



# **MIDWEST RAILROAD EVENTS**

January 2010 – September 2010

## **ROCK RIVER VALLEY DIVISION**

**MIDWEST REGION**  
National Model Railroad Association

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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 contact me at 3159 Far Hill Road, Rockford, IL 61109, call me at (815) 874-6095, or e-mail at [donbrindle@aol.com](mailto:donbrindle@aol.com). Thank you.

## JANUARY, 2010

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 11:30am; Memberships: Regular - \$30/yr, Junior - \$15/yr. Clarence Welte (815/398-4733)
- 2-3 Great Train Expo – Indianapolis, IN  
Indiana State Fairgrounds – 1202 E. 38<sup>th</sup> St.; 10am - 4pm; \$7, under 12 free; check website for more info; P.O. Box 725, Oswego, IL. 60543 (630-608-4988); [www.greattrainexpo.com]
- 3 Tri-City Train Show and Swap Meet - Racine, WI  
Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St (Hwy C); 8am-12pm; \$3, children free; Ron Solberg, 3130 Buckingham Rd, Sturtevant, WI 53177 (262/488-0193)
- 3 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL**  
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford, IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: Steam and Diesel Locomotive Operations By Dick Lindquist; Contest: Locomotive Service – Enter a model of a structure that is used to service a locomotive. Steam or diesel, any size or shape. It can be as simple as a small shovel fed coaling stop to a huge diesel shop with overhead crane interior detail; \$2 entry donation; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 10 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI  
Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Road; RAIL SCHOOL: 1-4 p.m.; If you like trains be sure to attend Madison's One and Only Model Railroad School. It's Educational, Fun and Free! Clinics and demonstrations show you how to turn a toy train into an exciting, operating model railroad; contact SCWD, 3015 Union St #4, Madison, WI 53714 [www.nmra-scwd.org]
- 10 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; \$7, under 12, free (see website for \$1 off coupon); Dealers with new and used model railroad equipment, memorabilia, and information will comprise this large show; (630/290-1962) [www.greatmidwesttrainshow.com]
- 16-17 Arctic Run 2009 – Stevens Point, WI  
Stevens Point Ramada, 1501 Northpoint Drive; Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am -4 pm; \$2 adult, \$1 children over 12; Model RR Layouts, Clinics and Swap tables; Tim Victor, (715/341-4469) {btvictor@charter.net}  
[www.trainweb.org/cwmr/arcticrun/arcticrun.html]
- 16-3/14 Wisconsin Garden Railway Society Show - Milwaukee, WI  
Mitchell Park Domes; Daily 9am-5pm, 9-9pm Fri's; \$4 adults, age 6-17 and Milw Cty seniors \$2:50 ; Tom Lemke, N5377 Buena Vista Dr., Fond du Lac, 54935 (920/922-6611) {lemkerr@dotnet.com}  
[www.county.milwaukee.gov/router.asp?docid=10360]
- 17 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI  
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave;  
8am - 12pm; \$4, 12 and under free w/adult; Bob Nabak (262/787-0939) [www.milw-lrrc.com]
- 23 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; Short business meeting at 7:30pm followed by a railroad slide program; Subscriptions to NWT's monthly newsletter North Western Limited are \$20/yr (P.O. Box 562, Rockford, IL 61125) Jerry Pyfer (815/654-2087)
- 24 Badgerland Train Trade Show - Waukesha, WI  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 1800 S. 92 St., West Allis, WI; Badgerland S Gaugers; 8am-12pm; Vendor Tables \$12; Admission \$3, 12 & under free; Richard Kloes (414/543-8839) [www.trainweb.org/bsg/tradesale/tradesale.htm]
- 30 19<sup>th</sup> Annual La Crosse Great Tri-State Rail-Sale – La Crosse, WI  
LaCrosse Center South Hall, 300 Harbor View Plaza; 9am - 3pm; Hobby Sale, Model Rail Flea Market, Swap meet, All scales equipment & accessories, railroad antiques & Memorabilia, RR books, magazines & pictures, Hobby supplies, antique toys; \$5, under 12 free; Phil Lamke (608/582-4761) {pdlamke@juno.com} or Mark Hamry (608/784-0036)

## FEBRUARY, 2010

Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**

- 5-14 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun Run Model Train Show – Depere, WI  
Van Veghel Auction House and Paluka's Pub; 2050 Profit Pl, Highway 57 South; See website for times; free; Featuring the largest modular (50'x90') train layout north of Chicago, Club members will demonstrate O and O27 gauge trains and accessories; Mike Conard (920/336-8905) MikeConard@yahoo.com} [www.newogaugers.org]
- 6 Rail-A-Rama – St. Charles, IL  
Charlestowne Mall, 3800 E. Main (On Rte 64, 3 mi east of Rte 59);  
Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11am-6pm; Model railroads from N scale to Garden Railway are invited to display in the Mall; Venture Crew 9911, Tom Leverenz, 307 E. Streamwood Blvd, Streamwood, IL 60107 (630/650-0147) {paddlefoot47@comcast.net}
- 7 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford, IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: Railroads of Rockford By Dick Caudle, Custom Control Panels By Jim Baker ; Contest: Off Line Structures – Off line structures are not served by a railroad siding to the building. A small bakery, furniture store, and a large truck LTL distribution warehouse are just a few examples of off line structures; swap table; \$2 entry donation; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 7 Tri-City Train Show and Swap Meet - Racine, WI  
Roma Lodge. **See Jan 3**
- 7 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI  
Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Road; 1:00 p,m; Clinics, model and photo contests, door prizes, home layout viewing. contact SCWD, 3015 Union St #4, Madison, WI 53714 [www.nmra-scwd.org]
- 12-14 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. Train ride amid the beautiful Baraboo Hills; Museum hours 9:30am - 5pm; Adults: \$16, Children (3-12): \$10; (800/930-1385, 608/522-4261) Dinner trains available, see website [www.midcontinent.org]
- 13 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dupo Train Show – Dupo, IL  
Dupo HS Gym, 600 Admiral Trost Dr.; 10am-3pm; \$3 adult, under 12 free w/adult; Scenery demonstrations, layouts by the S-Gaugers and the Lionel Club. 118 tables, a little bit of everything, good food is available; Roses and Candy to be given away!! Dirk Reynolds (618/286-3399) {reynrail@htc.net} {comptrain2002@yahoo.com}
- 13-14 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Barron County Model RR Club Show – Rice Lake, WI  
Cedar Mall, From US Hwy 53, take exit #140 East on Cty Hwy O (aka South Access Rd); Sat 9a-6p, Sun 11a-5p; Joe Lewis (715/450-9526) or Jon Allen (651/303-4889)
- 13-14 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Gateway Garden RR Large Scale Winter Meet – Carlyle, IL  
The Mariner's Village Microtel Inn & Suites, 1 Resort Drive; Sat 10a-4p, Sun 10a-1p; Make some new large scale friends, run your trains, modular and floor layouts, clinics, all large sizes, buy/sell/trade your large scale trains, all manufacturers products welcome; Bob Temper {rtemper@earthlink.net} [www.ggrrc.org]
- 14 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Jan 10**
- 15 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI  
New Berlin Entertainment Center, **See Jan 17**

- 20-21 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale - Madison, WI  
Alliant Energy Center, John Nolan Drive, Madison, WI; 9am- 5pm; \$9, seniors-\$8, under 12-\$3, under 5-free; 90,000 sq ft of Midwest's biggest and most beautiful model train layouts in Z, N, HO, S, O and G scale; classic toy trains; historical exhibits & railroad videos; Kids can build a giant wooden train layout or run a model train; Browse 300+ tables of model train merchandise; tools, railroad collectibles, videos, books, clothing and artwork; Hourly 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; Info recording: 608/835-3148; vendor info: Larry/Sue Bunce (608/455-4233); general info: Art Dawson {nkp284@yahoo.com} [www.nmra-scwd.org]
- 20-21 Cross County Model Railroad Days - Mattoon, IL  
Cross County Mall, I-57 Exit 190 B (Rte 16); Sat 10am-9pm, Sun noon-5pm; Free; John and Becky Shuemaker, Coryville Station, Rt. 2, Box 77, Windsor, 61957 (217/459-2787) {john@coryvillestation.com} [www.coryvillestation.com]  
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- 21 Peoria TrainFair - Peoria, IL  
Illinois Central College, Rt 24 , East Peoria, IL; 10am - 3pm; Railroad Video Display, Model Railroad Display, Test Track, Swap Meet Tables; Adults \$3, under 13 free w.adult; Ron Brown, 503 Lang Rd, Bartonville, IL 61607 (309/697-6050) {pepper7190@yahoo.com}
- 27 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 26**
- 27-28 22nd Annual Lena Train Show & Swap Meet - Lena, IL  
Lena-Winslow Elementary School, 401 Freemont St (also at the High School and the Jr. HS); Sat 10am - 5pm, Sun 10am - 4pm; Lunch available 11-3pm; Admission Free, donations appreciated; Butch Polhill (815/369-2624)
- 28 Badgerland Train Trade Show - Waukesha, WI  
Knights of Columbus Hall, See Jan 24
- 28 55<sup>th</sup> Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show – Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester Rd, Wheaton [County Farm Rd & Manchester Rd, 2 blocks North of Roosevelt Rd]; 9am-2pm; \$5, under 12, \$2; Past-Time Hobbies, Inc. (630/969-1847) or Tom at (630/268-0859) [pthpowerinc@aol.com] [www.pthinc.com]
- 28 Model Railroad Buy\*Sell\*Swap Meet - Michigan City, IN  
NECA/IBEW Bldg, 301 East 8<sup>th</sup> St.; 10-3pm CST; \$3 adults, \$1 (6-13), 5 & under free; Sponsored by the Duneland Model Railroad Club, Don Nagdeman (219/879-1196) {dmrcman@sbcglobal.net} [www.machobbies.com/index.html?section=dmrrc]
- 28 Jerry's First Thaw Train Show and Swap Meet – Appleton, WI  
The Wave Bar and Ballroom, 2350 North Casaloma Drive; 8a-2pm Dave Achnert - Super (920) 725-3640 or Mike Conard (920/336-8905) {MikeConard@yahoo.com} [www.newogaugers.org]

## MARCH, 2010

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 6-7 Train Time – Milwaukee, WI  
Milwaukee School Of Engineering, Cudahy Student Center, (1<sup>st</sup> flr CC Building Rm CC103); on the MSOE campus, 1025 North Broadway; 10am-5pm; Exhibits and vendors {some@msoe.edu} [http://some.groups.msoe.edu]
- 7 Jack's Toy Show – South DePere, WI  
VanVeghel's Auction House and Paluka's Pub, 2050 Profit Place Hwy 57; 9am to 3pm; Mike Conard (920/336-8905) {MikeConard@yahoo.com} [www.newogaugers.org]

- 13 Paper Valley Model Railroad Club Swap Meet - Appleton, WI  
National Guard Armory 2801 W. Second St.; 10am-3pm; \$2; ages 8 to 16 \$1; family \$5; under 8 free; New/Used, Lionel, American Flyer, all scales, memorabilia, hearse w/ built-in model railroad; vendor tables \$15 ea;  
[www.papervalleymodelrailroad.com/]
- 14 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinic – TBD; Contest: Passenger Stations, Depots: - any size or scale, as large as Union Station to as small as a rural or seldom used whistle stop on a branch line; swap table; \$2 entry donation; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 14 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 10**
- 14 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]
- 20-21 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Railroad Show - La Crosse, WI  
La Crosse Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Pearl Street; Sat. 10am - 6pm; Sun. 10am - 4pm; Operating Layouts, Movies, Exhibits & Displays, Railroadiana, Hobby Dealers & Swap tables, Door prizes; Also, Doll House Miniatures; \$5, under 12 free w/adult, \$4.50 with donation of a non-perishable food item for local food pantries; La Crosse & Three Rivers Railroad Club, Mark Bell, 6836 State Hwy 26, La Crescent, MN 55947 (507/894-8077) [www.lax3riversmodelrrclub.com]
- 21 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI  
New Berlin Entertainment Center, **See Jan 17**
- 21 Point Beach Energy Center Train Show – Two Rivers, WI  
6600 Nuclear Road; Pete Kober, Roman Decker - co-supers (920) 829-5261; 11am to 4pm; or Mike Conard (920/336-8905) MikeConard@yahoo.com} [www.newogaugers.org] [www.tworiverseconomicdevelopment.org/major%20events.htm]
- 27 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 27-28 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock River Valley Division Train Show – Rockford, IL  
Jefferson HS, 4145 Samuelson Rd; Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 10am – 4pm; Operating Z, 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; John Mann (815/332-2496)/Don Brindle (815/874-6095)
- 28 Badgerland Train Trade Show - Greenfield, WI  
Knights of Columbus Hall, **See Jan 24**

## APRIL, 2010

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 6-7 Fox Valley Division NMRA High Wheeler '10 - Palatine, IL  
Harper College Sports Center, Algonquin and Roselle Rds; 9am-5pm; \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$2 children 5-12, under 5 free; operating layouts with models from some of the best hobbyists in the Midwest in all scales; artists demonstrating modeling skills/techniques available to answer all your hobby questions; historical, technical & museum society reps discussing the legacy of the railroads that defined the Chicago area transportation network making the Midwest what it is today; local vendors and distributors; door prize; lunch/snack bar; train videos; free parking and handicap accessible. Richard L. Sweet (847/550-1399) {rsweet@pactiv.com} [www.foxvalleydivision.org] [www.HighWheelerTrainShow.com]
- 10-11 Urbana Model Train Show & Swap Meet – Urbana, IL  
Lincoln Square Village, South Vine St; Sat 10-6p, Sun 11-5p; free; Richard Schroeder (217/359-2868)

- 10-11 Fever River Railroad Open House – Freeport, IL  
1055 W. Beach St ; 10am-4pm each day; Admission donated is charged; The Fever River Railroad models in HO a hypothetical railroad running from Duluth, MN to St. Louis, MO. It is owned and operated by the Stephenson Society of Model Trainmen in a 24' x 103' building adjacent to the Illinois Central yards in Freeport; Rodney Mathias (815/239-2354) {hotrod1152@yahoo.com} [http://feverriver.org]
- 10-11 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Happy Grandparents Model Train Show – Menomonie, WI  
Menomonie Middle School, 920 21<sup>st</sup> St.; Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm; \$5 adults, \$3 6-14 yrs, 5 & under free, \$13 family (2 adults, 2 students), 50 cents off w/food donation; layouts, vendors; door prizes and concessions; Happy Grandparents, 7 N5489 870th St. Elk Mound, WI 54739 (715/505-4044, after 7pm, please) {janelle\_hinrichs@msd.k12.wi.us}
- 11 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: Alaskan Railroads – Ken Olsen; Contest: Passenger Cars – any unit of rolling stock that carries passengers; swap table; \$2 entry donation; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 11 Springfield Train Fair – Springfield, IL  
Orr Building - Illinois State Fairground, corner of Peoria & Sangamon Ave; 10am-5pm; \$4, under 10 free; tables \$12 (72" x 30"); Swap meet of model railroad of all scales and railroadians items. There will be two or more operating layouts and club members during the show will host a few clinics on modeling and local railroads; concessions provided by local well known vendor; Tracy Baily 3617 N. Grand Ave. East #203, 62702 (217/528-7921) {springfieldmodelrailroadclub@yahoo.com}
- 11 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 10**
- 11 29<sup>th</sup> Chicagoland Railroadiana Show – Glen Ellyn, IL  
College of DuPage Athletic Bldg, south of 22<sup>nd</sup> St. And Park Blvd' 10am-3pm; \$5; over 300 tables of railroad artifacts, including china, timetables, keys & locks; Joe Mazanek (847/537-0891) {mazanek2@comcast.net} [www.graylandstation.com]
- 17-18 Decatur Train Fair – Decatur, IL  
Decatur Civic Center, 1 Gary K Anderson Prkwy; Sat 10a-4pm, Sun. 11a -4pm; \$4 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) {brickers@insightbb.com} [www.decaturciviccenter.org]
- 17-18 Throttle Time - Monticello, IL  
Monticello Railway Museum, Exit 166 off I-72; 10:30am; Begin viewing displays, vintage equipment, walk through rail cars or take a motor car ride; Morse telegraph demonstration, Mixed trains will run beginning at noon and train tickets are good all day; \$7 adult, \$5 senior citizen/children, under 4 free w/adult; Family \$25, cab rides \$20; Participants spend 30 minutes observing and learning the operation of one of the Museum's diesel locomotives and spends the following 30 minutes running the locomotive under the supervision of one of the Museum's engineers. You must be at least 18-years-old and be physically able to enter the locomotive cab and operate the controls to participate in Throttle Time. Cost: \$100 donation to the Museum, Reservations required. To purchase a Throttle Time session please call 217/762-9357 (277/762-9011)[www.mrym.org]  
**Not confirmed – check website**
- 17-18 Makin' Tracks Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet - Arcola, IL  
Rockome Gardens, 125 N. County Rd (5 Miles west of I-57 and Arcola); 10am-5pm; \$5, Snrs \$4, Children \$3; (217/268-4106) [www.rockome.com] **Not confirmed – check website**
- 18 Lionel RR Club Train, Toy & Collectibles Meet - West Allis, WI  
New Berlin Entertainment Center; **See Jan 17**
- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**

- 24-25 9<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; \$6, 6-12 \$1, under 6 free; parking \$3; 40,000 sq ft of model trains, huge operating layouts and exhibits; Vendor info: Todd Bushmaker, 1242 Smith St, Green Bay 54302 (920/336-1649) {info@ttsgbllc.com} [www.ttsgbllc.com]
- 24-25 Depot Days of Green County – Brooklyn, WI  
 Brooklyn Comm. Bldg, 102 N. Rutland; Sat: 10-5, Sun: 10-4; Model RR displays, Interactive children's displays, main site for raffle tickets (\$5 for child wooden train set), buttons and handouts, historical display of Brooklyn and surrounding area, concessions/bake sale by Community United Methodist Church, Events at the tracks downtown: speeder rides \$6 adult/\$3 kids, 45 min ride on the old CNW, Andrew House (100 E. Main): Collect the Art of Depot Days – local artists selling their art; Saturday: garage sales all day; Brooklyn Fire Department annual pancake breakfast Sunday 8-11am at the fire station on West Main St; "Geocaching in on the Rails," a GPS based treasure hunt - get your coordinates at the community building and find the best hand to win a prize; see website for details (608-455-1627 or 608/455-3121) [www.DepotDays.info] {info@DepotDays.info}
- 25 Throttle Time - Monticello, IL  
 Monticello Railway Museum, **See April 17-18**  
**Not confirmed – check website**
- 25 Southern Illinois Train Club Model RR/Railroadiana Show & Sale - Carterville, IL  
 John A Logan College Gym; 11am-4pm; \$3, under 12 free; Operating HO/N/G layouts; Randy Domineck, 814 Chamness Rd, Royalton, IL 62983; (618/984-4474, eve) [www.si-trainclub.net] **Not confirmed – check website**
- 25 Photo Train - Monticello, IL  
 Monticello Railway Museum **See April 17-18**  
**Not confirmed – check website**

## MAY, 2010

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
 Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 1-2 Scrap-a-Train Day – Union, IL  
 Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; No, you won't be dismantling and recycling a steam engine, you'll be building one! The first 100 paying adults will receive a coupon for a make-and-take project featuring a train-themed scrapbook page; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 2 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
 Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 12:30 - 4pm; Joint meet @ South Central Wis. Division, Fitchburg Community Center, 5510 Lacy Rd, Fitchburg, WI; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 2 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
 DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 10**
- 8 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
 2002 Church St.; day before Mothers Day; boarding at 4:45pm, depart 5:30pm; \$68 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 menu [www.easttroyrr.org] **Not confirmed – check website**
- 9 East Troy Mothers Day – East Troy, WI  
 East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; adults \$12, senior \$11, 3-11 \$7, under 3 free, Mother's ride free with paying child; all day trolley rides, cash bar; (262/548-3837) [www.easttroyrr.org]
- 9 Mothers Day Weekend – Union, IL  
 Illinois Railway Museum, Union Rd; Free admission for all moms accompanied by at least one fare-paying child or adult; **See May 1**

- 9 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 \$27, 3-12 \$22; (715/635-3200) [www.spoonertrainride.com] **Not confirmed – check website**
- 15 Winnebagoland Division Spring Meet – Menominee, MI  
Menominee Catholic Central Grade School, 1406 10th Ave.; 8am until noon: clinics, swapmeet, and model and photo contests; 1 pm - 5 pm: self-guided home layout tours, maps provided; awards banquet at the Marinette Elks Lodge in Marinette, WI at 6 pm; \$5.00 Meet only, \$20.00 for the Meet and Banquet; Dave Rickaby, 1213 Garfield Ave, 54143 (715/735-5525) {wmwestdiv@yahoo.com}
- 15 Scout Day Weekend – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; flag ceremony, awarding of badges and touring the museum. **See May 1**
- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 29-31 Memorial Day Weekend/WW II Living History Days – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; See realistic WW2 environments created by WW2 Reenactment groups. Visit the camps, see the vehicles and talk to the soldiers. Ride The Anzio Express, USO Dance Saturday Night. diesel and electric trains will operate; West End Jazz Band performs Monday; **See May 1**
- 29-31 East Troy Memorial Day – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; adults \$12, senior \$11, 3-11 \$7, under 3 free; all day trolley rides, cash bar; (262/548-3837) [www.easttroyrr.org]
- 30-31 Memorial Days Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad, N.E. corner of Walnut & Lamm Rds, 1/2 mi. S. of Cty Fairgrds, Freeport; 11-5pm; All Aboard! Climb aboard a 36 ton 1912 Heisler steam logging locomotive pulling three antique cabooses and a covered outdoor passenger flat car on a four mile ride through lush Illinois farm land, heavily wooded native virgin timber and crossing 30 feet above a cement pier bridge; \$5, under 12 \$3; Also, see Silver Creek Museum and the 130 ton Cooper Corliss Steam Engine with 25' flywheel (815/232-2306 or 235-2198) [www.thefreeportshow.com]
- 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; 2 mile ride, visit the shops where the equipment is still being built; passes: under 36" tall: \$9.95; 36-42" tall: \$11.95; 42" and taller \$15.95; Gold Pass \$19.95; (608/655-3181) [www.littleamerricka.com]

## JUNE, 2010

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Charles Railroadiana Show- St. Charles, IL  
DuPage Expo Center, 4050 E. Main St; 9am-4pm; \$7, under 12 free; Over 300 tables of Railroad Collectibles; free parking; William Fors, P.O. Box 514, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 (630/830-8981) {rrshows@aol.com} [www.gserr.com]
- 6 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
Rail Junket, destination to be announced. **Watch for your postcard**, check The Flimzie, or call: 815/332-2496 [www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 6 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 10**

- 10-13 Mid-Continent Region NMRA Convention – Cedar Rapids, IA  
Kirkwood Community College Center for Continuing Education, 7725 Kirkwood Blvd. S.W.; Model & Photo Contests, Silent Auction, Clinics, 15 Layout Tours, 3hr excursion on the Iowa Interstate RR, Banquet w/ Cody Grivno, 100 table Train Show; see website for fees and schedules; sponsored by the Eastern Iowa Division [<http://eid.mcor-nmra.org/Convention.html>]
- 12-13 East Troy Railfan Weekend – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum; **See May 29 Not confirmed – check website**
- 18-19 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)
- 19 Chicago Day – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; Commemorating the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the last day of streetcar operation 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 1**
- 19 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; day before Fathers Day; boarding at 4:45pm, depart 5:30pm; \$68 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 menu [[www.easttroyrr.org](http://www.easttroyrr.org)] **Not confirmed – check website**
- 19-20 Fathers Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 30**
- 20 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 1**
- 20 East Troy Fathers Day – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; adults \$12, senior \$11, 3-11 \$7, under 3 free, Fathers ride free with paying child; all day trolley rides, cash bar; (262/548-3837) [[www.easttroyrr.org](http://www.easttroyrr.org)]
- 20 Fathers Day Great Buffet Trains – Spooner and Springbrook, WI  
426 N. Front St., Spooner, or US Hwy 63, Springbrook; **See May 13 Not confirmed – check website**
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 26-27 33<sup>rd</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) [<http://www.galesburgrailroaddays.org>]
- 26-27 Carl Sandburg College Railroad Days Train Show - Galesburg, IL  
Carl Sandburg College, 2400 Tom L. Wilson Blvd; Sat 9-5p, Sun 10-4p; \$5, under 12 free; Swap Meet, Operating layouts, Slide & video shows, Hobby Supplies, Railroadiana; Harry Grossman, (309/341-5327) {[harryg@galesburg.net](mailto:harryg@galesburg.net)} [[www.galesburgrailroaddays.org](http://www.galesburgrailroaddays.org)]

JULY, 2010

Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**

- No date yet **Rock River Valley Division Annual Picnic** - Union, IL  
**Usually** held at the Illinois Railway Museum, Union, IL; Picnic at the Electric Junction Picnic Grove, extensive collection of engines, rolling stock, trolleys and interurbans, \$; RRVD (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **Watch for your postcard or call!!**
- 3-4 **Spooner Rodeo Train Robberies** – Spooner and Springbrook, WI  
 426 N. Front St, Spooner, or US Hwy 63, Springbrook; a nasty gang of ruthless outlaws known as the Rawhide Renegades has been robbing the passenger train; these reprehensible outlaws target the crowds who have come to town to see the renowned Spooner Rodeo; 13+ \$17, 3-12 \$12, dinner w/ the outlaws \$23/\$17; call or check website; (715/635-3200) [www.spoonertrainride.com] **Not confirmed – check website**
- 4 **East Troy July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration** – East Troy, WI  
 East Troy Trolley Museum; **See May 29**
- 4 **4th of July Steam Train Days** - Freeport, IL  
 Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 30**
- 4 **4<sup>th</sup> of July – Trolley Pageant** – Union, IL  
 Illinois Railway Museum; Trolley pageant on Sat - Celebrate a unique Independence Day by joining us for IRM's annual parade of electrically powered streetcars, "L" cars, interurban equipment, and work cars. Ride the diesel and electric mainline trains as well! Enjoy live music before and after the Trolley Pageant as the West End Jazz Band entertains; Presidential Train Sat/Sun; **See May 1**
- 10 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train** – East Troy, WI  
 2002 Church St.; Summer's Serenade; boarding at 4:45pm, depart 5:30pm; \$68 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 menu [www.easttroyrr.org] **Not confirmed – check website**
- 11-18 **NMRA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention** – Milwaukee, WI  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin – where it all began; \$175 basic member registration, \$70 companion/spouse; Clinics, layout tours, prototype tours, contests, auction, SIGs; **see website for additional information** [www.nmra75.org OR www.nmra.org]
- 17 **Rail Fair '10** - 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 go 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.com]
- 17-18 **Diesel Days** – Union, IL  
 Illinois Railway Museum; Vintage diesels will pass in review at the depot; ride on the coach train pulled by one of these powerful giants. **See May 1**
- 17-18 **East Troy Walworth County Days** – East Troy, WI  
 East Troy Trolley Museum; **See May 29 Not confirmed – check website**
- 24 **North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS** - Rockford, IL  
 St. Mark Lutheran Church, **See Jan 23**

AUGUST, 2010

**Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n** – Argyle, IL  
 Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**

- 1 20<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-more than 500 vehicles assemble throughout the Museum campus., the West End Jazz Band will entertain; **See May 1**
- 7 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; August Nights; boarding at 4:45pm, depart 5:30pm; \$68 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 menu [www.easttroyrr.org] **Not confirmed – check website**
- 8 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 10**
- 13-15 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; Thomas the Tank Engine returns to IRM! Special fares; **See May 1**
- 21-23 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; Thomas the Tank Engine returns to IRM! Special fares; **See May 1**
- 28 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**

## SEPTEMBER, 2010

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 4-6 Labor Day Weekend – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; Celebrate the end of summer by joining us for three days of fun! West End Jazz Band performs Mon; **See May 1**
- 4-6 East Troy Labor Day – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum; **See May 29**
- 11-12 Wisconsin & Michigan Model RR Show and Swap Meet - Marinette, WI  
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy High School, 1200 Main St; Sat 10am - 4pm; Sun 10am - 3pm; Free; Classic car show outside the school; Dave Rickaby, 1213 Garfield Ave, 54143 (715/735-5525) {wmwestdiv@yahoo.com}  
[http://user.pids.net/vindalu/Wisconsin%20Railroadclub/info.html]
- 6 Labor Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 30**
- 6 Tri-City Train Show and Swap Meet - Racine, WI  
South Hills Country Club **See Jan 4**
- 11 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; September's Song I; boarding at 4:45pm, depart 5:30pm; \$68 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 menu [www.easttroyrr.org] **Not confirmed – check website**
- 12 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan. 10**
- 13 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 12:30 - 4pm; Model and Prototype clinics, swap table; \$2 entry donation; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.com]

- 13 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet - West Allis, WI  
Knights of Columbus Hall **See Jan 21 Not confirmed – check website**
- 17-19 Steam-Threshing Show and 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]
- 17-19 Steam-Threshing Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 30**
- 18 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; September’s Song II; **See May 29 Not confirmed – check website**
- 18-19 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. **See May 1**
- 18-19 September Spectacular Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 24 Not confirmed – check website**
- 18-19 Annual Railroad Days - Monticello, IL  
Monticello Railway Museum, **See April 17-18**
- 19 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Waukesha, WI  
Knights of Columbus Hall, **See Jan 28 Not confirmed – check website**
- 24-25 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; September’s Song III & IV; **See Sept. 12 Not confirmed – check website**
- 25 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 25-26 Model RR’ers 30<sup>th</sup> Railroad Show & Swap - Monroe, WI  
Stateline Ice & Community Expo, 1632 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. West; Sat 10-4, Sun 10-4; \$3 donation, under 10 free w/adult; Jerry Obert, 1140 Richland Rd, Freeport, IL 61032 (815/563-4835 eve’s 7-9pm) {jaobert@aol.com} **Not confirmed**
- 26 56<sup>th</sup> Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show – Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester 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]