

National Train Show



The National Train Show will be held at the Portland Expo Center, August 28 – 30, 2015.

The National Train Show is often the largest model railroad exhibition ever held at the host city.

The show is open to conventioners on Friday Morning, then also to public visitors for the balance of the three days.

Numerous modular layouts in the popular scales are operating.

Manufacturers, large and small, participate and demonstrate their latest products and publications..

The show attracts many hobby vendors, with tools, books, models, shirts, hats, memorabilia.

Contacts



NMRA 2015 National Convention
<http://www.nmra2015portland.org/>



Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club
<http://cgmrc.com/>



National Model Railroad Association, Inc.
<http://www.nmra.org/>



Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA
<http://pnr.nmra.org/>



The Operations Special Interest Group
<http://www.opsig.org/>



Layout Design Special Interest Group
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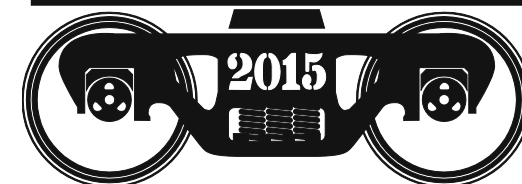


Railroad Prototype Modelers
<http://www.railroadprototypemodelers.com/>

Plan to attend

PORTLAND DAYLIGHT EXPRESS

NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION



August 23 – 29, 2015
Portland, Oregon

Portland Daylight Express 2015 will be the 80th Annual National Convention of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

The event is held in different areas of North America, returning to the Pacific Northwest about once every 12-years.

This is your opportunity to immerse yourself in elements of the model railroad hobby you may not have experienced previously.

Well known modelers, authors and manufacturers will be participating.



Portland Daylight Express Convention

The host group for PDX 2015 is the **Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club** in Northeast Portland. The club was formed in 1943 and today owns its clubrooms, with a large layout featuring the Columbia River Gorge lines and scenes of Union Pacific and Spokane, Portland & Seattle/Burlington Northern/BNSF. The club also hosted the last NMRA National Convention at Portland in 1994.

The convention is to be held at the **Double Tree Hotel, Lloyd Center, Portland, Oregon.** All in-house convention activities are at the hotel. TriMet's MAX Light Rail stops half a block from the hotel entrance. MAX provides direct service from Portland International Airport, Portland Union Station (Amtrak and Greyhound), downtown Portland, and outer suburbs. Lloyd Center, Portland's premier shopping mall, is across the street. Bring your ice-skates.

Our website **<http://www.nmra2015portland.org/>** will grow in detailed content over the months as planning progresses.

Check it regularly as tours and clinic titles are firmed up for the event.

Features of the Convention

The NMRA National Convention is a week-long event with many features for you to participate in and enjoy.

Above all it is a chance to meet fellow hobbyists from near and far. Some of them may model the same railroad and era as yourself.

Inside Activities

There is a large selection of clinic topics. Six rooms with seven time-slots per room per day provides more than 200 sessions over the week.

Modeling with the Masters is a series of events where skilled modelers lead up to 28 paid participants in building a specific project.

Silent auction. This activity allows you to sell surplus items, and purchase materials you may need. It attracts up to 3000 auction items.

Model/Photo Contest. You can enter your prized creation for judging against the best of your fellow hobbyists.

Non Rail. For your non-rail partner there is a full program of activities, led by skilled crafts people. Join the Ladies Lunch.

Convention Awards Banquet.

Features of the Convention

Special Interest activities are hosted by the Layout Design SIG, the Operations SIG, and Railroad Prototype Modelers. They include scheduled operating sessions on local layouts, and a SIG dinner. Membership is required.

Outside Activities

Tours are operated morning, afternoon, evening, some all-day, to visit home and club layouts in all scales.

Railroad and Industrial tours visit facilities rarely open to the public.

Ride nearby tourist railroads. Several feature steam, including celebrated logging types.

A rail fan trip up the Columbia River, with the busy BNSF on the Washington side and Union Pacific on the Oregon side.

Visit Portland's 4-8-4 Steam locomotives SP 4449 and SP&S 700 at the new Oregon Rail Heritage Center.

General-interest tours will introduce you to uniquely Portland sights and activities. Dinner aboard a river boat, A visit to Powell's Bookshop – the largest in the US. Portland Zoo, Pittock Mansion, Pioneer Square, Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood and more.