*

**Virtual Photo Contest:** *Favorite Train*

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26 June

the role of Assistant Superintendent for the next year. You are a wonderful group of people, and I cherish the friendships I have built during my time here and before. I hope to stay in touch and help wherever I can.

My Best Regards to Everyone,

*Bob Baker*

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## Clerk's Report Buckeye Division, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Membership Meeting The Guernsey Valley Model Railroad Club Cambridge 6 April 2025

Matt Goodman, Clerk

### Call to Order

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Matt Goodman, Division 6 Clerk, at 2:00 p.m.

### Division 6 Officers Present:

Clerk	Matt Goodman
Paymaster	Carter Jastram
Achievement Program	Dick Briggs, MMR®

### Division 6 Chairs Present:

<i>Buckeye Express</i> Convention	Greg Short
Company Store	Greg Short
Raffle	Scott Brown
Train Show	Greg Short

### Absent:

Superintendent	Bob Baker
Assistant Superintendent	Michael Percy
Director	Ken McDonough
Director	Don Wilke
Director	Mike Wolf, MMR®
Contest	Don Wilke
Election Nominations	Harry "Butch" Sage
Membership Retention/Recruitment	Mike Wolf, MMR®
Membership Programs	Ken McDonough
<i>Super's Signal</i> Publisher	Michael Percy
Webmaster	Don Wilke
	Don Wilke

### Announcements

Matt Goodman stated that Bob Baker was unable to attend due to illness and sent his best wishes.

Matt thanked Jonathon Thompson, President of *The Guernsey Valley Model Railroad Club*, along with members George, John, Mark, Chuck, and others for hosting the *Buckeye Division's Monthly Membership Meeting*. He acknowledged the significant effort the club made to re-establish and re-incorporate itself.

Matt also mentioned that this would be a shorter meeting due to attendance and to allow time to view the extensive railroad. The reports section of this document is also very brief for this reason.

Matt then welcomed new member Terry O'Shea. Terry is a transplant from Luton, UK, about twenty miles north of London. He spent his formative years train spotting as a teenager during the steam era (around 1957). One memorable spot was a Beyer-Garrett, an unusual locomotive in his area. Terry's work brought him to Ohio many years ago, and

**Note:** This Clerk's Report, which appeared in the April issue of the *Signal*, is being reprinted here for your reference during the June meeting.

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he currently models American prototype in O-Scale.

**Reports**

**Super's Signal Report:** No report. However, Matt confirmed with Don Wilke after the meeting that the deadline for the May issue is Sunday, April 13th.

**Retention and Recruitment Report:** Matt Goodman for Mike Wolf. We need two volunteers to set up tables for the *Lancaster Hobby Expo* on Friday, April 11, and two more volunteers to manage the Buckeye Division's recruiting table from 12-3 on Saturday, April 12. Doug Kullman and Joe Brackett have both tentatively offered their help, pending calendar checks.

**Achievement Program Report:** Dick Briggs. Dick presented **Carter Jastram** with a *Certificate of Achievement for Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical*. Carter accepted it with a wide smile! Well done, Carter!

**Buckeye Express Convention:** Greg Short. Greg gave a brief report on the registration count; just over 100 individuals have signed up for the convention.

**Program:** Matt Goodman for Michael Percy and Mike Wolf. Members should reach out to either person with suggestions for Clinics or Mini-Clinics at Marion.

**Old Business:**

There was no Old Business to address.

**New Business:**

There was no New Business to address.

**Club Reports:**

No club member presented a club report.

**Raffle:**

Scott Brown

There was no raffle held at the Cambridge meeting due to space constraints limitations.

We appreciate the support of our members for the division through the purchase of raffle tickets and donations of raffle prizes. If you would like to donate a potential raffle prize, please get in touch with Scott Brown.

**Contest**

**Virtual Photo Contest–Caboose:** The photo contest resulted in a three-way tie for all positions. They are:

**1st Place (Tie)**

Bob Baker, *D&RGW at Osier Colorado*

Ken McDonough, *Pennsy N5 cabin car in Bradford, OH.*

Howdy Lamprecht, *BC Rail Caboose #1874 over Ice Fork Creek*

♦ Everyone assumed this was Bob Baker's photo.

**2nd Place (Tie)**

Matt Goodman, *A lonely B&O caboose on a farm*

♦ Matt said the photo was taken on old US23 (now called Orr Road), immediately south of Kinnikinnick Creek in Ross County. He had no story about how the caboose ended up there and assumed it was a foamer like us. The photo was taken with a Nikon D5500 using a 300mm "travel" lens.

Mike Wolf, *Caboose next to an Art Gallery in Steamboat Springs CO.*

Mike Wolf, *New Mexico Rail Runner Express Caboose*

**3rd Place (Tie)**

Matt Goodman, *Two Laserkits models of the N&W CF Caboose*

♦ Matt noted that one of the kits was built by his father, the other by himself. The photo was taken on his layout in front of Maizo Mills.

Doug Kullman, *NYC caboose at the NYC Museum in Elkhart, IN.*

Ken McDonough, *CN van at Confederation Bridge Park in Borden, Prince Edward Island*

♦ This was also thought to be Bob Baker's photo!

**Model Contest–Caboose:** Today's winners are:

**Second Place:** Greg Short, *Mononncahela Caboose #68*

**First Place:** Dick Briggs, *CTS #X6 Work Train Caboose*

The June 21st contest is a **Favorite Train** for both the Virtual photo and Model Contest.

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

**Good of the Order:**

**Steering Committee Meetings:** The Steering Committee meetings typically occur on the Thursday before a Division meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Any member can attend any Steering Committee meeting. If you're interested in attending, please contact Superintendent Bob Baker for the Zoom meeting link.

**Next Division 6 Membership Meeting:** The next Division 6 meeting will be on Saturday, June 21st. Keep an eye on the *Signal* for the start time. This is our annual long-form meeting. Be sure to check the website and *Super's Signal* for exact details, as things may have changed since this report was written.

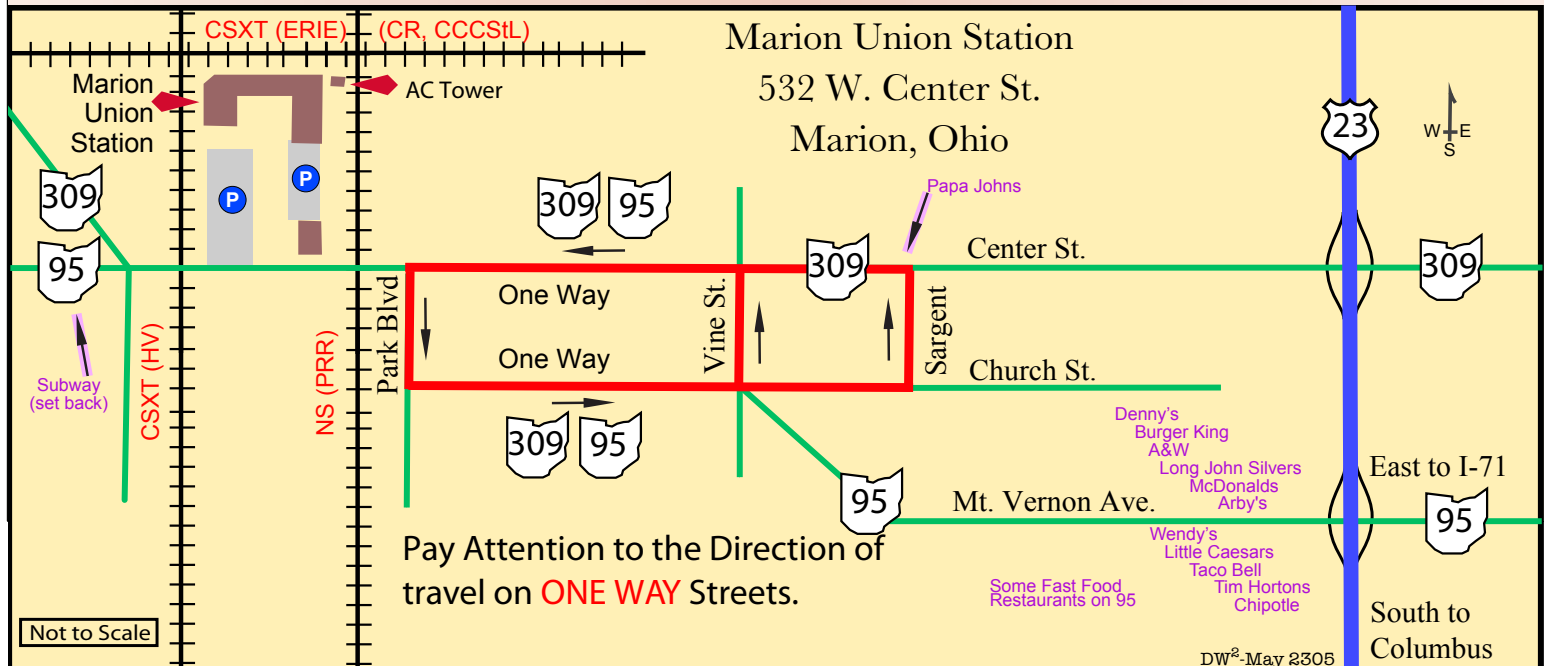
**Adjournment:**

Matt adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm so the train watching could continue.

## Division 6 – 2025 Time Table

Date	Event	Meeting	City
18 January (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Hilltop Library</b> Clinic: Contests: <b>Open Car with Load</b>	Columbus
23 January	Super's Signal Deadline		
16 February (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting <b>Canceled</b> (Snow Storm)	Business Meeting: <b>Gahanna Library</b> Clinic: <i>Automating a Walthers Turntable using Arduino</i> , Bill Morgan Contests: <b>Non-Revenue / MOW</b>	Gahanna
20 February	Super's Signal Deadline		
16 March (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Smoke Stack Hobbies</b> Clinic: <i>Automating a Walthers Turntable using Arduino</i> , Bill Morgan Model Contests: <b>Non-Steam Locomotive &amp; Non-Revenue / MOW</b>	Lancaster
20 March	Super's Signal Deadline		
6 April (Sunday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Cambridge Club</b> Clinics: Contests: <b>Caboose</b>	Cambridge
10 April	Super's Signal Deadline		
15-18 May	MCR Convention	<b>The Buckeye Express</b>	Dublin
21 June (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Annual Meeting & Business Meeting: <b>Marion Union Station</b> Mini Clinics: Contest: Photo: <b>Favorite Train</b> ; Bring-N-Brag: <b>Favorite Train</b>	Marion
June	Super's Signal Deadline		

16 August (Saturday)	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <b>Westerville Library, Meeting Room A</b> Clinic: Model Contests:	Westerville
22 August	Super's Signal Deadline		





## Celebrating 90 Years!

Ken McDonough  
Membership Coordinator

The January 2025 issue of *NMRA Magazine* features several articles commemorating the 90th anniversary of the NMRA. Bulletin #1 from the NMRA dated November 1935 (found on page 11) then said in part: "The National Model Railroad Association was formed with the following purposes:

ESTABLISH STANDARDS -  
PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP -  
FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT - HOLD NATIONAL EXHIBITS -  
ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR MERCHANDISE."

I am thankful for those dedicated folks who came before to develop and promote standards so our models are inter-



changeable and we can operate on each other's layouts. Today, in Division 6, we continue to strive to serve these same goals by promoting fellowship and facilitating the exchange of information about the hobby during our monthly meetings, presenting clinics, sharing *What's On Your Workbench* in discussion groups, meeting to build and operate layouts, and much more. Let's continue to find ways to encourage others to enjoy this hobby, share our skills, exchange information about prototype railroads and operations, and encourage others to join the NMRA. Each of us is an ambassador for this great hobby - let's do all we can to promote it!



## Retention Committee Progress Report

By Mike Wolf, MMR®

### The Times They Are A Changin'

I've titled this month's committee report with lyrics from Bob Dylan because it best sums up what will be going on at Division 6 meetings in the future. While the Committee will formally meet to discuss the final survey results between the time I write this and when you read it, incoming Superintendent Dick Briggs and I have already discussed several key changes as we work to transform monthly Division 6 meetings to an environment of Modelers Helping Modelers.

Gone from our monthly meetings are most of the business we have discussed in the past. The "business" portion of the meetings will be limited to Good of the Order-type discussions – upcoming events and Division activities, major decisions made by the Board, etc. If you want details on finances, retention, etc., attend a Board (Bored?) or Steering Committee meeting. The Board of Directors (BOD) meets nearly monthly, and most meetings are held via Zoom. Members cannot vote but are welcome to tune in at any time.

So what other changes can you expect to see? More layout tours, some clinics, but mostly member-led discussions on modeling. Examples include meetings focused on specific topics, such as benchwork and backdrops, wiring your layout, laying track, building structures, modeling scenery and water, AP criteria, and how to tackle paperwork, among many others. If you attended our discussion on adhesives at Smoke Stack Hobbies several years ago, the format will be similar: the discussion leader will organize subtopics in each area, and members will share their successes, failures, and questions regarding the topic. Modelers helping modelers is what we should be all about.

Contests will also change. A rotation of themes will remain (i.e. open freight car, diesel locomotive, passenger car, etc.), but instead of just looking and voting, the member bringing the model will discuss it—the what, when, where, and/or how they modeled it—with an opportunity for others to ask questions. It's a chance to bring, brag, and learn from each other.

There are more exciting short- and long-term ideas and projects emerging from the Retention Committee and your survey inputs. You'll hear more about these in the future. Until then, keep modeling (and good luck getting Bob Dylan's song and harmonica solo out of your head)!





## Buckeye Express Convention

Various Division Members



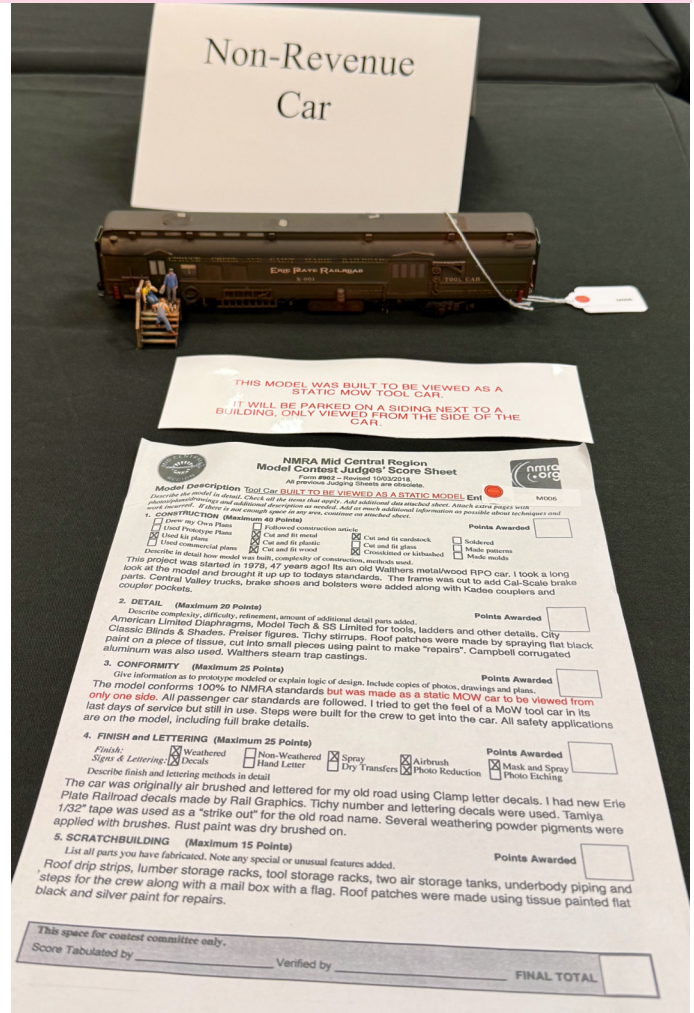
A few model entries in the contest room



A few photograph entered in the Photo Contest



Scott Brown pays a convention attendee in the Store.



A Non-Revenue Car with judging form



A display in the Contest Room



## **Buckeye Express Convention Banquet**

*Various Division Members*



*Superintendent Bob Baker speaking at the Convention Banquet*



*The Banquet attendees by Matt Goodman*

## **Buckeye Express Convention Banquet**

*Various Division Members*



*Jim Kehn receives his MMR® plaque*



*Jim Kehn shakes hands with all the MMR®s attending the banquet, including Dick Briggs MMR®, Mike Wolf MMR®, and Howdy Lamprecht MMR®, after receiving his MMR® plaque.*



## Buckeye Express Convention Photos

Various Division Members



Mrs. Brown pulls the winning Door Prize Ticket while Superintendent Greg Short supervises



Scott Brown presents Bob Weinheimer with a \$100 ScaleTrains Door Prize



New MCR President Jerry Doyle Presents retiring President David Neff with a Certificate of Appreciation





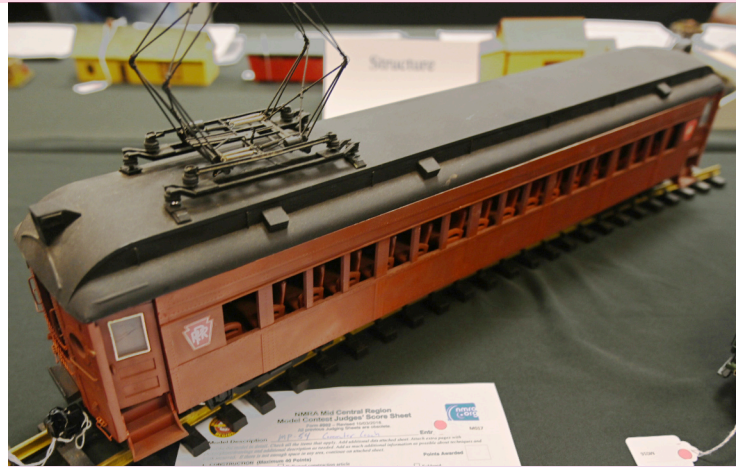
## Buckeye Express Convention Contest Winners

Photos by dave Williams

### First Place Winners



Arts & Crafts  
Dick Briggs, MMR®



Passenger Car  
Brian Fowler



Caboose  
Harry Sage



Model, B&W Print  
Micheal Wolf, MMR®



Model, Color Print  
Micheal Wolf, MMR®



## Second Place Winners



*Passenger Car  
Brian Fowler*



*Model, Black & White Print  
Micheal Wolf, MMR®*

## Third Place Winners



*Model, Color Print  
David Matheny*



*Model, Black & White Print  
Micheal Wolf, MMR®*





1st Place (Tie) Virtual Photo  
by Bob Baker  
Copyright by the entrant



1st Place (Tie) Virtual Photo  
by Howdy Lamprecht,  
Copyright by the entrant

## Company Store Update

Greg Short

The gondola kits are currently sold out. Division 6 has ordered a Bowser Oil Tank Car kit for the *Buckeye Express Convention*, and sales have begun. The division is offering the kits to its members for \$25 each. The kit includes three different build dates, one of which is Jimmy Ruisinger's birthday. This price is valid only if a division member purchases the kits for personal use. Members must pay for and pick up an Oil Tank Car kit at a division meeting. We will provide the shipping costs and ordering details on the Division 6 Store Page on the Division Archive website.





## A Contest Story

Butch Sage



*First Place Caboose as NOT entered in the contest  
Harry Sage*

On Thursday evening of the recently concluded regional convention, I made a pass through the contest room. I was honestly surprised by the low number of entries in certain categories. Before leaving on Friday morning to head to Dublin, I stopped in the basement and grabbed two older models from the shelf: a boxcar (which won the rolling stock category at this year's Midwest Narrow Gauge Show) and a caboose. When I arrived at the hotel, I picked up the forms from the contest room, filled them out, and entered my models. Was I expecting to win? Nah...I just wanted to see more models in the contest.

I didn't make it to the hotel on Saturday until late afternoon because I was on the layout tour. Since I couldn't get back before things shut down, Scott and the staff packed up the estate items I had brought for the yard sale. Ken McD had managed to wrangle that box and also picked up my two contest models

and put them in his room. When I arrived, got Ken's door card, and gathered up my belongings, lo and behold, there was a ribbon, a blue ribbon, with them. My caboose had won 1st place! WOW! It's a nice little model, but it's nothing earth-shattering. Did it qualify for an AP Merit Award? Not even close, but it earned enough to win the category. It's a Bachmann 4-wheel bobber, but it has a pretty good finish, in my opinion. However, the important part is the six couplers that allow it to serve as an idler car to couple narrow gauge and standard gauge cars.

The moral of my story is, don't be afraid to enter a model or two in the contest! You'll probably receive some nice compliments and, likely, some positive feedback. And you just might win an award too!

**Editor:** how did you weather the Caboose? Answer: It's been sitting on the shelf for ages and ages.



# Seventh Annual NMRA Division 6

# Train Show

## Cambridge Ohio

**Sunday**

**October 26, 2025**

**10 am to 3 pm**



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