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Railroad Association Prepares For a Busy Summer Season *New Layout Being Raffled*

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The winter months are preparation time at the NMRHA railroad association in Crosslake. The members up-graded the layouts for visitors coming this summer- a new coat of paint here, a different display area there, and pretty soon we made major changes.

We are currently selling raffle tickets to win a complete 4' by 8' O scale model railroad layout. This will raise money for our operating expenses. Come to the building and view the layout and purchase your tickets. The estimated value of the layout is \$1,100, and we are only selling 600 tickets. The drawing will be held on December 7th, 2013, (just before Christmas). We have member-operators wearing badges around their necks to answer railroading questions you might have. Our HO historical layout is so authentic with mining and lumbering displays you will think you are back to the years of 1905 - 1930. There are many local towns and lakes you will recognize. There is also a G scale train running high in the ceiling to show you another modeling scale that is used today. This scale will be used in a new outside layout north of the building that will be in the construction mode this summer, by our members.

We also have a store where you may purchase an engineer's hat, shirt another railroad memorabilia. The children's layout in the store is also available for

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those young train engineers to operate. Outside the building we have a half size model of the Wm Crooks engine and cars. The Wm Crooks was the first engine to run in Minnesota. This is a great place to take a picture to remember your trip to Crosslake and the train exhibits.

We can use help from our visitors and friends in raising money for our non-profit association. One way you can help is by donating model trains and accessories of all scales that you may still be saving and would like to donate. We will provide a donation receipt for the market value of your model trains and you can then use the value of your gift as a deduction on your income tax. We will keep, and or sell the gift to help improve our visitors experience at the association building. Donations can be dropped off during our open hours or by appointment. (218-692-1900).

We hope you will take time to visit our railroad displays at 35170 County Road 3, Crosslake. Our summer hours are Saturday 10 am – 2 pm, Sunday from 12pm – 3 pm. Last year we had over 3,000 visitors come through the exhibit. That was a record! If you are a large group of 10 or more people, and would like a special visit please call 218-821-8357 for a tour during the week.

We will be waiting for all you train enthusiasts. ALL ABOARD!

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