

Great Falls Model Railroad Club Modeler's Forum 2026 Square Footer Contest



The square footer contest is open to all Great Falls Model Railroad Club members. There will be three classes for entrants as outlined in the rules below.

Classes:

- Novice – Anyone who has never entered a prior square footer contest or who has never won first place in this class.
- Intermediate - Anyone who has won a prior square footer contest in the Novice class.
- Master – Anyone who has previously entered in this class or has won a prior square footer contest in the Intermediate class.

Note: the organizers reserve the right to categorize entrants of known or recognized ability as “Intermediate” or “Master,” even if they have never previously entered or won a Square Footer contest.

Rules:

1. A square footer entry may be constructed in any scale.
2. Entries may be any type of model/display/structure or diorama. The theme for 2026 is “**Down at the Depot.**” “Depot” is not a defined term; it could include a passenger station of any type but also could be a freight or vehicle depot. Entries must have some rail-related element.
3. There is no height limit for entries.
4. Entries HO scale or smaller may not be larger than 12” by 12” (one square foot). Entries larger than HO scale may be as large as 18” x 18”.
5. **NO** part of the entry may protrude beyond the base boundary on any side except tree foliage. Entrants wishing to use rotating bases must provide their own base for that purpose. If powered, such base must be battery operated.
6. All entries must be brought to the clubhouse for the opening of ExTRAINaganza 2026, no later than 0900 on Saturday, November 21st.

Winners in each class will be chosen by a People’s Choice vote at ExTRAINaganza 2026 and announced at the close of the event on November 29th.



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