



Thousand Lakes Region and Divisions News Update April 3, 2024

There are so many things happening the Thousand Lakes Region and your local Divisions, we waited until after April 1 to put this out so you wouldn't think we are joking. Take a look at the latest copy of the Fusee for more information and great photos. www.thousandlakesregion.org/e-fusee

Special Notice: The Thousand Lakes Region activities are planned to be family friendly. Model Railroading is such a great hobby to share with family members of all ages. Hobbies and Friendships have also been positively linked to better mental and physical health. Help yourself and others by sharing Model Railroading and the NMRA.

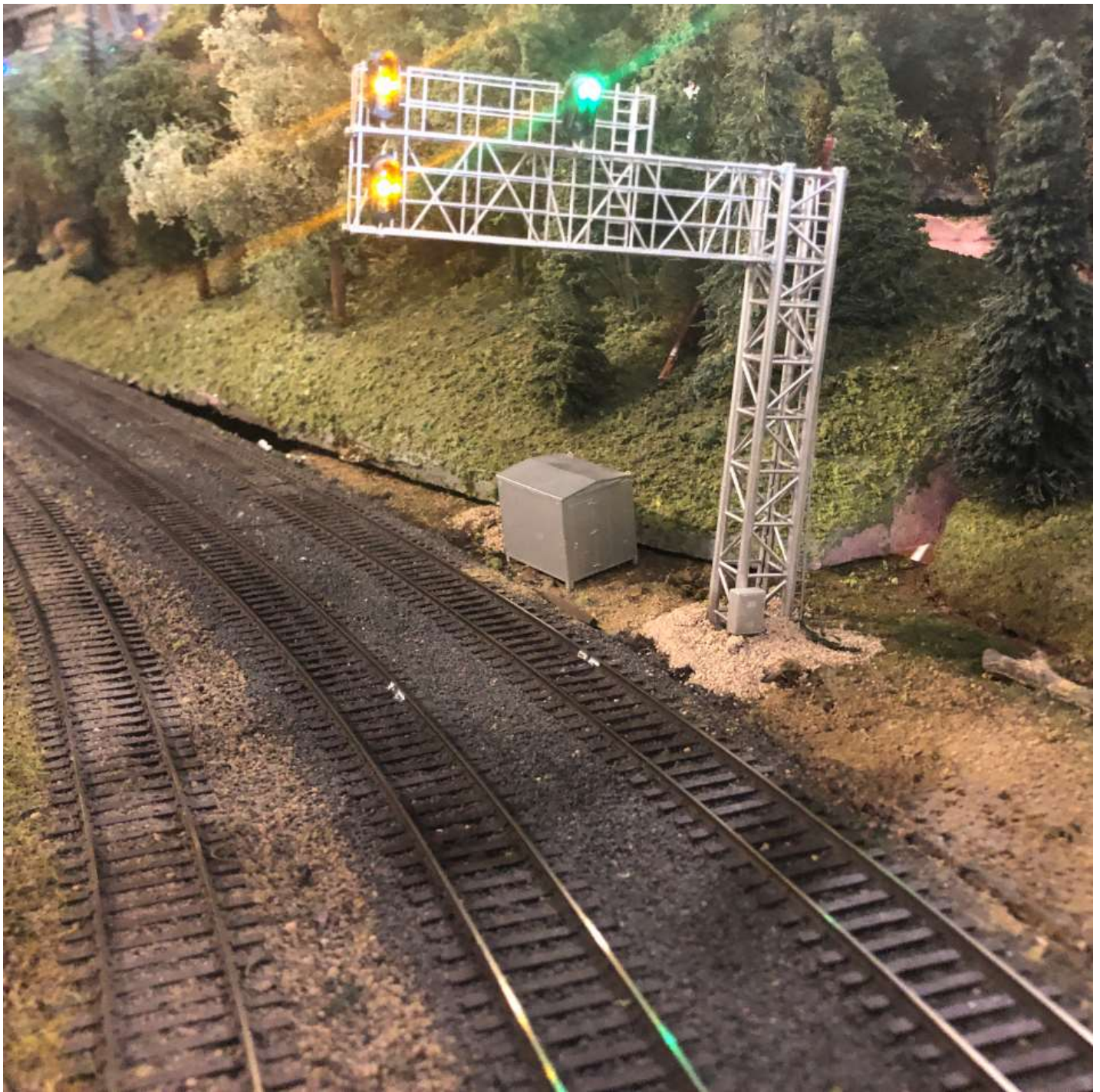
April 6th Amazing Train Show/Market Day.

Greater Upper Midwest Train Show, Century College White Bear Lake.

Prairie Lakes Division NMRA Train Show, Clinics, layout.

Winnebagoland Division NMRA Train Show, Clinics, layout

YOU HAVE A GREEN LIGHT FOR FUN!



April 7th Operations day at the North Metro Model Railroad Club and we are invited! NMRA members are invited to join the North Metro Club for a day of operations on **April 7th**. This is a great club to visit, to view and to operate. If you are new to operations, you can participate as a two person crew to help you learn the ropes. There is no charge but we recommend a donation. Feedback is good, we are expecting a good crowd but there is still room for you.

April 9, 16, 23, 30. Dakota South Eastern Division Model Trains 101. A four evening course on the hobby of model trains held in conjunction with Sioux Falls Community Education. See their Website for information

<https://dakotasoutheastern.org/>

April 11th Twin Cities Division Monthly Meeting Park Tavern, St. Louis Park.

6:00, great food and a fun evening with friends.

April 13th Twin Cities Division “share your skills day” Join us for a day of learning and sharing. Make and Take projects: Make a load for an open hopper or gondola. Soldering, Try your hand at soldering and go away with a neat LED flagman (person?). DCC Programming Learn JMRI and try your hand at programming.



LED FLAGMAN

May 4th Newport Model Railroad Flea Market, Woodbury High School

9:00 AM -2:00 PM

May 9th Twin Cities Division annual meeting. A full evening and we hope everyone can make it. We will review a very successful year and give you the first look at next year’s schedule. We will preview the TLR Convention, elect officers for open positions and have a special volunteer recognition drawing.

May 16-19 Thousand Lakes Region Sawdust City Hauler, Eau Claire, Wi



Early registrations are flowing in but we still have room for you. Speeder car rides for the first 70 who register, fantastic clinic line up, great layouts to visit, celebration room and more. **A fantastic Spouse or non rail event line is set up. The program includes:**

- 1. Friday and Saturday mornings: Chair messages \$15/10 minutes. Signup is every 15 minutes (on the hour). Open to all attendees.**
- 2. Friday: 0900, paper crafting. A variety of cards (\$2.50/kit), note book and card holder (\$5)**
- 3. Saturday: 0900. Pablo painting class 16 X 22 canvas. (\$45)**
- 4. Friday: 11-1500. Bus trip. Sculpture tour thru Eau Claire (with guide). Stop at Schlegelmilch-McDonald House Drive through the countryside to Autumn Harvest vineyard with optional wine tasting. Nonalcoholic options available and they have a beautiful patio area with a gorgeous view of the rolling hills and orchards. On the journey back to the convention hotel we are planning one last stop at Riverbend winery and distillery. \$50 fee includes bud from convention hotel, light lunch, and admission to Schlegelmilch-McDonald house.**

So, we have a relaxing drive through scenic Western Wisconsin that has Kwik Trip stores conveniently spaced along the route. One exit then a quick turn into the hotel where rooms are 85.00 per night. A full convention schedule, layout tours, model contest and model displays. Interesting clinics including hands on modeling opportunities, local history and more. Famous Wisconsin Happy Hours, a banquet with lucky ticket auction and lots of prizes. Spending time with old friends while making new friends in the hobby.

Registration is on the Thousand Lakes Region Website and the Twin Cities Division website. www.thousandlakesregion.org/
