

For those who are not familiar with how a Silent auction works, here's a brief description. Sellers submit items for our Silent auctions. These items are placed on tables and those tables are then "unveiled" to potential buyers for a specific period of time (say one hour). At any time during that period, interested buyers can place a bid on those items by writing their Convention registration number and their bid amount on the item bid sheet that accompanies that item. When a particular table is closed whoever has placed the highest bid on a particular item is the winner! Multiple tables will open and close at different times during the Silent auction period so there's lots of activity throughout the entire period. It's a lot of fun to watch and it's even more fun to win!

Convention Silent Auction Procedures

1. Two Silent auctions will take place during our Convention activities. The first Silent auction will occur during the Micro-Trains' sponsored welcome reception on Tuesday evening. The second Silent auction will take place during the Convention Live auction reviewing period and the early part of the Live auction itself. Silent auction tables will close at different intervals during both events. Closing times will be posted.
2. Only the Primary registrant may submit item(s) for auction in our two Silent auctions. A limit of two items per Primary registrant per auction will be accepted.
3. Items in any condition will be allowed into our two Silent auctions, however accurate descriptions of the item's true condition must be included. Starting (or reserve) prices must be realistic and approved by the Auction committee representative during Check-in.
4. Silent auction item check-in will occur on Convention Day #1 (Tuesday) during the Convention registration period. Silent auction registration will begin at 1:30 PM and continuing until 5:30 PM. For Silent auction consideration all items must be entered during this registration period. A separate secure and convenient Silent auction check-in location away from the general registration area will be utilized. This will be the same location as the Convention Live auction check-in.
5. The item entry fee will be \$1.00 per item. The NSC will also charge each seller as a selling fee, a very reasonable ten percent (10%) of the selling price for each item sold during our two Silent auctions.
6. Registered items will be divided into groups with twelve (12) items per table. Tables will be numbered (starting with table #1) and the items will be designated with letters on each table (A through L). Besides the item registration form, a separate "bid form" will be assigned to each item. Table assignments will be on a first-come basis. Sellers can select which tables and which positions they want their items placed, however, same or

- similar items will not be placed on the same table if possible. The Silent Auction Committee has the final say on all item placements and may make adjustments if necessary.
7. Any unsold items from the Tuesday Silent auction will be automatically placed in the Thursday Silent auction. All unsold items that remain after the conclusion of the Thursday Silent auction will be returned to the sellers during scheduled breaks and/or at the conclusion of the Live auction only. Sellers may assign a representative to pick-up their unsold items if they are not able to do so themselves. Sellers (not their representative) must sign their copy of the item entry form and relinquish it to the Auction staff before their unsold items will be returned to them.
 8. Auction check-out will be on Friday morning. Check-out will begin at 8:00 AM and end at 12:00 NOON. All Buyers will be requested to pay first, then we will settle up with the Sellers.
 9. Acceptable payment for Live Auction purchases will be via cash, check or credit card (Visa, MasterCard and Discover). All Sellers will be paid via N-Scale Collector Society check.

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