

2026 March "O" Scale Meet - Layout Tour Schedule

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Check back again soon. Waiting to hear from 3 Layout Hosts

2nd Year LAYOUT ON TOUR

Marty Trakis

Ted Schnepf - Elgin, IL

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Entering Protocol: **Walk in when you arrive.**

Thursday March 19, 2026 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM **OPERATING SESSION *******

Saturday March 21, 2026 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM **OPEN HOUSE**

*******Reservations Required** for operating session, but not for the Open House Saturday.

For Thursday Reservations: EMAIL: railsunlimited2@gmail.com

2-RAIL 4,100 Sq Ft Milwaukee Road Dubuque / Iowa and Dakota Divisions

60% scenicked mult-ideck layout designed for operation. Northeast Iowa along the Mississippi River, in 1954 with a 900 foot mainline. Five yard jobs and various local switching jobs. Passenger trains and through-freights hauling a variety of products, such as meat and perishable goods, grain, coal, and oil. 1:2 SLOW clock. NCE DCC Control system. Operations via Train Dispatcher Authority using telephone line and train order signals. Car movements handled by car cards. Ideal operations require 20 operators.

More information: <http://railsunlimited.ribbonrail.com/FoxValley/layout.html>

Dan Dawdy - Dwight, IL

Thursday March 19, 2025 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday March 20, 2025 10:00 AM- 2:30 PM

Richmond, Danielle & Southern.

The Richmond, Danville & Southern exists, running from Richmond, VA to Memphis, TN, and move on from there.

All DCC with sound running JMRI turnouts and wi-fi and the one and only "widowmaker" or as we call it, "The Tennessee Saluda". Bring a DCC locomotive with you? Try it out against the grade.

Marty Trakis - Palos Hills, IL

Thursday March 19, 2026 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Sunday March 22, 2026 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

No Particular Road. Just a love of trains and watching trains in interesting surroundings and having fun creating.

Carey Williams - Glenview, IL

Saturday March 21, 2026 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

2-Rail and OUTSIDE Third Rail. Vintage O Scale collection and layouts pre 1955. Many examples of early manufactured and scratch-built O Scale trains from the 1920's to mid 1950's.

Frank McCabe / Rockford “O” Scalers - Rockford, IL

Sunday March 22, 2026 *Noon -5:00 PM*

PLEASE NOTE: SUNDAY ONLY

2-Rail Many different passenger and freight trains. Mostly steam to diesel “transition era” with occasional “modern era” trains with various railroads represented. Both standard DC and DCC operate in two separate sections with many highly detailed scenes.

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Ted Schnepf		1:00 pm - 5 pm Operating Session RESERVATIONS REQUIRED		7 pm-10 pm Open House	
Dan Dawdy		<i>10 am - 4 pm</i>	<i>10 am - 2:30 pm</i>		
2nd Year Marty Trakis		<i>7 pm-10 pm</i>			<i>1 pm - 3 pm</i>
Carey Williams				<i>6 pm - 8:30 pm</i>	
Frank McCabe					<i>Noon - 5 pm</i>