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The core architecture of the engine platform was jointly developed with GE Distributed Power, incorporating decades of high-speed engine experience across the Jenbacher and Waukesha product lines. GE Distributed Power is targeting a serialization of the technology to introduce a range of stationary gas engine operating potentially as soon as 2020.

**CATCH THE TRAINS!**

**MadCity**  
52nd Annual

**MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE**  
Feb. 16-17, 2019  
Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-4  
Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition Hall  
Madison, Wisconsin  
A GREAT FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT VALUE!

## The 52nd Annual Mad City MODEL RAILROAD SHOW AND SALE

Sat. Feb. 16, 9AM-5PM • Sun. Feb. 17, 9AM-4PM  
Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition Hall, Madison, WI

One of the Midwest's best model RR events showcasing beautiful model train layouts in Z, N, HO, S, O and G scale; classic toy trains; historical exhibits & railroad videos. Kids can build a giant wooden train layout or run or ride a model train. **300+ vendor tables** of model train merchandise including tools, railroad collectibles, videos, books, clothing and artwork. Hourly door prizes for adults. Kids, age 5-11, can register to win a train set!

### Four HO train sets given away each day!

**New this year:** Family Pak \$30

Includes two adults (regular or senior) and two kids (5-11)

Adults \$12 (12 & older), Seniors \$11 (65 & older)

Children \$6 (age 5-11), Kids under 5 FREE

Active duty military \$11. Two day pass \$16. Parking fee not included.

All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**\$1 off advanced sale tickets—available at local hobby shops—see Web site for locations**

For more information:  
[www.nmra-scwd.org](http://www.nmra-scwd.org)



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# Did you know?

**NMRA National Convention Clinics in the Members Only section on the NMRA's Website**

Numerous videos were made of clinics at several recent National Conventions. These 85 videos, initially available on DVDs from the NMRA Library, are now becoming available in the Members Only section of the website. You can browse and view them either from the Education menu or the "Watch Convention Videos" button on the Member Home Page.

**You can watch a National Convention Clinic - AT HOME.**



# FIRST CLASS TICKET- REGISTRATION FORM

## MWR-TLR CONVENTION

**MAY 17-19 2019**

### DAYS INN LACROSSE WISCONSIN

101 Sky Harbour Dr LaCrosse, WI

**(608)783-1000**

**Room Rate \$67**

Note: You must be a member of the National Model Railroad Association to attend. **Membership will be checked.**

Spouses or significant others do not need to be NMRA members to attend the Friday tours, Saturday night banquet or Non-rail events.

A 9-month "rail-pass" membership is available to new members for \$20. **See below.**

If you have ever purchased a NMRA RailPass Membership , you cannot do that again. You must sign up for a full NMRA membership to attend this year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA # (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check if this your first MWR or TLR convention.

Event	Price	Total
Member Registration (postmarked before April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019) Includes all clinics, rail tours (limited to the first 168), and Saturday lunch and Banquet	\$97	
Spouse or Guest Registration Includes all clinics, rail tours (limited to the first 168), and Saturday lunch and Banquet	\$97	
Registration postmarked after April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	\$107	
Modeling with the Masters info on page 2	\$25	
9 Month NMRA RailPass for Non-NMRA members	\$20	
	<b>Total</b>	

**Please indicate which events you will attend**

	Member				Guest				
	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	
Local Industry Tour					Non Rail Tours				
Operating sessions see page 2					Saturday Lunch				
					Saturday Banquet				

List any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and check to (checks payable to Thousand Lakes Region):

Gerry Miller  
1040 Hawkeye Dr.  
Dubuque, IA 52001

2019mwrTLRconvention@gmail.com

If you are signing up for the operating sessions or modeling with the masters this sheet needs to be filled out and returned with your registration form.

MODELING WITH THE MASTER: Below are 3 clinic day/time choices. Select your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> preference and circle your scale choice. There will be 25 modelers per session, limited to 75 modelers. There is an additional cost of \$25.00 to cover the cost of the model.

Tool list for the clinic is on the TLR web site please look over so what you will need to bring along to build your model.

Friday, May 17, 7:00 – 10:00 am Build a small, puddle jumper bridge with styrene and wood

HO N

Saturday, May 18, 7:15 – 11:30 am Build a DPM building HO N

Saturday, May 18, 1:00 – 5:00 Introduction to building a laser wood kit N HO S O

### Operating sessions:

Please check the day or days you would like to operate. Layouts will be posted on the website when more information becomes available. If multiple layouts are available, you will be contacted pick which layout/layouts you would like to operate.

Thursday Night

Friday Night

Saturday

**Any questions send them to [2019mwrtlrconvention@gmail.com](mailto:2019mwrtlrconvention@gmail.com)**

## MWR-TLR Joint Convention in La Crosse, WI in 2019 Contest

Kennedy Gauger, TLR Contest Director

This is the first in a series of email messages to provide information to encourage your participation in the various types of contests, or as the NMRA now calls them, Celebrations. They are calling them Celebrations because, in addition to the judged model contest, there are other areas of the hobby and skills of our members and their family members in which to participate and share their talents. I will be up front here. I would like to see more participation by our membership in this element of our convention. That said, I realize many do not want to be judged by others or they are concerned that the criteria for judging are not uniform. I'll have more to say about the judged model contest in a future email. For this email, let's understand what options for participation there are.

In the following table I present the areas that comprise potential entries at the convention.

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<b>Non-Judged People's Choice (these have limited paperwork)</b>	<b>Evaluated by Volunteer Judges (these have more formal paperwork)</b>
Model Showcase: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Complete or,</li><li>•In-process models or,</li><li>•Railroad-oriented projects</li></ul>	Models: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Complete or,</li><li>•In-process models or,</li><li>•Railroad-oriented projects</li></ul>
People's Choice Favorite train Photo Match Photos	Photographs to include a digital photograph category
Arts and Crafts	Modules
	Passes

You can see that there are many non-judged categories, each with limited paperwork requirements. If you prefer, you can enter in other categories that are judged, which have more detailed paperwork requirements. I'll have more to say about the various categories and paperwork needs in future emails. Please seriously consider making an entry in the 2019 convention next May. The convention is eight months away so you have plenty of time to work on an entry and may already have several completed.

### Paperwork Associated with the People's Choice Awards

During this email, I would like to introduce the topic of NMRA paperwork requirements. These are relatively simple, and not onerous, certainly no more complicated than completing drivers license paperwork. The form is the NMRA Contest Entry Form, NMRA Form 901: [https://nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/contest/nmra\\_contest\\_entry\\_form.pdf](https://nmra.org/sites/default/files/education/contest/nmra_contest_entry_form.pdf). If you don't have a computer with printer and are interested in obtaining an NMRA Form 901, you may request it from the TLR Contest Director, Kennedy Gauger. His complete contact information is in the TLR Fusee. As noted below, you will

We will discuss the categories for the People's Choice awards here, whereas, in a later email the Judged models will be discussed. The Judged Models have some other paperwork requirements which are not complicated but are somewhat more involved.

## **People's Choice Award Categories**

### **A. Model**

- a. Favorite Train
- b. Locomotive (steam, diesel, or traction)
- c. Rolling stock (freight, passenger, non-revenue)
- d. Caboose
- e. Structure
- f. Display

### **B. Arts & Crafts**

- a. General
- b. Needlework
- c. Railroadiana

### **C. Photo** (B&W or Color)

- a. Model Print
- b. Phototype Print

### **D. Special Award Categories**

- a. Photo Match. We sought a description as to what this category entails. It "...is for models that are displayed along with a photo of them. The decision to be made [by popular vote] is how well did the modeler match his model to that photo."
- b. Thumbs (this is a humorous/whimsical model flat car or gondola car with load described in an earlier email).

An NMRA Form 901 accompanies each entry and includes the name and other, primarily contact, information at the top, Contest Events in the middle, which are primarily boxes to be checked along with an Entry Name. The entry name is important. At the bottom of the form, required conditions needing to be met are listed and at the bottom of the form is an entrant/modeler signature line. When Form 901 is entered at the convention, the Contest Director or designee will provide a claim number/check so the model can be picked up afterwards.

Paperwork is cited by some as an obstacle to participating in the convention contests. For all entries all that is required by the entrant is an NMRA Form 901 to be completed. For Judged Categories, NMRA Form 902, the NMRA Contest Judging Form is also required. More will be discussed for Judged Model entries in the next email message, but my key advice is that you take notes as you build your model. Its relatively easy to remember how you are doing something in the present that how you did something in the past. Until next time, have fun with your People's Choice and Judged modeling projects!

**Midwest Region 2019 Ballot**

*(This ballot is for use only by resident members of the Midwest Region)*

**President** *(Vote for/Check One)*

[ ]            **Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division**

[ ]            **Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President** *(Vote for/Check One)*

[ ]            **Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division**

[ ]            **Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director-At-Large** *(Vote for/Check Three)*

[ ]            **Jim Landwehr, Fox Valley Division**

[ ]            **Jerry Peterson, Michiana Division**

[ ]            **Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division** *(Incumbent)*

[ ]            **John Coy, Central Indiana Division**

[ ]            **Write-In** \_\_\_\_\_

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*To validate your ballot, please print your:*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**NMRA No.\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Division** \_\_\_\_\_ *or* **Division Code\* 28 /** \_\_\_\_\_

*\* From your membership card. Also, you can go to <http://www.mwr-nmra.org/mwr2016/mwr.divisionmap.html> to look up your Division assignment based on your Zip code. **“Midwest” is not your Division!!! It is your Region.***

*If you do not provide the above information, your ballot will not be counted.*

*Return to Midwest Region Election Committee,  
c/o Jim Osborn, 2202 Bay Oaks Dr. McHenry, IL 60051-3710. Your ballot must be received no later than Thursday, January 31, 2019.*

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