

Super's Signal

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Superintendent's Report

Dick Briggs, MMR®, Division 6 Superintendent

Well, summer is almost history. It's time to get serious about working on the railroad. The Division Train Show broke the record for paying attendance this year. The vendors were happy, and we made a few dollars.

Thanks to all the division members for the hard work and extra hours spent making this event a successful and enjoyable endeavor. A special at-a-boy to Greg Short, the Train Show Chairman, for a job well done.

The November Program Meeting will feature a discussion of scenery, methods, materials, and techniques. Please visit the website for details on time and location. Layout tours will follow the meeting,

December 13th will be our first Annual Holiday Dinner. Make sure to bring your significant other. City Barbecue is catering dinner, featuring brisket, pulled pork, and all the fixings. The cost is \$25 per person, and reservations must be made by December 1 to ensure we can arrange an excellent experience for you. You can make your reservations with Carter Jastram at the November meeting or contact him by email. There will be a White Elephant raffle after dinner as well as a Bring N Brag, with bridges and trestles as the subject matter. If you want to participate in the White Elephant raffle, please mark your present as male or ladies and indicate the suggested value of \$20. C the festivities!

See you in Mt Vernon

Dick Briggs, MMR®



13 November (**Thursday**) Business Meeting on Zoom

15 November (**Saturday**) Woodward Opera House 107 South Main Street Mount Vernon, OH

1:00: Program Meeting at the Woodward Opera House

1:10: *Non-Revenue*, MOW Bring-N-Brag Submissions Open

1:30: Welcome and General Announcements

1:45: Bring-N-Brag: *Non-Revenue*, MOW

2:00: Discussion: *Scenery*

3:00: Open Layouts: Kokosing Club, Percy

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Clerk's Report Buckeye Division, Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc. Business Meeting (Zoom)

16 October 2025

Matt Goodman, Clerk

Note:

The Business Meetings are scheduled for the Thursday before our Program Meeting at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Check the website for the exact date in the timetable. Any member can attend the Business Meeting. Contact Clerk Matt Goodman for the Zoom link if you're interested in attending.

Call to order:

The Division 6 Meeting was called to order by Dick Briggs, Division 6 Superintendent, at 7:02 p.m.

Division 6 Officers Present:

Dick Briggs®: Superintendent

Michael Wolf®: Asst. Superintendent, Webmaster

Matt Goodman: Clerk, Media

Carter Jastram: Paymaster

Mark Krueger: Director

Donald Wilke: Director, *Super's Signal* Publisher

Division 6 Chairs Present:

Butch Sage: Elections

Raffle: Scott Brown

Absent:

Ken McDonough: Director

Jim Kehn®: Achievement Program

Michael Percy: Nominations

Greg Short: Company Store, Train Show

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Reports:

Clerk's Report: Matt Goodman

The members in attendance approved the Clerk's Report, as published in the August 2025 *Super's Signal*, pp. 2-4.

Paymaster's Report: Carter Jastram

All convention finances are settled and complete. The convention accounts can now be closed. So far, eight people have paid for the Christmas Party. The group discussed December 1 as the cutoff date. The members present approved the Paymaster's Report, pending audit.

Achievement Program Report: Dick Briggs for Jim Kehn

Jim has AP certificates in hand for three members.

Modular Layout: Butch Sage

Butch reported that no member has come forward to take leadership of a modular layout effort and suggested the proposal be tabled. Scott Brown initiated a discussion about the value such an effort could bring to the division in terms of engagement and the potential to attract new members, as well as the possibility of selling the modules if it doesn't work out. Mike Wolf noted that there are module groups that a division module would compete against for engagement. Matt Goodman added that existing module groups have an engaged leader who keeps them viable and suggested that informal discussions and arm-twisting at meetings should continue. There was also additional discussion about storage and transport. The effort was not officially tabled.

Communications

Webmaster: Mike Wolf

Mike has draft pages for the January and February programs ready on the website; he needs to confirm the locations and finalize the bookings. He has also added the Regional Convention information provided by Ron Morgan.

Media (Groups.io, Socials, Mailing List): Matt Goodman

Matt referred to the group in his comment on the Facebook advertising campaign.

Super's Signal Report: Don Wilke

The next deadline for the Signal is Thursday, October 23rd.

Train Show Report: Dick Briggs for Greg Short

Greg has sold 107 tables. He is waiting for the venue to tell him how many 8-foot tables they have. He has a demand for up to 120 tables. The N-Scale layout from Athens will not be attending this year due to issues.

Matt Goodman reported the results of the first phase of the Facebook advertising campaign and requested the board's approval of the second phase for the days leading up to the show. A motion to allocate an addi-

tional \$50 was approved after some discussion about duration and budget.

Membership Report: Ken McDonough, via email
Division 6 currently has 140 members. Two members passed away earlier this year: Ed Block in March and Ken Heyl in August. Ken informed Susan Straub and Paul Novak at NMRA of the corrections.

There were six renewals in August. Seven members are 30 days past due on their renewals, and five members are 60 days past due.

If members have questions about their membership status, they should contact Ken. Visit the website contact page for details.

Old Business

Buckeye Convention Report: Greg Short

Greg was absent; no report. See the Paymaster's report for a brief discussion of convention accounts.

Company Store, Raffle: Scott Brown

Scott said thirty-six Tichy tank car models remain. Three kits have only Buckeye Fuel Oil decals, while the remaining thirty-three have both the BFO and Davies Steel decals. There was a discussion about where to sell them at the upcoming train show. Mike suggested selling them at the recruiting table. The group discussed acceptable payment methods and agreed on cash and personal checks. Scott will prepare printed pricing and check-writing details to display at the recruiting table.

New Business

Program: Mike Wolf

October's program includes the Train Show and Ops Weekend. We need a moderator for the November Scenery topic. Slides are prepared for November, but the moderator will need to edit them (there are over 120 slides).

The Timetable is finalized through June 2026 on the website. He still needs to schedule library rooms once the booking window opens. He has discussed potential layout tours with hosts through next June.

Holiday Party: Dick Briggs

No significant additional reporting (see Paymaster report as well). Dick noted that the Saint Mary Magdeline Church is wheelchair accessible, with an elevator available to access the basement. The date is

set for December 13th. See the website for details: [Holiday Party](#).

Operations Weekend: Mike Wolf

Mike said we are good to go. Nine people have registered for a total of ten slots. Mike will send out a survey next week to find out why the response was lower than expected. The group discussed some ideas to improve response.

Nominating Committee: Michael Percy

No report given.

Good of the Order, Other Business

PPM (Policy and Procedures Manual): Mike Wolf

Mike sent out a new version of the PPM with comments. He would like each officer to review their respective sections to determine if any changes are

needed to align with our new way of operating, including separate Business and Program meetings.

Butch warned that any PPM changes cannot conflict with the Regulations. The February Program meeting should be designated as a special meeting due to its impact on nominations and elections.

Don Wilke believes that the current wording of the regulations allows for a membership meeting before a Program meeting.

Dick proposed calling a special meeting at the start of a Program meeting.

Butch asked if we couldn't discuss election-related content during the membership meeting.

Dick believes it's important for more members to see and be aware of this process.

Adjournment

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

OPERATION WEEKEND WRAP UP

By Mike Wolf, MMR®

On October 18 and 19, the Buckeye Division hosted its inaugural "Ops Til U Drop" weekend. Although there were some last-minute changes, four layouts hosted approximately 15 members during three different time slots. More than half of the members were new to operations.

I want to thank the layout owners who offered to host for the weekend – Richard Argo, Steve Hipes, Howdy Lamprecht, David Matheny, Michael Percy, and Christopher Walsh.

Additionally, we are currently collecting feedback through a survey. Whether you participated or not, we'd like your opinion and feedback. The survey is only four questions long and can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B6D2YZZ>

Of course, you can also provide your comments and suggestions directly to me at wvunion@gmail.com



*Thom and David perform their switching moves on Steve Hipes' Columbus Belt.
(Photo by Steve Hipes)*



DIVISION 6 OFFICIAL TIMETABLE

(Valid 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026)

Date	Meeting	Discussion Topic	Bring'n Brag	Layout Open House(s)	Location
Nov 13 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Nov 15 (Sat)	Program	Scenery	Non-Revenue/MOW	Kokosing Club / Percy	Woodward Opera House, Mt Vernon
Nov 20 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Dec 11 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Dec 13 (Sat)	Social	Holiday Party	Bridge / Trestle	White Elephant Gift Exchange	St Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus
Dec 18 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
2026					
Jan 15 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Jan 17 (Sat)	Program	Painting Cars and Structures	Open Car w/Load	Walsh /Sage (T)	Johnstown Library
Jan 22 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Feb 19 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Feb 21 (Sat)	Program	AP/Building a Freight Car Fleet	Steam Loco	Argo/Matheny (T)	Hilliard Library (T)
Feb 26 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Mar 19 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Mar 22 (Sun)	Program	Weathering cars & locos	Weathered Car or Loco	CORMAC(T)/Richter (T)	Upper Arlington Library (T)
Mar 26 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Apr 16 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Apr 18 (Sat)	Program	Building cars	Caboose	Severson (T)	Newark Library (T)
Apr 23 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
May 14 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
May 16 (Sat)	Program	DCC- systems & decoders	Non-steam Loco	Zanesville Club (T)	Zanesville (T)
May 21 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Jun 4-7	Convention	MCR- Dayton		Whistle Stop Dayton 2026	Dayton
Jun 18 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Jun 20 (Sat)	Program	Mini Clinics/Annual Meeting	Favorite Train	Marion Club	Marion
Jun 25 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			

Dates and locations for the Jan and Feb Program meetings have changed



Setting up



Vendors setting up



Vendors setting up



Admissions table



Tank Car Sales



Happy customers
Photo by Matt Goodman



Operation Lifesaver



Information Table



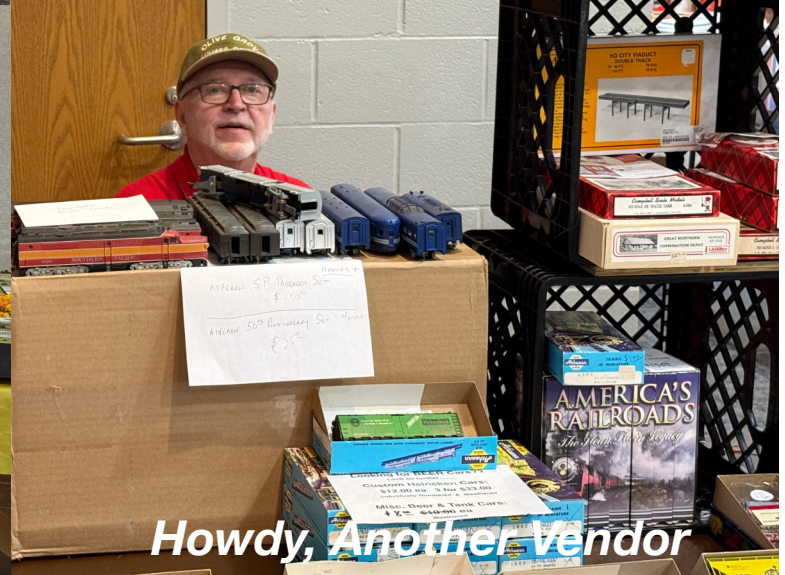
Division 6 Vendors



Customers



The Only Operating Trains



Howdy, Another Vendor



More Happy Customers
Photo by Matt Goodman



Another Happy Vendor

Company Store Update



The Buckeye Division is offering *Buckeye Fuel Oil Company* tank car 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, pays for them, and picks them up at a division meeting. Shipping costs and ordering details are available on the Division 6 Store Page on the Division Archive website.

New Limited-Edition *Davies Steel Company* Tank Car. Davies Steel was the layout designed by Dean Feytag, MMR®, a notable former member of the Buckeye Division and author of the book about steel mills and railroads. The limited edition *Davie Steel* decals are included in many, but not all, of the *Buckeye Fuel Oil Company* tank car kits. There is no extra charge, and since this is a limited edition, you cannot request a set of decals for a tank car you have already purchased. [Photos by Harry "Butch" Sage]

New NMRA Vision

The NMRA has released an updated vision, Vision 2035, for the organization. This vision updates the focus of the NMRA's standards, advocacy, fellowship, and education initiatives. The NMRA vision plan comprises several components, including a division's standards checklist. The Buckeye Division meets about 90% of the standards. Vision 2035 can be found at

https://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/marketing/2025_rebranding/NMRA_Vision2035_WorkPlan2026.pdf

Additionally, the NMRA has introduced a new logo for itself. The logo is designed to include variations of the region and division names. If you look at the division logos for the Mid Central Region, you might not realize they all represent the same organization. The new NMRA logo will feature either region or division information to unify all parts of the NMRA. Mike Wolf has added the new NMRA logo to the bottom of the division's website.



Whistle Stop Dayton MID-CENTRAL REGION CONVENTION

June 4 - 7, 2026
DAYTON, OHIO



**Layout Tours and Op Sessions
Model Contest,/Celebration, Displays,
Clinics, Self-Guided Tours, Consignment Sales & Banquet**

**Clinics
Held in
Three
Rooms**

Clinics Morning, Afternoon and Evening

Topics include: Prototype and Models that Followed,
Growing Up with the V & O plus Dayton & Troy Electric Railroad

Model Contests/Celebration:

Models Judged by AP

Company Store: Will be offering Convention Cars

Self-Guided Local Attractions:

Rail Tours, Non-rail Activities, including area Museums and Historical sites

Layout Tours & OP Sessions: Self Guided Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Evening Displays: T-Trak

Consignment Sales: Sell your excess items

Banquet Speake: Otto M. Vondrak

Clinic Topic

The Impact of Allen McClelland's
Virginia & Ohio

Banquet Topic:

90 Years of the RMC History



For More Information and Reservations

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Host Hotel - Marriott University of Dayton