

2018 ST. LOUIS RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELER'S MEET

Co-Sponsored by the Gateway Division, NMRA 

Our 12TH YEAR and still growing! The St. Louis RPM Meet happens on Fri, July 20th and Sat, July 21st at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, Illinois—just 12 miles east of metro St. Louis on I-55/70.

St. Louis RPM is ALL ABOUT YOUR MODELS!

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

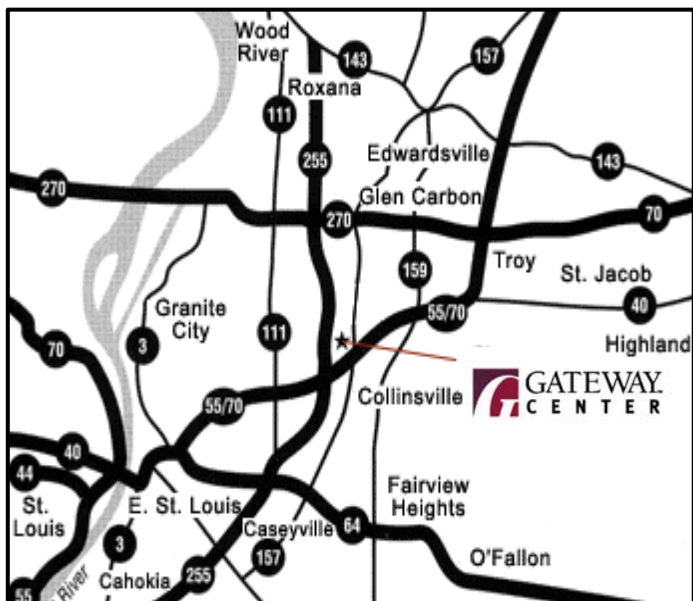
This is a modeler's event! Bring your models of all scales, gauges, and sizes from all eras. Attendees bring 3,500+ models every year. Bring yours and be part of the big event. Locomotives, structures, freight cars, dioramas, vehicles are all welcome. There are no contests. The purpose of our event is to teach, learn, collaborate, and meet your fellow modelers from around the nation. Help us hit our goal of **5,000 Models** this year!

Connect with 550+ friends and fellow prototype modelers at the nation's largest Railroad 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. 120 tables of scale model vendors—no swap meet stuff! Thousands of models brought by modelers like you will be on display. 3 high-quality modular layouts in-house, in HO and O. Home layout tours. Evening social events, fellowship, door prizes and more!

BRING YOUR MODELS!

Two Days: July 20th and 21st 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.

Area hotel information is available at <http://home.mindspring.com/~icg/rpm/STLRPMHotel.pdf>

Gateway Convention Center: One Gateway Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234. Online: info@gatewaycenter.com Phone: (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. Contact John Golden at Golden1014@yahoo.com or Lonnie Bathurst at bathurst@litchfieldil.com (217) 556-0314 for meet info.

CLINICS

THIS YEAR OUR FOCUS IS ON THE GRAIN INDUSTRY!

*St. Louis RPM 2018 features 22 clinics—including many topics on grain handling—by nationally-known modelers and historians. Presentations begin at 9:30 a.m. both days. **This year's event features Jack Burgess, Ted Culotta, Bob Rivard & Frank Jordan, Jim Dufour, Mont Switzer, Trevor Marshall, James McNabb, Tim VanMersbergen, Steve Hile, David Lehlbach, Bill Welch, Ryan Crawford, Brian Banna and more, all discussing the prototype and how to model it.***

***Dan Holbrook** hosts this year's Friday Night Slideshow, with a beautiful presentation on Bulk Grain Handling by Rail. Clinic schedules will be available soon!*

HANDS-ON LEARNING STATIONS

Seven hands-on exhibitors will be in house, demonstrating and teaching modeling skills like weathering, track-building, airbrushing and more, all hands-on. Speedwitch Media and Bethlehem Car Works will provide HO scale kitbashing clinics, including models plus a detailed clinic on the prototype and how to build the model. **Jack Burgess will provide a clinic on 3-D printing, plus small-group, hands-on how-to clinics on the main floor.** Brian Post from the Gateway NMRA will be providing hands-on JMRI help. Loksound and SoundTraxx will be available to provide help too!

BRING YOUR MODELS FOR DISPLAY!

Help us hit our goal of 5,000 models!

VENDORS

St. Louis RPM includes an exciting lineup of scale models vendors—no swap meet stuff! Coming this year: Tangent Scale Models, Speedwitch, Kadee, Loksound, Yarmouth, Cannon, True Line Trains, Intermountain, Iowa Scaled Engineering, Rapido, Mask Island, Plano, Q Connection, Rails Unlimited, ExactRail, Rocket Express, Oak Hill Model RR Supply, Rails Unlimited, SoundTraxx, Modern O Scale, Protocraft, Bluford Shops, ScaleTrains, Custom Finishing, Chad Boas/Model RR Supply, Moon Dog, lots of photo dealers like Bob's Photos and Mainline, and too many more to mention. The 1/87 Vehicle Club will be here too with displays and vendors. Check our website for updates at <http://icg.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stlrpm.htm>

RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

St. Louis RPM includes the largest annual gathering of railroad societies in the U.S.! 16 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 MoPac HS **RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** will be offered again on Friday evening.

LAYOUTS

The HO scale *Ohio Valley Sipping & Switching Society*, www.ovsss.org, will be in-house! Home layouts by John Schindler, Bob Brady and Mike Wise, all in southwest county, will open for tours on Friday evening from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for registered attendees only. Maps, directions and more information will be available at the meet.

RPM SOCIALS

Meet us at Bandana's BBQ (4 Commerce Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234) at 6 p.m. on Thursday for our annual, informal 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, join us a special slideshow and pizza at the Center starting at 7:30 p.m. and later, we'll have the "RPM Roundup" at the Double Tree lounge until 10:00 p.m.

DOOR PRIZES!

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 THE GATEWAY NMRA! Check 'em out at <http://www.gatewaynmra.org/default.htm>.

SEE YOU AT ST. LOUIS RPM!

