

What's going on today?

Welcome to the Erie Limited 2018 NER Regional Convention. We are working hard to see that you have a fun-filled extended weekend.

Here is a short summary of each day so you can plan your visit before you get here and pick up your convention booklet for more details.

THURSDAY:

A "Modeling with the Masters" clinic offered by Peter Youngblood entitled: "Modeling with Balsa Foam" will occur from 9 AM to 12:30 PM, before the convention officially opens.

In the afternoon, the "Works-in-Progress" format of clinics will be held and conventioners are free to walk in and observe techniques up close.

The contest and auction rooms will be open.

Convention registration will open in the afternoon.

In addition, layout open houses, operating sessions, and clinics may be scheduled later in the day.

FRIDAY:

There will be two prototype tours running at the same time:

- The Zinc mine tour which you will drive yourself to and bring a camera. You will get a guided tour of the mine, see the facilities the miners used, and its museum. There is no limit to the number of people who can attend.
- There is also a tour of the Bergen Light Rail, which will begin by boarding a bus at the hotel. The bus will take everyone to the light rail maintenance facility to tour its shops. Afterward we will board a light rail car and travel to the old DL&W terminal in Hoboken NJ, now owned and operated by New Jersey Transit. After a tour of the terminal, you are free to have lunch on your own before meeting and boarding the bus back to the hotel. This tour has a limit that will fit on the bus so be sure to sign up early if you want this tour.

There is a "Make and Take" clinic offered by Steve Funaro, of Funaro & Camerlengo, at 4 PM. For a fee of \$15.00 you get a freight car and the clinic will teach you the techniques in building a resin car kit.

In addition to the above, there will also be layout open houses, operating sessions, and clinics in the hotel all day.

SATURDAY:

The tour of Gulliver's Gate in Manhattan will begin by boarding a bus at the hotel. The fee covers the bus and entrance to the museum. The tour will provide special back stage access to the museum. The bus will return everyone to the hotel.

There will be layout open houses, operating sessions, and clinics in the hotel.

The auction will close at 5PM.

Model contest entries should be picked up.

In the evening, the convention banquet will be the only event, featuring Bernie Kempinski as the speaker. At the banquet, the contest award winners will be announced and auction winners will be posted.

SUNDAY:

The NER board meeting is scheduled in the morning.

Hotel check out time is 11 AM.

While not officially part of the convention, the Wine Train will depart Philipsburg, NJ, at 11 AM.

There should be open houses and clubs open to visit on your way home.

So whatever you choose, you're going to have a great time. Thanks for attending!