



MIDWEST RAILROAD EVENTS

January 2012 – September 2012

**ROCK RIVER
VALLEY DIVISION**

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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. Thank you.

JANUARY, 2012

- 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 - 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am; Memberships: Regular - \$30/yr, Junior - \$15/yr. Clarence Welte (815/398-4733)
- 1 Tri-City Train Show and Swap Meet - Racine, WI
NO SHOW IN JANUARY!!!
- 8 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford, IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: TBA; Contest: Rescue the Rolling Stock – As the railroads retired their rolling stock from revenue service they often put it to use for other purposes or sold it to private companies. Box cars, Maintenance of Way cars and Cabooses were taken off of the rails and used as storage buildings and offices. Flat cars were used as loading ramps at team tracks and industry sidings. Passenger cars were re-used as temporary and even permanent depots or whistle stop locations. Tank car tanks were removed from their frames and used for permanent liquid storage. Model a car off of the rails for another purpose – use your imagination; \$2 entry donation; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 8 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI
Knights of Columbus Hall, 5256 Verona Rd; 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]
- 8 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]
- 14 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, 2nd floor, 1170 N. Midlothian Rd.; Eddie Pappert {fasteddie@aol.com} [www.ncogtrains.com]

JANUARY, 2012

- 14-15 Worlds Greatest Hobby on Tour – Schaumburg, IL
Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Dr; \$10 adults, under 16 free; Sat 10-6pm, Sun 10-5pm; The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour is a show designed to introduce the public to the hobby of model railroading. Shows feature all of the major manufacturers, operating displays, workshops, product demonstrations, a free riding train for kids and much, much more; {staff@wghshow.com} [www.wghshow.com]
- 14-
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 Cty seniors \$2:50 ; Tom Lemke, N5377 Buena Vista Dr., Fond du Lac, 54935 (920/922-6611) {lemkerr@dotnet.com} [www.county.milwaukee.gov/MitchellParkConserva10116.htm]
- 15 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]
- 21-22 Arctic Run 2012 – Stevens Point, WI
Stevens Point Ramada, 1501 Northpoint Drive; Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 11am -4 pm; \$3, \$2 children 12 to 16; Model RR Layouts, Clinics and Swap tables; Tim Victor, (715/341-4469) {btvictor@charter.net} [www.trainweb.org/cwmr/arcticrun/arcticrun.html]
- 22 Badgerland Train Trade Show - Waukesha, WI
Knights of Columbus Hall, 3200 S. 103rd St. Greenfield, WI; Badgerland S Gaugers; 8am-12pm; Vendor Tables \$12; Admission \$3, 12 & under free; Jeff Young (262/250-0618) [www.trainweb.org/bsg/tradesale/tradesale.html]
- 22 Point Beach 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]
- 28 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)

JANUARY, 2012

- 28 21st Annual La Crosse Great Tri-State Rail-Sale – La Crosse, WI
LaCrosse Center South Hall, 300 Harbor View Plaza; 9am - 3pm;
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; \$4, under 12 free; Phil Lamke (608/582-4761)
{pdlamke@juno.com} or Mark Hamry (608/784-0036)
[www.4000foundation.com]

FEBRUARY, 2012

Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte
(815/398-4733) **See September**

- 3-11 7th Annual Fun Run Model Train Show – Green Bay, WI
Green Bay Salvation Army Kroc Center; 1315 Lime Kiln Rd; See
website for times; free; Featuring the largest modular (50' x 90') 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]
- 5 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL**
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford,
IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: TBA; Contest: On Line Structures – On
line structures are served by a railroad siding to it. A creamery,
brewery, stock pen, packing house and LTL distribution warehouse are
just a few examples of on line structures; swap table; \$2 entry
donation; (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 4-5 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 display in the Mall; Venture Crew 9911, Tom
Leverenz, 307 E. Streamwood Blvd, Streamwood, IL 60107
(630/650-0147) {paddlefoot47@comcast.net} **Not Confirmed**
- 5 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI
Knights of Columbus Hall, 5256 Verona Rd; See Jan 8
- 5 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)

FEBRUARY, 2012

- 10-12 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; See website for
times and fares (800/930-1385, 608/522-4261)
[www.midcontinent.org]
- 11 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 14**
- 11-12 10th 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; Tom Wood
(636/398-5130){tomw@everwear.com} [www.ggrrc.org]
- 11-12 31st Annual Barron County Model RR Club Show - Rice Lake, WI
Cedar Mall, 2900 S. Main (intersection of "O" and "SS" off Hwy 53);
Sat 9:30am-6pm, Sun 11-5pm; Free; Joe Lewis, 2638 Freeway Dr.,
Bloomer 54724 (715/450-9526) {stcroixsub@yahoo.com}
- 12 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Jan 8**
- 18-19 45th 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]

FEBRUARY, 2012

- 18-19 14th Annual Cross County Model RR Days – Mattoon, IL
Cross County Mall, ¾ mile West on Rte 16, from Exit 190B, I-57; Sat. 10-5, Sun 12-5; free; numerous running layouts for the public to view; swap meet – dealers ready to buy, sell, trade; sponsored by Coreyville Station; John or Becky, (217/259-4828) {john@coreyvillestation.com} [www.coryvillestation.com]
- 18-19 6th Annual Model RR Show – Hoopeston, IL
McFarren Park Civic Center, Illinois Rte 1; Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3; \$2, under 12 free; free parking; Sponsored by ECI Model RR'ing Show; all scales; food served; proceeds benefit children in the area; Chad (217/304-2718 after 5pm)
- 19 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, (309/697-6050) {rbc@comcast.net}
- 25 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Jan 28**
- 25 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Fox Lake, IL
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 14**
- 25-26 24th 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; Butch Polhill (815/369-2624)
- 26 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center; **See Jan 15**
- 26 Badgerland Train Trade Show - Waukesha, WI
Knights of Columbus Hall, **See Jan 22**
- 26 Model Railroad Buy*Sell*Swap Meet - Michigan City, IN
NECA/IBEW Bldg, 301 East 8th 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]

FEBRUARY, 2012

- 26 59th 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]

MARCH, 2011

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 3 Southwest Model & RR Memorabilia Show - Joliet, IL
VFW Hall, 124 Stone City Dr; 10am-3pm; \$3 adult, under 12 free; Model trains all gauges, Lionel, HO, N, G, gauge, American Flier. Railroad Memorabilia, Keys, Locks, Lanterns, Timetables, Manuals, Pictures, Slides, DVD's, Toy Trains, Railroad Books; Ken Kots (815-462-2783) {kots1987@sbcglobal.net}
- 3-4 Train Time – Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee School Of Engineering, Cudahy Student Center, (1st 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]
- 3-4 Fox Valley Division NMRA High Wheeler '11 - Palatine, IL
Harper College Sports Center, Algonquin and Roselle Rds; 9am-5pm; \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$2 children 5-12 (free w/ on-line coupon), 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]
- 4 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
No March Meet this year.
- 4 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI
Knights of Columbus Hall, 5256 Verona Rd; See Jan 8

MARCH, 2012

- 8-11 MWR Convention RAILSPLITTER 2012 – Springfield, IL
Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 East Adams St.; \$95 member, \$45 non-rail companion (\$15 off each if you register before 1/31/12), includes entry into the Springfield Train Fair on Sunday; hotel rate is \$89.99/night (good until 2/10/12); Layout tours, clinics; Model RR'ing Masters – “Unplugged,” featuring Allen McClelland, Tony Koester, & Mike Brestel; Sponsored by the Illinois Valley Division; see website for full timetable, details and registration information; Mike Yurtec (217/306-8426) [www.railsplitter2012.org]
- 9-11 Delavan Toy Train Show – Delavan, WI
American Legion Hall, 111 S. 2nd St; 12pm-5pm Fri, 9am-4pm Sat, 9am-2pm Sun; Free; operating layouts in multiple scales, raffle prizes; Come see some of the most exciting layouts from the "big" shows for free, plus some beautiful local layouts. A complete N scale layout and trains will be raffled off, so come and buy your ticket for a change to win! Food and beverage is available on site; Brad and Sara Deschner (262/728-6052){bradsara@sbcglobal.net}
- 10 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; Brian Jacobs {b_jacobs33@sbcglobal.net} (920/766-3178) [www.papervalleymodelrailroad.com/]
- 10 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 14**
- 11 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**
- 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]

MARCH, 2012

- 11 Springfield Train Fair – Springfield, IL
Orr Building - Illinois State Fairgrounds, corner of Peoria & Sangamon Ave; 10am-5pm; \$5, under 11 free; tables \$15 (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} [http://springfieldtrainfair.com/]
- 17 All American Railroad Show – LaGrange, IL
Lyons Township HS, 100 S. Brainard Ave; 9am-5pm; \$4, 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]
- 17-18 31st Annual Model Railroad Show - La Crosse, WI
La Crosse Center, 2nd and Pearl Street; Sat. 10am - 6pm; Sun. 10am - 4pm; Operating Layouts, Movies, Exhibits & Displays, Railroadians, 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]
- 17-18 Train and Circus Show – Cisco, IL
The Cisco Center, 325 N. Eldon St.; Sat 9-4, Sun 9-3; \$3, 12 and under free; 5 operating model layouts; vendor and swap tables, clinics and door prizes; see the Goodchild Brothers Circus; proceeds to renovate the 1874 Cisco Depot; Don Ploch, 10408 E. Washington Street Rd, Argenta, IL 62501-8023; (217/669-2261) {don@ciscojunction.com} [www.ciscojunction.com]
- 18 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, **See Jan 15**
- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**

MARCH, 2012

- 24-25 **21st Annual Rock River Valley Div 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)
- 25 Badgerland Train Trade Show - Greenfield, WI
Knights of Columbus Hall, **See Jan 22**

APRIL, 2012

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 1 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**
- 1 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL**
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 12:30 - 4pm;
Clinics: Basic Operations – an overview of operating your layout;
Contest: TBA; swap table; \$2 entry donation; (815/332-2496)
[www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 1 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI
Knights of Columbus Hall, 5256 Verona Rd; **See Jan 8**
- 1 30th Chicagoland Railroadiana Show – Glen Ellyn, IL
College of DuPage Athletic Bldg, south of 22nd St. And Park Blvd'
10am-3pm; \$5; over 300 tables of railroad artifacts, including china, timetables, keys & locks; Joe Mazanek (847/537-0891)
{joe.mazanek@gmail.com} [www.graylandstation.com]
- 14 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 14**
- 14-15 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; Jim Gray (815-494-0551) or Rodney Mathias (815/239-2354)
{hotrod1152@yahoo.com} [http://feverriver.org]

APRIL, 2012

- 14-15 11th Annual Happy Grandparents Model Train Show – Menomonie, WI
Menomonie Middle School, 920 21st 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, N5489 870th St. Elk Mound, WI 54739 (715/505-4044, after 7pm, please)
{janelle_hinrichs@msd.k12.wi.us}
- 14-15 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]
Date and other info not confirmed - check website
- 14-15 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] **Date and other info not confirmed**
- 21-22 Decatur Train Fair – Decatur, IL
Decatur Civic Center, 1 Gary K Anderson Plaza; 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) {sabricker@comcast.com}
[www.decaturciviccenter.org]
- 21-22 Throttle Time - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum, **See April 14-15 Date and other info not confirmed - check website**
- 28 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See See Jan 28**

APRIL, 2012

- 28 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Wauconda, IL
Wauconda Public Library, 801 N. Main; Eddie Pappert
{fasteddiep@aol.com} [www.ncogtrains.com]
- 28-29 15th Annual Depot Days in Brooklyn – Brooklyn, WI
Free 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, “Collect
the Art of Depot Days”- local artist meet and greet, art for sale;
concessions/bake sale by Community United Methodist Church,
Events at the tracks downtown: speeder rides \$7 adult/\$3 kids, 30 min
ride on the old CNW and children can enjoy bouncy amusements
while you wait. Saturday only has city-wide garage sales all day and
“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. Sunday only Brooklyn EMS/Fire Department annual pancake
breakfast 8-11am at the fire station on West Main St includes fire
engine rides. See website for details [www.DepotDays.info] (608/455-
3121) {info@DepotDays.info}
- 28-29 11th Titledown 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 \$3; 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@ttsbllc.com} [www.ttsbllc.com]
- 28-29 Southern Illinois Train Club Model RR/Railroadiana Show & Sale - Benton, IL
Benton Civic Center; 11am-4pm; \$3, under 12 free; Operating
HO/N/G layouts; Scott Fowler; (618/927-0804) {rsf59@hotmail.com}
[www.si-trainclub.net] **Date not confirmed – check website**

MAY, 2012

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass’n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 5 Winnebago Land Division Spring Meet – Menominee, MI
No details yet. Check website later. Mark Pruessler
{wmwestdiv@yahoo.com} [www.wld-nmra.com]
- 6 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Meet at South Central Wisconsin Division, Knights of Columbus Hall,
5256 Verona Rd, Fitchburg, WI; 1-4 p.m; contact SCWD, 3015
Union St #4, Madison, WI 53714 [www.nmra-scwd.org]

MAY, 2012

- 6 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**
- 12 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; day before Mothers Day; boarding at 5pm, depart
5:30pm; \$68.25 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] **Date and other info not confirmed – check
website**
- 12 Mothers Day Weekend – 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] **Date and other
info not confirmed – check website**
- 12 Scout Day Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; flag ceremony, awarding of badges and
touring the museum. **See May 12 Date and other info not
confirmed – check website**
- 12 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 14**
- 12-13 1st Presbyterian Church Model RR Show – Fond du Lac, WI
First Presbyterian Ch, 1225 4th 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 [www.fdlpresbyterian.org] **Date and other info not
confirmed – check website**
- 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 \$35, 3-12 \$25; (715/635-
3200) [www.spoonertrainride.com]

MAY, 2012

- 19-20 9th Annual Homewood Rail Heritage Days – Homewood, IL
Homewood Village Hall, Dixie Highway & Chestnut Rd; 7pm-10pm
Sat, 6am-3pm Sun; Sat: Slide/Digital Multi-Media Photo Show @ St.
Joseph's School Gym on Dixie Highway across from Village Hall;
Sun: train show from 9am-3pm will feature historical societies,
antiques, model train layouts, and railroad related vendors, Canadian
National will have prototype equipment on display, free rides on L'il
Obie, the CN Safety Train, Rail Watching Platform at Harwood
Avenue & Kroner Ave for viewing freight and commuter rail lines,
Rail Park w/newly restored IC engine GP10 #8408 and caboose #9426
just north of the train station, underground pedestrian tunnel, w/
murals depicting local railroad history; {d.gunderson@sbcglobal.net}
(708/798-3000) [www.homesweethomewood.com]
- 19-20 East Troy CN Appreciation Day – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; adults \$11.85, senior
\$9.95, 3-11 \$7.58, under 3 free; all day trolley rides; (262/548-3837)
[www.eastroyr.org] **See May 12 Date and other info not
confirmed - check website**
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**
- 26-28 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] **Date and other info not confirmed –
check website**
- 26-28 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 12 Info not confirmed – check website**

MAY, 2012

- 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, 2012

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 2-3 Franklin Park Railroad Daze – Franklin Park, IL
Tower B12 Railroad Park, Calwagner & Canadian Pacific/Metra
Railroad Tracks; 10am - 3pm (Equipment Only), other events 'til
11pm; Free; Walk through special & unique engines, cabooses and old
time passenger cars; Mini Train Rides donated by the CP; food
vendors, a beer garden, carnival rides and railroad memorabilia
dealers; Musical entertainment will be provided in the music tent with
local youth bands; Village of Franklin Park (847/671-8258)
[www.villageoffranklinpark.com/events/] **Date and other info not
confirmed – check website**
- 3 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]
- 3 3rd 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]
- 3 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**
- 9 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 14**
- 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 May 12
Date and other info not confirmed – check website**

JUNE, 2012

- 16 Chicago Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Commemorating the 53rd 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 12 Date and info not confirmed – check website**
- 16 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; day before Fathers Day; **See May 12 Date and other info not confirmed - check website**
- 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)
- 16-17 Fathers Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 26 Info not confirmed – check website**
- 17 Fathers Day Great Buffet Trains – Spooner and Springbrook, WI
426 N. Front St., Spooner, or US Hwy 63, Springbrook; **See May 13**
- 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 12 Info not confirmed – check website**
- 23 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**
- 23-24 35th 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.galesburgrailroaddays.org]
- 23-24 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} [www.galesburgrailroaddays.org]

JUNE, 2012

- 23-24 East Troy 100th Anniversary of Electricity – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum; **See May 12 Date and other info not confirmed - check website**

JULY, 2012

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 4 4th 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 12 Info not confirmed – check website**
- 4 4th of July Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 26 Info not confirmed – check website**
- 7 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Evening in Paris; **See May 12 Date and other info not confirmed - check website**
- 14 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 14**
- 14-15 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 12 Date and other info not confirmed – check website**
- 20-22 East Troy South Shore Railroad Day – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum; **See May 12 Date and other info not confirmed - check website**
- 21 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Lazy Days of Summer; **See May 12 Date and other info not confirmed - check website**

JULY, 2012

- 21 Rail Fair '11 - 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]
- 21-22 Zephyr Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Ride our streamlined Nebraska Zephyr
through the countryside in air conditioned comfort on our featured
train. **See May 12 Date and other info not confirmed – check
website**
- 28 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church , **See Jan 28**
- 28-29 The Great Train Expo – Belleville, IL
Belle-Clair Fairgrounds Park, 10a-4pm; adults \$7, under 12 free; 200-
500 tables, operating layouts; P.O. Box 725, Oswego, IL 60543
(630/608-4988) {staff@trainexpoinc.com} [www.trainexpoinc.com]
- 29-4 Grand Rails 2012 NMRA Nat'l Convention – Grand Rapids, MI
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe Ave NW; \$175 basic member
registration, \$70 companion/spouse; Clinics, layout tours, prototype
tours, contests, auction, SIGs; **see website for additional information**
[www.gr2012.org/]

AUGUST, 2012

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 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] **Info
not confirmed – check website**

AUGUST, 2012

- 5 21st 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 12 Date and other info
not confirmed – check website**
- 11 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; A Trip Down South; **See May 12 Date and other
info not confirmed - check website**
- 11 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 14**
- 12 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**
- 18-19 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Thomas the Tank Engine returns to IRM!
Special fares; **See May 12 Date and other info not confirmed –
check website**
- 18-19 East Troy Railfan Weekend – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum; **See May 12 Date and other info not
confirmed - check website**
- 25 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**

SEPTEMBER, 2012

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; **See January**
- 1-3 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
12 Info not confirmed – check website**
- 2 Tri-City Train Show and Swap Meet - Racine, WI
South Hills Country Club **See Feb 5 Not confirmed**
- 3 East Troy Family Fun Photo Day – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum; **See May 12 Date and other info not
confirmed - check website**

SEPTEMBER, 2012

- 3 Labor Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 26 Date and other info not confirmed – check website**
- 8 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library **See Jan 14**
- 8-9 Wisconsin & Michigan Model RR Show & Swap Meet - Marinette, WI
St. Thomas Aquinas Academy High School, 1200 Main St; Sat 10am - 4pm; Sun 10am - 2pm; Free; Classic car show outside the school; Dave Rickaby, 1213 Garfield Ave, 54143 (715/735-5525) {wmwestdiv@yahoo.com} **Not confirmed**
- 9 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]
- 9 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan. 8**
- 9 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet - West Allis, WI
Knights of Columbus Hall **See Jan 15 Date Not confirmed – check website**
- 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. **See May 12 Date and other info not confirmed – check website**
- 16 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Waukesha, WI
Knights of Columbus Hall, **See Jan 22 Not confirmed – check website**
- 22 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**
- 29-30 Model RR'ers 30th Railroad Show & Swap - Monroe, WI
Stateline Ice & Community Expo, 1632 4th Ave. West; Sat 10-4, Sun 10-4; \$4 donation, under 10 free w/adult; Justin Johnson {gcmrrinc@Gmail.com} [www.gcmrrinc.org]

SEPTEMBER, 2012

- 30 60th 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]