

The Twin Cities Division NMRA Annual Modelers meet will be held March 13th and 14th at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth. This is the current list of presenters, the exact schedule of events will be posted on the Twin Cities Division NMRA Facebook page around March 1. Additional events for this year include Operation Sessions on Friday March 13th from 1:00 until 5:00 and Layout tours on Saturday evening after the presentations. Please join us for a very full weekend.

Joe Binish and Tom Gasior MMR

Getting Operational

How to be a good guest, host and operator, how to get invited to sessions and how to invite others to sessions on your railroad. How to self evaluate both layouts and operators so you know the type of operations you enjoy and the types of operators you enjoy operating at your railroad. The goal of this presentation is to get operators who don't have a home at a layout to be able to operate when they are available, and to get layouts enough crew to operate.

Les Breuer

Simple Casting

Creating special models occasionally requires making special parts. Master Model Railroader Lester Breuer will demonstrate a simple way to create these castings and expand your modeling enjoyment.

Jim Dick

Interlocking Plants

Interlockings. Fun to look at, fun to visit when you can still find them however how to model them? Simple Interlockings are obtainable for modeling. We will look at signal indications both ABS and absolute and try to de-mystify them, then look at modeling a simple interlocking at a reasonable cost using plug in components.

Doug Harding

Modeling a Generic Grainger Town

Barry Karlberg

Tales from the Rails

Barry's career as a railroader gives him a first hand view of operations on Class one and Regional Railroads. Barry's presentations are always popular as he mixes his prototypical information with real world stories from the life of a railroader.

John Niemeyer

Modeling "Light"

Creatively add the dimension of light to your layout and models. Adding a light source to a building or headlamp is a wonderful start. John will show us how he adds the wonder of light to scenes and figures. These are of course the LED we all know but also black light LED's that create unique light effects like neon. We will take away new ideas and techniques to make our modeled scenes more exciting and interesting.

Ron Olsen

T Trak Modules

If you have been putting off getting out of your armchair because you didn't have layout space or didn't want to take on a huge project, One great way to enjoy model railroading is to create a T Trak module. T trak standards are recognized world wide for every scale of model railroading and the Twin Cities Division has been building examples. Ron Olsen is going to share the standards, typical construction methods and some modules being constructed.

Jeff Otto

Rich Remiarz

Scenery to Make Mother Nature Envious

Last year Rich shared with us how he carefully recreated a Central Minnesota town on his layout. This year Rich is sharing with us the techniques and tools he uses to create beautiful scenery. Scenery helps set time, place and mood on a model railroad, Great scenery is the backdrop and stage that displays the carefully created models we have worked so hard on in a miniature prototypical environment.

Bob Rivard

Modeling from the Prototype

Bob gets his modeling inspiration from the prototype, not just specific models but also scenes. Typically any pictures Bob posts will require careful scrutiny to determine if it represents the model or the real scene.

William Sampson

Dave Vos

Dave is bringing examples from his collections of maps for display and discussion.