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January 2018 – September 2018

National Model Railroad Association

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SEPTEMBER, 2018

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January 2018

The events listed in this publication have been confirmed to the best of my ability. However, some information could not be fully confirmed. Event organizers reserve the right to change times, dates, fares, locations, or to cancel the event entirely. You might consider calling ahead to confirm that the event is still being held at the dates and times indicated.

If you should have any additions for next year, I would appreciate it if you would call me at (815) 874-6095.

Thank you.

- 9 **Rock River Valley Division Meet** - Rockford, IL  
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 12:30 - 4pm;  
Model and Prototype clinics, swap table; \$3 entry donation, NMRA  
members free; (815/957-4477) [[www.rrvd-nmra.com](http://www.rrvd-nmra.com)]
  
- 9 **South Central Wisconsin Division Meet** – Fitchburg, WI  
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Jan 7**
  
- 15 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train** – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Indian Summer **See Jun 16**
  
- 15-16 **Decatur Train Fair** – Decatur, IL  
Decatur Civic Center; See Apr 21 **NOT CONFIRMED**
  
- 15-16 **IRM Museum Showcase Weekend** – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; An opportunity to see and ride some of the less  
frequently run equipment at IRM as we honor the volunteers who make  
the museum work. Great photo opportunities. **See May 13**
  
- 15 **Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House** – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 20**
  
- 16 **Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House** –Huntley, IL  
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, **See Jun 10**
  
- 20-23 **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Soo Line Hist & Tech Soc Convention** – Duluth, MN  
**See website for details;** [[www.sooline.org](http://www.sooline.org)]
  
- 22 **Milwaukee Day** – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; **see Jun 23**
  
- 22 **North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS** - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**
  
- 29 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train** – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Oktoberfest **See Jun 16**
  
- 29 **IRM Bus Day** – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; Where the rubber meets the road. Join us for  
trolley bus and motor bus rides and see other buses that will be open and  
on display. Great photo opportunities. “The Bus Stop Shop” will be  
open to buy excess artifacts from our collection. **See May 13**
  
- 30 **72<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show** – Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds; **See Feb. 25**

AUGUST, 2018

- 5-12 NMRA 2018 Kansas City Nat'l Convention – Kansas City, MO  
Westin Crown Center, 1 East Pershing Rd, NMRA member “early bird” rates until 2/1/18: \$140, companion/spouse \$55, youth \$32; after 2/1/18: \$160/\$65/\$32; Clinics, layout tours, prototype tours, contests, auction, SIGs; **see website for additional information** [www.kc2018.org/]
- 11 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 13**
- 11-12 Diesel Days – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; Feel the ground shake as vintage diesels pass in review at the depot. Ride on a train pulled by one of these giants. Many great photo opportunities for the diesel fan! **See May 13**
- 12 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 14**
- 20-21 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet – Collinsville, IL  
Gateway Center, One Gateway Drive; Fri 9a-9p; Sat 9a-5p; \$25 both days, \$20 Sat only; manufacturers, suppliers, hobby vendors, historical societies, clinics, slide shows, home layout tours, operating layouts, door prize drawing, hands-on learning stations all day; co-sponsored by Gateway Division, NMRA; John Golden {Golden1014@yahoo.com} or Lonnie Bathurst (217/556-0314) {Bathurst@litchfieldil.com} [http://icg.home.mindspring.com/rpm/stlrpm.htm]
- 25 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**
- 25 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Summer Delight **See Jun 16**

SEPTEMBER, 2018

- 1-3 Labor Day Weekend – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; Join us for 3 days and 2 evenings of fun. Enjoy a twilight ride and help us celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Frisco 1630. Note: Extended hours Sat and Sun to 9:30pm. **See May 13**
- 8 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 13**
- 9 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 14**

JANUARY, 2018

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6950 Belvidere Rd; 20' x 50' HO layout of the C&NW's “K-D Line” from Rockford to Harvard. Work sessions Saturdays 8am-12pm; Business meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00pm; Memberships: Regular - \$30/yr, Junior - \$15/yr. Clarence Welte (815/398-4733)
- 6-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Red Cedar Train Show – Menomonie, WI  
UW Stout – Johnson Field House, 220 13<sup>th</sup> Ave East; Sat: 9-5, Sun 9-3; \$5, 10 and under free; toys and collectables to realistic scaled operations, exhibitors from local museums and organizations, vendors with new and used merchandise of all scales, it's ALL here; [http://redcedartrainshow.wixsite.com/rcts]
- 7 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford, IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: How To Move a Million Pound Locomotive - Ed Burkova, Quicker Than Walking - Henry Vincent, plus, a short film clip or two on a prototype railroad subject.; Contest: Off line and on line structures (Two contests due to no November contest; limit one entry/category); \$3 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 7 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Madison, WI  
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place, Madison; 1:00 p,m; No meet – instead: Model RR school.; open to the public; [www.nmra-scwd.org]
- 7 Tri-City Train Show and Swap Meet - Racine, WI  
Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St; 8am-12pm; \$3, children free; Ron Solberg, 3130 Buckingham Rd, Sturtevant, WI 53177 (262/488-0193)
- 13 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library, 2nd floor, 1170 N. Midlothian Rd.; 10am -4pm; Eddie Pappert {fasteddiep@aol.com} [www.ncogtrains.com]
- 14 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester Rd, Wheaton (County Farm Rd & Manchester Rd, 2 blocks North of Roosevelt Rd); 9:30 - 3pm; Dealers with new and used model railroad equipment, memorabilia, and information will comprise this large show; now adding R/C cars, boats and planes, rockets, model cars, comics, trading cards, slot cars, dolls, die cast, action figures, toys, and more; \$7, under 12, free; (630/290-1962) [www.dupageshow.com]

JANUARY, 2018

- 20 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; 9am – 3pm; \$3, family \$8; watch the trains run on our reconfigured modular layout. over 30 Lionel operating accessories use pushbutton operation; huge O-Gauge 3 Track Modular Layout capable of running trains 142 cars long on 143 foot long mainlines with 072 and up curves; permanent beltline layout running the new Lionel Legacy Controls; Hot Dogs, Pizza, and Pop, free popcorn; gift shop; have your Lionel Train repaired in our backshop; we are an authorized Lionel Service Station; [www.clrctrains.com]
- 20 Planes, Trains & Automobiles – Darien, IL  
St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 Cass Ave; 9a-3p; \$5 adults, \$2 12-17, scouts in uniform and under 12 free; at least two operating model railroad layouts, over 60 vendor tables selling plastic model kits and model railroad-related items, raffle, food, and family fun for all!; two levels packed with plastic model and model train activities; (not a plastic model contest); Mark Greg (630/969-7987) [www.sjlcldarien.org/events/model-show-a-swap-meet.html]
- 20-3/18 Wisconsin Garden Railway Society Show - Milwaukee, WI  
Mitchell Park Domes; Daily 9am-5pm, 9-9pm Fri's; \$4 adults, age 6-17 and Milw County seniors \$2:50; [https://milwaukeedomes.org/]
- 21 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI  
Clarion Hotel – Milwaukee Airport, 5311 S. Howell Ave; 8am - 12pm; \$4, 12 and under free w/adult; Art Oseland (414/764-5375) [www.milw-lrrc.com]
- 21 Badgerland Train Trade Show - Greenfield, WI  
WG's Banquet Center, 3200 S. 103<sup>rd</sup> St; Badgerland S Gaugers; 8am-12pm; Vendor Tables \$12; Admission \$3, 12 & under free; Jeff Young (262/250-0618) {youngsjk4@wi.rr.com}  
[www.trainweb.org/bsg/tradesale/tradesale.htm] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 27 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; Doors open at 6:30pm with the Meeting beginning at 7:00PM, followed by a railroad slide program; Subscriptions to NWI's monthly newsletter North Western Limited are \$20/yr (P.O. Box 5632, Rockford, IL 61125) Jerry Pyfer (815/654-2087) [http://www.nwinrhs.org/]

JULY, 2018

- 14 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 13**
- 14-15 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; Family favorites Thomas the Tank Engine and Percy return to IRM. **Special Fare applies on these days. No passes honored on these days. See May 13**
- 21 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Family Pasta Night **See Jun 16**
- 21-22 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; **See July 14-15**
- 28 Rail Fair '16 - LaCrosse, WI  
Copeland Park shelter, Rose St and Clinton St.; 10am - 4pm;  
Railroad Show, Flea Market, Swap Meet, Buy-Sell-Trade, Model & Toy Trains, Railroadiana, Railroad Exhibits & Displays; Guided tours of the steam locomotive, caboose and Grand Crossing Tower; held in conjunction with Old Towne North's Annual Antique Flea Market; vendor tables \$20, proceeds got to maintain and restore the LaCrosse Short Line Railroad display: \$5, 12 and under free; The 4000 Foundation, Limited, P.O. Box 3411 LaCrosse, 54602 Phil Lamke (608/582-4761) or Mark Harme, (608/784-0036)  
[www.4000foundation.org]

AUGUST, 2018

- 3-5 Threshing Show & Antique Display - Freeport, IL  
Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Lamm Rd, 1 mile south of Freeport; Antique displays, Threshing displays, Blacksmith Shop, Daily Parade at 1pm, Huge Flea Market, Saw Mill, Antique Tractor Pull, Farmer Class Horse Pull; \$6, under 12 \$3; Stephenson Cty Antique Engine Club (815/232-2306 or 235-2198) [www.thefreeportshow.com] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 5 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; The past comes alive through the display of antique autos, trucks, fire engines, tractors, motorcycles and buses- hundreds of vehicles assemble throughout the Museum campus; Ride the streetcars to the various display areas. Interurbans and diesel coach trains will be running on the mainline! **See May 13**

## JUNE, 2018

- 17- Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Sunday Afternoons – Huntley, IL  
9/16 Millgrove Woodshop, 13400 Sun City Blvd, just off IL Rte 47; 1-4pm; free, children must be accompanied by adults; On Sundays throughout the summer months the club runs their model railroad layouts located in the backyard and basement of the woodshop; operations are dependent on the weather and availability of train crews; call 847-669-2392 or check website for upcoming events; [sccah.com] (Groups>Charter Clubs>Railroad); Don Espeseth, {12780espeseth@comcast.net} (847/650-3883) or John Knych {jncknych@att.net}
- 23-24 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Galesburg Railroad Days - Galesburg, IL  
Yard tours, steam and diesel engines on display, Galesburg RR Museum, Train Excursion Rides, parade, carnival, Showcase of cars, RR Days run/walk (5K & 10K), scenic and historic sites, road races, etc; free; Call Galesburg Chamber of Commerce (309/343-1194) [www.galesburgtrainandtoyshow.com]
- 23-24 Rail Fan Day – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; see website for fares; all day trolley rides; Pizza Train (262/548-3837) [www.easttroyrr.org]
- 23-24 Galesburg Railroad Days Train & Toy Show - Galesburg, IL  
Galesburg HS Fieldhouse, 1242 W. Dayton St; Sat 9-4p, Sun 10-3p; \$5, 12 & under free; Swap Meet, Operating layouts, Slide & video shows, Hobby Supplies, Railroadiana; tractor display; Trains: Larry Anglund, {cobra@grics.net} (309/221-3909); Toys: Barry Wainer (309/343-6700) (barrywainer@yahoo.com) [www.galesburgtrainandtoyshow.com]
- 30-1 Trolley Weekend – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; Vintage traction equipment will operate each day. Saturday join us for our Trolley Pageant. Great photo opportunities for the traction fan. You will be able to ride some of this equipment on the main line and streetcar line. **See May 13**

## JULY, 2018

- 4 4th of July Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 28 NOT CONFIRMED**
- 7 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Surf & Turf **See Jun 16**
- 7 Chicago Day – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; **see Jun 23**

## JANUARY, 2018

- 27 27<sup>th</sup> Annual La Crosse Great Tri-State Rail-Sale – La Crosse, WI  
La Crosse Center South Hall, 300 Harbor View Plaza; 9am - 3pm; \$5, under 12 free; Vendor Tables \$20; Hobby Sale, Model Rail Flea Market, Swap meet, All scales equipment & accessories, railroad antiques & Memorabilia, RR books, magazines & pictures, Hobby supplies, antique toys; Phil Lamke (608/582-4761) {pdlamke@juno.com} or Mark Hamre (608/498-9522) [www.4000foundation.org]
- 27-28 SSSMRE Open House – Sheboygan, WI  
1001 N. 10ths St; 9am-4pm; free; Sheboygan Society of Scale Model Railroad Engineers, Ltd; seven operating layouts including Z, N, HO, S, O and G scales; main layout is a double deck HO with DCC. Leo Schneider (920/917-4598) {Lmschneider8@gmail.com} [www.sssmre.org]
- 28 Pt Beach Model Railroad & Tractor Family Sunday – Two Rivers, WI  
Pt. Beach Energy Center, 6600 Nuclear Road; 11am – 3pm; Huge display of model train, tractors and farm equipment & RC controlled airplanes and drones. News this year are Tractor quilts! Back by popular demand the Manitowoc Flyers RC club with remote control airplanes, helicopters and drones, plus fly a flight simulator! See the enormous train display by the N.E.W. "O" Guagers. Farm, Mirro toy and Train displays and farm toy and train sellers. Children's play area with trains and tractors. Free refreshments. Free refreshments and free admission! [http://www.manitowoc.info/event-details/planes-trains-tractors-family-sunday/]

## FEBRUARY, 2018

- 3-4 Arctic Run – Stevens Point, WI  
Stevens Point Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave; Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am -3 pm; \$4, \$2 children 12 to 17; Model RR Layouts, Clinics and Swap tables; Don Anderson (715/340-8105) {crml14@tds.net} or Paul Clasen (715/570-5776) {designcentralwi@yahoo.com} [www.thecwmrarticrun.com] [www.trainweb.org/cwmr/]
- 4 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford, IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: Round Robins, 20 minutes each: Dick Caudle - How to Build a Layout for Operation, Mike McBride – Building the Iron Cross, Charlie Wickhorst - Steel Coils Open Loads, Gary Loiselle - Open Loads on a Budget; Contest: Freight cars and open loads, limit 2 per entrant; \$3 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]

FEBRUARY, 2018

- 4 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Madison, WI  
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Jan 7**
- 4 Tri-City Train Show and Swap Meet - Racine, WI  
Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St; **See Jan 7**
- 10 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 13**
- 10-11 Snow Train - North Freedom, WI  
Mid-Continent Railway, North Freedom, WI; Take a memorable, seven-mile, 50-minute round-trip ride on a former branch line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad through the scenic Baraboo Hills. Trains leave from an historic, restored 1894, C&NW depot. Steam Train ride amid the brilliant hues of autumn; Museum hours 9:30am - 5pm; Dinner train Sat night; see website for times and fares; (800/930-1385, 608/522-4261) [www.midcontinent.org]
- 10-11 All Scale Train Lobby Exhibit - Milwaukee, WI  
Mitchell Park Domes; Displays of different scale train sets and layouts by hobbyists and train enthusiasts fill the lobby while the Train Show delights in the Show Dome; **See Jan. 20**
- 11 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Jan 14**
- 10-11 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Barron County Model RR Club Show - Rice Lake, WI  
Cedar Mall, 2900 S. Main (intersection of “O” and “SS” off Hwy 53); Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11-4pm; Free; Joe Lewis, 2638 Freeway Dr., Bloomer 54724 (715/450-9526) {aurorabarstow1462@yahoo.com} [www.bcmrc.net]
- 17 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 20**
- 25 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Greenfield, WI  
WG’s Banquet Center; **See Jan 21 NOT CONFIRMED**
- 17-18 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale - Madison, WI  
Alliant Energy Center, John Nolan Drive, Madison, WI; Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 9am-4pm; Adults \$12, seniors \$11, 5 to 11 \$6, under 5 free, parking fee not included; 90,000 sq ft of train layouts in Z, N, HO, S, O and G scale; classic toy trains; historical exhibits & railroad videos; 300+ tables of model train merchandise; tools, railroad collectibles, videos, books, clothing and artwork; door prizes; Kids, age 5-11 can register to win an HO scale train set- 4 given away each day of the event! South Central Wisconsin Division, NMRA; [www.nmra-scwd.org]

JUNE, 2018

- 10 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL  
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47, in the Millgrove Woodshop next to the ball field; free; 11a-4p; the club features scale model railroads in G, O, HO and N scales; (847/669-2392) Don Espeseth {12780espeseth@comcast.net} (847-650-3883) or John Knych {jcknych@att.net} [www.sccah.com]
- 16 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; day before Fathers Day; boarding at 5pm, depart 5:30pm; fare includes meal, tax and gratuity; Trip to Phantom Lake and return; meal includes appetizer, rolls, salad, entree, vegetable du jour, dessert, and coffee, tea or milk; cash bar available; seating is limited - **reservations required** (262/642-3263) see website for fares and menu [www.easttroyrr.org]
- 16 Chicago Day – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last day of streetcar service in Chicago. The past lives on as you ride Chicago streetcars, trolley coaches, "L" trains, and interurban and commuter trains that served Chicago. **See May 13**
- 16-17 Father’s Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 28 NOT CONFIRMED**
- 16-17 Strawberry Fest Model Railroad Show – Waupaca, WI  
Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School St; Fri: 5pm-11pm, Sat: 9am-4pm; Operating layouts, swap tables, great food, yummy strawberry shortcake; demos on scenery, command control, rock castings, kit assembly, tree making; miniature train rides, raffle, door prizes, vendors; free; (715/258-7343) [www.waupacaareachamber.com/event/strawberry-fest/]
- 17 Fathers Day Weekend – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; free fare for all dads accompanied by at least one fare-paying child or adult; **See May 13**
- 17 Fathers Day Great Buffet Trains – Spooner and Springbrook, WI  
426 N. Front St., Spooner, or US Hwy 63, Springbrook; **See May 13**

MAY, 2018

Mem Little A-Merrick-A Amusement Park - Marshall, WI  
to 700 East Main St, 12-6pm; 1/3 scale live steam railroad; Steam  
Labor operates Sat/Sun; diesel on weekdays; open Memorial Day through  
Day Labor Day weekends and some weekdays – **check website for actual  
dates**; 2 mile ride, visit the shops where the equipment is still being  
built; passes: Pink - under 36” tall: \$10.95; green - 36-42” tall: \$12.95;  
blue 42” and taller \$17.95; Gold – 42” and taller: \$21.95; (608/655-  
3181) [www.littleamerricka.com]

JUNE, 2018

- 3 **Rock River Valley Division Meet** - Rockford, IL  
Rail Junket, destination to be announced. **Watch for your  
postcard**, check The Flimzie, or call: 815/957-4477  
[www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 3 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 14**
- 9 American Heritage Railroad Train Show – Greenville, IL  
American Farm Heritage Museum, 1395 Museum Ave; 10am-4pm; \$4,  
under 12 free; Operating toy/model RR layouts; toy trains, books, videos,  
memorabilia and more; {dktrainmain@hotmail.com}  
[www.americanfarmheritagemuseum.com/ahrr-train-show.html]
- 9 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 13**
- 9 5<sup>th</sup> Annual American Heritage RR Train Show – Greenville, IL  
American Heritage Farm Museum, 1395 Museum Ave (I-70 at Rte 127,  
Exit 45, follow signs); 10a-4p; \$4, under 12 free; 1 mi train ride with paid  
admission; operating toy/model train layouts, toy trains, books, videos,  
memorabilia and more; concessions; Dave Kessinger  
{dktrainman@hotmail.com}  
[www.americanfarmheritagemuseum.com/ahrr-train-show.html]
- 9-10 RPO Days – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; See how railroads played a major part in the  
handling of the U.S. Mail; visit a post office on a train, see “live mail  
grabs,” mail being transferred on and off a speeding train. **See May 13**
- 10 42<sup>nd</sup> Kane Cty Railroadiana & Model Train Show/Sale – St Charles, IL  
Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd; 10am-3pm; \$6, under 12  
free; Russell Fierce (847/358-1185) {RussFierce@aol.com}  
[www.kanecountyrrshow.com/]

FEBRUARY, 2018

- 18 Peoria Train Show – Peoria, IL  
Illinois Central College, Rte 24 1 mi east of Rte 116; 10am-3pm; \$3,  
under 12 free; general RR swap, mostly HO and N with some O and  
Lionel; some books, slides, and memorabilia; about half dealers and half  
local modelers; Ron Brown, 503 Lang St, Bartonville, IL 61607,  
(309/369-3515) {pepper7190@yahoo.com}
- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Jan 27**
- 25 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI  
Clarion Hotel – Milwaukee Airport, **See Jan 21**
- 25 Model Railroad Buy\*Sell\*Swap Meet - Michigan City, IN  
NECA/IBEW Bldg, 301 East 8<sup>th</sup> St.; 9:30-2pm CST; \$3 adults, \$1 (6-  
13), 5 & under free; Sponsored by the Duneland Model Railroad Club,  
Dave Novak (219/778-1186) {trains86@frontier.com}
- 25 71<sup>st</sup> Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show – Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchstor Rd, Wheaton [County  
Farm Rd & Manchester Rd, 2 blocks North of Roosevelt Rd]; 9am-3pm;  
\$5, under 12, \$2; Past-Time Hobbies, Inc. (630/969-1847) or Tom at  
(630/268-0859) [pthpowerinc@aol.com] [www.pthinc.com]

MARCH, 2018

- 4 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI  
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Jan 7**
- XX** Fox Valley Division NMRA High Wheeler - Palatine, IL  
**SUSPENDED IN 2018 DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AT THE  
COLLEGE**; [www.HighWheelerTrainShow.com]
- 4 Tri-City Train Show and Swap Meet - Racine, WI  
Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St; **See Jan 7**
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Fremont Public Library **See Jan 13**
- 11 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL**  
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford,  
IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: Pat Agnew - Attorney - Your Layout After It's  
All Over, Ken Reinert - Tricks I Learned in Model Railroading; Contest:  
Servicing facilities, engines, or RIP track. Could even be a car. Two per  
entrant limit.; \$3 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/957-4477)  
[www.rrvd-nmra.com]

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- 11 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 14**
- 11 Metro Model Railroad Club Show and Swap - Cedarburg, WI  
Circle B Recreation, 6261 Hwy 60; 9am-4pm; \$3, 12 & under free;  
multiple operating layouts, swap meet, RR displays, and more; Jim  
Bartelt 313 S. Spring St., Port Washington, 53074 (262/284-5876)  
{jimbartelt@metrorrclub.org} [www.metrorrclub.org]
- 10-11 Delavan Toy Train Show – Delavan, WI  
Layouts exhibited in many stores and buildings throughout the downtown  
area; free; family-friendly weekend with a small town festival  
atmosphere; operating layouts in multiple scales; operate accessories,  
complete an "I spy" to find characters and details on layouts, and in some  
cases, run the trains on the layouts; free parking in the downtown area.  
Ride the Trolley between locations! Food and beverage is available on  
site. Brad and Sara Deschner (262/728-6052) {bradsara@sbcglobal.net}  
[http://www.visitdelavan.com/trainshow/]
- 16-18 Chicago O Scale Meet – Lombard, IL  
Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, 70 Yorktown Center; \$20; Annual 2-  
rail O Scale convention; Model Contest, clinics, layout tours,  
buy/sell/trade; vendor tables \$50 (\$60 after 2/15/17); Melissa (630/745-  
7600) [www.marchmeet.net]
- 17 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 20**
- 17-18 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lena Train Show & Swap Meet - Lena, IL  
Lena-Winslow Elementary School, 401 Freemont St (also at the High  
School and the Jr. HS and the Elementary); Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 10am -  
4pm; Lunch available 10-3pm; Admission Free, donations appreciated;  
(815/369-2684)
- 17-18 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Railroad Show - Onalaska, WI  
The Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Rd; Sat. 9am - 5pm; Sun. 10am -  
4pm; Operating Layouts, Movies, Exhibits & Displays, Railroadiana,  
Hobby Dealers & Swap tables, Door prizes; Also, Doll House  
Miniatures; \$7, \$6.50 with donation of a non-perishable food item for  
local food pantries, 11 and under free w/adult; La Crosse & Three Rivers  
Railroad Club, Mark Bell, 6836 State Hwy 26, La Crescent, MN 55947  
(507/894-8077) [http://laxand3riversrrclub.com/]
- 17-18 Northwestern Illinois Model RR Club Open House – Chadwick, IL  
101 Main St; 10am-4pm; \$1; 30 x 60 ft HO layout; Duane Imel (815/238-  
0245) {nwilmrr@gmail.com}

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- 12 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 13**
- 13 Mothers Day – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; Free admission for all moms  
accompanied by at least one fare-paying child or adult; See website for  
fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 13 Mothers Day Great Buffet Trains – Spooner and Springbrook, WI  
426 N. Front St, Spooner, or US Hwy 63, Springbrook; call or  
check web site for menu; 13 and older \$40, 3-12 \$25; (715/635-  
3200) [www.spoonertrainride.com]
- 17-20 2018 C&NW Historical Society Annual Meet – Rapid City, SD  
See website for details; [www.cnwhs.org]-
- 18 Homewood Rail Heritage Day – Homewood, IL  
Homewood Village Hall and Park District Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut  
Rd; 9am-3pm; train show and swap meet, with layouts; Train Watching  
Platform at Harwood Avenue & Kroner Ave; Rail Park featuring IC  
GP10 8408 and caboose 9426 north of Station on west side of CN/Metra  
main; for information contact Dan {d.gunderson@sbcglobal.net}  
(708/757-7944) [www.homesweethomewood.com]
- 19 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 20**
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**
- 26-28 Memorial Day Weekend/Founder's Weekend – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; the Summer begins! Steam, Diesel & Electric  
trains will operate all three days; active military personnel and their  
families admitted FREE with military ID. **See May 13**
- 27-28 Memorial Days Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad, N.E. corner of Walnut &  
Lamm Rds, 1/2 mi. S. of County Fairgrounds, Freeport; 11-5pm; Ride a  
36 ton 1912 Heisler steam logging locomotive pulling three antique  
caboosees and a covered outdoor passenger flat car. Four mile ride  
through Illinois farm land and native virgin timber; \$5, under 12 \$3;  
[www.thefreeportshow.com] **NOT CONFIRMED**



APRIL, 2018

- 29 Lionel Collectors Club of America – Rockford, IL  
Hoffman House @ Holiday Inn, 7550 E. State; \$5 each or entire family, LCAA members/family free; Tables - \$20 each; 8am – vendor setup, 9-10am, LCCA member trading only, 10-?? Open to the public;  
Jerry/Bridget Dangelo (815/558-6718) {Dangelo32@netzero.com} or Brady Thor (815/262-0211) {bradenthor@sbcglobal.net}  
[http://www.lionelcollectors.org/lcca-newsstand/lccanews/newsStory.aspx?id=1019&catId=7]

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- TBD Winnebago Land Division Spring Meet – Merrill, WI  
Location is TBD. Check website [www.wld-nmra.com]
- 5 Illinois Day – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; Residents of the Prairie State admitted 50% off; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL)  
[www.irm.org]
- 5 Tri-County Model RR Club Open House – Union Grove, WI  
1010 Vine St; 9a-3p; free; HO layout with double main line, 2400 sq ft; steam/diesel from 1955 to present; 44 sq ft diesel facility, gravel pit, elevator with shipping and small towns; Jim Beix **262/930-7179**  
[www.tricountymodelrailroadclub.com]
- 5 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Davenport Model RR & Memorabilia Show– Davenport, IA  
Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 W. Locust St; 9:30am-4pm; \$5, 12 and under free; 300+ tables of new and used N-HO-S-O and G scale trains; American Flyer, Lionel, lanterns, locks, keys, railroad items, Iowa's largest train show; Glen Thede, (563/391-6431 8pm -10pm)
- 6 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
**Joint meet with SCWD, see SCWD entry below;**  
(815/957-4477) [www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 6 South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD) Meet – Fitchburg, WI  
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Jan 7**
- 6 Great Midwest Train Show – Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 14**
- 12 Scout Day – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; flag ceremony, awarding of badges and touring the museum. **See May 13**

MARCH, 2018

- 18 Rockford O Scalers Open House – Rockford, IL  
3886 Lookout Drive; 12pm – 5pm; Large steam/early diesel two rail O Scale layout with emphasis on operation and scenery; (815/207-3608)
- 18 O Scale Open House – Rockford, IL  
4214 Gale Dr; 1:30 – 4:30pm; Dick Lindquist (779/200-0616)
- 18 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI  
Clarion Hotel – Milwaukee Airport, **See Jan 21**
- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**
- 24 All American Railroad Show – LaGrange, IL  
Lyons Township HS, 100 S. Brainard Ave; 9am-5pm; \$5, under 5 free; The show includes operating model railroad layouts as well as displays by model railroad clubs, railroad historical societies and other model railroad related groups; Dupage Division; Patrick Golden (708-482-8225)  
{Pggolden@aol.com}  
[www.mwr-nmra.org/divisions/dupage/dupageindex.htm]
- 24 Paper Valley Model Railroad Club Swap Meet - Appleton, WI  
National Guard Armory 2801 W. Second St.; 10am-3pm; \$3 17 & up; family \$5; children free; New/Used, all scales, Lionel, Live Model Weathering Clinic, Switch Track Layout, memorabilia, vendor tables \$25 ea; Ryan Lotzer {ryanlotzer@new.rr.com} (920/540-7149)  
[www.papervalleymodelrailroad.org]
- 24-25 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock River Valley Div Train Show – Belvidere, IL  
Belvidere North HS, 9393 Beloit Rd; Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 10am – 4pm; Operating N, HO, O & G scale layouts, Railroad Memorabilia displays, Railroad items for sale, Large Scale Model Train Rides, Railroad videos, Family Fun, 44,000 sq ft of displays: \$5, under 12 free w/adult; Doug Loy (815/765-3135) / Don Brindle (815/874-6095)
- 25 Springfield Train Fair – Springfield, IL  
Orr Building - Illinois State Fairgrounds, corner of Peoria & Sangamon Ave; 10am-4pm; \$5, under 11 free, get in at 9am for \$10 extra; Swap meet of model railroad of all scales and railroadiana items, operating layouts; concessions provided by local well known vendor; Mike Yurgec (217/306-8426) [http://www.springfieldtrainfair.com/]

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- 31 Bunny Trolley Hop – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; Spring is here, and what better way to celebrate than with a festive train ride with the Easter bunny, egg hunts, and more; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]

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- 7-8 Midwest Central RR Club Train Show – Urbana, IL  
Urbana Lincoln Square Village, 100 High St; Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-4pm; free; sell, trade, operating layouts; Richard Schroeder (217/552-6514) {rickschro1@gmail.com} [www.mcrr.org]
- 8 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL**  
**NOTE Temporary venue change:** VFW Hall at 2018 Windsor Rd; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: Larry E. Easton - Wisconsin Central Railroad, Rich Mahaney – The Second Lives of Cabooses for Model Railroaders; Contest: Funny car or oddball car. Example a car being used for something not originally designed as. Use your imagination. Two per entrant; \$3 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/957-4477) [www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 8 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI  
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Jan 7**
- 8 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 14**
- 13-15 **Capital 400 - MWR Spring Convention** – Madison, WI  
Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Dr; Clinics, Operating sessions, Layout tours, banquet speaker – Tony Koester; early registration \$55 rail, \$40 non-rail (\$65/45 after 3/31/18); See website for details and registration forms; Keith Thomsen, Registrar, 7202 New Washburn Way, 53719 [www.nmra-scwd.org/capitol-400.html]
- 14 Will County Model RR Club Swap Meet – Joliet, IL  
Stone City VFW, 124 Stone City Dr; 9a-2p; \$4, under 12 free; Mike Labeau (708/308-9036) [www.wcmrra.org]
- 14 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 13**
- 14 Green Bay Area Model RR Club Open House – Depere, WI  
Kress Family Library, lower level, 333 N. Broadway; 10a-4p; free; John Grom (920/370-8790) [http://gbamrcdepere.wix.com/gbamrcdepere]

APRIL, 2018

- 14-15 SSSMRE Open House – Sheboygan, WI  
1001 N. 10ths St; **See Jan 27-28**
- 14-15 First Presbyterian Church Model RR Show – Fond du Lac, WI  
First Presbyterian Ch, 1225 4<sup>th</sup> St; 10am-4pm Sat, 9am-2pm Sun; Free; Model railroad exhibitors (Z,N,HO,S,O-27,O, & G layouts/displays), Fond du Lac Society of Model Railroad Hobbyist's "HO" Gauge Operating Layout, food is available from the First Presbyterian Youth Ass'n; Kids can have their picture taken in our "Railroad Cutout"! (920) 922-0425 Les Mier Sr, (920/517-3901 {lmsrtrains@gmail.com} [www.fdlpresbyterian.org]
- 15 37<sup>th</sup> Chicagoland Railroadiana Show – Elk Grove Village, IL  
Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Rd (Rte 83); 9am-3pm; \$6; over 300 tables of railroad artifacts, including china, timetables, keys & locks; Joe Mazanek (847/537-0891) {joe.mazanek@gmail.com} [graylandstation.com]
- 21 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 20**
- 21-22 Decatur Train Fair – Decatur, IL  
Decatur Civic Center, 1 Gary K Anderson Plaza; Sat 10a-4pm, Sun. 11a - 4pm; \$5 adults, 12 & under free; several operating layouts of all scales from N to G, 200+ vendor tables of all scales of railroad equipment and railroad memorabilia, door prizes; hosted by the Decatur Mt. Zion & Southern MRRC; Steve Bricker (217/864-4397 or 217/454-2528) {sabricker@comcast.net} [www.decaturciviccenter.org]
- 22 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Greenfield, WI  
WG's Banquet Center; **See Jan 21 NOT CONFIRMED**
- 28 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**
- 28-29 17<sup>th</sup> Tiletown Train Show – Green Bay, WI  
ShopKo Hall (Brown County Veterans Memorial Complex) 1901 S. Oneida St. (across from Lambeau Field); Sat. 9-5, Sun 10-4; \$7, seniors \$6, 6-12 \$1, under 6 free; parking \$4; 40,000 sq ft of model trains, huge operating layouts and exhibits; Vendor info: Todd Bushmaker, 1242 Smith St, Green Bay 54302 (920/217-5318) {info@ttsgbllc.com} [www.tiletowntrainshow.com]