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## "Live Steam in 2016" TLR Convention in Fargo, North Dakota!

The South Red River Valley Division is excited to be the host of this years TLR convention. Fargo is almost smack dab in the middle of the TLR so it should be an easy commute for most of you.



The Baymont Inn and Suites will be the headquarters for our convention. Located at 3333 13th Ave So in Fargo, is just off I-29 and near I-94. \$98.00 a night rooms will be available if you mention you are with the Thousand Lakes Region convention. You can call them at (701) 235-3333. The Baymont features a continental breakfast for those

staying with them.

To get here, there are several easy options. Interstate's 29 and 94 as well as US Highway 10 pass through Fargo. Amtrak's Empire Builder makes daily stops. Delta, United, Allegiant and American Airlines all fly into Fargo and Jefferson Bus Lines stops here.

Fargo was founded by the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1875 and has a lot of railroad history as reported in previous Fusee articles. BNSF, Amtrak and the Otter Tail Valley Railroad now call on Fargo with nearly 70 trains a day.

Fargo is home to the Five Consecutive NCAA FCS Football Champion North Dakota State Bison. More than 20,000 runners will invade Fargo for the Fargo Marathon

the week before our convention. Fargo native and Home Run King, Roger Maris' Museum is located in the West Acres Shopping Center, just down the street from the Baymont Inn. There are several great restaurants near by, some within walking distance, so you shouldn't go hungry.

For those arriving on Thursday, we will begin registration at 3:00 and include info in your packets so you will have the chance to take in some of the

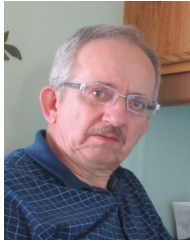


rail and non-rail sites in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Be sure to bring your models to enter into the model contest. There will also be a table to display



## View from the Cab

by TLR President Dennis Rietze



Here we are into another year. It was not long ago that we entered the next millennium and now it's the year 2016! Where does the time go? I hope you are all having a good start to the year and have marked our next convention dates on your calendar. The South Red River Valley Division plans to fill our days with a lot of activities and events, so make sure you don't miss this convention on May 27 to 29. Information is included in this edition of the Fusee so read up on it and fill in the registration form and mail it to the Fargo group registrar. Hope to see you there. I would like to meet you at the convention.

Just to wet your appetite a little, I will mention that our 2017 convention is a joint convention with the Mid-Con Region. It is planned to be held in Ames Iowa on the same weekend we usually have ours in May. This should be interesting and enjoyable to get together with another region. So keep your ears on and we will bring you more information on the 2017 event at the 2016 convention.

So for this issue.....we'll be talking to yah!



### From the Keyboard

by Wes Garcia

*As many of you know already, I will be stepping down as the editor of the Fusee.*

*I hope several of you might consider becoming the editor of the Fusee. I for one will provide articles for the Fusee.*

*As you will note in the minutes of the board of directors there has already been some talk about making a electronic edition of the Fusee. I back this idea for a number of reasons;*

- 1. It will save money.*
- 2. We get away from the problems that arise from having to print a hardcopy Fusee.*
- 3. You as a ready will get color pictures.*



### Deadline

### Publishing Date

February 1

March 1

June 1

July 1

August 1

September 1

November 1

December 1

your models that are not quite contest ready.

We have several interesting clinics lined up for Friday morning. Friday afternoon, GPK Plastics and McNeilus Steel are opening their doors for us to tour their production plants and rail unloading facilities. GPK makes molded and-fabricated plastic fittings for large pipes. They receive plastic pellets by rail. McNeilus ships out about a million pounds of steel every day so several car loads of incoming product are received every week to keep them supplied.

Non-rail tours on Friday will include a visit to the Plains Art Museum and the Hjemkomst



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Center in downtown Fargo and Moorhead. Both display interesting exhibits. The Hjemkomst also features a replica Viking Ship that was built in nearby Hawley, MN and sailed to Norway. We will be car-pooling for this event, the host will be getting everyone together. Lunch will be on your own. There will be a cafe available at one of the museums. A "trolley" tour of downtown Fargo is also scheduled.

The Friday evening desert social will be held at Bonanzaville USA Pioneer Village in West



Fargo, home of the Spud Valley Model Railroad Club and former Northern Pacific 4-4-0 locomotive number 684. The Red River Railroad Modular Club layout will also be set up there. Bonanzaville also has airplane, car and phone museums as well as fire and police displays, old area buildings and much more. We will be serving deserts and beverages. Transportation to Bonanzaville will be on your own.

The Board of Directors meeting will also take place Friday night. Saturday morning we will board buses for Rollag, MN and the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers, home of former Soo Line 0-6-0 steam locomotive number 353. Old box and stock cars of SOO, Great Northern and CB&Q heritage have been converted to passenger cars. NP and SOO cabooses as well as other rolling stock will be on display. There will also be a miniature live steam locomotive operating for us. Depots from

NP, GN and Milwaukee Road (the prototype for Monroe Model's Hickson Depot) will be open for us to tour. There will be plenty of other activities going on as well as a Thresherman's Lunch. We will return to Fargo about 4:00 so you can freshen up before the Banquet. The modeling room will be open for viewing after we arrive back at the Baymont. Social hour with cash bar will

begin at 5:30. Model Railroad-er's Cody Grivno will be our featured speaker Saturday night. Cody grew up near by in Crookston, MN and attended school at Concordia Collage in Moorhead so he is excited

Sunday will wrap up the convention with the General membership meeting followed by layout tours. With Monday being the Memorial Day Holiday, we invite you to stay an extra day and

May 26 - 29.

Kevin, Tom, Jim, Duane and D o n "Live Steam in 2016" Fargo Convention committee



### Northern Pacific Depot

about "coming back home." We already have several items for the Chinese Auction with more arriving every day.

take in more of the Fargo-Moorhead area sites. There are



### Hoppers being unloaded at GPK Plastics



### Turntable at Rollag

updates.

plenty of rail fanning opportunities here. We will include the best places to safely watch trains in your packets. Watch the TLR web site and Facebook page for



We look forward to welcoming you to Fargo-Moorhead,

# Thousand Lakes Region 2016

## Preliminary Schedule

### Thursday, May 26

3:00 -10:00 pm Registration  
5:00-7:00 pm Contest room open for entries  
6:00-7:00 pm Layout tour (tentative)  
7-9 PM Dirk Lenthe Car Repair Shop (tentative)

### Friday, May 27

7-12 AM Registration  
8-12 AM Clinics  
9 AM- 1PM Contest room open  
12-1:15 PM Lunch  
1:15 PM Load busses for prototype tours  
1:30 PM Tour McNelius Steel  
3:00 PM Tour GPK Plastic  
5 PM Return to Hotel  
5-7 PM Dinner on your own  
7-9 PM Bonanzaville Reception, Layouts to view at Bonanzaville  
8:30 PM TLR Board Meeting

#### Non-Rail Event (times tentative)

10 AM Leave Hotel for Plains Art Museum (carpool)  
12:00 PM Lunch at Hjemkomst Center and tour (lunch cost not included)  
2:30 PM Leave Hjemkomst Center for Trolley Tour of Fargo-Moorhead area  
3:30 PM Return to Hjemkomst Center and drive back to Hotel

### Saturday, May 28

7-8 AM Registration  
8 AM Board Busses for Western Minnesota Steam Threshers, Rollag, MN.  
9 AM Arrive at Rollag  
12-1 PM Lunch at Rollag (possible inclement weather schedule after 1)  
3 PM Leave Rollag for Fargo  
4 PM Arrive in Fargo  
5:30 PM Social Hour  
6 PM Banquet  
7 PM Cody Grivno, Model Railroader Keynote Speaker and Awards  
8 PM Chinese Auction  
10-10:30 PM Contest room open, pick up contest entries

#### Inclement weather Plan

We will go to Rollag for the morning and have lunch as planned. After lunch we will return to Fargo and have clinics at 3 and 4 at the hotel. The topics have yet to be decided and will be announced if we have to use this alternate plan.

### Sunday, May 29

9 AM TLR General Meeting  
10 AM-4 PM Layout tours open  
Great Northern Depot Clock Tower Tours- 1, 2 and 3 PM.

# FIRST CLASS TICKET - REGISTRATION FORM

LIVE STEAM IN 2016  
 FARGO , NORTH DAKOTA  
 MAY 26 - 29, 2016  
 Sponsored by the  
 South Red River Valley Division of the TLR

Baymont Inn and Suites  
 3333 13th Ave. South  
 Fargo, North Dakota 58103  
 1-701-235-3333  
 (Room Reservations \$98  
 \* Ask for TLR Convention rate)

Note: You must be a member of the National Model Railroad Association to attend. **Membership will be checked**

Spouses or significant others need not be NMRA members to attend the Friday Social and Saturday Banquet meals and non-rail events

A 6-month "RailPass" membership is available to new members for \$10. **See below.**

If you have ever received a NMRA "RailPass" membership to attend a previous TLR convention, you cannot use that again. You must sign up for full NMRA membership to attend this year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA # (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA membership Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first TLR Convention?

EVENTS AND PRICING	PRICE	TOTAL
Early-Bird Member Basic Registration (postmarked before April 18th, 2016) Includes all clinics, rail tours, Friday social, Saturday Banquet	<b>\$100</b>	
Spouse or Guest Early-Bird Registration (Postmarked before April 18th, 2016) Includes all clinics, rail tours, Friday social, Saturday Banquet	<b>\$100</b>	
Registrations Postmarked after April 18th, 2016	<b>\$115</b>	
Friday Social and Saturday Banquet Only	<b>\$38</b>	
6-Month Rail Pass NMRA Membership for Non-NMRA members	<b>\$10</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	

LET US KNOW WHICH EVENTS YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING									
	Member		Spouse			Member		Spouse	
	Y	N	Y	N		Y	N	Y	N
FRIDAY EVENTS					SATURDAY EVENTS				
Local Industry Tour					Rollag All Day Live Steam Event				
Non-rail Tour									
Friday Reception - 7:00 PM					Saturday Banquet - 6:00 PM				

List any special dietary needs (we will do our best to Accommodate):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Thousand Lakes Region NMRA Board Meeting by Skype January 16, 2016

## 1: Call to order

President Dennis Rietze called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

## 2: Attendance

Board members present were: President Dennis Rietze, Vice President Richard Dahl, Treasurer Jim Krekelberg, Secretary Art Suel, Public Relations Director Wes Garcia, Contest Director Ron Olsen, and Convention Director Scott Nesbit.

Others present were: Fred Headon, Canadian District Director, Past President and Nominations chair Gerry Miller, Tom Glassior Social Media Chair, Fargo 2016 convention committee members Jim Moore, Don Radar and Kevin Dill.

## 3: Approval of minutes

Nesbit/Olsen moved to approved the minutes of September 19, 2015 Board of Directors meeting as written. Motion passed.

Dahl/ Miller moved to approved the minutes of the October 23, 2015 Special Board of Directors meeting as written. Motion passed

## 4: Old Business

### Update 2017 Joint Convention

Convention Director Scott Nesbit had just finished meeting with Mid Continent Region convention director Whit Johnson at the propose site in Ames Iowa. The hotel will be the Quality Inn and Suites of Ames. The site has plenty of hotel rooms, Board room, 3 clinic rooms which will become one room for the banquet. There is an onsite restaurant and bar attached to the hotel. This hotel has handled MCoR conventions in the past. Hotel really wants the convention.

The cost of the facilities would be \$1000.00 with no down payment required. Nightly room rate will be \$99.00 per night for the convention attendees. The date chosen was May 18 thru May 21 2017 to accommodate the Canadian attendees. Whit Johnson has a lawyer looking over the contract from the hotel. Nesbit asked if the board has any concerns or questions at this time.

Miller remarked that the \$1000.00 for use of the hotel facilities was a really good rate and bargain. Jim Krekelberg inquired about the costs for the banquet. Nesbit response was that it would be in the \$15 to \$20 range depending on whether it was a two meat or three meat buffet. Cost would be included in the registration. Miller asked if there was a ballpark estimate on the registration cost. Nesbit said it was \$100.00 at this time. Rietze asked what the expected attendance MCoR was figuring on. Nesbit said that the breakeven point for the convention was 65-70 attendees.

At this time Nesbit informed the board how MCoR thinks the profit should be split between the parties. Whit Johnson proposal is that each region gets 1/3 of the profit and the remaining 1/3 split between 2 to 3 divisions that supply manpower for the convention. Nesbit said that profits for the regions could be split by percentage of attendees from each region. No decision was made at this time.

Nesbit reiterated that no deposit for the hotel was needed. Headon suggested that a deposit is made to the hotels to ensure date is kept by hotel ownership. Krekelberg indicated he had no problem with region putting up a deposit. Dahl asked if in proposed contract there was a liquated damage clause if hotel fails to keep their end of the bargain. Nesbit will get back to Whit Johnson with that thought.

Nesbit said that his and Whit's thoughts on convention duties would be that MCoR would handle the tours and Thousand Lake Region would concentrate on clinics. Miller was willing to handle getting clinicians if Headon would assist.

Rietze indicated it would be a good idea if TLR set up a 3 person committee to handle working on this convention. Nesbit, Miller and Krekelberg volunteered to serve on this committee.

b) Update 2016 Fargo convention

Kevin Dill spoke for the Fargo committee. He briefed the board on the convention status. All the planning is done, now they were working on executing

the plans. He stated that over a 180 letters requesting Chinese auction items have been sent out. Over 40 items have already been sent in response to the letters.

Most of the clinicians have been lined up, now the committee was working on the clinic schedule. The prototype tours are set. On Saturday the attendees will go to Steam Town outside of Moorhead Minnesota. In case of inclement weather, the committee will have a backup plan of additional clinics Saturday afternoon.

Registration is set at \$100.00 per attendee with a late registration fee to be

\$115.00. Working on the convention handbook with assistance from the tourism bureau. Handbook will include a map showing local rail fanning sites.

Thursday the convention will commence with a soft registration table and voluntary activities for attendees to do. Friday the registration table will be in full force. Layout tours start at 10:00 am Sunday morning. At this time Dill asked for clarification on TLR involvement.

Dill asked a philosophical question, Is the goal of the convention to raise revenue for the region or to break even to keep costs down for attendees? Miller ex-



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plained passed how conventions decided on registration fees. Miller further stated that past experience is to keep the registration fee to \$100.00 or lower to encourage attendance. In response to a question, Dill said that the banquet cost is in the fee and right now is \$32.00 per person. Miller suggested that the Fargo committee check with the caterer to ensure that gratuity and sales tax is included in the \$32.00.

Dill said that costs are lower than the initial budget had because transportation costs are less than figured initially. Miller said that \$100.00 was a good number and should also cover incidental or unplanned costs that occur nearer the convention.

Dill asked what supplies, facilities or equipment the convention needs to provide for the region. Miller responded that for the Chinese auction, tables and cups for the tickets that are placed at each item. Board will sell the tickets. Rietze said he would take on the task of getting the emcees and the runners for the auction. Dill said that they have been sending out thank you cards to the donators but would like to see the win-

ning individuals also send a card out too. To that end, an information card will be with each item stating the donator name and address. Board thought this was a great idea.

Olsen said he would bring the supplies that will be needed for the contest judging. The only items needed from the convention committee would be a room that could be locked by the contest director and tables for the models.

Tom Glasior will post the registration form and convention details on the TLR Facebook page. As to the registration form, Miller said it needed to be on the website by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Dill will be sending the form to the TLR board for proofing before finalizing the form.

c) Update on MRVD membership and zip code changes

Dahl briefed the board on the changes with the National on what zip codes of the 553 area needed to be assigned to the Minnesota River Valley Division instead of the Twin City Division. Changes have been made.

d) TLR region response to passing of a member

Dahl wanted to get input from the board on what the procedure should be when a member passes. Recently Dahl sent a card of condo-

lences to the family of a long time member and former officer on his passing. The region received a thank you card from the family. Headon told the board that the National Board adjourns their meetings always in memory deceased members. They mentioned the members by name and it is recorded in the minutes. Board took no formal action on this matter.

e) Contest Incentive Program update

Contest Director Ron Olsen explained his email outlining his proposal. First, on the entry form, there would be a section indicating if this was your first time or has been five years or longer since entering a model contest.

Second; highest score among new entrants in each category would receive a plaque with wording indicating First time entrant winner. This winner would still be eligible for overall placing in a category. Third, first time entrant would be eligible in more than one category if models have been entered in multiple categories. Photo categories would not be eligible for this award.

Krekelberg asked how many categories are there. Olsen replied that there are 11 categories. Headon stated

concept is admirable and Miller likes the idea. Glasior will post on Facebook that the contest room is also the Celebration room for attendees to display models in either partially completed form or finished without entering the contest. Olsen heard good comments on that concept from the Thunder Bay convention. Headon told the board that the National uses the term Modelers Showcase at the national convention. Board was satisfied with program proposals.

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1: digital version

Rietze wondered if the region should switch to a digital version. Miller stated biggest problem is that members have paid the subscription up to two years in the future and region would have to figure out refunds. Krekelberg said many people like to have a paper version in their hands to read. Miller said this should be an item of discussion at the annual general membership meeting in Fargo.

2: Lack of articles

Rietze wondered if each division should be responsible for articles in a rotation. Miller said that letters should be

sent to each division superintendent asking for articles instead of requiring them. Some divisions are quite active while others are not as active and might not have articles to fill the issue that division is responsible for.

g) Bylaws

Rietze is looking to update the bylaws and will be looking for volunteers at the general membership meeting to serve on this committee.

h) Elections

Nomination chair Miller said one person has been identified as a candidate besides the board members who are up for reelection. Treasurer Krekelberg is term limited and will be leaving the board after the general membership meeting. A notice will be posted in the next Fusee to inform members that seats are available.

V: New Business

There was no new business at this meeting

VI: Adjournment

Dahl/Miller moved to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Motion passed.



## South Red River Valley Division Report

We are busy putting all the final details together for the 2016 TLR Convention, "Live Steam in 2016" in May. Meetings, contacts, mailings, confirmations and Fusee deadlines are keeping us busy so that we can provide you with a top notch convention.

Again this past December, SRRVD members Duane Durr and Don Radeck set up a Lionel and an N-scale layout at the KFGO Radio Christmas party. Several hundred people passed through the studios and admired the trains. Don was able to visit with the people as they passed by and promote and answer questions about model railroading.



The Red River Railroad Modular Club set up their layout at the Fargo Library for a weekend in November and brought in large crowds. The library had a railroad theme for the weekend with train stories and games for the kids.

The Spud Valley Model Railroad Club was up and running for Bonanzaville's annual Christmas on the Prairie celebration, December 5. There was a great turnout ...until the NDSU Bison football game started. Spud Valley is now preparing the layout for

the TLR convention and the May first opening of Bonanzaville's 2016 season.

The SRRVD is looking forward to seeing you at "Live Steam in 2016" TLR Convention, May 26 - 29 in Fargo!

Jim Moore,  
SRRVD Superintendent



## Prairie Lakes Division

The PLD is planning its spring meet in LeMars, Iowa on Saturday April 9, 2016. The event will be held at the Plymouth County Museum which is home to the Floyd Valley Model Railroad Club. The day will feature clinics, popular vote contest, vendors, a business meet, and a tour of the club layout.

This fall marks the PLD's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The meet will be held in Estherville, Iowa. This is where the very first PLD event was held. The date hasn't been set yet, but some big plans are in the works for this special event.



<b>Time</b>	<b>Woodland EAST</b>	<b>Woodland North</b>
8:00 - 8:50	No Clinic	Cody Grivno Railroads of Crookston, MN
9:00 – 9:50	Rein Vanderhill Photographing you layout	Jim Bernier Using JMRI DecoaderPro to Program your DCC fleet
10:00—10:50	Ryan Moats, MRR Design & Assembly of an Electronic Turnout Controller for Yard Throats	Jim Bernier Operations How to create waybills & car- cards on your computer
11:00—11:50	Tyrone Johnson Great Northern Boxcars	Michael Farley Prototype Operations with JMRI Operations Pro

## Friday Clinic Schedule

## **Friday Clinics:**

### **Railroads of Crookston, MN- Cody Grivno, Kalmbach Publishing**

**Woodland North, 8:00 AM**

Cody is a native of Crookston, and currently works for Model Railroader Magazine. He will discuss the railroads that have been instrumental in the development of Crookston and the evolution over the decades.

### **DCC- Using JMRI DecoderPro to program your DCC fleet- Jim Bernier**

**Woodland North, 9:00 AM**

This presentation will provide a look into JMRI and the many functions it can provide to make your DCC experience better. We will also go into the setup/use of iPhone or Android 'Smart Phones' as throttles.

### **How to Photograph Your Layout like a Professional- Rein Vanderhill**

**Woodland East, 9:00 AM**

If you have ever wanted to photograph your layout and want to know the tricks of the trade, this clinic will show you how. Rein will identify different types of light sources for layout illumination, preferred light stands and fixtures, demonstrate effective distance and angle for light fixtures, identify camera and tripod type and features required, demonstrate how to set up visual composition, and identify digital processing options. Participants will practice shooting photos of a diorama by workshop participants and have the photos reviewed afterwards for critique. Participants must provide their own camera to actively participate, but it is not required to attend.

### **How to create waybills and car-cards on your computer- Jim Bernier**

**Woodland North, 10:00 AM**

This presentation will review the setup and operation of a basic CC & WB scheme on your model railroad. Jim will examine the 'commercial' offerings, and what is available for free or DIY.

### **Designing and Building a Diode-matrix Controlled Yard Throat- Ryan Moats, MMR**

**Woodland East, 10:00 AM**

If you are looking for a way to simultaneously control multiple turn-outs into a yard, then this is for you. This presentation shows how to design and build a diode-matrix control for a yard throat. A simple three switch four track example will be presented, the design process shown, and the resulting circuitry and track layout demonstrated.

### **JMRI OperationsPro switchlist and manifest software: An overview- Michael Farley**

**Woodland North, 11:00 AM**

If you are looking for an alternative to car-card operations, JMRI OperationsPro may be what you want. This clinic will be an overview of the JMRI OperationsPro software for creating switchlists and manifests. Demonstration will include how to add locomotives, rolling stock, locations, spurs, trains, etc. for the desired level of operation.

### **Great Northern Boxcars & Modeling Guide-Tyrone Johnsen**

**Woodland East, 11:00 AM**

Box cars were the most numerous, versatile, and traveled freight cars. This was certainly true of the Great Northern box cars which could be seen on any railroad in North America. Tyrone will look at the most typical GN box cars and what is available in models. Focus will be on the 40 and 50 ft cars of which there were hundreds and thousands in each series starting with the wood bodied cars in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and progressing into the steel bodied cars which started in 1948. Photos of both prototype and model photos will be utilized. An electronic handout will include a chart illustrating car



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