

2017 ST. LOUIS RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELER'S MEET

Co-Sponsored by the Gateway Division, NMRA



Our ELEVENTH YEAR and still growing! The St. Louis RPM Meet will be held on Friday, June 23rd and Saturday, June 24th at the Gateway Convention Center, One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234. Collinsville is 12 miles east of metro St. Louis on I-55/70. Meet starts at 9 a.m. both days.

Connect with friends and fellow prototype modelers at the nation's largest Prototype Modeler's Meet. Over 28,000-sq.ft. of high-quality models, displays, visiting prototype layouts, hands-on learning stations, and more in the modern, professional Gateway Convention Center. Presentations by nationally-recognized historians and modelers. Railroad Historical Societies and scale model vendors. Thousands of models brought by modelers on display. Home layout tours. Fellowship, Door Prizes and more!

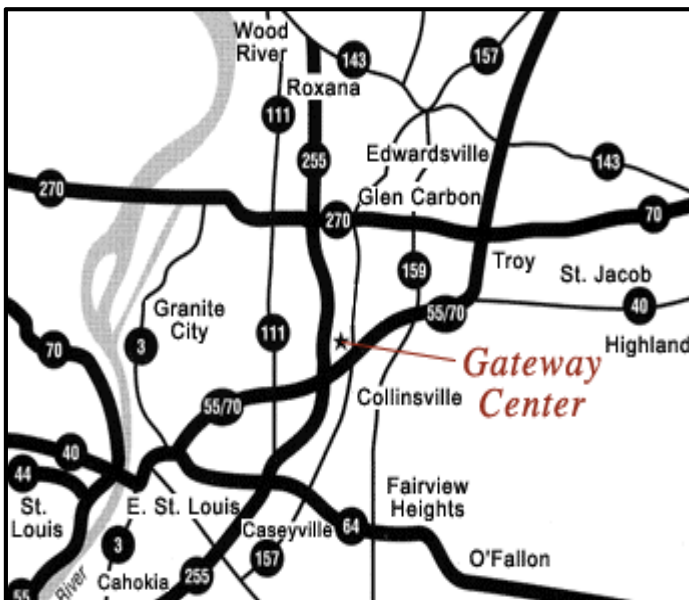
Two Days! June 23rd and 24th in Collinsville, IL

The Heart of St. Louis RPM event is YOUR MODELS!

BRING YOUR MODELS, finished or in progress, for display and discussion.

All scales, gauges, and models from all eras are welcome; bring locomotives, structures, freight cars, dioramas, vehicles or other models. There are no contests. The purpose of our event is to share and learn new techniques, and meet your fellow modelers from St. Louis and around the Nation. Attendees brought 2,500-3,000 models in 2016!

Featuring Modutrak's 55 x 15-foot N Scale layout, Jim Canter's traveling P48 layout, and the Mudhens in HO_{n3}



DIRECTIONS TO THE GATEWAY CENTER

- **Traveling North on I-55/70:** Take Collinsville Exit 11. At traffic light, turn left onto Highway 157/Bluff Road to Eastport Plaza Drive, then turn left immediately to Gateway Drive. Drive ¼-mile and the Gateway Center is located on your right.
- **Traveling East on I-40 or 44:** Take Interstate 55/70 North, to Collinsville Exit 11. At traffic light, turn left onto Highway 157/Bluff Road to Eastport Plaza Drive, then turn left immediately to Gateway Drive. Drive ¼-mile and the Gateway Center is located on your right.
- **Traveling East or West on I-64:** Take Exit 9 and then drive North on Hwy 157, approximately 7 miles, to Eastport Plaza Drive (just after crossing under I-70). Turn left immediately on Eastport Plaza Drive, then right on Gateway Drive. Gateway Center is located on left.

Gateway Convention Center: One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234. info@gatewaycenter.com 800-289-2388

Hotel information is available on our website at <http://icq.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stlrpm.htm>

BRING YOUR MODELS!

Contact John Golden at Golden1014@yahoo.com or Lonnie Bathurst at bathurst@litchfieldil.com (217) 556-0314 for meet info.

Admission: \$25.00 Fri & Sat, \$20.00 Sat only. Kids under 13 free with paid adult admission. Vendor set-up begins at 7:00 a.m. Fri. Sales end at 5:00 P.M. Sat. This is a not-for-profit event, hosted for modelers, by modelers.

CLINICS

THIS YEAR OUR FOCUS IS ON FREIGHT CARS!

*This year we're featuring 20 clinics—including many freight car topics—by nationally-known modelers and historians and great local talent. Presentations begin at 9:30 a.m. both days. **This year we are proud to feature Tony Thompson, Bernie Kempinski, Dan Holbrook, Ted Culotta, Ed Hawkins, David Lehlbach, Ryan Crawford, Clark Propst, Matt Herman, Paul Ellis, Rob Adams, Jared Harper, and more, all discussing the prototype and how to model it. Bring your freight cars for our massive display area and be part of the discussion. Clinic schedules will be available at the door.***

HANDS-ON LEARNING STATIONS

Matt Herman of Loksound will present a clinic and bring a Loksound programmer. Bring your Loksound engines for programming, including sound updates, function mapping and more! **Dave Schroedle of Protomodeler.com**, will offer hands-on weathering clinics all day, both days. Bring your own models or buy them at the meet to learn new finishing skills using chalks and weathering powders. **Sgt John Lee from Badger** will have Badger's latest airbrushes and acrylic paint for you to try hands-on! Of course The Weathering Shop will be here too, displaying and weathering cars and teaching new techniques.

NEW THIS YEAR: Jeff Otto, of Oak Hill Model Railroad Supply, will guide you through turnout building, all day, both days! AND...**George Bogatiuk from SoundTraxx** will be here with discounted Tsunami2 decoders. He'll do CV programming and set up your Tsunami-equipped locos—no limit—*all for free!*

VENDORS

St. Louis' annual Scale Train Show, featuring 115 tables of hand-picked scale model vendors. No swap meet stuff! This year's manifest includes Speedwitch, Loksound, Tangent Scale Models, SoundTraxx, Intermountain, ScaleTrains.com, Details West, Bob's Photos, Cannon & Co., Plano Model Products, ICG Custom Decals, Badger Airbrush, Funaro & Camerlengo, Bethlehem Car Works, Protocraft, Horizon Hobbies, Mike Gruber Photos, Rails Unlimited, Q Connection, Spring Creek Model Trains, ExactRail, John Fuller Photos, Iowa Scaled Engineering, Mask Island Decals, Jim Shaw Photographs, Norris Hobbies, OST Publications, Des Plaines Hobbies, Prairie Railway Display, Moon Dog Rail Cars, Bear Creek Hobbies, Oak Hill Model RR Supply, Ken Donnelly Photos, Red Board Hobbies, Midland Model Works, Classic Trains & Ferraris, Model Railway Supply, Jane's Tools, Railshop Ltd., and more. Check our website for updates at <http://icg.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stlrpm.htm>

DOOR PRIZES!

RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETIES!

Don't miss the largest annual gathering of railroad historical societies in the U.S. This year the New York Central, L&N, Pennsylvania, Wabash, Missouri Pacific, C&EI, Nickel Plate, Terminal RR Association, Central of Georgia, Illinois Central, GM&O, CB&Q, CNW, the John Barriger National Railroad Library, and the National R&LS will be on hand to aid your modeling and research. The popular HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING, once again run by the good folks from the MoPac Historical Society, will be held on Friday evening. Space is limited. Stay tuned for more info.

LAYOUT TOURS

Home layouts—including Eric Broomans' famous Utah Belt Railroad—will open for tours on Friday evening for registered attendees only. Maps, directions and more information will be available at the meet.

RPM SOCIAL EVENTS

Meet us at Bandana's BBQ (4 Commerce Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234) at 6 p.m. for our annual pre-RPM get-together. No reservations necessary. After the BBQ join us at the Double Tree next to the Convention Center for a night cap with your fellow RPMers. Cash bar. On Friday night, we'll have a PowerPoint and Pizza Party at the Center from 7-9:00 p.m., with two PowerPoint shows, and later the "RPM Roundup" at the Double Tree lounge until 10:00 p.m.! Don't miss it!

BRING YOUR MODELS FOR DISPLAY!

ST. LOUIS AREA ATTRACTIONS

Come early and visit the National Museum of Transportation (<http://www.transportmuseumassociation.org/exhibits.html>) and the John W. Barriger National Railroad Library at the campus of the University of Missouri (<http://www.umsl.edu/barriger/>). Check out St. Louis attractions at <http://www.stlouisattractions.com/> and weekend events at <http://explorestlouis.com/>.

THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AT THE GATEWAY NMRA

Check out the Gateway NMRA site at <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/default.htm>.



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