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2013 Dakota Southeastern Division Pictorial Review

photo highlights from the year just ending

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(clockwise) Jerstad Center, Gerry Miller clinic, DSED members and trailer, DAIR trainmaster Tim Smith, 12' x 24' club modular layout (at Trains at Christmas)



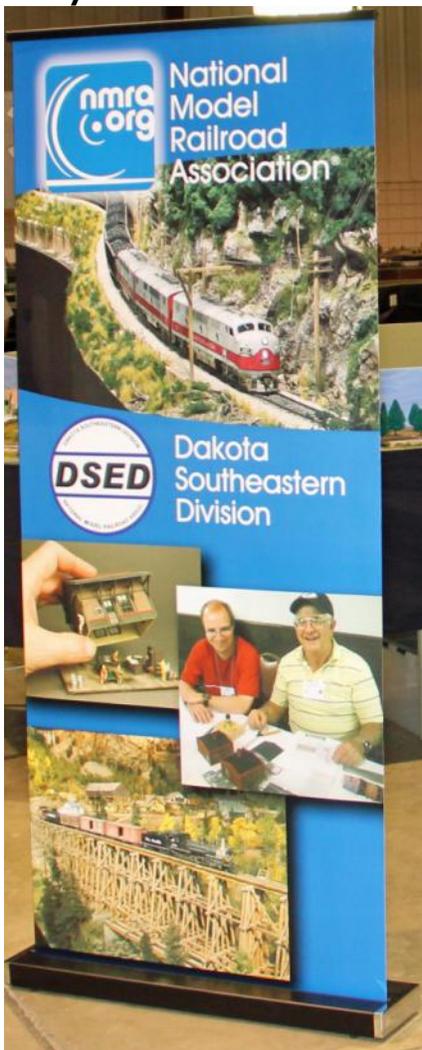


(clockwise) Ellis and Eastern transloading tour, Midwest Railcar Repair tour, Thousand Lakes Region board of directors, DSED crew aboard Dakota and Iowa GP50, and Model Railroader Magazine and former TLR Youth Modeler of the Year Cody Grivno shows his award (at age 14) during presentation following Friday night supper at the Jerstad Center. All took place during the May TLR convention in Sioux Falls.





Trains at Christmas included a greatly expanded Free-mo layout plus the opportunity for the division to show off its new seven foot banner, courtesy of the TLR



DSED Division Doings

Upcoming events and activities involving the Dakota Southeastern Division

Monday, January 7, 2013, Division monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Jay and Marion Manning

Saturday-Sunday, February 2-3, 2013 The Great Train Expo in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The DSED modular layout will make its second appearance at this event.

Thursday, February 21, 2013 Division monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. hosted by Todd Marks in Harrisburg

Saturday, March 2, 2013 DSED train clinic at Canton Library, Canton, SD 10-1:00. Setup Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at the Canton Library.

Saturday, March 23, 2013 Siouxland library Caille Branch on west 49th street and Carriage Circle. DSED adds to its success with clinics and displaying the club layout. This time we're going to the west side of Sioux Falls for the first time, adding another site and following five successful years at the Ronning Branch on east 49th and Southeastern Blvd. Expected times are the same as prior years, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This library, like Canton's, will also allow us to display model train items in (locked) glass showcases for weeks prior to the event. Over 600 guests have enjoyed our library event during just the past two years at the Ronning library.

For more details, check our website: dakotasoutheastern.org

What's coming (soon) on the Twin Cities and Western layout



In a few weeks crews will begin to test the revamped layout. Here's a sample of what's in store (clockwise): nearly 30 relettered and renumbered TCWR and MPLI cars make up about 1/5 of the roster, a figure expected to grow in coming years. Granite Falls Energy generates the most traffic on the route, though the Iowa Chicago and Eastern (ICE) will service the most traffic at the ethanol plant, at least initially, as operations commence next year. Scratchbuilt gondolas, such as this LGEX model (which earned first place in the May 2012 TLR convention freight car judging category) also debut on the layout, as do the scratchbuilt North Star Intermodal facility. Bongards Creamery fills the main deck east wall of the layout, while visible staging at Hopkins sits below. The TCWR CF7 (manufactured by Athearn) will soon have company, thanks to Tim Smith, who is customizing GP39-2, GP10, GP20C and GP 30C locos with numerous detail parts for TCWR, MPLI, and RRVW motive power.

