

SUPER'S SIGNAL

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Superintendent's Report

Greg Short, Division 6 Super

January Super's Report

Well welcome all to 2018. Hope everyone had a good holiday season. I also hope everyone is weathering the flu season as it seems several folks have had it bad. We recently had a first in my tenure as Super in that we had to cancel a meeting. I came to the decision to do so due to the ice and snowstorm we had and the bitterly cold that had its embrace on the area. As most know we have in place several methods to get the word out in case this would happen. I hope that everyone got a notification. I may have waited a little too long to make the decision. I was hoping that the fine folks who clear the roads could get ahead of the snow and ice, but that was not to be. But god bless them for the A+ effort the road crews gave. Looks like Mother Nature was not going to be denied.

One other thing on the cancelled meeting, if we cancel a meeting the contest for that meeting is also cancelled. I had a few inquiries about the contest and if we were going to double up at the next meeting. I thought long and hard and decided that we would not. The biggest reason is fairness, as there is no way to police the contest entries. It would not be fair to give someone an extra month to get an entry ready. Likewise, if someone can't make the following meeting they would be doubly hurt by missing two contests and the associated points. This is something that we have encountered before but not been in a

Super's Signal Deadline 15 February

11 February Hilltop Library 511 South Hague Avenue Columbus

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- 1:00: Hilltop Library opens
 - 1:15: Contest entries opens
 - 1:45: Contest entries closes – Contest voting begins
 - 2:00: Contest voting closes – Division 6 Business Meeting, Contest voting, Raffle
 - 2:30: Clinic: Something About Signals, William Connell

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Model Contest: Non-Revenue Car.

Photography Contest: Non-Revenue Car.

while. Speaking of the contest if you have not heard Jimmy is getting better. It will take a while, so Butch is filling in for a while.

I have the schedule pretty much made up for this year and I hope everyone will like it. The biggest thing I wanted to do is to visit places we have not been to in a while or ever. But there are a few places we are going to revisit. The most obvious being Marion for our annual June meet. We are also going to revisit The Smoke Stack in Lancaster. It was one of our better attended and talked about meeting from last year. When I contacted their staff they were more than willing to do it again as we definitely left a very good impres-

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Clerk's Report
Patrick Hreachmack, Clerk
**Minutes for the Division 6,
 Mid Central Region, NMRA, Inc.
 Meeting for January 14, 2018
 Southeast Library**

Meeting Cancelled (Weather)



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sion with them. Another thing planned for the summer is a bus trip to the Mad River and Nickel Plate Railroad Museum. This will be the first Saturday in August and will be an "extra fare" event.

Mark it on your calendar and we will get the price set soon. Make sure you check out the timetable on the website to keep up on the upcoming meetings. There are still some open dates that will get filled as time allows.

On to another note as some know I had to take a brief trip to the west coast early in January. I had planned on doing it in March but the timing got moved up. While there I had a chance to get a couple of things scratched off the bucket list. I visited the San Diego Model Railroad Museum as well as Tehachapi Loop. During our March meeting I will have a brief presentation on the trip and show a DVD that I got on the San Diego group. Even though I did not get to spend the time that I would have liked. Both places were as I thought they would be and I plan on going back someday with much more time. I will have more on this later.

So this is about all I have for now so see you in February at the Hill Top library.

HAPPY MODELING - GREG



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Division 6 – 2017 Time Table

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Date	Event	Location	Contest
14 Jan	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Columbus Library–South East, Groveport Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Open Freight Car WITH Load Photo: Open Freight Car WITH Load
18 Jan	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
11 Feb	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Hill Top, Columbus Library, Columbus Clinic: <i>TBD</i> , Bill Connell	Model: Non-Revenue Car Photo: Non-Revenue Car
15 Feb	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
18 Feb Sunday	Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic		
11 Mar	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Columbus Library–South East, Groveport Clinic: <i>San Diego Model Railroad Museum</i>	Model: Non-Steam Locs Photo: Diesel & Electric Locs
15 Mar	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Apr	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Smoke Stack Hobby Shop, Lancaster Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Lineside RR structure Photo: Lineside RR structure
2 May	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
17–20 May	MCR Convention	West Chester, Ohio	Model: Modeler's Choice Photo: Modeler's Choice
9 June Saturday	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Marion Union Station, Marion	Model: Division sponsored structure Photo: Railroad derelict
13 June	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
4 Aug Saturday	Division 6 Trip	Mad River and NKP Museum, Bellevue (Extra Fare)	Model: Favorite Train Photo: Favorite Train
9 Aug	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
8 Sept	Division 6 Meeting	Joint Business Meeting 6 & 9: Mark Maynard, Portsmouth	Model: Steam Locomotive Photo: Steam Locomotive
13 Sept	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
14 Oct	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Chillicothe Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Cabooses (Cabin Car) Photo: Cabooses (Cabin Car)
18 Oct	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
4 Nov	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: <i>TBD</i> Clinic: <i>TBD</i>	Model: Closed Freight Car Photo: Closed Freight Car
15 Nov	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		
9 Dec	Division 6 Meeting	Business Meeting: Upper Arlington Library, Upper Arlington Annual media presentation	Model: Passenger Car Photo: Passenger Car
13 Dec	<i>Super's Signal</i> Deadline		

Membership Report December 2017

Matt Goodman, Membership Chair
Summary/Comments

In my last report (October end of month), I commented that membership was slowly growing and that *"If the current trend holds, the year to year gap should become smaller over the next months."*

In the past two months, that trend is, in fact, holding. We gained a RailPass member from Galena in November and two new regular members (from Hilliard

and Pataskala) in December, which edged our membership up to 171 compared to 176 last December. We've now seen modest growth in six out of the last eight months.

I'm sure some of the new members are the result of current members inviting others to join. Well done, and keep it up. See the stats and graphs below for the gory details.

Following are the membership details as of 12/31/17.

Active Members (end of the month):

December 171	December '16 176
November 170	November '16 183
October 166	October '16 189

Upcoming Expirations – **Check your dates!**

Note: If you have questions about when your membership expires, check your magazine address label or contact Membership Chair Matt Goodman.

December	3 memberships are expiring
January	5 memberships are expiring
February	7 memberships are expiring

New Members

We had two new members in October – one Family, one Regular, from Hilliard and Gambier respectively. Welcome, folks!

Renewals and Re-Rails (returning lapsed members)

We had seven renewals in October.

Other Stuff

- Have you changed your address or other membership information?
- Are you not getting emails from the division?
- Not sure when your membership expires (or if it already has)?
Notify headquarters by email: nmrahq@aol.com

You can contact either the Buckeye Division membership chair, or the National Headquarters to give updates or get your questions answered:

National

Email: nmrahq@aol.com

Phone: 423-892-2846 (9am – 4:30pm)

Mail: NMRA, Inc.
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Buckeye Division Membership Chair

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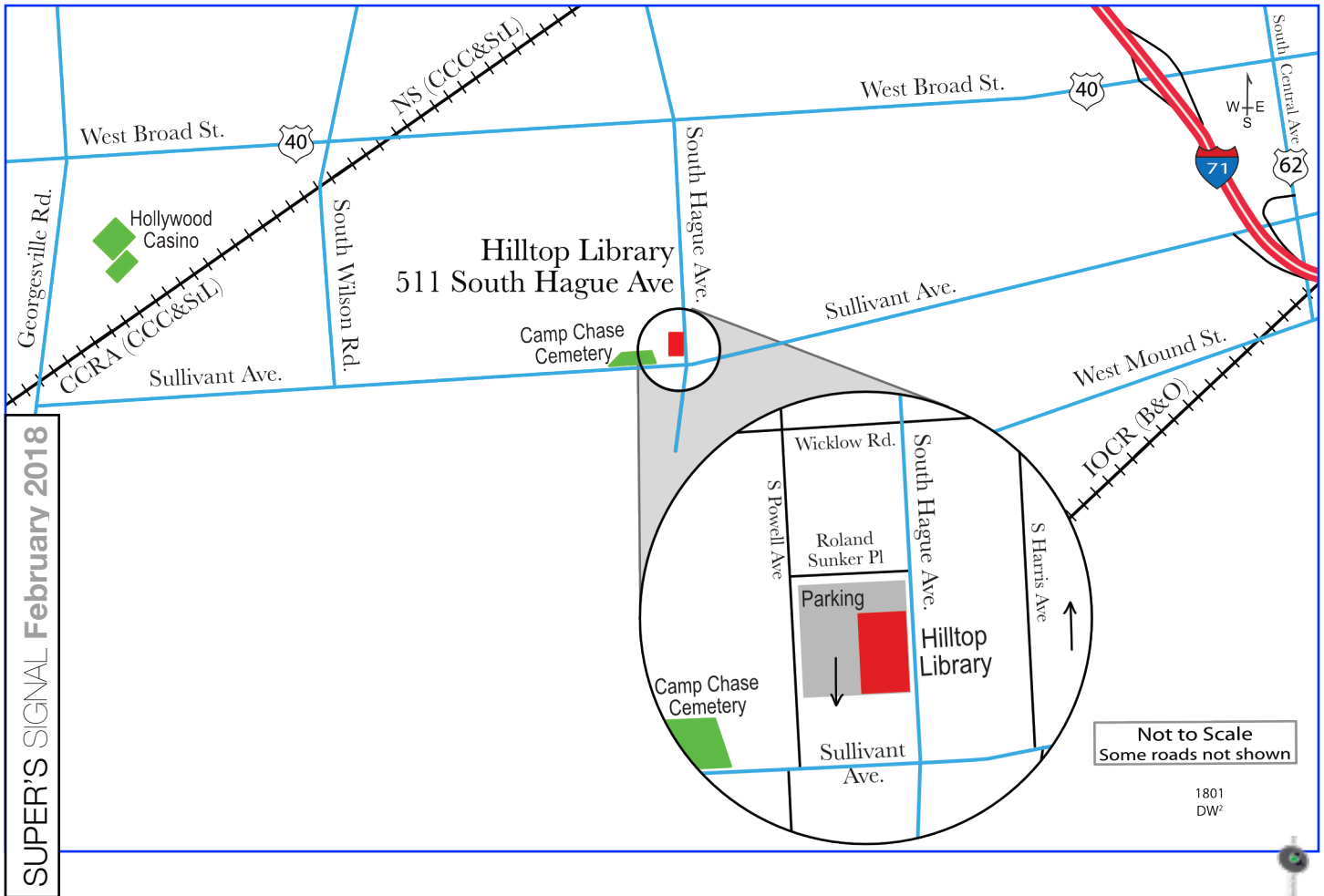
Phone: 614-313-3681 (please leave a message)

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BILL LYON RIP

Hey, wanted to pass the word on ZTNT and NMRA member Bill Lyon passed on Sunday. I knew Bill for almost 40 years and he was a great ambassador to the hobby. He was always at the door at the open houses in Zanesville to greet the visitors and welcome them in. There is a obituary on the Zanesville Times Recorder

website for more info. One thing that is not on the website is that Bill was a dues paying member to the ZTNT since the 70's and of the NMRA since the 40's, there is no record of when he actually joined as they were lost but he told me once it was around 1941 when he joined.



Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet March 23-25, 2018

Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet Valley Forge at the Desmond Great Valley Hotel, Malvern, Pa. \$35 registration. Prototype clinics, vendors' and model display room, Thurs-

day evening, Friday morning ops session, and Sunday layout tour. Visit www.rpmvalleyforge.org for details and to download a registration form.

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