

2018 ST. LOUIS RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELER'S MEET

Co-Sponsored by the Gateway Division, NMRA



Our TWELVTH YEAR and still growing! The St. Louis RPM Meet will be held on Friday, July 20th and Saturday, July 21st 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.

St. Louis RPM is ALL ABOUT YOUR MODELS!

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

This is a modeler's event! Bring your models of all scales, gauges, and sizes from all eras. Attendees normally bring 3,500 models or more every year—bring yours and be part of the big event! Locomotives, structures, freight cars, dioramas, vehicles are all welcome. 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

Connect with friends and fellow prototype modelers at the nation's largest Prototype Modeler's Meet!

Over 28,000-square feet of high-quality models, displays, visiting prototype layouts, hands-on learning centers, and more in the modern, professional Gateway Convention Center.

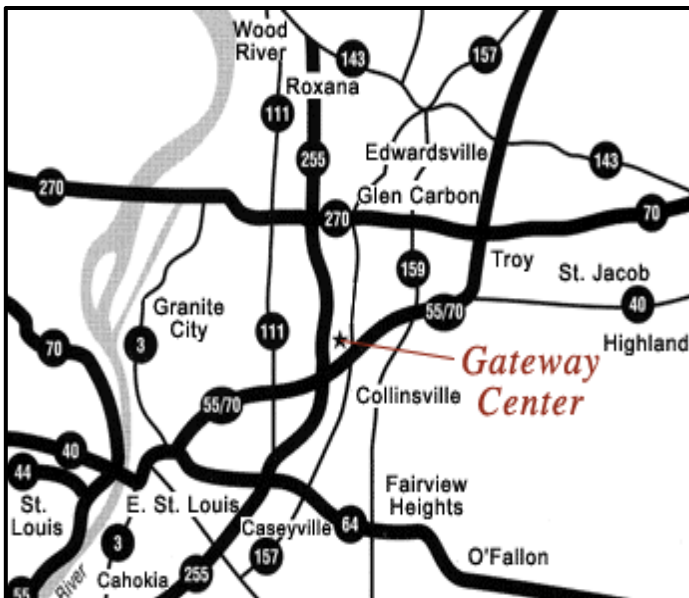
Presentations by nationally-recognized historians and modelers. Over 20 Railroad Historical Societies in house, plus 120 tables of high-quality and scale model vendors. No swap meet stuff!

Thousands of models brought by modelers like you will be on display. Home layout tours.

Socials, Fellowship, Door Prizes and more! Don't miss it!

BRING YOUR MODELS!

Two Days! July 20th and 22st in Collinsville, IL



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

Admission: \$25.00 Fri & Sat, \$20.00 Sat only. Kids under 13 free with paid adult admission. Vendor set-up begins at 6:00 a.m. Friday Sales end at 5:00 P.M. Saturday. Hotel information is available on our website at

<http://icg.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stlrpm.htm>

CLINICS

THIS YEAR OUR FOCUS IS ON THE GRAIN INDUSTRY!

*St. Louis RPM 2018 features 22 hand-picked clinics—including many topics on grain handling by the railroads—by nationally-known modelers and historians and great local talent. Presentations begin at 9:30 a.m. both days. **This year's event features Jack Burgess, Ted Culotta, Bob Rivard, Dan Holbrook, Mont Switzer, Trevor Marshall, James McNabb, Tim VanMersbergen, Ed Hawkins, David Lehlbach, Brian Banna** and more, all discussing the prototype and how to model it. Bring your models for our massive display area and be part of the discussion. Clinic schedules will be available at the door.*

HANDS-ON LEARNING STATIONS

Seven hands-on exhibitors are expected, showing weathering, track-building, airbrushing and more. New for 2018: Speedwitch Media will provide an HO scale mini-kit plus a detailed clinic on the prototype and how to build the model. Our Thanks to Ted Culotta of Speedwitch! **Also New: Jack Burgess will provide a clinic on 3-D printing, plus provide small-group, hands-on how-to clinics on the main floor.** More hands-on exhibitors to come, so stay tuned!

VENDORS

Included as part of St. Louis RPM is list of exciting scale model vendors. Last year we offered 48 model vendors on 115 tables.
No swap meet stuff! Check our website for updates at <http://icg.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stlrpm.htm>

RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Don't miss the largest annual gathering of railroad historical societies in the U.S.! 20 Railroad Historical Societies, representing railroads from around the U.S., will be on hand with books, maps, reference material, models and more to aid your research and modeling efforts. The popular **RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** will be offered again on Friday evening. Space is limited. Stay tuned for more info.

LAYOUT TOURS

Home layouts 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. on Thursday 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!

DOOR PRIZES!

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>.



SEE YOU AT ST. LOUIS RPM!

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