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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 or checking for website updates to confirm that the event is still being held at the dates and times indicated.

RRVD Events are in **BOLD**

FEBRUARY, 2021

- 7 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Madison, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Sept 13**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Sept listing**
- TBD Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.13 CANCELLED**
- 20-21 54th Annual Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale - Madison, WI
Alliant Energy Center, John Nolan Drive, Madison, WI; Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 9am-4pm; \$12, seniors/active military-\$11, kids 5-15: \$6, 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]
- TBD Snow Train - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway. Fares slightly higher; **See Oct 3 NOT CONFIRMED**
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 28**
- 28 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct 25**
- 28 77th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show – Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds, **See Sept 27**
- 28 Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
Clarion Hotel – Milwaukee Airport, **See Oct 20 NOT CONFIRMED**

SEPTEMBER, 2020

- 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. Business meetings – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm; Memberships: Regular - \$30, Junior - \$15 (must be accompanied by adult. Clarence Welte (815/398-4733)
- 5 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Beer Tasting; see website for departure times; fare includes meal, tax and gratuity; Trip to Phantom Lake and return; heavy hors d'oeuvres while tasting a variety of beers brewed today, including weissbiers, lagers, ales and steam beers; seating is limited – **reservations required** (262/642-3263) see website for menu [www.easttroyrr.org]
- 5-7 IRM Museum Labor Day Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, Union Rd; \$15 adults, \$11 children; See website for times; Join us for three days and 2 evenings of fun! Enjoy a twilight ride and help us celebrate the 100th birthday of Frisco 1630. (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 6-7 Labor Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad, N.E. corner of Walnut & Lamm Rds, 1/2 mi. S. of Cty Fairgrds, Freeport; 11-4pm; 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; \$8, under 12 \$2; 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]
- TBD Winnebago Land Division Fall Meet – Hancock, MI
Finlandia University, Jutila Center, 200 Michigan St; Tours, clinics – see website for details and registration form; John Leo, Registrar, 321 Alger St, Hancock MI 49855 [www.wld-nmra.com/?action=meets] **CANCELLED**
- 6 Wisconsin & Michigan Model RR Show & Swap Meet – Menominee, MI
Menominee Regional Airport, 2801 22nd St; 9am – 3:30pm; Free; Real planes, model trains, real automobiles, real tractors, classic car show; Operating layouts, vendors and swap meet; Dave Rickaby, 230 Burns St, 54143 (715/584-9310) {wmwestdiv@yahoo.com} **CANCELLED**

SEPTEMBER, 2020

- 13 **Rock River Valley Division Meet** - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd, Rockford, IL; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: Atlas Trackplanning Software for Layout Design – Don Brindle; Video Tour of Bruce Giersch’s O-Scale Layout; Contest: Box Cars; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871)
[www.rrvd-nmra.org] **ZOOM Meeting only**
- 13 **South Central Wisconsin Division Meet** – Madison, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; 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] **In person meets CANCELLED THRU 2020; see website for virtual meeting info**
- 13 **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); 9:00 – 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] **CANCELLED**
- 13 **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) Bruce Thompson (847/450-3045) or Rick Hane {yoresoft@sbcglobal.net} [www.sccah.com] **CANCELLED**
- 19 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train** – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Fall Harvest; see website for departure times; fare includes meal, tax and gratuity; Trip to Phantom Lake and return; meal includes appetizer, rolls, salad, I, 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]
- 19 **Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House** – New Lenox, IL
1311 South Schoolhouse Rd; 9am – 3pm; \$4, family \$10; 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] **CANCELLED**

JANUARY, 2021

- TBD **Great Midwest Train Show** - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.13 CANCELLED**
- 17 **Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet** – New Berlin, WI
Clarion Hotel – Milwaukee Airport, **See Oct 20 Not confirmed**
- 23 **North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS** - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 28**
- 24 **Badgerland Trade Train Show** - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct 25**
- 30 **30th 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; (608/781-9383) or Mark Hamre (608/498-9522)
[www.4000foundation.org]
- TBD **3rd Annual Train Show & Swap Meet** – Monticello, IA
Berndes Center, Jones County Fairgrounds, 766 N. Maple St; 9a- 3:30p; \$5, under 12 free with adult; vendor tables \$20; Monticello RR Club, P.O. Box 169, Monticello, IA 52310; Denny Beasley (319/270-1171, 6-10pm M-F) {circleBarB607@aol.com} or Ron Ackermann (319/480-5671) {rack611@gmail.com}

FEBRUARY, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass’n** – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- 6-7 **Arctic Run** – Stevens Point, WI
Stevens Point Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave: Sat 9a-5p, Sun 10a-3p; \$4, \$2 children 12-17; Model RR layouts, clinics and swap tables; Don Anderson (715/340-8105) {crm114@tds.net} or Jim Miller (715/340-0265) {jimbrow67@gmail.com} [www.thecwmrarticrun.com] **STATUS UNKNOWN**
- 7 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL**
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford, IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Activities TBD.; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **Meet MAY be ZOOM only – check website**

DECEMBER, 2020

- 19-20 Christmas Express – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, Ride with Santa and friends in heated trolleys departing from the Elegant Farmer Depot only; **See Nov 28**
- 20 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
2721 S. Calhoun Rd **See Oct 18 CANCELLED**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Sept listing**
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 28**
- 27 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct 25**
- 28-29 The Great Train Show – Grays Lake, IL
Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Rd; show is currently “being organized.” Suggest you check website for info closer to the date:
[<https://10times.com/company/train-show>] **SEEMS TO BE CANCELLED**

JANUARY, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- 3 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford, IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Activities TBD.; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rvvd-nmra.org] **Meet MAY be ZOOM only – check website**
- 3 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Madison, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Sept 13**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Sept listing**
- 9-4/2 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 ;
[<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Explore/The-Domes>]
NOT CONFIRMED

SEPTEMBER, 2020

- 19-20 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 Sept 5**
- 19-20 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] **CANCELLED**
- 19-20 Annual Railroad Days – Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum, Exit 166 off I-72; 10:00am-5pm; Come enjoy UNLIMITED rides on our vintage passenger and freight trains and motor cars running on our former Illinois Central and Illinois Terminal trackage, enjoy kids' games and more; \$20 adult, \$10 children 2-12, under 2 free w/adult; (217/762-9011) [www.mrym.org] **CANCELLED**
- 20 Soo Line Historical & Tech Society Convention – Appleton, WI
See website for details; [www.sooline.org] **Virtual Convention**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, 2nd floor, 1170 N. Midlothian Rd.; 10a – 4pm; Eddie Pappert {fasteddie@aol.com} [www.ncogtrains.com] (2nd Sat of each month except Nov) – **CANCELLED UNTIL LIBRARY REOPENS**
- TBD TRAINing Day – South Bend, IN
South Bend Elks Lodge, 3535 W. McKinley Ave; 9am – 3pm; \$5/person, \$8/family; a round robin style educational environment intended to teach beginner through advanced model railroading skills applicable to any scale; train hat giveaway for children; hosted by the Michiana Division, NMRA; NOT a train show/swap meet; see website for specific clinics [<http://michiana-nmra.org/td.html>] **STATUS UNKNOWN**
- 25-27 Prairie Land Heritage Museum Steam Engine Show - Jacksonville, IL
Prairie Land Heritage Museum, corner of Michigan and Lincoln, South Jacksonville; Display of antique gas and steam engines with demonstrations of threshing, baling, blacksmithing and molasses-making, antique steam train rides, flea market, crafts and concessions; \$??;
(217/243-7262) [www.prairielandheritage.com] **CANCELLED**

SEPTEMBER, 2020

- 26 IRM Bus Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Join us for trolley bus and motor bus rides and see other buses that will be open and on display. Great photo opportunities. **See Sept 5 - CANCELLED**
- 26 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) **To Be Determined**
- 26-27 Green County Model RR'ers Railroad Show & Swap - Monroe, WI
Stateline Ice & Community Expo, 1632 4th Ave. West; 10a-4p; \$5 donation, under 10 free w/adult; Kevin Johnson (608/558-9332) [www.gcmrrinc.org] **SEEMS TO BE CANCELLED**
- 27 76th 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] **STATUS UNKNOWN**

OCTOBER, 2020

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- 3 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Oktoberfest **See Sept 19**
- 3-4 Harvest Limited - 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. It's harvest time in Sauk County – enjoy the beauty from the train; Museum hours 9:30am - 5pm; Adults: \$20, Children (3-12): \$10; other fares available; (800/930-1385, 608/522-4261) Dinner trains available, see website [www.midcontinent.org] **CANCELLED**

DECEMBER, 2020

- 6 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show – Tinley Park, IL
Tinley Park HS, 6111 W. 175th St, 10am-2pm; \$6 adults, \$2 kids 6-12; 150 tables of model cars, die cast, promo cars, hot wheels, matchbox, corgi, slot cars, action figures, lunch boxes, character toys, comics, tin toys, 1000'S of New & Vintage Toys! 1/43 collectors club vendors will also be present; Jim Welytok (262-366-1314) [www.uniqueeventsshows.com]
- 5 27th Annual Model Railroad Show - Argyle, WI
Argyle High School, 14665 WI-78 Trunk; 9am – 3pm; 36th Annual Holiday Craft Fair same day at the High School; plenty of parking; refreshments; Sponsored by the Argyle FFA; \$2 donation includes both shows; Tom Moore (608/543-3669) {awwtp@email.com} **STATUS UNKNOWN – call**
- 12 Chicagoland Lionel Model RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 S.Schoolhouse Rd, Unit 4; Santa Claus in attendance; **See Sept 19 CANCELLED**
- TBD Lunch With Santa - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum. Reservations required (**THIS EVENT SELLS OUT FAST!**); Sponsored by the Monticello Chamber of Commerce; See website for times and fares; tickets sold exclusively on-line [www.mrym.org/santa.html]
- 12-13 IRM Happy Holiday Railway – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Embark on a magical 40 min train ride through the countryside with Santa himself! **See Nov 28**
- 12-13 Christmas Express – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, Ride with Santa and friends in heated trolleys departing from the Elegant Farmer Depot only; **See Nov 28**
- 13 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.13 CANCELLED**
- 14 Capron Lions Christmas Model Train Show – Capron, IL
Capron Lions Bldg, 305 E. North St; 10a – 4p; Free; Model train show with several layouts and various gauges of trains; Santa visits from 11a-12 noon and 2-3pm; concessions available; Patty Abel (815/978-1554) **STATUS UNKNOWN**
- 19-20 IRM Happy Holiday Railway – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Embark on a magical 40 min train ride through the countryside with Santa himself! **See Nov 28**

DECEMBER, 2020

- 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;
[www.tricountymodelrailroadclub.com] **CANCELLED**
- 5-6 IRM Happy Holiday Railway – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Embark on a magical 40 min train ride through
the countryside with Santa himself! **See Nov 28**
- 5-6 Santa Express – North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway; **See Nov 28 CANCELLED**
- 5-6 Christmas Express – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, Ride with Santa and friends in heated trolleys
departing from the Elegant Farmer Depot only; **See Nov 28**
- 5-31 Wisconsin Garden Railway Society Holiday Display - Madison, WI
Olbrich Gardens; 10am - 4pm daily (closes 2pm on 12/24, closed 12/25);
\$6, \$3 kids 3-12, under 3 free; [www.olbrich.org]
- 5-
Jan31 Nicholas Conservatory Train Exhibit – Rockford, IL
1345 N. 2nd St; Tue-Fri: 9a – 5p, Sat-Sun: 10a – 3p, closed Mon; \$6
residents, \$8 non-resident; In cooperation with the operating
Christmas trains running throughout the conservatory, we will have
displays in the lobby; James DeVoe (815/963-5854)
{jamesdevoe@sbcglobal.net} [www.nicholasconservatory.com]
- 6 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd, Rockford, IL; 1 -
3pm; Activities TBD; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free;
(815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **Meet MAY be ZOOM only –
check website**
- 6 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Madison, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Sept 13**
- 6 Will County Model RR Club Swap Meet – Joliet, IL
Stone City VFW, 124 Stone City Dr; 9a – 2p; \$4, under 12 free; Len
(815/485-8977) [www.wcmrra.org] **SEEMS TO BE CANCELLED**

OCTOBER, 2020

- 4 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 1 - 3pm; Clinic:
TBD; Contest: Flat Cars; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free;
(815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **Meet MAY be ZOOM only –
check website**
- 4 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Madison, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Sept 13**
- 9-11 Autumn Color - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway, Join us for “leaf-peeping” in style along the
unspoiled right-of-way of our historic former C&NW rail line; various
departure times; **See Oct 3 CANCELLED**
- 10 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Autumn Glow **See Sept 19**
- 10 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; 6-9pm; \$8; **See Sept 6**
- 10-11 29th Annual Greater St. Louis Metro Area Train Show – Kirkwood, MO
Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd; Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3; \$7,
Kids & students w/ ID free; All scales, swap tables, layouts, great door
prizes, Mississippi Valley N Scalers, David Johnson (636/225-2405), map
on website [www.seetrains.com] **SEEMS TO BE CANCELLED**
- 10-11 18th Annual West Wisconsin RR Club Show & Sale – Eau Claire, WI
L.E. Phillips YMCA Sports Center, 3456 Craig Rd; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4;
\$6, children \$3, under 5 free; several operating layouts covering most
scales, a number of the finest dealers in the Upper Midwest; John
(715/835-6475) {engsnc@hotmail.com} or Dick Carroll (715/830-1204)
{wwrc1723js@gmail.com] **CANCELLED**
[www.westwisconsinrailroad.club/TrainShow/index.html]
- 11 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.13 CANCELLED**
- 11 18th Annual Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers Train Show – West Bend, WI
Washington Cty Fair Park, 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd; 9am – 3pm; \$3,
under 12 free w/adult, service personnel in uniform free; Layouts in
multiple scales; Dan Larkee (262/ 388-3753)
{the.larkee.depot@sbcglobal.net}, Lloyd Bunkelman
{cnw400@frontier.com} [www.kmbsrrclub.org]

OCTOBER, 2020

- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Sept listing**
- 14-18 Night of 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns – Glencoe, IL
Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd.; 6:30-10:30pm, weather permitting; see website for fares, std parking fees; More than 1,000 hand-carved, real pumpkins—some as large as 150 pounds—will light up the night. The LED-lit jack-o'-lanterns will be staged along a festive, paved pathway, starting at the Esplanade. Along the way, encounter entertaining characters, watch live carving, and view the ghostly trains in the Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America
[www.chicagobotanic.org/halloween]
- 17 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Autumn Glow **See Sept 19**
- 17 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; 6-9pm; \$8; **See Sept 6**
- 18 Chicagoland Lionel Model RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 S.Schoolhouse Rd, **See Sept 19 CANCELLED**
- 18 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
2721 S. Calhoun Rd (behind the of Parkland Plaza); 10am - 5pm; Art Oseland (414/764-5375) [www.milw-lrrc.org] **See Oct 18 CANCELLED**
- 17-18 Pumpkin Special - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway, Ride the train to the pumpkin patch to pick out your pumpkin; various departure times; **See Oct 3 CANCELLED**
- 18 Countryside Collector's Classic Toy Show - Countryside, IL
Park Place of Countryside, 6240 Joliet Road, 10am-2pm; \$6 adults, \$2 kids 6-12; 100 tables of model cars, die cast, promo cars, hot wheels, matchbox, corgi, slot cars, action figures, lunch boxes, character toys, comics, tin toys, 1000'S of New & Vintage Toys! 1/43 collectors club vendors will also be present; Jim Welytok (262-366-1314)
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com]
- 18 29th Annual Chicago Railroadiana Show and Sale – St. Charles, IL
Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd; 10am - 3pm; Railroad collectables & Model Train Show and Sale; \$6, under 12 free; Russell B. Fierce (847/358-1185) {RussFierce@aol.com}
[www.ChicagoRRShow.com]

NOVEMBER, 2020

- 28-29 Santa Express – North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway; Santa will visit as you take in the spirit of Christmas past on our early 1900's adventure; all cars are kept comfortably warm using the over century-old tradition of steam heating or coal-fired stoves, just like at the North Pole; various departure times; **See Oct CANCELLED**
- 28-29 Lionel RR Club Fall Open House – New Berlin, WI
2721 S. Calhoun Rd; 10am-5pm; \$2, 12 & under free, Scouts in uniform and vets free; See up to 20 trains running; minor train repairs; (262/754-9900) [www.milw-lrrc.com] **SEEMS TO BE CANCELLED**
- 28-29 Great Train Expo – Collinsville, IL
Gateway Center, 1 Gateway Drive; 10am - 4pm; \$11 on Sat for both days, \$10 on Sun, 11 & under free; check website for more info; P.O. Box 725, Oswego, IL. 60543 (630-608-4988); [www.greattrainexpo.com] **SEEMS TO BE CANCELLED**
- 28-29 East Troy Christmas Express – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; adults \$19, child \$16.50, infant/toddler \$8.50; Ride with Santa and friends in heated trolleys departing from the Elegant Farmer Depot only; 9am, 10:30am, noon, 1:30pm, 3pm; (262/548-3837) [www.easttroyrr.org]

DECEMBER, 2020

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- 5 Welcome Santa! – Mukwonago, WI
Elegant Farmer, 1545 Main St; Special heated passenger trolleys will pick up riders from Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago at 5:30pm and transport them behind the East Troy Electric Railroad's Santa Train to the Division Street crossing in East Troy. Riders will be able to walk to the East Troy Village Square for the community Christmas tree lighting. There will be plenty of additional holiday activity at East Troy Village Square Park, 2881 Main St., and surrounding businesses, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., including a Christmas carol sing-along, kids crafts, winter activities, Holiday Marketplace, professional photos with Santa and more. For details, visit **easttroy.org**. The trolley will leave at 8:00 p.m. from the East Troy Depot to take riders back to Elegant Farmer.

NOVEMBER, 2020

- 22- Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
12/29 Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47, in the Prairie Lodge Social Lounge (center portico) of the main lodge; free; weekdays 11a-3p (Xmas Eve 10-noon), weekends 11a-5p, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas day; the club features four gauges (G, O, HO and N) in a “layer cake” design; this year’s train raffle will feature a Lionel Santa Fe Super Chief Passenger Train set that includes track, engine, railroad cars and transformer; the raffle will be held on Monday Dec 23 at 3 pm - winners need not be present; (847/669-2392) Bruce Thompson (847/450-3045) or John Knych {jcnknych@att.net} [www.sccah.com]
CANCELLED
- 22 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct 25**
- 22 10 Annual First Freeze Train Show & Swap Meet – Green Bay, WI
Stadium View Bar & Grill, 1963 Holmgren Way; 9a-2p; \$3, 12 and under free; Old, new, and collectible trains of all scales; huge Lionel parts dealer, free appraisals on old trains; Sant on hand from 10a-1p; Bob (920-465-7913) [www.newogaugers.org] **SEEMS TO BE CANCELLED**
- 27-28 Kalamazoo Circus Maximus Toy Show – Kalamazoo, MI
Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St; 9am-2pm; \$6 adults; 400 tables of model cars, die cast, promo cars, hot wheels, matchbox, corgi, slot cars, action figures, lunch boxes, character toys, comics, tin toys, 1000’S of New & Vintage Toys! 1/43 collectors club vendors will also be present; Jim Welytok (262-366-1314) [www.uniqueeventsshows.com]
- 28 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS – Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 28**
- 28-29 IRM Museum Happy Holiday Railway – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, Union Rd; call or check web for times; Embark on a magical train ride through the winter countryside with Santa Claus himself! Warm treats will be served and gifts will be given to kids on Santa's "good list". Special fare event; tickets must be purchased on-line (museum & grounds not open) [www.irm.org] (1-800-BIG-RAIL)
- 28-29 Milw Lionel RR Club Open House – New Berlin, WI
2721 S. Calhoun Rd **See Oct 18 CANCELLED**

OCTOBER, 2020

- 21-25 Night of 1,000 Jack-o’-Lanterns – Glencoe, IL
Chicago Botanic Garden, **See Oct 14**
- 24 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; 6-9pm; \$8; **See Sept 6**
- 24 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Adult Halloween **See Sept 19**
- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 28**
- 24-25 IRM Pumpkin Train – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Pick up your pumpkin by train and enjoy some family-themed Halloween fun; Kids encouraged to come in costume for a special treat; **See Sept 5 CANCELLED**
- 25 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537, 9159 Beloit Rd; Badgerland S Gaugers; 8am-12pm; Admission \$3, 12 & under free; Jeff Young (262/250-0618) {youngsjk4@wi.rr.com} [www.trainweb.org/bsg/tradesale/tradesale.htm]

NOVEMBER, 2020

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass’n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- 1 All Aboard – Model Train Show - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd; 10am-4pm; Museum admission \$7 adults, \$5 kids 3-17, free 2 and under; Layouts from N to 1 1/2" scale; Model displays; Visit the museum for a day all about model trains. Model train enthusiasts will showcase a variety of model train sets and discuss topics related to collecting, preserving and assembling this intriguing hobby: (815/332-2496) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
CANCELLED
- 1 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford Rd, Rockford, IL; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: TBD; Contest: Off-line Structures; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
Meet MAY be ZOOM only – check website
- 1 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Madison, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Sept 13**

NOVEMBER, 2020

- 7 Rockford O Scalers Open House – Rockford, IL
3886 Lookout Drive; 12pm – 6pm; Large steam/early diesel two rail O Scale layout, DC and DCC, with emphasis on operation and scenery; John (815/207-3603) **CANCELLED**
- 1 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show – Milwaukee, WI
American Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave; 10am-2pm; \$5 adults, \$2 kids 6-12; 100 tables of model cars, die cast, promo cars, hot wheels, matchbox, corgi, slot cars, action figures, lunch boxes, character toys, comics, tin toys, 1000'S of New & Vintage Toys; Jim Welytok (262-366-1314) [www.uniqueeventsshows.com]
- 1 35th Dubuque Model RR Show & Swap Meet – Dubuque, IA
Dubuque County Fairgrounds Ballroom, 14569 Old Highway Rd; 10am-4pm; \$4 adults, \$1 children; 15,000 sq ft of operating layouts and vendors, displays, videos; Heartland Rails Model RR Club, Gary Weiner, 1655 N Algona, 52001 (563/663-0425) {heartlandrails@gmail.com} [www.dbqfair.com/event-info/heartland-rails-model-train-show/] **SEEMS TO BE CANCELLED**
- 6-8 45th Annual Fall S-Fest – Milwaukee, WI
Four Points Sheraton, 5311 S. Howell Ave; Clinics, on-site layouts, a model contest, manufacturer displays, display tables, home layout tours, train races, a family program, movies, a hospitality room; see website for preliminary schedule; see website for details; [http://www.trainweb.org/bsg/events/sfest.htm] **CANCELLED**
- 8 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.13 CANCELLED**
- 14 Rock River Valley Division Bus Trip To Trainfest - West Allis, WI
Ride the Bus to Trainfest! Luxurious motor coach will board at the **Cherryvale Mall southwest parking lot** (near Dairy Queen) at 7:15am and **leave promptly at 7:30am**, pickup in Beloit at the Menards south parking lot at 7:45am; will leave Trainfest at 3pm. It's a lot of fun and it sure is relaxing to ride back after a long day of walking through Trainfest. There will be prizes and the world famous "Trivia Quiz" aboard the bus; \$28 NMRA members, \$35 non-NMRA members, \$15 for 15 yrs and under (includes admission to Trainfest); Early risers, join us for breakfast at 6am at Denny's on State St. Only 56 seats, so reserve yours NOW! See the *Flinzie* for registration form or mail your check to Ray Dyreson, P.O. Box 307, Winnebago, IL 61088; (815/494-0205) {RayDyr@aol.com} [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **CANCELLED**

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- 14-15 NMRA Wis. Southeastern (WISE) Div. Trainfest - West Allis, WI
Wisconsin State Fair Park, 84th St; Sat 9-5:00pm, Sun 9-4pm; adults \$12, ages 4-12, \$4, vets w/ID \$8.50, NMRA members \$10; See more than 50 operating layouts from Z to G scale along with manufacturers, historical societies, displays, artists, hobby shops, demonstrations, and free locomotive testing in over 200,000 square feet of display area! [www.trainfest.com] **CANCELLED**
- 14-15 Fever River Railroad Open House – Freeport, IL
1055 W. Beach St; 10am-4pm; \$4 adult, \$1 child, \$8 family; 100' x 24' HO depiction of a fictitious north-south line from Duluth to St. Louis; 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} [www.feverriver.org] **STATUS UNKNOWN**
- 14-15 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) {nwlrmr@gmail.com} **CANCELLED**
- 15 Train Event at District 1 – Rockford, IL
Rockford Police District #1, 1045 W. State St; Free; 10a – 4p; Neighborhood Kid's train show cosponsored by RRVD and the Rockford Police Department. Features an interactive program: build toy trains, railroad safety, Legos, weather cars, and more; James DeVoe (815/963-5854) {jamesdevoe@sbcglobal.net} **CANCELLED**
- 15 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} **CANCELLED**
- 21 Chicagoland Lionel Model RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 S.Schoolhouse Rd, **See Sept 19 CANCELLED**
- 22 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
2721 S. Calhoun Rd **See Oct 18 CANCELLED**
- 22 Model Railroad Buy*Sell*Swap Meet - Michigan City, IN
NECA/IBEW Bldg, 301 East 8th St.; 9:30-2pm CST; \$4 adults, \$1 (6-13), 5 & under free; Sponsored by the Duneland Model Railroad Club, Dave Novak (219/778-1186) {trains86@frontier.com}