



Membership has its benefits...

Your NMRA membership entitles you to all these benefits, plus the fellowship and assistance of over 18,000 members across the globe.

Kalmbach Memorial Library

One of the world's largest "railroads only" libraries. Contains prototype and modeling books and magazines, photograph collections, out-of-production kit instructions

- www.nmra.org/library
- Call: 423-892-2846
- Fax: 423-899-4869
- Email Brent Lambert: lib@hq.nmra.org

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
- Email Paul Richardson, MMR: achiev@hq.nmra.org
- Contact your Region or Division Achievement Program Manager (see www.nmra.org/regions/ for Region and Division website URLs)

Conventions - (National and Regional)

The annual National convention runs one week and usually features about 100 clinics, over 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/convention
- www.nmra.org/regions/ for Region and Division website URLs

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 like DCC and modules. The NMRA continually checks new products for conformance to Standards and RPs.

- www.nmra.org/standards/standards.html
- Email Di Voss: tech-chair@hq.nmra.org
- NMRA Standards Gauges in various scales are available in the Company Store at www.nmra.org

NMRA Magazine

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 for your rate.

To subscribe:

- Email HQ: hq@hq.nmra.org
- Write HQ: 4121 Cromwell Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421
- Call HQ: (423) 892-2846
- To contribute articles, please see information in the masthead of the magazine

Liability insurance for clubs

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

- www.nmra.org/regions/100Club/100Club.html
- Email: club100@hq.nmra.org

Liability insurance for meets and shows

This insurance covers liability claims for all Region, Division, and NMRA SIG-sponsored events up to a specific limit of liability provided for in the policy. (For clarity and assurance of coverage, we prefer that SIG events be co-sponsored by National, a Region, or a Division.) Please see the website for important details.

- www.nmra.org/national/insurance/insurance.html
- Email John Roberts: eastdir@hq.nmra.org

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.

Beginners' Guide

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

- www.nmra.org/beginner/

Heritage and Living Legends cars

The NMRA periodically issues special scale model cars lettered for famous model railroads, both current and historical. These limited quantity cars are offered through the Company Store.

- www.nmra.org/membership/cars/index.html

Member Aid

Contact Member Aid if you have a question about any aspect of model railroading. Many Divisions and Regions also have their own Member Aid service.

- www.nmra.org/membership/memberaid.html

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. MWTM classes are usually offered at the National convention, but MWTM courses have also been offered in various cities and at Regional conventions across the country.

- Email Clark Kooning: candir@hq.nmra.org

Pike Registry

Members can register their model railroad name in the Official Register of Model Railroads, (ORMRR). You receive an official certificate suitable for framing and a compact disk of the current Official Register. Certificate/CD fee: \$10

- www.nmra.org/membership/pikes/index.html

Clinic slides, tapes, and DVDs

The Kalmbach Library has a large collection of DVDs and VHS tapes available for rent. Cost is \$5 to cover postage.

- www.nmra.org/library/videos.html
(see links to PDFs for individual listings)
- Email: lib@hq.nmra.org (US Members)
- Email: librarian@nmracanda.ca (Canadian members)

Local Divisions

There are over 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 to find website listings for most Divisions
- Call HQ: 423-892-2846 for the name of the Division nearest you.

"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 choose "online store," then "members only company store"

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 choose "online store," then "members only company store," then "books"

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 NMRA Magazine, as well as available for free download from the Members Only section of www.nmra.org.

- www.nmra.org — choose "online store," then "members only company store," then "accessories"

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@hq.nmra.org
- Write HQ: 4121 Cromwell Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421
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- For information on submitting photographs, email lib@hq.nmra.org

Howell Day Museum

This future NMRA Museum will feature the Howell Day Collection.

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