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NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION  
**MCRCONVENTION**

RAILS TO THE  
CAPITAL  
COLUMBUS OH  
BUCKEYE DIVISION

## 2016 “RAILS TO THE CAPITAL” COLUMBUS, OHIO APRIL 28, 29, 30 and MAY 1, 2016

### Welcome to Columbus!

We hope your experience at the “Rails to the Capitol” Regional Convention is a good one. Lots of area folks have worked hard to bring this Convention to you and we hope you have a great time!

Columbus, Ohio, is one of those virtually unknown railroad towns of the past. You’ve heard of The Ohio State Buckeyes and that this is the capital city of Ohio, but did you know that Columbus once had five major railroads serving it? Did you know that the PRR Columbus shops were second in size only to Altoona?

Did you know that there were TWO major New York Central lines that served Columbus? Did you know that the Norfolk and Western Railway terminated here and turned over its huge coal traffic to connecting lines? The C&O lines from the old Hocking Valley days included rails from the Ohio River to Toledo and into the hills of central and southeastern Ohio. In addition, the B&O shared a line with the PRR into Columbus and then went southwest to Cincinnati.

Are you interested in coal traffic? The C&O, N&W and NYC (yes, Virginia, the NYC ran down into West Virginia and brought out coal) carried coal to Columbus. It was then shipped out by connecting lines to Cleveland, Toledo and west to Chicago.

Manufacturing? Oh, yes, it was here! Jeffery Mfg. made coal mine equipment. Seagrave Corp. made fire trucks. Everything from caskets to violins were made right here and much of it was shipped in and out by rail. Steel? Yep! Buckeye Steel Castings made those famous Buckeye trucks here as well as couplers and other railroad equipment. Also, how many cities had a railroad into a penitentiary? Columbus did!

So, Columbus is not only the city of The Ohio State Buckeyes (oh, did I mention that OSU was served directly by the C&O?) but was one heck of a railroad town in days gone by. Sadly, there is not much to see today as things have drastically changed over the last few decades, but we do still get a lot of rail traffic through town and recently the NS built a new intermodal yard south of here and CSX has expanded their facility at Buckeye yard.

**So, come on in and enjoy the Convention!**

**Jim Kehn, Program Chairman**

## CONVENTION VENUE



The Convention will take place at the beautiful Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH, 43017 located on the northwest corner of Columbus, conveniently located near I-270. The Convention room rate, available through April 7, 2016, is \$129.00 plus tax. Included in this rate is a complementary cooked-to-order breakfast, the nightly Manager's Cocktail Reception and free parking. All rooms are two room suites with a private bedroom, bathroom and a living room with a sofa bed. Each suite includes a wet bar with refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker.



**Hotel room reservations** can be made by calling [1-800-220-9219](tel:1-800-220-9219) or the hotel direct at [1-614-790-9000](tel:1-614-790-9000). The cut-off date for the Convention rate is April 7, 2016. Please use the room block code **NMR**.

## REGISTRATION AND WEB SITE INFORMATION

Included for your convenience is a separate registration form listing all of the extra fare activities and fees. Please fill out completely and send the form with your check or money order (No cash please) to: **Rails to the Capital, c/o Jim Borcz, 180 Kingmeadow Ln, Blacklick, OH 43004. Make checks payable to: Division 6-NMRA Convention.** Registrations received prior to February 15, 2016 will receive a \$5 discount on the primary registration fee. Do not mail registrations after April 15, 2016, please wait to register at the convention. Please see the web site for refund and other Convention policies. Our web site will provide you with up-to-date scheduling and expanded details of Convention activities. All registrants will receive confirmation by mail after your registration is processed. Funds for sold out or cancelled events will be refunded. A registration form is at the end of this electronic version of the KingPin.

Visit us at: [2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org](http://2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org)

## CLINIC PRESENTERS AND TOPICS

We have a full schedule of Prototype, Modeling and Hands-On Special Interest clinics developed. Scheduling is still being refined at this time. A partial list of clinicians and topics is as follows:

Charlie Blenko, Designing a Conrail Layout

Michael York, 3-D Printing

Terry Terrance, Fun With LEDs

Dave Tenney, Dead Rail Operation

Ed Swain, Engine Facilities

Phil Gliebe, Shelf Layouts

Sam Swanson, Vehicle Variations

Ted Goodman, Age of Steam Roundhouse

Dave Richter, Trolley Modeling

Don Sells, Laser Cutting

Ron Morgan, Modeling the Walthers' Ethanol Plant

Dick Argo, The C&O in Columbus

Brandon Wehe, Introduction to Steel Industry Modeling

Alex Campbell, The N & W in Columbus

Bill Brubaugh, O-Scale Modeling Today

Mike Wolf, Car Card Operations Without Car Numbers

Ed Swain, Dennison Yard

Andy Blenko, TBA

Don Wilke, Sunday Layout Tour Preview

Dick Wagner, The NYC in Columbus

Rick Tipton, The PRR in Columbus

Frank Bongiovanni, NYC in West Virginia

John Greedy, Iowa Meatpackers of the 1950's

Alex Campbell, N&W in Columbus

Bob Weinheimer, MMR, Evolution of an Operating Scheme

Gerry Albers, AC-DC-DCC A Basic Clinic on Reliably Wiring Your Layout

Mike Wolf, Cell Phone Throttle, JMRI and Custom Sound in Digitrax Decoders

Bruce Brintnall, MMR and Frank Bongiovanni, Panel Discussion: Modeling Tips and Techniques

Karen Parker, How a Steam Locomotive Works

Dick Argo, Antique and Period Jewelry in the Last 200 Years

Karen Parker, Digital Photography

Darrell Logan, Backdrop Painting

Terry Terrance, Microcontrollers for Model Railroaders

Gerry Albers, Giving Your Model Railroad a Purpose and Meaning

Dave Richter, On the Wire: Modeling Electric Trains with Electric Trains

John Greedy, 30 Minute Projects For Making RTR Equipment Truly Ready

Steve Szapytowski, Touch Screen Switch Control and DCC Operated Point Motors

Extra fare clinics are described in detail below.



### EXTRA FARE CLINIC #1 KEEPSAKE BEARS

By Retta Retterer

If you love "Teddy Bears", and who doesn't, this is a great opportunity for you to make one for yourself or to give as a gift. Fabric from old handmade quilts is used to construct the bears. The arms and legs are attached with big buttons. The bears are assembled and ready to be stuffed with your "tender loving care" to be enjoyed. Due to the buttons, they are not recommended for small children. These bears are adorable, so don't miss out!

**Limit 20 participants. Cost \$25.00**

### EXTRA FARE CLINIC #2 BEGINNING BEAD STRINGING

By Carol, Joan and Kelly

Assemble a beautiful "Bracelet and Earring Set". Participants will learn the basics of this enjoyable and creative pastime. Each participant will assemble a bracelet and matching earrings. You will be instructed by three experienced crafters. All materials are included. Color choices may vary.

**Limit 15 participants. Cost: \$15.00.**



### EXTRA FARE CLINIC #3 CRAFTS, CARDS AND COLORING

By Libby Clark

Hands-on clinic for anyone 10-110! You will make a "Camera Card", that's ready for your small photo in the lens, a "Card in a Box", and a cute "Yellow Minion" you can put in a scrapbook or send as a card. You will also learn "Coloring and Shading Techniques" beyond the crayon. You'll go home with 4 hand-made cards (or pre-cut kits if you run out of time). All supplies included. If you bring your own scissors, you won't need to share.

**Limit 25 participants. Cost: \$6.00.**





## EXTRA FARE CLINIC #4 MODELING WITH THE MASTERS

By Gary Burdette, MMR and Bob Fink, MMR

This year the participants will construct a model of a small freight building that will only be available to the clinic participants. The model will be marked with “2016 Rails to the Capital” on the bottom. MMRs will give their insights on construction techniques. This will follow a discussion presented by Don Sell on how a project goes from concept to reality for the laser clinic.

**Limit 25 participants. Cost \$20.00.**



## TOUR PACKAGE #1 FRIDAY

### “AGE OF STEAM ROUNDHOUSE” AND DEN- NISON MUSEUM TOUR

**Hard Sole Shoes are required as this is a working roundhouse. Release forms must be signed prior to the tour.** Two clinics are scheduled for Thursday evening which will give excellent background for you prior to this trip. Ted Goodman, architect for the roundhouse project, will discuss the construction of the roundhouse and Ed Swain will discuss the importance of the facilities at Dennison, OH. This all-day tour will be by motor coach going first to the fantastic working Roundhouse facility in Sugarcreek, Ohio. The Roundhouse is full of steam engines and other railroad motive power. You will also visit the “State of the Art” shop facilities

where various projects are under restoration. We will then travel to Dennison, Ohio, to tour the museum and a plated lunch will be served in the Depot Restaurant. The tour will return to the hotel around 5:00 PM. Please mark your lunch choice on the registration form. The choices are as follows:

- A. Meatloaf, baked potato and delicious green beans.**
- B. Ham with pineapple, sweet potato fries and garden salad.**

Bread/biscuits, coffee, iced tea or water and dessert are included. Transportation, admissions and lunch are included.

**Limit 55 participants. Total Cost: \$85.00**



## TOUR #2 FRIDAY FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY

Tour includes “Blooms and Butterflies” event, a self-guided tour of the Botanical Gardens, the magnificent Chihuly glass collection and viewing the beautiful butterflies in the garden. Lunch is a traditional German buffet at Schmidt’s Restaurant in historic German Village. Tour includes transportation, admission fees and buffet lunch.

**Limit 18 participants. Cost \$ 35.00.**

### TOUR #3 SATURDAY THE CANDLE LAB

The Candle Lab, located in nearby downtown Worthington, provides the opportunity for you to pour your own custom scented candle. The candles are made from clean burning soy wax with cotton wicks and will burn for up to 60 hours. You may choose from up to 120 scents to custom blend the fragrance of your candle (sorry guys, coal smoke not available). There are many other businesses within a short walking distance for shopping, eating or simply enjoying a glass of wine at the shop next door to The Candle Lab. Tour includes transportation and fees for Candle Lab.

**Limit 18 participants. Cost: \$20.00**



### TOUR #4 SATURDAY MORNING SUTPHEN FIRE APPARATUS

See how fire trucks are born. Come with us to Sutphen Fire Apparatus, one of the oldest fire truck builders in the industry. See how a fire truck goes from concept to finished truck at the state-of-the-art Sutphen factory. See the construction of the trucks on the assembly floor to testing in the test center, to final inspection for delivery. Sutphen is a family owned company which specializes in building trucks to the customer specifications and needs.

**Limit 18 participants. Cost: \$10.00**

### SELF GUIDED LAYOUT TOURS:

#### THURSDAY LAYOUT TOUR

The Janis Center Model Railroad Club is located in the Martin Janis Senior Citizens Center at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. The layout is HO scale and approximately 42' x 21' in size. It features three mainlines which are interconnected by crossovers and can be operated with DCC or DC control. The club will be open from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Directions and map will be in the convention packet.

#### SATURDAY LAYOUT TOUR

The Columbus Model Railroad Club is located on the grounds of Columbus Castings south of downtown Columbus. The club has been in existence for over eighty-five years. The 40' x 40' HO scale layout is a single track operated by Digitrax DCC. Train movement is controlled by a central dispatcher. Layout will be open to visitors from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Directions and map will be in the convention packet.



#### SUNDAY HOME LAYOUT TOURS

There will be more than two dozen home layouts open on Sunday to visit and enjoy. Detailed maps will be provided in your Convention packet. Layouts vary from large to small, just started to completely finished. The owners are excited to show us their craftsmanship. Photos of some of the layouts are on the Convention web site!

#### OPERATING SESSIONS

In cooperation with the Operations Special Interest Group (OPSIG) and several local layout owners and clubs, we will be offering operating sessions during the Convention. Several layouts will be available Thursday night, Friday night and Saturday morning. For those driving from the north, a Thursday afternoon session will be available in the Lexington, OH, area at Guy Thrames' "Grafton and Ohio". Slots for each session will be on a first-come first-served basis. Membership in the NMRA and registration for the Convention is required. Signing up for operating sessions can be accomplished on the enclosed registration form. A downloadable registration form is



also available for your convenience, on the Convention web site at: [2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org](http://2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org). Please provide your first, second and third choices for each time slot, in case your first selection is full. Also, if you wish to operate with specific people, please include their names. They must also register for the Convention and Ops session. We will try to keep groups together. There will be mandatory crew calls for each session (check the Convention timetable for exact times and locations). Each participant is responsible for transportation to the layouts, although, opportunities for ride sharing may be available during the crew calls. Transportation to the Coshocton Club may be available for a nominal charge of \$10. Maps and directions will be provided at the crew call.

### **OPS Session Number 1: Thursday Afternoon, 2- 4 PM**



Guy Thram's fictional "Grafton and Ohio". This 24' x 40' HO scale layout features 500' of mainline track with steam and diesel motive power from 1954. Freight, passenger and locals are run using DC walk around throttles. Helper power is also required. Yard, dispatchers and tower positions are also available. Trackside telephones are used for communications. **4 to 7 Operators**



### **OPS Session Number 2: Thursday Evening, 7-10 PM (Crew Call @ 4:30 PM)**

Chris Walsh's PRR Panhandle in Hilliard, OH. This 30' x 30', HO scale steam to diesel transition era layout is controlled using Digitrax DCC and features a double track mainline with freight, passenger, interchange railroads and a branch line. The steel mill switcher will be busy all evening and other switching opportunities exist at the coke plant, coal mines and interchanges. **9 to 12 Operators**



### **OPS Session Number 3: Thursday Evening, 7 -10PM (Crew Call @ 4:30 PM)**

David Matheny's "Chessie Sutton Branch" in Galloway, OH. This 11' x 13' HO scale layout set in mid-1980's uses a NCE wireless DCC system. Lots of switching action, using car cards and switch lists on this great layout. . **1-4 Operators**

### **OPS Session Number 4: Thursday Evening, 7-10 PM (Crew Call @ 4:30PM)**

Bill Hanna's fictional "Union Northern Railway" in Gahanna, OH. This HO scale layout features approximately 450' of mainline with lots of switching activity. This point to point, Digitrax DCC, layout uses track warrants and switch lists to control train movements. Lots of long freights and passenger runs, a double ended yard, passenger terminal, four large staging areas, two tower positions and several steel related industrial areas. **6-8 Operators**



### **OPS session Number 5: Friday Evening, 7-10 PM (Crew Call @ 4:30 PM)**

Bill Mapes' "Detroit, Toledo & Ironton RR" in Pataskala, OH. This 30' x 70' HO scale layout features over 360' of single track mainline, running from Springfield, OH, to Jackson, OH. This mid-1950's layout uses NCE DCC for control. Switch lists and car cards are used for mainline switching. Railroad features large yards on each end and interchange activities with five railroads. Yard, mainline crews and interchange positions. **9-13 Operators**

### **OPS Session Number 6: Friday Evening, 7-10 PM (Crew Call @ 4:30 PM)**

Coshocton Model RR Club's "Toledo, Walhonding Valley & Ohio Railroad" in Coshocton, OH, features Digitrax DCC operations in several different eras. The double track mainline stretches 13 HO scale miles and includes hand laid turnouts and some of the finest track work you'll find. The Club has the actual Armstrong interlocking plant from the tower at Quincy, OH, with matching track work at the DT&I interchange on the layout. Computerized switch lists generate 8-10 trains per sessions. Radios are used for communications with the dispatcher. **8-16 Operators**

(Club photos at top of next page)



### OPS Session Number 7: Saturday Morning, 9-12 Noon (Crew Call @ 8:00 AM)

Bill Hanna's Union Northern Railway. (See previous page)

### OPS Session Number 8: Saturday Morning, 9-12 Noon (Crew Call @ 7:30 AM)

Dick Sine's "Bighorn & Western" in Springfield, OH. This 1500 sq.ft. HO scale, 100% scened layout features over 200' of mainline with a western theme (CO and WY) with UP steam and diesel motive power and an operational signal system. DC block control is facilitated by a central dispatch panel. The details and LED lighting on the many buildings and scenes are great. A double ended staging yard and two additional yards keep mainline track busy with freight, local and passenger service.



### 8-16 Operators

For additional information and photos of these layouts visit:

[2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org](http://2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org)

### ANNUAL MEETING BANQUET

The Banquet will be held Saturday evening with a complimentary cocktail hour (for registered hotel guests only), (cash bar for non-registered guests) followed by a plated dinner. Please enter your entrée choices on the registration form. The choices are as follows:

- **Almond Chicken with shallot cream sauce, served with Dauphinoise potatoes and asparagus.**
- **Grilled Flat Iron Steak with herbed compound butter, served with Dauphinoise potatoes and asparagus.**
- **Eggplant Parmesan with buttered fettuccini.**

All entrees include Caesar salad, warm rolls and butter, chocolate cake, coffee and tea will be served.

The Program will include the Annual Membership Meeting, Contest and Regional Awards followed by a historical portrayal, by David Adair, detailing "a day in the life of an early Appalachian coal miner". **Banquet cost: \$40.00 per person**

### COMPANY STORE

"2016.Rails to the Capitol" will follow the format used by Division 10 last year in Lexington by combining the Company Store and the White Elephant Sale into one event. You can sell your new and gently used railroad related items. Please mark items that have missing parts or do not operate with "AS IS". If your items sell, we will charge the seller a 10% commission for conducting the sale. Settlement with sellers will be within 2 weeks following the Convention.

**Convention cars, shirts and hats that can be ordered with your registration and will be ready for pick up when you arrive.**

**Shirts and hats will not be available for sale at the Convention.**

**Our guidelines/policies regarding the sale and display of items at the Company Store are as follows:**

The raffles will also be taking up space, but hopefully the room will be large enough for all. We will have staff members in the room at all times when it is open. The Company Store will keep a 10% commission from the sale of ALL items sold. If your items do not sell, you will NOT have to pay the Company Store.

**All your items must be marked with a price when you drop them off to the Company Store.** The Company Store staff will provide you with the 3-part sales form for **each item** you are selling. Please include the following information on the 3-part sales form:



- Detailed description of the item.
- Selling price of each item.
- Your registration number for the Convention (printed on name badge).

If you are representing a Division, we will need the following information (a form for a Division to fill out is on the Convention website and labeled as Company Store Division Merchandise List):

- The quantity and price of each item you are leaving with us.
- Division number, name of contact person, cell phone number and email address.
- Name and address of person to whom we should send the check following the Convention.

Unsold items must be picked up within one hour after the close of the banquet. Please bring your yellow copy of the 3-part sales form as a claim check. If you want to pick up your item(s) before this time, please see a Company Store staff member who will check out your item(s).

Unsold items not picked up after the Banquet may become the property of Division 6 if not picked up within two (2) weeks after the Convention. If you want unsold items shipped, you will have to pay shipping and handling charges plus a hassle fee for us to return them.

There will be an initial maximum limit of 20 items to be sold per individual. Hours of Operation will be posted in the Convention timetable.

**Our Company Store will take cash or personal checks for payment. We will not accept credit cards. Sorry for the inconvenience.**

### RAFFLE

The winning tickets for each raffle item will be drawn on Saturday afternoon after 3:15 PM and the winning numbers will be displayed outside the Company Store. Distribution of prizes to winners will be from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and will continue if needed after the banquet. All unclaimed raffle prizes become the property of Division 6 if not claimed by the end of the Convention. All decisions of the Company Store personnel are final.

### GROVE CITY, OHIO, MIDLAND STATION

Models are in limited supply and orders will be on a first-come first-served basis. If ordered with registration, prices are as follows: N Scale, \$20.00 – HO Scale, \$35.00 – S Scale, \$55.00 – O Scale, \$65.00.

Prices at the Company Store will be: N Scale, \$25.00 – HO Scale, \$40.00 – S Scale, \$59.00 – O Scale, \$69.00.



The prototype station location is shown on the Sunday layout tour map for those who wish to drive by it.

### CONVENTION HATS

Convention hats are available with the Convention Logo embroidered on flex fit red cotton twill fabric. They are available in two sizes, S/M and L/XL. **Hats must be ordered prior to March 1, 2016**, and picked up at the Convention. Cost is \$14.00, including tax.





## CONVENTION CARS

Division 6 will be selling HO scale 41' Gondolas lettered for Buckeye Steel Castings, a Columbus firm and manufacturers of the "Buckeye Trucks" used by many railroads through the years. The cars are Accurail 300-3700-Series steel gondolas. Black with white let-



tering cars will be produced in two numbers.



Decals furnished to re-number additional are available. Cars are \$20.00 ea, 3 for \$55.00, if ordered with registration and should be picked up at the Convention Company Store. Cost will be \$23.00 each if purchased at the Company Store.

## CONVENTION SHIRTS

"Jerzees" Brand golf shirts are available in Oxford Grey. Men's shirts include a pocket. **Shirts must be ordered prior to March 1, 2016** to ensure delivery at the Convention. See size charts on the Convention web site. Price for sizes S, M, L & XL is \$25.00, sizes 2X – 5X is \$30.00, men's/ladies, tax included. Personalized with names is additional \$4.00 each. Colors may vary slightly on larger shirts. **All sales are final.** Ladies, **for a looser fit**, order in men's sizes.

## CONVENTION CONTEST

As in years past, we will be conducting the model, photography, and arts and crafts contest. All entrants must be current NMRA members. In 2014 the Region aligned the categories of model entries to agree with the National Contest. The winner in each judged model, photography, and arts and crafts category will receive a plaque. Second and third place will receive ribbons. Best of show awards will be presented in each of these categories.

There will also be a Peoples' Choice contest for favorite car, locomotive, structure, display, photo and craft item. All registrants will receive a ballot in their registration packet. Popular Vote ballots must be cast prior to 9:00 PM on Friday.

Contest entries will be accepted and visitors welcome from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM Thursday and 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Friday. **No entries will be accepted on Saturday.**

Judging begins at 9:30 AM Saturday morning. Convention attendees are welcome during judging but **silence must be observed** and there is to be no interaction with the judges. The room will be closed after the judging on Saturday. Entries cannot be picked up until after the banquet.

A training clinic for judges will be presented in the Contest Room on Saturday morning at 8:00 AM, conducted by Bob Weinheimer,

MMR. If you want to be a judge or feel you need to refresh your judging skills, please attend this session. New judges will be teamed with experienced judges for contest judging. Don't forget that serving as a judge earns you credit toward Association Volunteer in the Achievement Program.

**JUDGED MODEL CONTEST CATEGORIES:** Steam Locomotives, Diesel and other Locomotives, Traction, Passenger Cars, Freight Cars, Caboose, Non-revenue Cars, Structure and Display.

**JUDGED PHOTO CONTEST CATEGORIES:** Model, B&W Print – Model, Color Print – Prototype, B&W Print – Prototype, Color Print. See the Convention web site for photo contest requirements.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS CATEGORIES:** General, Needlework, and Railroadiana.

**Entry and Judging Forms for each category are available for your convenience on the Convention web site.**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Ah – you found me way back here. Hope you weren't too worried when you pored over the front page and couldn't find my inspiring words. All I can say is if you've gotten to this page without pausing to get your Convention registration in, you missed something. Go back to Page One and start over. Seriously, the Regional Convention is a great opportunity to operate on or visit layouts you might never have another chance to see, attend clinics that probably won't be repeated anywhere close to home, tour industries and facilities that are usually closed to individual visitors and to meet and compare ideas with modelers and train-buffs from areas further away than a three hour drive. In fact – here is a recommendation for you – at the banquet, and in the common gathering areas, **MEET SOMONE NEW**. Split up your group for one night! Don't insist on sitting with the same people you see every month.

The new year is approaching, and many of us like to make resolutions. Last year, instead of coming up with a bunch that for some reason or another I still could not complete, I made only one resolution. **\*\*\*PROGRESS!\*\*\***. Resolve to make at least some progress on every one of the things that have been or need to be started. AND, - I did it! My first project of the coming new year will be to fix a derail situation that I have – mine does it often and unexpectedly - I didn't even have to construct the elaborate one that Thornton White described in the December **NMRA Magazine**.

Between now and the Convention, please discuss the idea of your Division hosting the 2019 Convention and be prepared to propose it at the Friday evening Board Meeting.

Get busy on your model railroading projects – let's double the number of AP certificates over the next six months. Be sure to get to one or more of the many winter and spring shows – pick up something to work on, and enjoy the cold nights.

One more thing – as Bob stated in the editor's notes, you are receiving a hard copy (black & white) of this Kingpin, as well as the electronic copy (in color), if we have your email address. Out of the 1,535 current MCR members, we have email addresses for 1,203. That means that 332 of you only get one issue per year, and you are missing out on three email issues. Please go to [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) and submit your email address. If you don't have one, perhaps a child or grandchild (you know – that kid who tried to teach you how to program the DVR) will let you get it on their email.

See you in Columbus!

Steve Kaplan  
MCR President

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## FROM THE EDITOR

I know it hasn't been too long since the last issue of the KingPin but in that issue I did promise that convention information would be coming soon and here it is. This issue is being made available in two forms. Each member of the Mid Central Region will receive a printed copy. In addition, each MCR member who has an email address on file with the NMRA headquarters will receive it electronically.

Just as the last issue of the KingPin was coming out the December issue of Model Railroader was arriving in stores and in our mailboxes. That issue contains a wonderful article about MCR member Rick Stern's layout. Perhaps that layout will be available for a visit during the 2018 MCR Convention in Cincinnati. Congratulations to Rick.



NMRA's Mid Central Region is proud to announce the release of a one room brick schoolhouse kit made by Mountaineer Precision Products. The prototype was in Canal Winchester, Ohio but seems typical of 19th century schools throughout the rural Midwest. Some of these structures are still in use today for farm equipment storage (the directions say that the Canal Winchester school has been moved and preserved). The kit features laser cut wood construction with plastic brick overlay. The HO scale kit was initially available for sale at the Regional Convention and now O and S scale versions are available. The kit prices are: HO \$45, S \$70, and O \$80. All prices include shipping. Make payment to NMRA Mid-Central Region. Orders should be sent to:

Steve Kaplan  
MCR Project Kit  
3238 Belvoir Blvd.

Beachwood, OH 44122





# Rails to the Capital



Registration Form

Division 6, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Inc.

The Buckeye Division

*Primary registrant MUST be an NMRA member at the time of the Convention.*

Primary Registrant Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA No. \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ Names of others \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Early Basic Registration <i>(Through Feb. 15, 2016)</i>		\$75.00	
Regular Registration <i>(After Feb. 15, 2016)</i>		\$80.00	
6 month Rail Pass ( per person)		\$ 9.95	
Family Members (same household)		\$25.00	
		<b>Total</b>	
		(Total from back page)	
		<b>Grand Total</b>	

Activity assignment will be based on a first-come first-served basis.

Make check payable to: **Div. 6 MCR-NMRA Convention.**

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EXTRA FARE CLINICS				PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
EXTRA FARE CLINIC NUMBER 1 – KEEPSAKE BEARS				\$25.00		
EXTRA FARE CLINIC NUMBER 2 – BEAD STRINGING				\$15.00		
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EXTRA FARE CLINIC NUMBER 4 – MODELING WITH THE MASTERS				\$20.00		
EXTRA FARE TOURS						
TOUR NUMBER 1: AGE OF STEAM ROUNDHOUSE/DENNISON MUSEUM				\$85.00		
CIRCLE LUNCH CHOICE: <b>MEATLOAF</b> <b>HAM</b>						
TOUR NUMBER 2: FRANKLIN PARK/SCHMIDT'S				\$35.00		
TOUR NUMBER 3: THE CANDLE LAB				\$20.00		
TOUR NUMBER 4: SUTPHEN FIRE APPARATUS				\$10.00		
AWARDS BANQUET						
CIRCLE ENTREEE CHOICE: <b>BEEF</b> <b>CHICKEN</b> <b>EGGPLANT</b>				\$40.00		
BUCKEYE STEEL HO CAR KITS						
SINGLE KIT CAR NUMBER 16				\$20.00		
SINGLE KIT CAR NUMBER 20				\$20.00		
THREE CAR KITS WITH EXTRA CAR NUMBER DECAL				\$55.00		
MIDLAND STATION LASER KIT						
<b>N</b> SCALE KIT				\$20.00		
<b>HO</b> SCALE KIT				\$35.00		
<b>S</b> SCALE KIT				\$59.00		
<b>O</b> SCALE KIT				\$69.00		
CONVENTION HATS (RED)						
CIRCLE SIZE(S) <b>S/M</b> <b>L/XL</b>				\$15.00		
MENS CONVENTION SHIRTS – OXFORD GREY – WITH POCKET						
CIRCLE SIZE(S) <b>S</b> <b>M</b> <b>L</b> <b>XL</b>				\$25.00		
<b>2X</b> <b>3X</b> <b>4X</b> <b>5X</b>				\$30.00		
NAME ON SHIRT, PLEASE PRINT:				\$ 5.00		
LADIES CONVENTION SHIRTS – OXFORD GREY – WITHOUT POCKET						
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<b>TOTAL THIS SIDE - ADD TO SIDE 1</b>						

**MARK SELECTIONS WITH AN (X) ASSIGNMENTS MADE ON FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS**

OPERATING SESSION LAYOUT CHOICES- PLEASE MARK 1 <sup>ST</sup> , 2 <sup>ND</sup> , 3 <sup>RD</sup> CHOICE FOR EACH TIME SLOT	1ST	2ND	3 <sup>RD</sup>
OPS SESSION # 1 THURSDAY AFTERNOON: GUY THRAMS - LEXINGTON, OH			
OPS SESSION # 2 THURSDAY EVENING: CHRIS WALSH - HILLIARD, OH			
OPS SESSION # 3 THURSDAY EVENING: DAVID MATHENY - GALLOWAY, OH			
OPS SESSION #4 THURSDAY EVENING: BILL HANNA - GAHANA, OH			
OPS SESSION #5 FRIDAY EVENING: BILL MAPES - PATASKLA, OH			
OPS SESSION # 6 FRIDAY EVENING: COSHOCTON MODEL R R CLUB – COSHCOTON, OH			
OPS SESSION # 7 SATURDAY MORNING: BILL HANNA – GAHANA, OH			
OPS SESSION # 8 SATURDAY MORNING: DICK SINE - SPRINGFIELD, OH			