

Super's Signal

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Superintendent's Report

Ken McDonough, Buckeye Division Superintendent

From the Super's desk.....

We had a great turnout at our **Program Meeting** on Sunday, July 19, at the **Columbus Metropolitan Library in Groveport**. Many thanks to **Mike Wolf** and **Matt Goodman** for organizing the program, which featured a discussion about *Tools and Layout Maintenance*. There was a great review of tools we use to construct a layout, with the main focus on laying track, building kits, and so on. And, we also discussed good ways to clean track and things to avoid. I'm sure we all have our favorite tools, always keeping safety in mind! I was surprised there was not a more spirited discussion about track cleaning, too! Good to see so many of you share in the discussion.

Many thanks to **Bill Morgan** and **Mike Yoakum** for hosting our *Layout Tour*, and to **Bill Brobst** for having the N-Scale layout at the *Canal Winchester Depot* open. **Bill** is doing some neat things with electronics, and it was good to see how much progress he is making on the layout. **Mike's** On3 layout is superbly detailed, and I enjoyed admiring all of the structures

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

15 August (**Saturday**) Program Meeting Mt Vernon Library 28 South First Avenue Mt. Vernon

- 1:00: Mt Vernon Library Room opens
- 1:30: Welcome and General Announcement
- Bring-N-Brag: *Patriotic Train, Loco or Big Boy Photos*
- Discussion: *Decoders, Lighting*
- Tours: Kokosing Layout

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and scenes he has included. And the layout in the *Canal Winchester Depot* nicely depicts "how things used to be." We were even treated to seeing a local train pass by on the I&O Ry, that was neat!

Our next *Program Meeting* will be in *Mount Vernon* on Saturday, August 15. With the sad news that the *Mount Vernon Club Layout, the Kokosing Valley Central Model*



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Clerk's Report

Buckeye Division,

Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.

Business Meeting (Zoom)

16 July 2026

Matt Goodman, Clerk

Note

The *Buckeye Division Business Meetings* are held on the Thursday before
our *Program Meeting*, at 7:00 p.m. via *Zoom*. See the *Timetable Page* on
the website for the exact date. Any division member may attend the *Busi-
ness Meetings*. If you want to attend, contact **Clerk Matt Goodman** at
NmraBuckeyeDivision@gmail.com to get the Zoom information.

Call to Order

The *Buckeye Division Business Meeting* was called to order by **Ken Mc-
Donough, Buckeye Division Superintendent**, at 7:00 p.m.

Buckeye Division Officers Present:

Superintendent

Ken McDonough

Asst. Superintendent, Webmaster

Michael Wolf, MMR[®]

Paymaster

Carter Jastram

Clerk, Media Chair

Matt Goodman

Director, Company Store Chair

Scott Brown

Director, Membership Chair

Mark Krueger

Director, *Super's Signal* Publisher

Donald Wilke

Buckeye Division Chairs Present:

Achievement Program Chair

Howdy Lamprecht, MMR[®]

Elections Chair

Butch Sage

Train Show Chair, Car Projects Chair

Greg Short

T-Trak Chair

Scott Moline

Absent:

Superintendent Emeritus

Dick Briggs, MMR[®]

Facebook Page

Dave Wetterstrom

Announcements

Superintendent **Ken McDonough** gave a brief recap of the *Dayton Re-
gional Convention*. He noted that one topic of discussion among regional
leaders covered how smaller divisions can manage a convention, possibly
through combining divisions.

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Railroad, will need to vacate their space next year. I'd encourage all of our members to take the time to visit. They have a terrific, highly detailed layout, and this is a good chance to see it in action. We certainly hope they are able to find new space to relocate soon!

Our *August Program Meeting* will feature a discussion about *Decoders and Lighting*. We have several members who have a lot of experience installing decoders, and I am

looking forward to hearing them share. And, our Bring-N-Brag will feature photos of the *Union Pacific Big Boy # 4014*, especially on its *East Coast Tour*. I was able to get out and see the train at a few places, and it was an impressive sight! I am looking forward to seeing you in *Mount Vernon*. Come out and join the fun!

Ken McDonough

Upcoming Program Meetings

Mike Wolf, Program Chair

Has it been hot enough for you to head to the basement to cool off and do some modeling? With the *Big Boy Eastern Tour* in the rearview window, the *Buckeye Division* is highbaling through summer with an information-filled schedule of monthly *Program Meetings and Layout Tours*.

For August, the *Program Meeting* travels to *Mt Vernon*. Our meeting is scheduled at the *Mt. Vernon Library* on Saturday, Aug 15th. The topic of the month will be *DCC Decoders and Lighting*. Picking a DCC Decoder, Tools and Materials Used in Installation, and numerous examples of decoder and lighting installations will be discussed. *Bring-N-Brag* will be more *Patriotic Trains or Locomotives* (photos or models) or your photos of the *Big Boy*.

Additionally, the *Kokosing Club* will be hosting an Open House after the meeting. This may be the last chance to see their layout in its current location, as they will likely move later this year.

In September, we'll close out the summer in *Upper Arlington* with *Building Structures and Researching Prototype Structures*. The *Achievement Program* guys will also talk about *AP Scoring*. *Structures* will be the *Bring-N-Brag* item of the month. Two open houses will be available after the meeting: *Mark Krueger's* new HO-Scale and the recently overhauled *Central Ohio Model Railroad Club*, including progress on their new HO-Scale Layout.

Also in this edition of the *Super's Signal*, you'll find the twelve-month Timetable for Divisional, Regional, and National events.

As always, get the latest meeting updates from the Buckeye Division's website:

<https://www.nmrabuckeyedivision.org/upcoming>

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Reports

Program Clerk's Report: Matt Goodman

The *Program Meeting Clerk's Report* was approved as published in the July *Super's Signal*, starting on page 2.

Paymaster's Report: Carter Jastram

Carter shared the current balances, as communicated to the *Board of Directors* via email. His report covered transactions through June 30. Credits included income from *Car Kits*, the *Marion Weathering Clinic*, and pre-sales for the

Cambridge Train Show tables. Expenses included a donation to the *Marion Union Station Association* and *Weathering Clinic* materials.

Carter has completed an estimate for the *Buckeye Division's* sales taxes for the first half of the year. These are due on July 23, and his estimate is about \$26. Carter shared his tax tracking spreadsheet with the *Board of Directors*.

Acceptance of the *Paymaster's Report* was moved, seconded, and passed, subject to audit.

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Committee Reports

Achievement Program: Howdy Lamprecht

Howdy reported that he and other AP evaluators visited **Michael Yoakum's** home to evaluate **Structures, Scenery, and Civil Categories**. **Howdy** will present **Michael** with his **Structure and Scenery Certificates** at the July meeting.

Howdy also reported that **Paul Bender** is planning to have his **Electrical Category** judged at the **National Convention** in **Chattanooga**.

Discussion: **Ken McDonough** shared feedback from **Dick Briggs** that it's hard to find the **AP Information** on **National's website**. He would like a direct link to the **National AP Information** on the **Buckeye Division's website**, and a write-up on the webpage explaining how to navigate it. **Webmaster Mike Wolf** will work with **Howdy** to accomplish this. (Edit: Our website was updated on July 18. The link already existed; the verbiage and format were improved.)

Company Store, Raffle: Scott Brown

Scott reported that all **Tichy Tank Cars** are sold. He is prepared for the new **Covered Hoppers** when they arrive.

Buckeye Division Website: Mike Wolf

Mike said that our web hosting site has auto-renewed in the past week. **Mike** modified the transaction to cover two years to gain a lower rate. He's made website updates related to the **Program Meetings** and published the 12-month **Timetable**. He will look into the requested AP changes and said to review the **AP Report**.

Community Outreach: Mike Wolf.

Mike has not had many responses from **Hobby Shops, local Manufacturers, and Clubs** that he has reached out to about having a listing on our website. He has made fliers for the **Train Show**, and included the community outreach information on that.

Discussion: The group will reach out to their contacts or shops they frequent to offer the plug or listing.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke

The deadline for the **August Super's Signal** is Thursday, July 23rd. **Don** said the next issue will include a short blurb about **Regional Officer** positions that are open— **President, VP, and Clerk**.

New Car Project: Greg Short

Greg sent a check to **Accurail** to get the process started. The cars will go into production soon. **Accurail** is running behind due to a failure of one of their two injection molding machines, which they are in the process of replacing.

Train Show: Mike Wolf.

Mike worked with **Darrell and Connie Logan** to print fliers for the **Train Show**. He will solicit people at the July meeting to get volunteers to deliver fliers to shops and clubs in order to save on postage. The remainder he will mail. **Don** suggested we send a flier to the **Division 2 Newsletter editor**.

Media Report: Matt Goodman

New **Social Media Volunteer Dave Wetterstroem** posted to the division's **Facebook Page**. **Matt** will update the **MailChimp** and **Wix** mail lists with the latest membership details next week.

Discussion: Brief conversation about when names should be removed from mailing lists after members leave the NMRA. The previous policy has been to leave names on the list so that former members are kept aware of activities that might draw them back. Other options are to remove names when they fall onto the 90-day lists, or once per year.

Also discussed adding groups.io mailing list invitations for new and re-raild members to **Matt's** monthly list maintenance.

Facebook & Social Media: Dave Wetterstroem

No report given.

Membership Report: Ken McDonough & Mark Krueger.

Ken said there were no new members in June; our membership held steady at 142. New **Membership Chair Mark Krueger** audited and confirmed **Ken's** report.

If members have questions about their membership status, contact **Mark Krueger**. See the website contact page for details.

T-Trak: Scott Moline.

Scott has possession of the **Buckeye Division's T-Trak** end caps and rolling stock. He reported that the end caps are solid, but need some updates. He noted that the rolling stock is mostly very old or low quality and recommended they be retired.

A motion to that end was raised, seconded, and passed that **Scott** can dispose of the models as he sees fit, including the recycle bin. He reported on **Columbus N-Scalers** who meet socially and have very nice modules. **Scott** thinks they may be a source of potential members, and they are open to setting up a layout at the **Coshocton Train Show**.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Ken McDonough noted he is now in possession of the **Buckeye Division laptop, laser pointer-clicker**, and the **division's newer projector**. **Matt Goodman** still has possession of the antique projector.

The next **BOD Steering Committee Meeting** is Thursday, August 13, by Zoom. All members are welcome. Contact Clerk **Matt Goodman** for the Zoom information if you'd like to join.

August Program Meeting is Saturday, August 15 – Mount

Good of the Order

Ken McDonough said **Bill Brobst** is looking for help working on and maintaining the layout at the **Canal Winchester Historical Society, the Depot**. If you'd like to lend a hand, reach out to **Bill** or anyone on the **Buckeye Division Board** so we can put you in touch.

Adjournment

The **Business Meeting** was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Bring-N-Bragg



George and Mike brought their 250th Celebration models to the Southeast Library Meeting for Bring-N-Bag. Dave brought a modified caboose, replacing the original cupola with a 3D-printed cupola.



Don't Just Belong, Participate!!

**Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Program Meeting
South East Library
19 July 2026**

Matt Goodman, Clerk

Call to Order

The *Buckeye Division's Program Meeting* was called to order by Ken McDonough, *Buckeye Division Superintendent*, at 1:30 p.m.

Buckeye Division Officers Present:

Superintendent	Ken McDonough
Asst. Superintendent	Michael Wolf, MMR®
Clerk	Matt Goodman
Paymaster	Carter Jastram
Director	Scott Brown
Director	Mark Krueger
Director	Donald Wilke
Superintendent Emeritus	Dick Briggs, MMR®

AP Chair Howdy Lamprecht, MMR®, presented **Michael Yoakum** with 8 Merit Awards, seven for *structures* and another for one for *scenery*. The *AP Awards* for the categories are making their way through National. Nice work, **Michael!**



Superintendent Ken McDonough presented Superintendent Emeritus Dick Briggs, MMR®, with an *Appreciation Award for Outstanding Service to the Buckeye Division as Superintendent*. Ken noted

that he appreciated Dick's willingness to step into the role one more time last year when a vacancy appeared. Dick has been deeply involved in the *Buckeye Division* for many years, and his advice on topics from modeling details to running a convention has benefitted all of those who have followed.



Bill Brobst described the recent history, renovation, and mission of the layout at the former *Hocking Valley Depot* in *Canal Winchester*. He led the return of the layout to operational status with the *Historical Society's* full support. This included re-configuring parts of the layout to better match local locations, adding plexiglass shields, and movable platforms so kids can more easily see the operations. He also made a call for help maintaining the layout so that it remains operational and visually pleasing to visitors.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Wolf requested help distributing *Train Show* fliers to hobby stores and passed out packets to volunteers to deliver them. This will help save postage costs. Thanks to the half dozen attendees who volunteered to help! Many hands help lighten the load.

Mike Wolf also asked that the members reach out to any shops, manufacturers, or vendors to see if they'd like a small listing or blurb in the *Super's Signal*, free of charge. The goal is to give back to the hobby community by raising awareness of these local businesses among our membership.



DIVISION 6 OFFICIAL TIMETABLE

(Valid 1 Aug 2026 - 15 August 2027)

Date	Meeting	Discussion Topic	Bring 'n Brag	Layout Open House(s)	Location
2026					
Aug 13 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Aug 15 (Sat)	Program	Decoders and Lighting	Big Boy Photo	Kokosing Club	Mt Vernon Library
Aug 20 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Sep 17 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Sep 19 (Sat)	Program	Building Structures/AP Scoring/Prototype Structures	Structure	COMRC / Krueger	Upper Arlington Library (Tremont)
Sep 24 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Oct 22 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Oct 22 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Oct 25 (Sun)	Show	Division 6 Train Show		Cambridge Club	Cambridge
Nov 19 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Nov 21 (Sat)	Program	Layout Design/Laying Track/Ballasting Track	Non-steam Loco	McDonough (T)/Stringer (T)	Westerville Library (T)
Nov 25 (Wed)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Dec 10 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Dec TBD	Social	Holiday Party			TBD
Dec 17 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Jan 9-10	Recruiting	Great Train Show			Ohio State Fairgrounds
Jan 14 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Jan 17 (Sun)	Program	Decoder Pro & LOKSound Programming	Open car w/load	Sage (T)/Wetterstroem (T) /Delaware Club (T)	Sunbury
Jan 21 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Feb 18 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Feb 20 (Sat)	Program	Scenery	Steam Loco	Argo (T)/Matheny (T) /Gafney (T)	Hilliard
Feb 25 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Mar 18 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Mar 20 (Sat)	Program	Airbrush	Caboose	Columbus Metro Rail Society	Fran Ryan Center

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Mar 25 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Apr 10-11	Social	Division 6 Ops Weekend		Up to 9 Division 6 Layouts	Franklin & Knox County
Apr 15 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Apr 18 (Sun)	Program	Electrical	Closed Freight Car	Walsh (T)	Gahanna
Apr 22 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Apr (Sat)	Recruiting	Lancaster Hobby Expo			Lancaster Fairgrounds
May 20 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
May 22 (Sat)	Program		Passenger Car	Coshocton Club (T) / Mill Creek (T)	Coshocton
May 27 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Jun 3 - 5	Convention	Mid Central Region		The Cincinnati	Cincinnati
Jun 10 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Jun 12 (Sat)	Program	Hands On TBD	Favorite Train	Marion Club (T)	Marion
Jun 24 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Jul (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Jul (Sun)	Program		Non-steam Loco		
Jul (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Aug 10-15	Convention	NMRA National		Puget Sound Express	Tacoma WA

Local Clubs and Manufacturers

Three sample buildings from Michael Yoakam's Hamm River Model Produces.
Email: MICHAELYOAKAM@ICLOUD.COM
Website: HAMMRIVER.COM



MCR Nominating Committee

Bob Shreve Chair

The Mid Central Region is holding elections for **Regional Officers** to serve two-year terms beginning June 2027. While all four officers are eligible to run for a second term in their current positions, the **President, Vice-President, and Secretary** have declined to run for re-election. **Barbara Soward** has agreed to run for a second term as **Treasurer**.

The **Nominating Committee** is seeking candidates to fill the other three positions. If you, or someone in your division, would be interested in pursuing one of these positions, or would like more information about what is involved, please contact me using the contact information to the right.

Bob Shreve

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MCR Nominating Committee

Bob Shreve Chair

Fred Soward

Jim DiPaola

Bob Belt



Mt. Vernon Club

Rob Hilburn

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The members of KVCMMRC, **Kokosing Valley Central Model Railroad Club**, would like to take a moment to let our friends in the Model Railroad community know about an important change coming to the club. Earlier in the year, we were contacted by the **City of Mt. Vernon** regarding the space the club presently occupies. **Mt. Vernon** owns the **CA&C Depot**, which we have been housed in since 2014. We were informed that we would have to vacate the space where we currently operate. It has been agreed that we will be out of this space by the end of May 2027. The city has been an outstanding landlord for the past 12 years, and we have absolutely nothing bad to say about them. They have long-range plans for this

building and the surrounding space, and the reality is that we are not part of those plans. We, as a club, are actively looking for a new location within **Knox County**. The layouts will continue to operate through the **Christmas Open House** in December. In January, we will begin the process of disassembly. We are hopeful that a new location will have been secured by the end of this year. Most model railroad clubs that have a brick & mortar location face this challenge at some point and the **Kokosing Valley Central** is no exception. **Open Houses** as well as **Operating Sessions** will continue each month as regularly scheduled. We strongly encourage everyone to take an opportunity to come and see the railroad before it passes into history.



Attention Small Businesses, Hobby Shops and Model Railroad Clubs

Mike Wolf, MMR®

In an effort to foster model railroading throughout Central Ohio, the **Buckeye Division's Community Outreach Program** is reaching out to all local hobby shops, small businesses, and clubs offering free listings on the **Buckeye Division's website** and **Super's Signal newsletter**. If you are a member of a local club or have a small local business selling model railroad materials, please contact Mike Wolf with the details for your business or club. vvunion@gmail.com



Eighth Annual NMRA Division 6

Train Show

Cambridge Ohio

Sunday

October 25, 2026

10 am to 3 pm

Pritchard Laughlin Center
7033 Glenn Hwy
Cambridge OH 43725

Easy Access from I-70 and I-77



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Checkout our website for a listing for more information:

<https://www.nmrabuckeyedivision.org/train-show>

Vendors Contact Greg - (740) 607-3223 - nmrabuckeyedivision@gmail.com



Three Rivers Division of the **NMRA**

Train Show and Swap Meet

Saturday Nov 21, 2026

10:00am - 4:00pm

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

4000 Parnell Avenue Fort Wayne IN 46805

Admission: Adults \$8.00

Children: 12 and Under Free

NMRA Members: w/card \$5.00

Hourly Door Prizes

Children's Activities

All Gauges

Two Train Set Drawings

Rail Fan Items

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Over 170 Tables

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Contact

Don Hanley c/o NMRA Div 3 Show Superintendent for Table Reservations

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