

Greetings,

If you were able to attend the Amateur membership meeting at convention, you know that we had a great brainstorming discussion about how to make our shows fun and increase attendance. Many suggestions were made, and the Amateur Committee is currently making plans to implement several of those suggestions.

The Gateway Classic and Gateway Novice shows will be here before we know it. If you don't have plans to attend, please reconsider. The Amateurs will provide a 'Welcome Wagon' service for exhibitors upon their arrival. Those exhibitors interested in participating in a Team Tournament at the Gateway Classic can do so at no cost. Winning team members will each receive a FREE stall at the Maple Leaf to be held June 25 & 26 in Lake St Louis at the NEC. In addition to random prize drawings for exhibitors, there will be a fundraising raffle to benefit the Amateurs so that we can continue to provide activities that make showing fun and increase attendance. More information on the raffle will be provided later.

To be successful, we will need participation from our members. Whether it is a monetary donation toward the purchase of the raffle item, donations for the random prize drawings, or a donation of your time, please make a commitment to help. It will be very much appreciated!

Regards,

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