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Super's Signal

NMRA BUCKEYE DIVISION

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Superintendent's Report

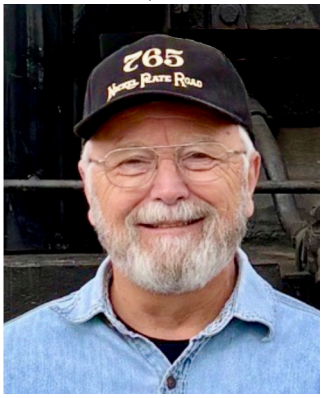
Ken McDonough, Buckeye Division Superintendent

From the Super's desk……..

This summer has certainly been busy. For many of us, the highlight was the East Coast Tour of the Union Pacific Big Boy #4014, celebrating America's 250th Anniversary. I hope you got to see the train up close. I saw it in Struthers, Ohio, with several thousand of my closest friends. I saw it again on the old NKP Mainline heading west to Bellevue Yard. I found a nice location in the country, where I joined about 200 other folks from all walks of life – railfans, moms and dads, grandparents, kids, locals, and others who wanted to see the Big Boy in action – we were rewarded with a terrific sight as the train and five diesels passed at track speed. I was one of the fortunate ones who got to see the train at the Norfolk Southern Auto Center in Fostoria. NS did a nice job there, and it was great to see the Big Boy and the diesels up close. No one could have predicted the thousands of cars that jammed the roads trying to see the train. Kudos to all the law enforcement agencies and ODOT for managing the traffic.

Why am I going on about the *Big Boy*? Think about why you are interested in trains. What is a favorite memory? What makes you think fondly about a favorite railroad, a favorite engine, maybe a favorite scene? Memories were made this summer - let's encourage all fans to keep those fires burning.

Many thanks to the *Mount Vernon Club* for hosting their open house for members of *The Buckeye Division* on Saturday, August 15. They also hosted an operating session on Saturday, August 22, which I attended. **Mike Cassady, Rob,** and **Lance Hilburn** were gracious hosts. I was the engineer on a local freight, and **Lance**, the conductor, patiently explained how we should switch each industry. They follow a schedule and use a fast clock, which you can see on your *Digitrax throttle* – that was new to me! If you



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17 September (*Thursday*)
Business Meeting on Zoom

25 October (Sunday)
Division 6 Train Show
Pritchard Laughlin Center
7033 Glenn Highway
Cambridge

6:00: Train Show Setup
10:00: Train Show Opens
3:00: Train Show Closes
3:00: Train Show Tear Down

Super's Signal Deadline
29 October

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Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Business Meeting (Zoom)
17 September 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 ***Business 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 McDonough, *Buckeye Division Superintendent,*** at 7:00 p.m.

Buckeye Division Officers Present:

Superintendent	Ken McDonough
Asst. Superintendent, Webmaster	Michael Wolf, MMR®
Clerk, Media Chair	Matt Goodman
Paymaster	Carter Jastram
Director, Company Store Chair	Scott Brown
Director, Membership Chair	Mark Krueger
Director, *Super's Signal* Publisher	Donald Wilke

Buckeye Division Chairs Present:

Elections Chair	Butch Sage
Car Projects Chair, Train Show Chair	Greg Short
T-Trak Chair	Scott Moline

Absent:

Achievement Program Chair	Howdy Lamprecht, MMR®
Superintendent Emeritus	Dick Briggs, MMR®
Facebook Page	Dave Wetterstrom

Announcements:

Ken McDonough will be attending the **MCR BOD Meeting** on September 18th. He submitted a report describing our current Program and outreach efforts. Separately, he discussed the new ***AP Modular Standard*** and announced the National's new

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Finally, many thanks to **Mike Wolf** for his Program on *decoders, the tools and techniques* that are handy for installing and maintaining them. We are trying to make our *Program Meetings* more meaningful by focusing on modeling - let us know if you have any comments, or if there is a particular topic you think we should cover. And if you would like to present at one of our meetings, please let **Mike** or me know.

Check out our webpage at nmrabuckeyedivision.org for details about our next *Program Meeting* on Saturday, September 19, at the *Upper Arlington Public Library*. The topic will be *Structures*, and **Butch Sage** will lead the discussion. See you there! And have fun model railroading!

Ken McDonough !

Upcoming Program Meetings

Mike Wolf, Program Chair

We will take a break from our normal ***Monthly Program Meetings*** to support our ***Annual Train Show*** in ***Cambridge*** on Sunday, October 25th. See the article on page XX to find out how you can volunteer.

On Saturday, November 21, we'll meet at the ***Fran Ryan Center*** in ***Columbus***. Three topics are planned. **Scott Moline** will provide information on T-TRAK. Following that, we'll discuss ***Layout Design Concepts, Design, and CAD*** (hopefully including a live demo of XTRAK CAD). If time allows, we'll continue with ***Tips and Techniques for Laying, Painting, and Ballasting Trackwork***. If you have mini clinics or photos to include on the topics, please send them to me at wvunion@gmail.com

Mark your calendar to close out the year with our ***Holiday Party*** on Saturday evening, December 12th. More information on the event is forthcoming.

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

https://www.nmrabuckeyedivision.org/upcoming

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

Continued: **Clerk's Report** digital membership cost reduction to $50.

Reports

Program Clerk's Report: Matt Goodman

Matt's report was published in the ***September Super's Signal,*** starting on page 2.

The Board voted to accept the report as published

Paymaster's Report: Carter Jastram

Carter reported on recent receipts, the ***Cambridge Train Show*** table sales, and the ***Buckeye Division's*** various account balances and net worth.

Acceptance of the ***Paymaster's Report***, subject to audit, was moved by **Mike Wolf,** seconded by **Scott Brown**, and passed by the ***Board***.

Discussion: Mike Wolf suggested that the ***Buckeye Division*** has the funding to help support the Holiday Party and the car project. For example, the Holiday Party could be a nominal cost, and the division could sell the project cars to members at cost. **Don Wilke** concurred.

Committee Reports

Achievement Program: Howdy Lamprecht, MMR®, absent

Ken McDonough noted that **Howdy Lamprecht** has a couple of certificates yet to present.

Company Store, Raffle: Scott Brown

Scott reported that all ***Buckeye Division*** merchandise is out of stock. He is waiting on the new project cars.

Buckeye Division Website: Mike Wolf

Mike noted that when we set up the ***"Fallen Flags" page*** for deceased members, the board agreed those names should be removed from the website after two years, and asked whether the Board still supported that policy, as some of the currently listed people had met that limit. The meeting attendees supported that policy. **Mike** will make updates.

The new ***Club and Hobby Shop Pages*** are now active on the site. The new page is under the ***"More" Menu item*** at the top of the ***Home Page.***

The ***Layout Page*** is updated with photos of **Mark Krueger's** layout, and the ***September Program Meeting page*** includes photos of the ***Central Ohio Model Railroad Club***.

Community Outreach: Mike Wolf.

No additional information.

Super's Signal: Don Wilke

Materials for the October ***Super's Signal*** are due Thursday, September 24th. **Greg** will send an article about volunteers for the ***Train Show.***

New Car Project: Greg Short

The final artwork is almost complete. The color of the ***Davies Steel*** lettering needs fine-tuning, with attendees favoring black lettering on the orange car. Production of some parts of the car has started.

Discussion: **Ken McDonough**, following on from the earlier ***Paymaster*** discussion, proposed member pricing at our cost, rounded up to the next dollar.

Train Show: Greg Short

Greg recently delivered ***Train Show Fliers*** to hobby shops in eastern Ohio. Both stores told him there has been chatter about the show among their customers. As of September 17th, 70 tables have been sold, compared with 106 total last year, with the last of those sold the day of the show.

Scott Moline confirmed that the ***Columbus N-Scalers*** will set up a modular layout in the lobby. They are currently working on the design.

Matt Goodman will post a copy of the Flier on the ***Buckeye Division Facebook page***. **Greg** suggested that all ***Buckeye Division members*** should share the post to prod the algorithm.

Media Report: Matt Goodman

No report given.

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Continued: **Clerk's Report**

Facebook & Social Media: Dave Wetterstroem (absent)

No report given.

Membership Report: Mark Krueger.

The Buckeye Division has 141 members, which includes two new members. One is new to the NMRA, the other moved into our division from a neighboring division. We had 19 renewals, mostly from the ***Mt. Vernon area***.

Mark said that starting this month, he will begin emailing a subset of individuals on the Inactive Roster to prompt interest in rejoining. He will highlight the new Program structure and reduced membership costs. Both costs and meeting formality have previously been called out as hurdles to membership.

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

T-Trak: Scott Moline

One of the ***Columbus N-Scalers*** has joined the NMRA. **Scott** is advocating for NMRA membership among the ***N-Scalers*** and ***COMRC*** members.

He reported that the COMRC club is motivated to clean up the new layout space before the ***Buckeye Division***'s visit on September 19. He believes some members may attend our meeting earlier in the day.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

Buckeye Division Laptop Update: Mike Wolf

The ***Buckeye Division*** doesn't have a reliable laptop, which caused issues at a meeting within the past year. He suggested a modestly priced device with ***Microsoft Office*** installed. **Ken McDonough** will look into the cost.

Holiday Party

Renting ***St. Mary Magdalene's*** basement for the ***Holiday Party*** would be $195. **Mike Wolf** will look into the cost of a more physically accessible location. The group tabled the discussion until next month. **Mike** also recommended dropping the ***Bring-N-Brag*** for this year's holiday event, the group concurred. The ***White Elephant*** would continue.

Summer Social Event

Ken McDonough suggested a late spring or summer social event at ***McCord Park*** in ***Worthington*** in 2027 or possibly a combined event with a trip to ***Mill Run Railroad*** near ***Coshocton***.

Library Displays

Ken McDonough would like a volunteer to look into the details to make this work, preferably timed to coincide with ***Model Railroad Month*** in November. **Mike Wolf** has previously discussed creating a trifold for this type of display. **Scott Brown** will check with the ***Grove City Library***, including obtaining display case dimensions. **Mike** will check the ***Gahanna Library***, and **Ken** will do the same at ***Westerville's Library.***

Modelers Helping Modelers: Ken McDonough.

Ken pitched the idea of hosting small roundtable discussions at members' homes on specific topics, as described in the last issue of the ***NMRA Magazine***. This discussion will continue. **Michael Percy** and **Matt Goodman** have both expressed willingness to host a turnout-building session.

Program: Mike Wolf

Mike announced that **Darrell Logan** and **Carter Jastram** said they could secure the conference room at the ***Fran Ryan Center*** at no cost for the ***November Meeting***. He will look into alternative locations for the ***January Sunbury Meeting***. For next June, **Mike spoke** with **Michael Yoakum** about producing a basic laser kit for a hands-on modeling topic in Marion.

Good of the Order

The Mount Vernon Club is approaching its move-out date. **Ken** encouraged everyone to visit before the last day

DIVISION 6 OFFICIAL TIMETABLE

(Valid 1 Aug 2026 - 15 August 2027)

Date	Meeting	Discussion Topic	Bring 'n Brag	Layout Open House(s)	Location
2026					
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	T-TRAK/Layout Design/ Laying & Ballasting Track	Non-steam Loco	Columbus Metro Rail Society	Fran Ryan Center
Nov 25 (Wed)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Dec 10 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Dec 12 (Sat)	Social	Holiday Party			St Mary Magdalene Church
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 (T)
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 (T)
Feb 25 (Thu)		Super's Signal Cutoff			
Mar 18 (Thu)	Business				Zoom
Mar 20 (Sat)	Program	Using an Airbrush	Caboose	McDonough (T)/Stringer (T)	Westerville Library (T)
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			

Clerk's Report
Buckeye Division,
Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
Program Meeting
Upper Arlington Library
18 September 2026

Goodman, Clerk

Call to Order

The ***Buckeye Division's Program Meeting*** was called to order by **Ken McDonough, *Buckeye Division Superintendent,*** at 12:35 p.m.

Buckeye Division Officers Present:

Superintendent	Ken McDonough
Paymaster	Carter Jastram
Director	Scott Brown
Director	Donald Wilke

After the Welcome and a few short announcements, **Ken** made a few observations about the new ***Modular AP Certificate***. The members had a lively discussion about what should and should not be included. **Ken** reminded everybody that this is still a working document and not quite finished.

Ken shared feedback from the region, which said we had a good ***Signal***, a Website, and interest in our new meeting formats.

Greg Short reminded everybody that we need division members to help next month with the ***Train Show.*** Set up for the ***Train Show*** will begin around 6 AM. Coffee and donuts should be available shortly after for those who come early.

Matt Goodman brought an HO-Scale model of a Scale House. He carefully explained that this house controlled the scale for weighing cars. **Scott** brought a diorama as shown, and **Bruce** brought a historical model. It was his first attempt at painting and weathering a building made out of leftover plastic pieces.

Butch Sage led a thorough discussion on ***Structures*** with many prototype examples. Included were a number of tips and techniques for constructing model structures. Including a number of ideas about how to make your structure better in case you want it judged. Unfortunately, the PowerPoint presentation was too large to forward.

The division members had three great open house opportunities will be available. **Mark Krueger's** new HO–Scale layout as well as the recently renovated ***Central Ohio Model Railroad Club***. The club is building a new multi-level HO-Scale layout for operations, and their O-Scale, S-Scale Circus Layout, T-TRAK, and Z-Scale layouts will also be in operation. The club had arranged to have the ***B&O Caboose*** near ***Worthington's Rec Center*** open to the public between 3-5 pm, and nearby two mainlines.

In October, the ***Buckeye Division*** is hosting our ***Annual Train Show in Cambridge***. We will finish up the year at the ***Columbus Main Library*** and the ***Fran Ryan Center*** in November with discussions on ***T-TRAK, Layout Design,*** and ***Laying and Ballasting Track.***

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

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Don't Just Belong, Participate!!

Bring-N-Brag

Matt

Scott

Bruce

Scott

Scott

Tours

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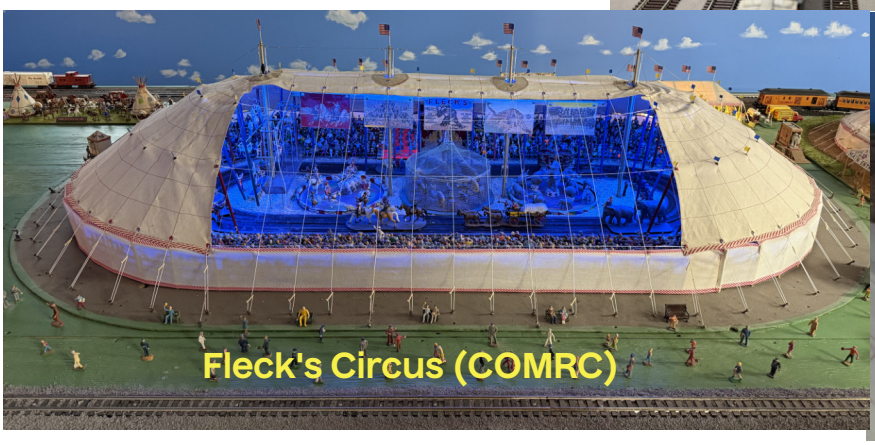
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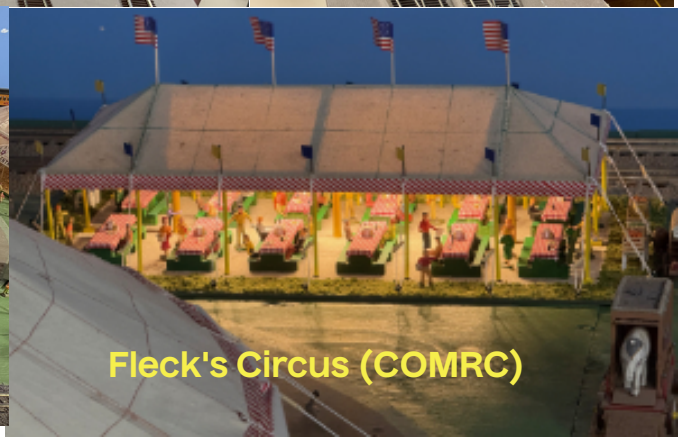
Fleck's Circus (COMRC)

COMRC O–Scale

COMRC Modular Layout

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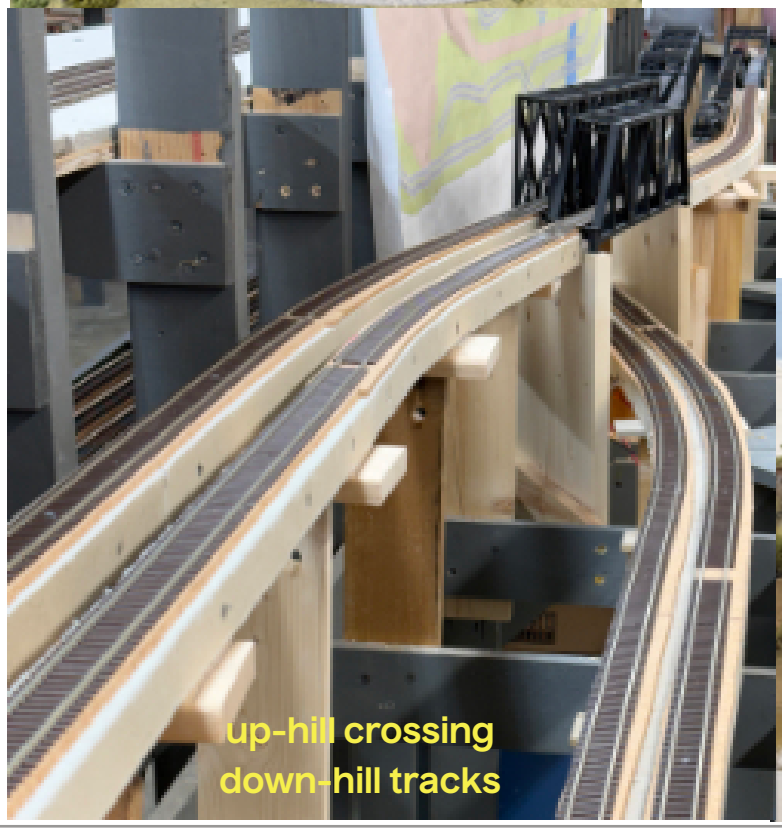
One yard



up-hill crossing
down-hill tracks

The electric power failed causing flood-ing around the caboose.

Near McCord Park

Annual Train Show

Greg Short, Chair

Well, everyone, it's that time again, time for the ***Annual Buckeye Division Train Show***. For those who don't know, this is our big fundraiser of the year. Although the membership does very little for the ***Train Show*** most of the year, the day of the show is very different. We need division members to show their support by helping out. Mind you that a lot of work has already gone into this through advertising throughout the year and getting the vendors organized and accounted for.

On the day of the show, we need help setting up the showroom, manning tables in the lobby, and disassembling the showroom.

Set up, this is getting the hall ready by setting up the provided tables. We need **5 to 6 members** to get this done. In the past couple of years, vendors have also helped. We start around **6 am** and go until we're done. Perks include coffee and donuts, plus the chance to shop before the show officially starts.

During the show, we need members to staff the door, the ***Buckeye Division table***, and help folks as needed. This usually takes **5 to 6 members** and goes from around **9 to 3**. Remember, you don't have to commit to the whole day. You can do a half day, and anything helps.

Tear down, this is just as it says. We need help taking down tables and chairs and cleaning up, making sure we don't leave a mess for the venue crew. If we get **4 or more members** to help, we can knock this out and be **done before 5 pm**.

Ok, I get it. It's a long day, as I have been there for all of them, but as I said before, this is our big money maker. So let's jump in and get it done. If you would like to help out, please let **me** or **Mike Wolf** know.

Local Clubs and Manufacturers

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. wvunion@gmail.com

Michael Yoakam's Hamm River Model Produces.

Email: MICHAELYOAKAM@ICLOUD.COM
Website: HAMMRIVER.COM

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Mt. Vernon Club

Rob Hilburn

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The members of KVCMRRC, ***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 i***n 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.

Mt. Vernon Club

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

OPERATING MODEL TRAINS

HANDICAP ACCESS
ALL SCALES
ACCESSORIES
SCENERY
HOBBY TOOLS & SUPPLIES

Free Parking
ADMISSION $5
Kids 12 and under are free
Tables only $25 Each

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Check out 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	Handicap Accessible
Over 170 Tables	Food Service

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