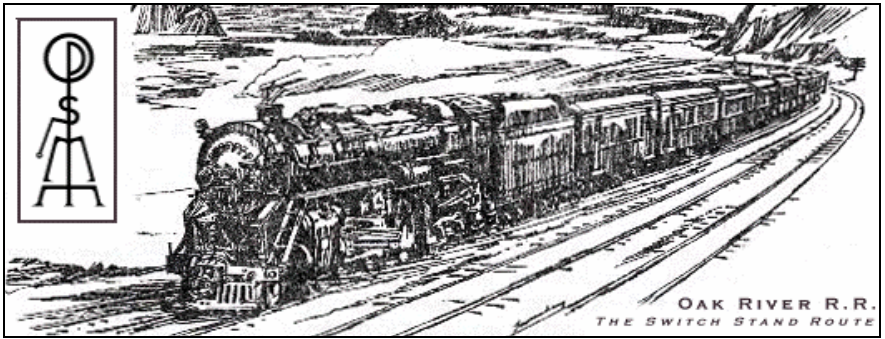


OAK PARK SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



The Oak Park Society of Model Engineers (OPSME) is a not for profit organization dedicated to the understanding and enjoyment of scale model railroading.

Though named after the neighboring communities of Oak Park and River Forest, membership is open to all applicants. Various levels of membership are open to all applicants starting with the Trial Membership. Regular membership allows the most participation, running on the railroad and voting on club and layout matters. Those applicants who do not feel they are able to devote as much time to club activities may participate at an alternative membership level.

In 1963 the Oak River Model Railroad was started by the Oak Park Park District at the Lewis Carrol Center in south Oak Park. The club moved to the Dole Learning Center in 1979.

Participation in the areas of maintaining the layout, constructing scenery, track work, open houses, and club field trips are open to all members. Much of the work on the layout is an ongoing process and affords a great opportunity to learn by doing. The degree of participation is up to the individual

TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

This application is for a three month trial membership. During this time we get the chance to know each other. After the trial period, you will be voted on for membership. At that time you must select an upgraded membership level. The dues for the six month trial period are \$30.00

Please fill out and sign this section. Return it to a club officer with the trial membership fee of \$30.00

Make Check Payable to:
OAK PARK SOCIETY OF MODEL ENGINEERS

You may give your payment; this completed and signed application to a club officer on Monday or Wednesday evening at the club. The club is located in the basement of the Dole Learning Center.

Dole Learning Center
255 Augusta Blvd
Oak Park, IL 60302

The Oak River train layout is a constantly developing modern model railroad. The layout will have two levels of operation, scenery and Digital Command Control (DCC) for our running enjoyment. The layout is under construction and now is the perfect time to hone your basic modeling and construction skills.

The club is open on Monday and Wednesday evenings and certain Saturdays. All open days are work days until construction of the main line is complete.

One evening a month is devoted to "Proto-Op", where trains are run in a prototypical fashion. We operate as a miniature railroad according to loading, timetable, and waybills. Other times we run on a non-scheduled basis with railroad themes for specific railroads past and present.

Join us for fun, knowledge, and interaction with others who share interest in this fascinating hobby. Whether you want to run "Proto-Op", run trains, build, or just watch, there is a place for you at the Oak Park Society of Model Engineers.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: ____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

Please indicate level of experience:
Beginner ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced ____
Collector ____

Please indicate areas of interest:
Scenery Structures Track Work Electrical
Learn ____ Learn ____ Learn ____ Learn ____
Teach ____ Teach ____ Teach ____ Teach ____

For applicants age 12 to 17 only:
Date of Birth: _____
Sponsor Name: _____
* Sponsor must be an adult club member

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Oak Park Society of Model Engineers and the Oak Park Department of Parks and Recreation.

Signature: _____

LEARN ABOUT MODEL RAILROADING!

Join OPSME and pick a team to learn new skills and share your expertise. To help in building the new layout we have organized the club into teams of experienced and novice hobbyists. It is each team's goal to discuss, design, teach and build the different phases of layout construction.

The Chief Engineer is the coordinator of the teams and the teams are driven by the decisions made in the Committee Meetings. The Chief Engineer is a coordinator and not tasked with the burden of completing all of the layout work.

The team leaders are instructed to coordinate the team and report back to the Chief Engineer. It is the role of the team leader to oversee the work of the team and not fully receive the burden of completing the work involved in each area. It is the role of the team member to plan and implement the work in each respective area; the team leader can act as a member of the team. Members can be involved on multiple teams.

Track Planning and Construction - The track Planning and Construction Team is responsible for the design, configuration and layout of track components. During the design phase the Track Planning and Construction team is tasked with seeking feedback from the Superintendent of Operations for train operations feedback regarding track design. The Track Planning and Construction team will lay track and install mechanical mechanisms involving the throw of the turnout.

Signaling and Electrical - The S&E team will be involved in the installation of layout wiring, DCC bus, track detection, engineering and installation of the signal and control systems on the layout. The S&E team should seek the feedback of the Superintendent of Operations during control system design so the control system can compliment the Operations plan of the layout.

Scenery - The Scenery team will conceptualize scenic elements and form standards for scenery schemes across various parts of the layout. The scenery team will also implement scenic elements for towns and landscape on the layout.

Benchwork - The benchwork team is responsible for the engineering of the layout support structure. Implementation of said structure can involve testing of conceptual components and seeking feedback from the S&E and Scenery teams for feasibility.

Pick your team and start the fun of learning about Model Railroading!