

Forms and the Thousand Lakes Region Celebration Room

There has been concern regarding completion of the various NMRA forms for the Celebration Room in the past. This is a perennial question that arises, in part, because we focus on the entry and wait until the end to do the "Paperwork." It is also an issue because different forms are required depending in which category the person preparing her/his submission will place their entry(ies). I received a recent suggestion as follows:

"I had a thought that since paperwork is an issue perhaps, we could have a pre-contest paperwork inspection table where you would get your paperwork inspected and corrections and additions made."

My (TLR Contest Director) response to this is:

"I'll be giving a clinic Thursday evening on completing paperwork. We will have a table where paperwork will be reviewed for completeness and readability (at a minimum, we better be able to read the title and the entrant's name unambiguously!). You [the person who shared the thought, above] are welcome to assist at that table. I will also be sending out a series of email messages on "Completing the forms", beginning with the Form 901 and ending with the "Modeler's intent Form." We will have blank forms for those who don't do any paperwork prior to arrival. We will also have the "Entrant's intent" form that must be completed. After all of this is given a go to proceed. A Celebration Room representative will join the entrant in taking her/his entry into the contest room and placing the entry, along with the recently assigned entry number at the appropriate (for the submission's category) location in the Celebration Room."

We have added a new TLR Modeler's Intent form and why we found it necessary to add this form based on our "Lessons Learned" review of issues arising during prior conventions' Celebration Room process.

Note: it will be much easier for all entrants and the Celebration Room team if forms (and supplemental documentation associated with AP categories) are prepared in advance of your arrival at a convention.

Please keep working on your rail and non-rail submissions to the Celebration Room. We are enthusiastic about seeing how you Celebrate this great hobby which we all share together.

Sincerely,

Kennedy Gauger
TLR Contest Director