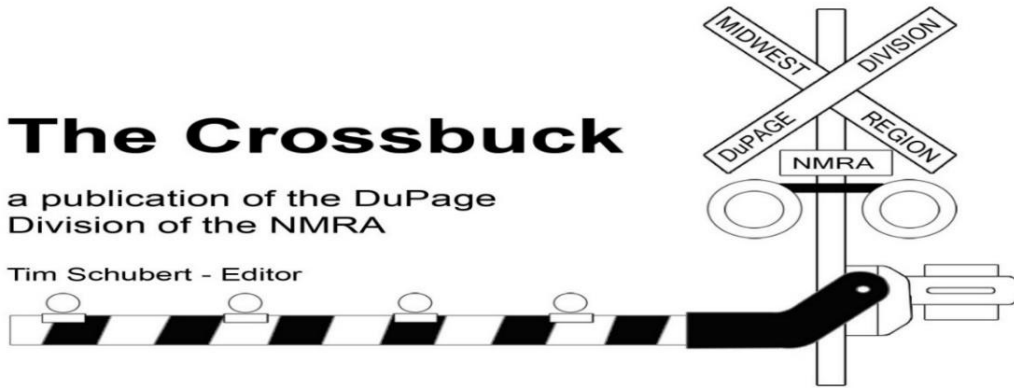


# The Crossbuck

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Tim Schubert - Editor



## Fall 2025 Edition

### Christmas Party

Our Division Christmas Party will be held on December 7, 2025 at Papa Passero's in Westmont. The menu is being finalized, but expect pizza and other Italian favorites.

Please contact me at 312-403-0831 or [HUDSON5450@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:HUDSON5450@OUTLOOK.COM) by **November 21, 2025**. Papa needs an accurate count for the restaurant. Last minute walk-ins will not be accepted for this event.

### NMRA Midwest Region Annual Meeting (ZOOM)

Midwest Region will hold its annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday November 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm. This meeting is open to all Region members. The link for the Zoom meeting is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77593752886?pwd=L2NZV1lRSDJVaWlOcEVocmxhZlo2dz09>

OUR DATE IS SET FOR 2026!

ALL AMERICAN RAILROAD SHOW –  
SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2026

**All Aboard, 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual**

ALL AMERICAN RAILROAD SHOW

**The All American RAILROAD SHOW**

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Lyons Township High School Fieldhouse  
100 S. Brainard Ave. (corner of Brainard and Cossitt)  
La Grange, Illinois

Exhibits and Operating Layouts Door Prize Giveaways  
Family Fun No Selling

FOOD, SNACKS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE!

Lyons Township High School Fieldhouse  
Corner of Brainard and Cossitt  
LaGrange, Illinois

Large Parking Lot West of the Fieldhouse

Fieldhouse is a short walk from the BNSF/Metra Stone Avenue Station

**Admission \$5.00**  
Cash Only  
(Free age 4 and under)

Co-Sponsors: DuPage Division/National Model Railroad Association and Lyons Township High School

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## MEETING LOCATION FOR 2025-26

The Division meetings will be held at:

***St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
5729 Dunham Road  
Downers Grove, IL 60516***

The church is at the intersection of Dunham and Jefferson. There is plenty of parking and it is ADA accessible. Nearest major intersections: North – 55<sup>th</sup> Street/Maple & Dunham, South – 63<sup>rd</sup> Street & Dunham

## Division Officers For 2025-2026

### **Officers** (Terms expire as shown)

Superintendent	Alex Schneider	(5/31/27)
Asst. Super	Bill Drzal	(5/31/26)
Chief Clerk	Jim Marciniak	(5/31/27)
Paymaster	Ron Scharping	(5/31/26)

### **Trainmasters** (All terms expire 8/1/26)

Jeff Geisler	<i>At Large Trainmaster</i>
Patrick Golden	<i>All American Railroad Show</i>
Fred Henize	<i>Contest Chairman</i>
Ron Scharping	<i>Membership Chairman</i>
Rob Schiavone	<i>Achievement Program</i>
Kim Schlytter	<i>At Large Trainmaster</i>
Tom Schneider	<i>Name Tags</i>
Tim Schubert	<i>Crossbuck Editor</i>

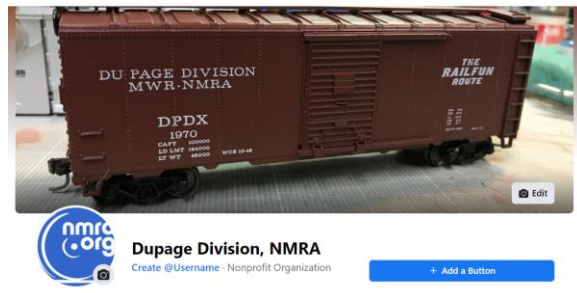
Contact Information is available on the Division website. Website: [www.mwr-nmra.org/dupage](http://www.mwr-nmra.org/dupage)

### **Division Address:**

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1278 Oxford Lane  
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## Like us on Facebook!



If you are on Facebook, find us at DuPage Division, NMRA. We are looking to grow our presence in this area and use it to promote our annual show. We also have a Division members only closed group as well. Our hobby is not dying, it has just moved to the digital world like many other things.

## Short Blasts

Some upcoming model railroading events for your calendar:

**Fri & Sun – Elmhurst Model Railroad Club Open House** - 111 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Elmhurst, IL Friday – 7-10pm, Sun – 1-4pm *Come out and support some of our Division members*

**Weds & Fri – Prairie Scale Model Railroaders** - 3 E. Ash St Lombard, IL 7:30-9:30pm *Come out and support some of our Division members*

**Weds & Fri – Midwest N' Pioneer MRRC** – 2000 S 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. Broadview, IL 6:30-9pm *Come out and support some of our Division members*

**Dec 6, 2025 – Will County Model Railroad Association Swap Meet** at Stone City VFW Hall 9am-1pm. Admission \$5. The club layout is open that day also.

## **The “Chicago Limited” 2025 Santa Fe Society Convention by Jim Marciniak**

The Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society held its 45th annual convention at the Sheraton Lisle-Naperville hotel on June 10 through 15, 2025. About 200 members and Santa Fe enthusiasts came from all across the USA and several countries overseas to attend.

SFRH&MS holds its annual convention in locations around the former AT&SF system, which could be anywhere from Chicago through the Southwest and in California from San Diego to the Bay Area. The Society usually names the convention after a Santa Fe name train, and this year’s was dubbed the “Chicago Limited”.

The main convention activities on Friday and Saturday included clinics on a wide variety of historical and modeling subjects, modeler roundtables, and the Saturday evening awards banquet. Convention-goers could also visit home and club layouts in the area, and they generally chose to carpool. It’s more fun to go with friends!

Earlier in the week, attendees had the opportunity to enjoy “Extra Fare” field trips in the Chicago area. Destinations included Joliet Tower, Illinois Live Steamers in Homer Glen, Illinois Railway Museum, and Pullman National Historical Park and the historic Pullman community.

The “Chicago Limited” Convention committee consisted mainly of Chicago-area volunteers that included DuPage Division members. They worked with national Society leaders and staff for publicity and registration. They also arranged the “Extra Fare” trips, including lining up transportation and coordinating with staff at the sites. The Pullman trip was

especially successful because of the joint effort of people on site from the National Park Service, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Historic Pullman Foundation, and the Pullman House Project.

SFRH&MS members look forward to the Convention every year as an opportunity to reconnect with friends and make new ones, meet and learn from their favorite experts and modelers, and see new parts of the Railway. Membership in the historical, technical, and modeling groups for your favorite railroads is a great way to increase your enjoyment of our hobby.

Many societies publish meticulously researched books and periodicals. You can tap into the knowledge of member experts on a wide variety of subjects. You can gain access to historical source material to improve the accuracy of your modeling and operations. Fan trips and railroad site visits are more fun with a well-versed guide and the company of your fellow members.

Membership is great. Becoming actively involved in your chosen society can add another dimension to your enjoyment. You can work with your fellow members to plan conventions, improve and maintain archives, and even help to take care of the behind-the-scenes tasks that are needed to provide a quality society experience for all. It’s more fun to enjoy the satisfaction of a task well done with your society teammates!

Many DuPage Division members are active members of historical, technical, and modeling societies. If you would like to know more about the societies that are out there for you to enjoy, ask around at our Division events.

## DuPage Division 2025-26 Calendar of Events

Month	Presentation	Contest
<b>September 7, 2025</b>	<i>History &amp; Operations of the DuPage Society of Model Engineers by Tom Schneider</i>	Bring your modeling challenge for group discussion
<b>October 5, 2025</b>	<i>Midwest Passenger Oddities by Jim Singer</i>	Maintenance-Of-Way (MOW) equipment
<b>November 2, 2025</b>	<i>Tappets, Dogs &amp; Bridles – Part 1 By Patrick Golden</i>	Lineside structures
<b>December 7, 2025</b>	<i>Annual Holiday Luncheon @ Papa Passero's</i>	No Contest
<b>January 4, 2026</b>	<i>Building AAT Open Top Commodities Loads by Kevin Tully</i>	Open Loads
<b>February 1, 2026</b>	<i>Tappets, Dogs &amp; Bridles – Part 2 By Patrick Golden</i>	Detailed Scene (One square foot in N scale, proportionate in larger scales)
<b>March 1, 2026</b>	<i>Bridges by Alex Schneider</i>	Kitbash a Building (Bring the original box to show what you changed)
<b>March 28, 2026</b>	<b>All American Railroad Show – 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual</b> at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, IL	9am to 5pm Admission \$5
<b>April 12, 2026</b>	<i>Open – but something interactive</i>	“Thumbs” (April Fool)
<b>May 3, 2026</b>	<i>Layout Tours – Let us know if you'd like to host an open house</i>	No Contest
<b>June 6, 2026</b>	<i>Division Outing to the Pullman National Park</i>	More details to come, bus service will be provided
<b>July 27 – August 2, 2026</b>	<b>2026 NMRA National Convention, Chattanooga TN</b>	<a href="https://www.nmra2026.org/">https://www.nmra2026.org/</a>

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