



***A Monthly O Scale Central Members-Only Newsletter
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Big news out of the Railroad Club of Atlanta!

PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN

The month of August contained a lot of activity and news in O scale. Beginning with the National Train Show, O scale was represented well to the over 10,000 attendees. The new Sunset catalog was released and was discussed during August's OSC online program. At the end of the month, an O scale club in Georgia had a rare event in O scale, and model railroading at large. Detailed in this month's OSC Drawbar are these topics and more!

CHATTANOOGA REVIEW

As many know, the National Train Show follows the NMRA National Convention each year. This year the National Convention was held in Chattanooga Tennessee, which made it a bit more centralized with O scalers driving in from all different directions. The National Train Show is made up of a mix of manufacturers, organizations, vendors, and groups who display and operate layouts.

This is the first National Train Show OSC has attended with an operating layout, and the show itself was very well attended. Displaying and operating O scale locomotives and rolling stock drastically increases the visibility of the scale.

Attending the event was OSC with the Detroit Model Railroad Club's modular layout, as well as the Railroad Model Club of Atlanta. The RMCA displayed fully scenic'd modules and rolling stock and locomotives under power. While we were the only displays of OS2R, we had a great reception by the attendees with an overwhelming majority of them discovering OS2R for the first time. Those who were not aware of OS2R, assumed that 3 rail O gauge trains are all there is in O scale. The demographic of the NTS attendees seemed to be made up of the convention attendees, local model railroad enthusiasts, and families. Other than a few convention attendees, most who viewed the layout did not recognize the scale. Our goal as an organization is to change that.

While this was the first NTS for OSC to attend, we are looking forward to many more similar events in the future. Using a modular layout helps center attention from the attendees, and it allows OSC volunteers to walk around and talk with the attendees about O scale and OSC. Another lesson we are continuing to learn is the importance of local clubs to attend shows like this that are local to them. While attending the show, the RMCA group received a membership application while they presented their organization and the scale.



Jay Escamilla of Third and Townsend brought a Sunset GP30 sample to the National Train Show. Next to it is Marty Megregian's Southern LS-1

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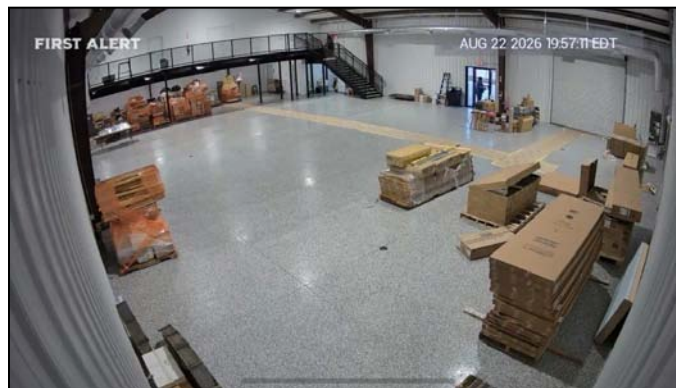
The Railroad Model Club of Atlanta has officially made the move to their new building located in Ball Ground GA. This effort was composed by a multitude of members to pack, palletize, load, haul, and unload everything from their storage location. It is very special to see this kind of news and progress from an O scale organization in today's age of the hobby. With other clubs and organizations losing the locations, it is great to see an organization move into their own building. We look forward to the progress from the RMCA after everyone recovers from the monstrous move!



Dan Mason, Chase Withrow and others packing up



Chase Withrow and David Gaines hauling another pallet



An overview shot of the RMCA's new space

INDIANA O SCALE SHOW 2026

The two-day 2 Rail O Scale Train Show is Friday September 18 and Saturday September 19, 2026. There is a long tradition of fall Indianapolis O Scale activities now continuing at the La Quinta Inn & Suites, Indianapolis South. In addition to the actual train show Mr. Muffin's store and display layout will be open Thursday and three layouts will be open Friday morning as well as some later Saturday and Sunday.

One layout with complete scenery models the ATSF during transition to diesel and also has many O Scale models on display. The second layout models PRR during transition with multiple long trains operating as well as new construction on the layout continuing. The third layout models CSX and predecessors back to steam with continuing construction work to build and add signals, structures for the layout as well as finishing scenery and track ballasting with polymeric sand.

One table is planned for signal items to be displayed as a location for informal discussions about current projects and technology. Printing using 3D technology is providing many new items to add signal details to layouts.

Yes, some tables are still available as well as hotel rooms.

<https://indyoscaleshows.wpcomstaging.com/>

NMRA Standard Gauges for P48 and P48n3 coming soon - By Eric Peterson

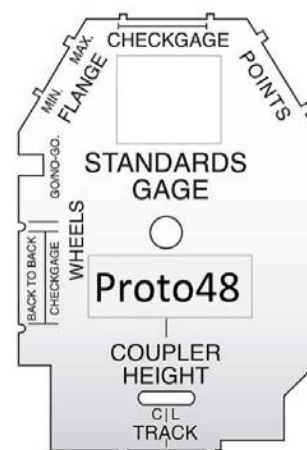
NMRA Standards and Conformance is planning on producing Track and Wheel Gauges for Proto48 and Proto48n3. Existing NMRA Standards will be used. Because of the lower volumes of these gauges, NMRA will use laser cutting. There are two sources and both have done a good job in the past.

Including Proto48n3 on the same gauge for Proto48 was considered, however, there is not a good way to also check clearances. The Proto48n3 gauge track center centers will be eccentric. NMRA has a molded plastic clearance profile gauge that can be used with a On3 Type II (square) gauge.

The Proto48 gauge can be cut as a Type I with the full clearance profile. The initial production quantity and cost is to be determined. Expressions of interest using the "Contact Us" form at the bottom of the first page of the <https://oscalecentral.com/> website. This is open to everyone.

Existing NMRA Standards for Proto48 and Proto48n3 are included. S-3.1 and S-4.1. The format for these standards will be updated soon to clarify tolerances. NMRA Recommended Practice 2 (RP-2) provides information on the two styles of gauges and how they are used.

https://www.nmra.org/sites/default/files/standards/sandrp/General/RP/rp-2_standards_gauges.pdf



OSC ONLINE MONTHLY REVIEW

For last month's Online program, Sunset/3rd Rail's Jay Escamilla walked us through his brand new catalog, reviewing product details of in-stock and scheduled models, answering questions and receiving suggestions. Sunset's projects represent a quantum leap for OS2R. This was Jay's second appearance on OSC Online; he promises to be a regular, introducing Sunset's new offerings.

Our second guest on August's program was Ron Maxfield, a modeler who is on a structure building mission to recreate his hometown's business district, including trolleys and interurbans, in 1:48. He has produced some great, prize winning structures. He shared those buildings and let us in on the construction techniques he uses to build them. His work has been described as "inspirational".

Our next program will be on Sunday, September 20th. To tune in, get on Zoom on your computer (easy to install the app) and join the meeting by using the meeting ID of 274 516 0415 and, if necessary, an access code of 640611.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We at OSC would like to see more content generated from our membership. One way to get you started is to take two pictures, add picture labels and write a short report. What is on your workbench or layout is an easy format. Sharing what you are doing or operating will help others and also bring ideas to you on the topic. Yes, there are a lot of websites and shared information on blogs and video sites, but a few features here are a way to connect with other members.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE O SCALE CENTRAL CALENDAR

Add yours by sending information to [Contact Us](#) on the home page.

September 2026

September 2 - September 5

National Narrow Gauge Convention

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bloomington, MN 7800 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, MN, United States
See OSC website for more information

September 18 - September 19

Indianapolis O Scale Meet

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Indianapolis South 5120 Victory Dr., Indianapolis, IN, United States
Indianapolis 2-Rail O Scale Train Show *See our website and Facebook page for details Friday September 18, 3:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturday September 19, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM La Quinta Inn & Suites Indianapolis South @ Intersection of HWY 465 and Emerson Ave. O Scale 2 Rail/P48, Narrow Gauge/On30, Traction, 3 Rail Scale welcome

September 26 @ 8:30am-3pm CDT

Southern New England Model RR Club Fall Show

United Methodist Church 161 Chestnut Street, Gardner, MA, United States
Admission and parking are free. Dealers include Norm Pullen, Bob Lavezzi, Tom McCarthy, Richard Sladja, Maynard Stowe and others. Our 65' X 40' layout is in the basement and has no less than 50 structures built by Herm Botzow and an 850' double track mainline. Food and beverages available.

October 2026

October 10, 2026 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm CDT

Strasburg O Scale Spring Train Show

Please join us for our annual Spring 2-Rail O Scale model train show. See our website for details on times, location and table registration information.

October 16-17

George Wallace Southwest O Scale Meet

Archery Traditions of Oklahoma 328 Elm Avenue, Yukon, OK, United States
The 2026 George Wallace Memorial Southwest "O" Scale Meet will again be held at Archery Traditions of Oklahoma in Yukon, Oklahoma, with over 8,000 square feet of space for layouts, tables, and more. The meet is named in honor of our good friend George B. Wallace, who passed away in 2023. Among George's many accomplishments, he continued the traditions of this meet for many years, at his own expense, for the benefit of all "O" Scalers in the Southwest. RESERVE THE DATES: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

November 2026

November 21-22

Cleveland O Scale Meet

UAW Local 1005 Large Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd. Parma, Ohio 44130

Saturday 11/21 - Cleveland O Scale Train Show 11am-4pm EST

Sunday 11/22- Cleveland O Scale Modular Meet - 9am-5pm EST

(Modules can also be setup on Saturday during the show)

Admissions: Train Show- \$5.00 (Spouses and Children under 12 Free) Modular Meet: Free (Donations welcomed)