



## Membership has its benefits...

**Your NMRA membership entitles you to all these benefits, plus the fellowship and assistance of more than 17,000 members across the globe.**

### Partnership Program

The NMRA has partnered with model railroad manufacturers of all sizes who have agreed to give discounts to NMRA members. Discounts range from free shipping to 20% off all purchases. From Micro-Mark to Rusty Stumps, more manufacturers are being added every month. To see the current listing, see our website's Partnership page in the Members Only section.

• [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), Membership, Member Home, Benefits, Partnership

### Model Railroad Directory

Whether you're at home or traveling, you can contact other NMRA members for a layout tour, to talk trains, or even to join in an op session! There are maps, descriptions, photos, videos, and more.

• [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), Membership, Member Home, Model RR Directory

### NMRA Online Archives

More than 10,000 photographs, slides, plans, drawings, erection elevations, paint schemes and more, with additional scans being added all the time. High-resolution files are available for download at a discount to members.

• [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), click "NMRA Archives" at the top of the page

### Achievement Program (AP)

The AP helps modelers get more out of the hobby by providing an incentive to learn and master the skills necessary. Those who've completed the AP receive Master Model Railroader (MMR) certification.

• [www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program](http://www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program)

• Email Frank Koch: [achiev@nmra.org](mailto:achiev@nmra.org)

• Contact your Region or Division Achievement Program Manager (see [www.nmra.org/regions/](http://www.nmra.org/regions/) for Region and Division website URLs)

### Liability Insurance for Clubs in U.S. and Canada

\$1 million liability insurance is available to model railroad clubs in which every member is an NMRA member. Completed application, copy of roster, and \$50 administration fee required.

• [www.nmra.org/100-clubs](http://www.nmra.org/100-clubs)

• Email: [club100@nmra.org](mailto:club100@nmra.org)

### Liability Insurance for Meets and Shows in U.S. and Canada

This insurance offers liability coverage for all Region-, Division-, and NMRA SIG-sponsored events up to the specific limit provided for in the policy. Standard coverage is \$1 million; higher limits available for extra fees. Please see the website for important details.

• [www.nmra.org/liability-insurance](http://www.nmra.org/liability-insurance)

(For clarity and assurance of coverage, SIG events should be co-sponsored by National, a Region, or a Division.)

### Conventions - (National and Regional)

The annual National convention runs one week and usually features about 100 clinics, more than 50 layout tours, and dozens of prototype tours. The National Train Show runs for the final three days of the convention.

Regional conventions vary in duration from two to five days. Many feature prototype and layout tours, plus clinics and other activities.

• [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), then click on the "Conventions" tab

• [www.nmra.org/regions/](http://www.nmra.org/regions/) for Region and Division website URLs

### Special Access to Places and People

As an NMRA member, you'll have access to all kinds of railroad locations you'd never otherwise see. Often National and Regional conventions will tour prototype facilities such as yards and maintenance shops, and will charter special excursion railroads that are usually never open to the public. You'll have the chance to see top-of-the-line model railroads that usually don't accept visitors. And you'll be able to spend time talking with some of the most famous personalities in model railroading today.

For information about upcoming conventions, see the links in the "Conventions" section above

### Modeling With The Masters (MWTM)

This is an intense, multi-day regimen of direct instruction by Master Model Railroaders. Modelers get hands-on experience in beginning and intermediate modeling techniques. MTWM classes are usually offered at the National convention, but MTWM courses have also been offered in various cities and at Regional conventions across the country.

• Email Clark Kooning: [ckooning@msn.com](mailto:ckooning@msn.com)

## **Bi-monthly NMRA eBULLETIN and NMRA TURNTABLE**

Every other month, we publish the electronic NMRA eBULLETIN, containing late-breaking news and reports of happenings in the organization. The NMRA TURNTABLE is a monthly electronic publication that rounds up some of the most interesting model railroad websites, videos, blogs, and articles on the web. We do the searching so you don't have to! Every member with a valid email address receives a copy of both publications.

- Update your email info: log into the website as a member, then <http://www.nmra.org/members/update>

### **NMRA MAGAZINE**

The NMRA MAGAZINE is the monthly publication of the NMRA, and features news about the organization and its Regions and Divisions, along with modeling articles, product conformance reviews, and other information. Because the subscription rate/postage depends on where you live, check [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) for your rate.

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- Email HQ: [hq@nmra.org](mailto:hq@nmra.org)
- Write HQ: PO Box 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379-2200
- Call HQ: (423) 892-2846
- To contribute articles, please see information in the masthead of the magazine

### **Online Video Library**

The Members Only section of [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) features dozens of helpful "how-to" videos produced by professional video companies, as well as over 50 videos of clinics presented at National NMRA conventions.

- Log in to [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) as a member, click on "Benefits," then "Member Video Library"

### **Annual NMRA Calendar**

Features spectacular model photographs, as well as dates for Regional conventions and more. Free to every U.S. member. Additional copies can be ordered for \$5 each from HQ. Outside the U.S., contact HQ.

- Email HQ: [hq@nmra.org](mailto:hq@nmra.org)
- Write HQ: PO Box 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379-2200
- For information on submitting photographs, call Mike Brestel 513-481-0185

### **Local Divisions**

There are more than 150 local Divisions in the NMRA, located in large and small communities across the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Britain. Most hold regular meetings and meets featuring clinics, presentations, layout visits, and more.

- [www.nmra.org/regions](http://www.nmra.org/regions) to find website listings for most Divisions

- Call HQ: 423-892-2846 for the name of the Division nearest you.

**Once you're a member, go to [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) and register for the Members Only section of our website to get all the benefits of NMRA membership!**

## **Discounts and Advance Registration on New KML Books**

Kalmbach Memorial Library periodically offers special books and book reprints to the general public. NMRA members receive a substantial discount on the retail price and can reserve copies in advance.

- [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), then choose "NMRA Store," then "NMRA Members Only Company Store," then "Books"

### **Standards and Conformance**

The NMRA constantly researches and sets Standards and Recommended Practices for all scales and gauges of train models, as well as adjunct items such as DCC and modules. The NMRA continually checks new products for conformance to Standards and RPs.

- Email Di Voss: [tech-chair@nmra.org](mailto:tech-chair@nmra.org)
- NMRA Standard Gauges in various scales are available in the Company Store at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)

### **"Members Only" Company Store**

The NMRA's Company store offers many items, from apparel to mugs to gauges, available only to NMRA members.

- [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), then choose "NMRA Store"

### **Collection Insurance**

This service offers NMRA members group property insurance for collections, layouts, live steam, tools, slides and photographs, books, magazines, railroad memorabilia, and more. This insurance also covers an individual's property if it resides on a club layout. Members receive NMRA Group Rates.

- Free quote or brochure, contact J.A. Bash & Co: 1-800-654-2256 or 300 Mt. Lebanon Rd., Suite 225, Pittsburgh, PA, 15234.

### **NMRA Standards Gauges, Data Sheets CD ROM, and Turnout Templates**

NMRA members can purchase Standards Gauges at significant price reductions over retail prices. Data Sheets CD and Turnout Templates are available only from the Company Store. Many data sheets are being updated and will appear in the NMRA MAGAZINE, as well as available for free download from the Members Only section of [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org).

- [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org), then choose "NMRA Store," then "NMRA Members Only Company Store," then "Templates and Gauges"

### **Beginners' Guide**

The Beginner's Guide pages on [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) offer those new to the hobby help in learning the basics of track, wiring, scenery, and more.

- [www.nmra.org/beginner/](http://www.nmra.org/beginner/)



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