



Thousand Lakes Region and Divisions News Update May 13, 2024

Spring is quickly turning to summer. Up here in the frozen North, we find time between snow storms to enjoy the out side but there is still news from the Thousand Lakes Region and your local Divisions. It is not too late to make plans to join us at the TLR Convention in Eau Claire. The group in Eau Claire has a great schedule of events and remember, Rooms are only 85.00 per night. Jump on the Thousand Lakes Region NMRA website for full convention information.

If you missed the **April 13th** Twin Cities Division “share your skills day” , these little LED flagmen will be available at the TLR convention in the hands on building clinic. We will also have the soldering tools so you can build your on site and bring one home for your operating fun. For more hands on modeling, we will have a limited supply of GC Laser, laser cut Billboard kit and we will be painting miniatures. I am bringing my paint supplies and unpainted figures to paint. They are S Scale so please bring some of your favorite unpainted figures and paint along. Yes, you have them, they are in the bottom of your blue tub... along with other projects you just need to get to. Plus, I know that there will be several other painters coming to show their techniques. If you have unpainted figures to bring, I suggest you prime them prior to bringing them. I use grey however in planning this event, I have found that others use white, black and dark grey. Come try your hand. Feel free to pack your favorite hobby knife, some brushes, paint colors. Also for hands on fun, Matt Lenz will be demonstrating wet pallet painting as he finished TLR 75th Anniversary boxcars.

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



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 massages \$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. 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 where Kwik Trip stores are 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.

There is a newly expanded hobby shop in Eau Claire featuring Convention Specials.

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

June 9th The Twin Cities Division will be having a picnic at the Historic Wayzata Depot in Downtown Wayzata. Just a fun hang out, take a look at the beautiful depot and garden railroad. If we are fortunate, watch the BNSF on the Wilmar line.

July 11-13 The No 1 Northern Division will have their layout on display in Carmen Manitoba for their fun and fair Days, July 11-13 2024. The layout will be 50' x 40'.

July 13 Twin Cities Division picnic at Kaposia Landing in South St. Paul. On the River and overlooking the UP yard so we have lots of fun things to see as we picnic and enjoy keeping in touch.

Welcome to new members, Karl Hamilton, Bruce Lentz, William Sampson, Eugene Schmitt, Matt Arcand and Ted Hughes. Your NMRA membership is an all access pass. You are welcome at any NMRA event in any Division of Region.