



## Twin Cities Division News Update January 19th 2024

Welcome to 2024! The new year promises to be full of enjoyable activities. We will highlight some of them here and also refer you to the Twin Cities Division website, [TCDNMRA.ORG](https://www.tcdnmra.org) for more information and updates. You will also find breaking news on the Twin Cities Division of the NMRA Facebook page. After you have read all the news, take a minute and read a recent editorial from **Cynthia Priest**, Editor of the NMRA Magazine posted on the [TCDNMRA.Org](https://www.tcdnmra.org) webpage. I cannot agree more with Cynthia's message. Go First Class! Get everything you can from you NMRA Membership!

**Weekly, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 on Facebook Live and the TCDNMRA MEDIA YouTube page** join us for **The Crossing Gate Live**. We cover upcoming events in the Division and also a special presentation. So far this year, we have featured several railfan tours of local railroads and most recently visits with modelers who are rebuilding their railroads. Coming in the next few weeks will be news about the TCD Operations Day, the Modelers Meet and the TLR Convention.

**Thursday February 8, TCD Winter Internet Meeting.** Join us live Thursday evening at 7:00 for a quick meeting to discuss Division business followed by a review of upcoming events. We will top the evening off with a presentation by Pat Fleming introducing us to Layout Command Control.

**Saturday February 24. TCD Operators Day.** Begin the day at Perkins for a hearty breakfast and slice of pie, then you are off and operating. Enjoy two great operations sessions at some of the finest model railroads in the Twin Cities. Greg Dahl is wrangling this fun day for us. The operations will be structured for anyone who wants to learn the operational art or just to gain more experience. Each session will run about 2 hours, this is not ops till you drop. Listen in on February 24 to the Crossing Gate Live for the full story. **More information at TCDNMRA.ORG**

**Thursday March 14th, Join us for the Twin Cities Division Meeting.**

March 14th is Pi Day so where else would we meet but the Perkins on 494 in Bloomington. We will have a short meeting, then a program. In honor of Pi day, there will be no judgement if you choose to have two slices of pie.

**Friday March 15-Saturday March 16, 6th Annual Modelers Meet.**

One of the great highlights of the model railroading season, the TCD continues the tradition of the modelers meet. Friday will feature set up, social and a fantastic slide show from Jim Brown. Grab a comfortable seat and settle in for some serious candy for your eyes featuring Jim's railroad photography. Saturday, the day starts early with coffee and donuts then hang on for a full day of presentations and displays. The day will not be complete unless you bring along your project, finished or not and share in all the fun. More information at [TCDNMRA.ORG](http://TCDNMRA.ORG)

## RAILROAD MODELER'S RETREAT MARCH 15-16

### Friday March 15 6:00 until 10:00 PM

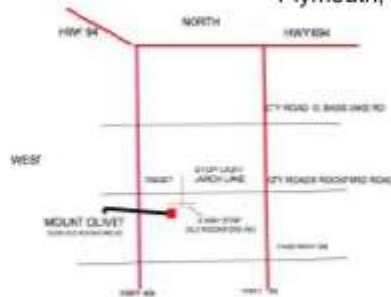
Friday is our Modelers Meet Social evening. Set up will begin at 6:00. We will fill the rest of the evening with railfan (historic and contemporary) photos and social time.

### Saturday March 16 8:00 A. M. until 4:30 PM P.M.

Doors for setup at 7:00, Coffee will be on. Doors open at 8:00 for viewing and conversation. 6 hours of Presentations begin at 8:30.

### **Event Registration 15.00 one or both days**

Location : Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth 12235 Old Rockford Rd.  
Plymouth, Mn. 55441



**Registration and additional information:**  
**Ken Zieska**  
**11810 52nd Ave. N**  
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**763-232-3455**  
[mhry19@gmail.com](mailto:mhry19@gmail.com)  
<http://www.tcdnmra.org/>

There are many meal options in the area, coffee will be provided.

Clinicians at this time include Jason Shoemakers, Joe Binish,  
 Lester Breuer MMR, Thomas Gasior MMR, Rand Relander,  
 Ken Zieska

Additional clincis and updates will be posted

NAME:

E-MAIL ADDRESS (for confirmation)

15.00 pre-registration included \_\_\_\_\_ check \_\_\_\_\_ cash

Electronic pre-registration will be posted on the TCDNMRA website shortly

### Sponsored by the Twin Cities Division



We are returning to one of our popular meeting spots for the April meeting. The food is great, we will enjoy a fun presentation and get information on the address' for the April layout Tours.

**April 13th, by popular Demand, Twin Cities Division Skills Day II.**

We had so much fun last November with our hands on skills day that we are doing it again. Plan on spending an afternoon getting your hands dirty and learning some great modeling skills. More details and sign up will appear on the website at [TCDNMRA.org](http://TCDNMRA.org).

**APRIL TCD SPRING LAYOUT TOUR NE AND SW METRO AREA**

The Twin Cities Division will visit more great model railroad over two weekends in April. Rich Remariz is organizing the NE railroads and we are looking for an organizer for the SW. This tour will be south of Crosstown and west of 35W. Interested in helping out? [info@tcdnmra.org](mailto:info@tcdnmra.org)

**MAY 7 TCD ANNUAL MEETING**

Come join us for a fun recap of the modeling year's activities and help plan for the next season. We will be electing two board positions and signing up volunteers to help run the Division.

**MAY 16-19 2024 The SAWDUST CITY HAULER**

**THOUSAND LAKES REGION CONVENTION**

This May, we are traveling to Eau Claire for a great weekend of Model Railroad fun and adventure. The Convention Committee is planning a great convention full of activities and fellowship. Entries for the Celebration Room will be accepted beginning Thursday afternoon. Clinics begin that evening. Friday there will be morning clinics and then we travel to Durand Wisconsin to ride with the Chippewa Motor Car Association on the old Milwaukee Railroad main. Saturday will be more clinics a ride behind live steam at Carson Park then back to the hotel for happy hour and a banquet. Sunday morning will be the ever popular TLR Annual Meeting then layout tours on the way home. The Sleep Inn and Conference Center/29 Pines Restaurant will be our home base. The hotel is offering a special rate of 85.00 per night for TLR guests. Registration

materials and more details are online at [TCDNMRA.org](http://TCDNMRA.org)

# 2024 Thousand Lakes Region Convention

May 16th – 19th Eau Claire Wisconsin

Please join us in Eau Claire for the convention!

Our convention committee has been planning and reserving some unique events.

Ride down an old Milwaukee mainline on speeders or behind live steam in small coaches in scenic Carson Park. Maybe tour some homes with the unique photo finished and operational layouts we are known for here.

Clinics are always a hot topic, and we have an array of those with some favorites and many new ones. Contest models are also a big part of an NMRA meet and we will have a room and judging by TLR officials or display for fun. Non-rail contests are being planned for needlework, quilting, knitting, crocheting, painting, and non-rail photos.

We live in one of the fastest growing communities in the Midwest and have so many unique shops, restaurants, breweries, and bars. Once served by the Milwaukee Road, Soo Line, and The Chicago & North Western there are plenty of historic rail discoveries waiting for you. We will have maps available.

### Hotel Information / Reservations (715) 203-4785

Sleep Inn & Suites Conference Center, 5872 33rd Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703

Room Block under: TLR Model Railroad Assoc.

2 Queens or 1 King \$85.00 for up to 2 guests. \$10 for each guest over first 2.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA# \_\_\_\_\_ ExpirationDate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ StreetAddress \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/PostalCode \_\_\_\_\_ PrimaryModelingScale O, S, HO, N, Z \_\_\_\_\_

### Price Sheet

Item	Price Each	Number	Sub Total	
NMRA Member Registration Fee	\$35.00			Clinics, Tours, Contests, etc.
Non-Member Registration Fee	\$45.00			Clinics, Tours, Contests, etc.
Spouse/Guest	No Charge		No Charge	Non-Rail Events
Saturday Evening Banquet	\$35.00			Meal, Speaker, and Awards
Friday Speeder Ride	\$25.00			Bus ride to Historical MILW Main & Speeder Ride
Saturday Park Train Rides	\$6.00			Includes rides on steam and diesel park locomotives
		Total		

Make Checks out to: **Twin Cities Division NMRA**

**Mail to:** Patrick Thoney, 1703 Delrae Court, Eau Claire, WI 54703 [thoneyps@gmail.com](mailto:thoneyps@gmail.com)

After May 1st, email to make sure we have an accurate banquet number.

You do not need to be a member of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) to attend non-rail events. To become an NMRA member go to <https://www.nmra.org/> for information.

We hope to complete the itinerary in February. Itinerary will be emailed to all registered members and on the TLR website.

## AUGUST 4-11 SURFLINER CONVENTION NMRA NATIONAL

### LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

There is nothing quite like an NMRA National to connect with model railroading friends across the world. Check out the convention webpage link on the [NMRA.ORG](http://NMRA.ORG) website.

Connect with us on Facebook, on the NMRA Discord site the NMRA Interchange and TCDNMRAMEDIA YouTube.

Check with your friends,. If they didn't receive the update, we need to update their email. Help us and them. Contact with us at [info@tcdnmra.org](mailto:info@tcdnmra.org).