

NMRA Member Benefits

The following benefits are available to all NMRA-AR members.

Standards & Conformance.

NMRA members can feel proud that they are supporting this essential ongoing core NMRA program.

The NMRA constantly researches and sets Standards and Recommended Practices (RP) for all scales and gauges of train models, as well as associated items such as DCC and Modules. The NMRA continually checks new products for their conformance to these Standards and RPs.

These standards and recommended practices enable manufacturers to provide for interoperability with different manufacturers' products in a given scale and gauge. To enable members to check on conformance, the NMRA produces "standards gauges" in a variety of scales which are available through the Australasian Region Company Store.

A portion of every NMRA member's annual dues goes to support the ongoing maintenance and development of the standards and recommended practices that since 1935 have been THE worldwide standards in our hobby.

Can you imagine the hobby without these standards?

Achievement Program (AP)

The AP helps modelers get more out of the hobby by providing an incentive to learn and master new skills. There are currently 11 categories and those who attain certification in a category receive an AP certificate towards their Master Model Railroader (MMR) certification.

Local Divisions, Worldwide Fellowship & Friendships.

Many members see fellowship as their primary reason for being a member of the NMRA and enjoy the opportunity to meet with fellow members to share their common passion for model railroading.

There are more than 150 local Divisions in the NMRA, located in large and small communities across the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Britain and Europe. Most Divisions hold regular events and meets featuring clinics, presentations, layout visits and more. All NMRA members are welcome at all NMRA Division meetings, so if you are travelling you can attend local Division meetings all over the world.

Partnership Program.

The NMRA has partnered with model railroad manufacturers of all sizes who have agreed to give discounts to NMRA members. Discounts range from free local shipping to up to 45% off all purchases. New manufacturers are being added each month. To see the current listing, go to the www.nmra.org Partnership page in the Member's Only section.

Dealer Program.

The NMRA Australasian Region is establishing a program for NMRA-AR members to receive a discount from selected hobby shops, upon presentation of your NMRA membership card.

NMRA Online Archive.

More than 12,000 photographs, slides, plans, drawings, erection elevations, paint schemes and more are available on our US parent's website, with additional scans being added at all times. High resolution files are available for download at a discount to members.

Liability Insurance for Members and 100% Clubs

\$20,000,000 Public Liability insurance is available to members who hold meetings, or exhibit their layouts, and for clubs all of whose members are NMRA members.

Conventions – Regional & US National.

Our Australasian Region Conventions typically runs from 2-3 days, and feature prototype and layout tours, clinics and other activities.

The US National Convention runs one week and typically features 125 clinics, more than 50 layout tours, and a dozen prototype tours. The National Train Show runs for the final three days of the National Convention.

Bi-monthly NMRA eBulletin and NMRA Turntable

Every other month, the NMRA publishes the electronic NMRA eBulletin, containing late breaking news and reports of happenings in our organization. The NMRA Turntable is a monthly electronic publication that rounds up some of the most interesting model railroad websites, videos, blogs, and articles on the web. This lets you focus on enjoying these sites rather than searching for them. Every member with a valid email address receives a copy of both publications.

NMRA Region Magazine.

The Australasian Region publishes our electronic Region 'Mainline' magazine 6 times a year. It features local news and articles from Region members on prototype and modeling topics, plus a review including photos of each Division's activities, meetings etc.

NMRA.ORG Magazine.

Our US parent publishes a monthly printed magazine featuring modeling and layout articles, plus product conformance reviews and news about the organization and its Regions and Divisions. Please contact your Divisional Superintendent or NMRA-AR Committee member for subscription information.

Region Video Library.

The Australasian Region video library contains over 200 titles which are available for members to borrow free of charge. The selection of DVDs from library is currently being distributed to each Division and these will be rotated from time to time so all Division members will have access.

Online Video Library.

The Member's Only section of www.nmra.org features dozens of hours of helpful "how-to" videos produced by professional video companies, as well as 150 videos of clinics presented at US National NMRA conventions.

Discounts and Advance Reservation on new KML Books.

The NMRA Kalmbach Memorial Library (KML) periodically offers special books and book reprints to the general public. NMRA members receive a substantial discount on the retail price and can reserve copies in advance.

Members Only US Company Store.

The NMRA US Company Store offers many items, from apparel to mugs available only to NMRA members.

Members Only Australasian Region Company Store.

The NMRA Australasian Region Company Store carries a selection of Standards Gauges in popular scales. We also have available NMRA-AR sew on patches and stickers. Please contact the AR Company Store for Prices and availability.

Beginner's Guide.

The Beginner's Guide pages on www.nmra.org offer those new to the hobby help in learning the basics of track, wiring, scenery and more.

www.nmra.org/beginner/

JAYCAR Electronics discount.

NMRA members have access to a trade discount when shopping in-store at JAYCAR electronics in Australia and New Zealand.

Bunnings Trade Card.

NMRA members have access to a Bunnings Trade Card to receive a discount when shopping at Bunnings.