

# **2022 BRAINERD LAKES EXPRESS**

The Twin City Division of the National Model Railroad Association invites you to the 2022 Thousand Lakes Regional convention in Brainerd Minnesota. Brainerd is in central Minnesota and is the home to Paul Bunyan. Brainerd area is considered Minnesota's year-round Vacationland. The convention will be at the Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes. This hotel is considered one of the best in the area. Among the amenities is a fantastic waterpark.

The Northern Pacific Railroad established their car and machine shops in Brainerd around 1870 and in the early 1920's, 905 of Brainerd residents were employed by the railroad. In the 1950's, the Northern Pacific Railroad moved the engine overhaul facility to Livingston Montana. Other functions were closed by the Burlington Northern Railroad after the merger in 1970. Today the BNSF employs around seventy personnel at the maintenance of way facility in Brainerd

Today Brainerd has a vibrant retail scene with many specialty shoppes and over fifty establishments to grab a bite or a liquid refreshment. The old railroad shops have been repurposed into a facility with nine local shoppes and an Event venue for weddings and parties. Friday we will visit the shops for lunch (not provided in registration) and hear a presentation while there on the history of the shops by Ken Zieska. On the way back to the hotel, the convention will stop at the Crow Wing County Museum and a presentation will be given.

Friday night the attendees can travel over to Crosslake Minnesota to visit the Crosslake Model Railroad Club. Besides their HO layout, there are artifacts from the railroads on display. Saturday will be clinics with a banquet and award ceremony. We will finish the night with the always popular "Lucky Number Auction." The convention will conclude Sunday morning with the annual general membership meeting and election of board members.

This year there is two ways to register. The traditional way by filling out a form and mailing it back with a check or you can go to Eventbrite, fill out the form and use a credit card to pay for the registration. Using Eventbrite, we can take reservations up to the date of the convention and you do not have to rely on the mail getting it to the registrar by the mailing date. Hotel is holding 49 rooms until April 19, 2022, for our group. After that date, it will be first come first served as Brainerd is an extremely popular destination.

**Members traveling from Canada please check border crossing regulations before you travel.**

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## **CLINIC SCHEDULE**

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### **Thursday**

**Bait & Tackle Room**

**7:00 - 8:00 pm Clinic: Explore the Contest Room, Celebrate Arts, Crafts, Photography and Model Railroading by Kennedy Gauger**

**8:15 - 9:15 pm Clinic: Wet Pallet Painting**

### **Friday**

**9:00- 10:00 am Clinic: T Track Modules and Modules to build your Division**

**10:30 - 11:30 am Tour and presentations at the Northern Pacific Shops complex Clinic:**

**The Northern Pacific Shops in Brainerd, Clinic will be presented at the Shops by Ken Zieska**

**1:00 - 2:00 pm Lunch at Notch 8 in the shops complex. Clinic : The Cuyuna Range by Ken Zieska**

**2:15 - 3:15 pm Tour of the Crow Wing County Museum by Hillery Swanson**

**3:15 Return to Hotel**

**3:30 - 4:30 pm Clinic: Effective transportation and storage of Model Trains by Larry Vanden Plas**

### **Saturday**

**9:00-10:00 am Clinic: Wet Pallet Painting**

**10:15 - 11:30 am Clinic: The History of the TLR 1969 National Convention Bid**

**1:00 - 2:00 pm Clinic: Weathering Symposium**

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**3:30 - 4:30 pm Clinic: My journey to earning the MMR by Dave Hamilton**

# 2022 THOUSAND LAKES REGION CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

<b>2022 TLR CONVENTION</b> <b>MAY 19 - 22</b> <b>Sponsored by the Twin City Division of TLR</b>	<b>Note you must be a member of the National Model Railroad Association to attend. Membership will be checked</b>
<b>Arrowwood Lodge at Brainerd Lakes</b> <b>6967 Lake Forest Rd</b> <b>Baxter MN 56425</b>	<b>Spouses or significant others need not be NMRA members to attend Saturday night banquet or non rail events</b>
<b>room reservations 218-822-5634</b> <b>mention TLR NMRA</b>	

Name _____	NMRA # Required _____
Spouse/Guest name _____	Expiration Date _____
Address _____	
City _____	State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Phone _____	Email _____
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EVENTS AND PRICING	PRICE	TOTAL
EARLY BIRD MEMBER/GUEST/SPOUSE REGISTRATION (POSTMARK BEFORE MAY 1 2022)	\$68.00	
INCLUDES SATURDAY BANQUET : Chicken / Beef buffet		
REGISTRATIONS MAY 1ST OR LATER-- DO NOT MAIL, email Eric Boone or use Eventbrite	\$75.00	
SATURDAY BANQUET ONLY : Chicken and beef buffet	\$28.00	
9 MONTH RAILFANS NMRA MEMBERSHIP FOR NON NMRA MEMBERS	\$19.95	
Rail Pass offer is good in the U.S. only and is for new members and those who have not been NMRA members for two or more years or more. Individuals can join at Rail Pass rates only once. Rail Pass members can attend conventions and participate in contests but cannot hold office or vote in NMRA events.		
<b>Make checks out to Twin City Division NMRA</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

<b>Mail to: Eric Boone</b> <b>4476 Mason Ave NE</b> <b>St. Michaels MN 55376</b> <b>Email: eric@peremarquette.net</b>	<b>AFTER MAY 1ST, PLEASE EMAIL ERIC BOONE THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING OR USE EVENTBRITE TO ENSURE AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR THE BANQUET</b>
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<b>If you have special dietary needs, please list them here so committee can make arrangements with hotel kitchen.</b>