



# CAPITAL CROSSING

## National Model Railroad Association North Central Region 2004 Annual Convention

October 22-24, 2004

at the

## Clarion Hotel and Conference Center Lansing Michigan

Hosted by Division 5 of the North Central Region

**Make plans to join us in Lansing for the Model Railroading event of the year!**

**We're planning three full days of non-stop model railroad activities,  
including some very special events that you won't want to miss!**

### Visit the best model railroad layouts the Lansing area has to offer

- More than 25 layouts will be open for self guided tours on three days – from Friday morning through Sunday afternoon
- All scales represented – from Z to 1½" scale and everything in between, including standard and narrow gauge layouts

### Learn about the craft of model railroading

- Three full days of clinics covering a wide variety of model railroading topics, presented by experienced model railroaders including several nationally known clinicians – clinics run from Friday morning through Sunday morning
- Marathon scenery clinic conducted by Division 5 and Lansing Model Railroad Club member John Bussard

### See excellent models and photos

- NMRA sanctioned Model and Photo Contests, with awards presented at the Saturday Evening Banquet
- Non-contest display room open Friday through Sunday, providing the opportunity for convention guests to show off their very best models and photos without having to enter a contest – former contest winners and those who have never entered a contest are encouraged to participate

### Tour the Steam Railroading Institute of the Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation

- Our trip to the Steam Railroading Institute in Owosso will include a guided tour of the facility, close-up inspection of 2-8-4 steam locomotive Pere Marquette #1225, and rides on 0-4-0 tank engine Flag Coal Company #75
- Bus tours will travel to the Steam Railroading Institute on Friday morning and Friday afternoon

### Additional tours on Friday afternoon:

- Regional Steel Distribution Center – this modern steel distribution facility, built in 1998, is served by NS
- P.I. Engineering – makers of the RailDriver cab controller, tour includes a run on their full sized GP-38 cab simulator
- Tour of a large grain elevator facility in the Lansing area

### Other special events:

- Friday Evening Dinner event in the exquisitely finished Dining Car at Clara's Lansing Station in downtown Lansing
- Saturday Evening Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Clarion – featuring 3 entrée buffet dinner and guest speaker
- Round table discussions on a variety of model railroading topics to be held following the Banquet on Saturday evening
- Thursday evening operating sessions for early arriving convention guests – including the Operations Road Show layout

### Other convention site activities:

- Three modular layouts in three different scales set up and operating all weekend at the convention site:  
LaNTrak N scale NTRAK layout, Capitol Area Railway Society HO scale layout, HOn30 narrow gauge layout
- Hospitality Suite with continuously running railroad videos and snacks
- Model railroad vendor suites open for sales throughout the weekend – interested vendors please contact us for details

## Convention Contacts

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## Hotel Information

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center  
3600 Dunkel RD, Lansing, MI 48910  
In Lansing: 517-351-7600  
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Group Room Rates:  
Standard Room - \$79, Suites - \$109 & \$129

Group Name: (mention group name when making reservations)  
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