

TLR – NMRA Bio for Neil Maldeis MMR©

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Hello, I'm Neil Maldeis, I was elected to the TLR Vice President position at the TLR regional convention in May of 2022.

This will be the first office I have held at the association level and I am looking forward to serving the Thousand Lakes Region with whatever the TLR Board sees fit for me tackle. As I learn and understand the responsibilities of the VP, I am hoping to help the Board and TLR members get the most out of being a NMRA member and achieving their model railroading goals!

I retired about a year and a half ago which has given me the opportunity to spend more with my own model railroading activities and my desire to share and help. I am open to hear all ideas from members as to how I can help individuals who are interested in model railroading with a desire to learn more.

I have 2 layouts - Scale(s) Hon3 & N:

My Hon3 layout comprises of two parts, the larger portion is 5' X 12' and is loosely based on the Rio Grande Southern (RGS). Track work is complete as are most of the structures needed. Scenery is 75% complete. The second part is my freelance logging division that is 18" X 6'. It is 100% complete, other than the occasional improvements that I am always making. The logging division is modular and can be taken to train shows or other venues to be shown.

My N scale layout is 2' X 4' with a 3 foot long attached staging yard. I built this to be very portable and to take to model railroad events. I tried to design it for operations and to have fun with. I loosely base it on the pre-BN/BNSF mergers in the early 70's. The layout is 100% complete, but like all of my layouts I am constantly changing and improving things