



# MIDWEST RAILROAD EVENTS

September 2021 – February 2022

National Model Railroad Association

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**Many events are coming back, but not all. Call the organizer or check website to determine event status. Note that even confirmed events may be ultimately canceled if COVID-19 impact worsens.**

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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**

## SEPTEMBER, 2021

- 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm; Memberships: Regular - \$30, Junior - \$15 (must be accompanied by adult. Clarence Welte (815/398-4733)
- 4-5 IRM Museum Labor Day Weekend – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum, Union Rd; \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 children; See website for times; Join us for three days and 2 evenings of fun! Enjoy a twilight ride. (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 6 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]
- 6 Wisconsin & Michigan Model RR Show & Swap Meet – Menominee, MI  
Menominee Regional Airport, 2801 22<sup>nd</sup> 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} **CANCELED**
- 9-12 Soo Line Historical & Tech Society Convention – Manitowoc, WI  
**See website for details;** [www.sooline.org]
- 11 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; "Local" Motive; 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]
- 12 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
**NEW LOCATION** – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: TBA; Contest: Diesel Locomotives; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]

## SEPTEMBER, 2021

- 12 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI  
**NEW LOCATION** – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; 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 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]
- 12 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} **CANCELED**
- 18 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Fall Harvest; **See Sept 11**
- 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. Great photo opportunities. **See Sept 3**
- 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] **CANCELED**
- 18-19 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; (217/762-9011) [www.mrym.org]

## SEPTEMBER, 2021

- 19 Milw 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]
- 19 Eldon Depot Museum Train Show – Eldon, IA  
405 KD Ave; Richard Hemm ( 641/799-1508)  
[http://www.eldondepotmuseum.org]
- 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] (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of each month except Nov) – **CANCELED UNTIL LIBRARY REOPENS**
- 20 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Full Moon Ride; 6:15pm; \$30; Depart from the East Troy Depot on an historic 1908 Sheboygan Interurban Car and arrive at Indianhead Park in Mukwonago in time for sunset. Then watch as a full moon begins to rise, providing possible photo opportunities at Byrnes Park and Army Lake before returning to East Troy. Advance reservations are required for this unique Full Moon Ride. (262/642-3263)  
[www.easttroyrr.org]
- 24-26 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]
- 25 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)
- 25-26 Green County Model RR'ers Railroad Show & Swap - Monroe, WI  
Stateline Ice & Community Expo, 1632 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. West; 10a-4p; \$5 donation, under 10 free w/adult; Kevin Johnson (608/558-9332)  
[www.gcmrrinc.org]

## OCTOBER, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- 2 Winnebagoland Division Fall Meet – Neenah, WI  
Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel, 1000 Cameron Way; Tours, clinics – see website for details and registration form; [www.wld-nmra.com/PDF\_Files/winnebagolandDivision2021FallMeet.pdf]
- 2 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Oktoberfest **See Sept 11**
- 2-3 RRVD Cherryvale Mall Train Show – Rockford, IL  
Cherryvale Mall, 7200 Harrison Ave; free; Sat 10am-9pm, Sun 11am-6pm; vendors, operating layouts, door prizes; food court available; Don Brindle (815-329-6112) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 2-3 The Great Train Show – Belleville, IL  
Belle Clair Fairgrounds and Expo Center, 200 S. Belt E; \$9 one day, \$10 both days, under 12 free; hundreds of tables, operating layouts, door prizes; [https://www.trainshow.com/]
- 2-3 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: \$2, Children (3-12): \$1; other fares available; (800/930-1385, 608/522-4261) Dinner trains available, see website [www.midcontinent.org]
- 2-3 Vintage Rail Car Tours - North Freedom, WI  
Mid-Continent Railway, North Freedom, WI; Visitors will be welcomed beyond normally locked doors and inside the exquisitely restored railcars. Knowledgeable restoration volunteers will be on hand inside the cars to give life to the cars' history and share details of the restoration process. Tours are self-guided, allowing visitors to view inside the cars at any time throughout the day and proceed through them at their own pace; Separate tickets required; See listing above.
- 3 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI  
**NEW LOCATION** – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 12**

## OCTOBER, 2021

- 8 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; **CANCELED**
- 8-10 O & S Scale Midwest Show – Indianapolis, IN  
Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel, 2544 Executive Dr; \$20 in advance (\$25 at door), room rate \$105; The Model Railroad Resource LLC (815/584-1577) {info@scalemidwest.com} [https://oscalemidwest.com/admission/]
- 9 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Autumn Glow **See Sept 11**
- 9-10 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 2**
- 9-10 30<sup>th</sup> 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 [http://mvns.railfan.net/ShowFlyer.htm]
- 9-10 19<sup>th</sup> 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; \$8, 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} [www.westwisconsinrailroad.club/TrainShow/index.html]
- 10 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
**NEW LOCATION** – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinic: TBD; Contest: Residential structures (business, commercial or RR does not qualify); \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 10 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 2021

- 10 Iowa City Train Show – Iowa City, IA  
Johnson County Fairgrounds, Bldg C, 4261 Old Highway 218 South); 9am-3pm; \$5, under 10 free; Hawkeye Model RR Club {IowaCityTrainShow@gmail.com} [https://hawkeyemodellrrclub.com/train-show-oct-10%2C-2021]
- 13-17 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]
- 15-17 John's Trains & Hobbies Model Train Sale- Davenport, IA  
American Legion, 702 W 35<sup>th</sup> St; Free; 45 tables of N-HO-027-0 scales; John (563/349-0134)
- 16 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Sweetest Day **See Sept 11**
- 16 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]
- 16-17 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 2**
- 17 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.12**
- 17 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; **CANCELED**

## OCTOBER, 2021

- 17 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – Milwaukee, WI  
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel Milwaukee Airport, 5311 S Howell Ave;  
10am - 5pm; Art Oseland (414/764-5375) [www.milw-lrrc.org]
- 17 30<sup>th</sup> 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]
- 17 Countryside Collector's Classic Toy Show - Countryside, IL  
Park Place of Countryside, 6240 Joliet Road, 10am-2pm; \$7 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]
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library, **See Sept listing**
- 20-24 Night of 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns – Glencoe, IL  
Chicago Botanic Garden, **See Oct 13**
- 23 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; **See Sept. 25**
- 23 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Adult Halloween **See Sept 11**
- 23-24 Pumpkin Special – 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 3**
- 24 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI  
American Legion Post 537, 9159 Beloit Rd; Badgerland S Gaugers; 8am-  
12pm; Admission \$3, 12 & under free; Ron Schlicht (414/421-8512)  
{ron48tblue@wi.rr.com} [www.trainweb.org/bsg/tradesale/tradesale.htm]
- 24 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; **CANCELED**

## OCTOBER, 2021

- 30-31 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 3**
- 31 9<sup>th</sup> Annual North Central Iowa Model RR Show & Sale – Hampton, IA  
Franklin County Conv Center, Hwy 3 West; 9am – 3pm; \$5, under 10  
free; North Central Iowa Model RR Club; (641-456-1998)  
{eastside trains@gmail.com}

## NOVEMBER, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte  
(815/398-4733) **See September**
- 5-7 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall S-Fest – Milwaukee, WI  
Four Points Sheraton Airport Hotel, 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]
- 6 Rockford O Scalars 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) **Facemasks probably required**
- 7 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI  
**NEW LOCATION** – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept  
12**
- 7 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show – Milwaukee, WI  
American Serb Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave; 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; Jim Welytok (262-366-  
1314) [www.uniqueeventsshows.com]

## NOVEMBER, 2021

- 7 35<sup>th</sup> 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 CANCELED**
- 12-14 Polar Express - Monticello, IL  
Monticello Railway Museum; Read along with the story as the train makes its round-trip journey to the North Pole. Meet Santa and enjoy caroling, hot chocolate, surprises, and a treat—plus a special gift for each passenger who believes. **See Sept 18**
- 13-14 NMRA Wis. Southeastern (WISE) Div. Trainfest - West Allis, WI  
Wisconsin State Fair Park, 84th St; Sat 9-5:00pm, Sun 9-4pm; [www.trainfest.com] – **CANCELED**
- 13 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. [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **CANCELED**
- 14 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
**NEW LOCATION** – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: TBD; Contest: Passenger cars; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 14 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.12**
- 19-21 Polar Express - Monticello, IL  
Monticello Railway Museum; **See Nov 12**
- 19- Wisconsin Garden Railway Society Holiday Display - Madison, WI  
Dec 27 Olbrich Gardens; 10am - 4pm daily (closes 2pm on 12/24, closed 12/25); \$6, \$3 kids 3-12, under 3 free; [www.olbrich.org] **SEEMS TO BE CANCELED**

## NOVEMBER, 2021

- 19- 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 {jncknych@att.net} [www.sccah.com] **CANCELED**
- 20 10<sup>th</sup> 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 CANCELED**
- 20 North Central Illinois Train Fair & Farm Toy Show – Princeton, IL  
Bureau County Fairgrounds, Rte 6 W (811 W. Peru St); 9a – 3p; \$4, 10 & under free; Kathy Bauer, 205 S. Fifth St 61356 (815/866-3606 after 5pm) {kathybcfair@yahoo.com} [www.bureaucountyfair.com]
- 20 Chicagoland Lionel Model RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 S.Schoolhouse Rd, **See Oct 16**
- 20-21 Northwestern Illinois Model RR Club Open House – Chadwick, IL  
101 Main St; 10am-4pm; \$1; two different 30 x 60 ft HO layouts, one main floor, one basement; Duane Imel (815/238-0245) {nwilmrr@gmail.com}
- 20-21 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**
- 21 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – Milwaukee, WI  
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel Milwaukee Airport, 5311 S Howell Ave; **See Oct 17**

## NOVEMBER, 2021

- 21 Model Railroad Buy\*Sell\*Swap Meet - Michigan City, IN  
NECA/IBEW Bldg, 301 East 8<sup>th</sup> 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}
- 21 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} **SCHEDULED, BUT WAITING FOR OK FROM THE COLLEGE**
- 26-28 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)
- 26-28 Polar Express - Monticello, IL  
Monticello Railway Museum; **See Nov 12**
- 26-28 East Troy Christmas Express – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; adults \$23, child \$20, infant/toddler \$8.50; take a ride on heated cars down to Santa's Workshop (Elegant Farmer) to pick up Santa Claus; kids will enjoy music and coloring on the way down; the elves are very busy this year, so instead of going into the workshop, we will pick up Santa, who will distribute gifts to children on the way back to East Troy ; Fri 4pm, 6:15pm; Sat 10am, 1pm, 4pm, 6:15pm; Sun 10am, 1pm, 4pm; (262/548-3837) [www.easttroyrr.org]
- 27 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; **See Sept. 25**
- 27 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]

## DECEMBER, 2021

- 27-28 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 2**
- 27-28 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; (224-500-4159); {info@gats.email} [https://www.trainshow.com/show-schedule]
- 28 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI  
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct 24**
- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- 3-5 Christmas Express – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum; take a ride on heated cars down to Santa's Workshop; **See Nov 26**
- 3-5 Polar Express - Monticello, IL  
Monticello Railway Museum; **See Nov 12**
- 4 Chicagoland Lionel Model RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 S.Schoolhouse Rd, Unit 4; **See Oct 16**
- 4-5 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 26**
- 4-5 Santa Express – North Freedom, WI  
Mid-Continent Railway; **See Nov 27**
- 4-  
Jan31 Nicholas Conservatory Train Exhibit – Rockford, IL  
1345 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St; Tue-Fri: 9a – 5p, Sat-Sun: 10a – 3p, closed Mon; \$6 residents, \$8 non-resident; [www.nicholasconservatory.com] **Status Unknown**

## DECEMBER, 2021

- 4 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Railroad Show - Argyle, WI  
Argyle High School, 14665 WI-78 Trunk; 9am – 3pm; 36<sup>th</sup> 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}
- 5 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
**NEW LOCATION** – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: TBD; Contest: Steam Locomotives; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 5 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI  
**NEW LOCATION** – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 12**
- 5 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 CANCELED**
- 5 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show – Tinley Park, IL  
Tinley Park HS, 6111 W. 175<sup>th</sup> St, 10am-2pm; \$7 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]
- TBD 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;  
[http://www.trainweb.org/tricountymrclub/] Status Unknown
- 10-12 Christmas Express – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum; take a ride on heated cars down to Santa's Workshop; **See Nov 26**
- 11 Chicagoland Lionel Model RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 S.Schoolhouse Rd, Unit 4; **See Oct 16**

## DECEMBER, 2021

- 11 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**
- 11-12 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 26**
- 12 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.12**
- 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] DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED
- 17-19 Christmas Express – East Troy, WI  
East Troy Trolley Museum; take a ride on heated cars down to Santa's Workshop; **See Nov 26**
- 18-19 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 26**
- 19 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – Milwaukee, WI  
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel Milwaukee Airport, 5311 S Howell Ave;  
**See Oct 17**
- 19 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI  
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct 24**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library, **See Sept listing**



## JANUARY, 2022

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte  
(815/398-4733) **See September**
- 2 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL**  
**NEW LOCATION** – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829  
N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics TBD.; Contest: Winter Railroading – 2  
categories: 1) winter RR equipment (snowplows, flangers, etc) 2)  
complete winter scene w/ RR theme; \$5 entry donation, NMRA  
members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 2 **South Central Wisconsin Division Meet** – Verona, WI  
**NEW LOCATION** – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept  
12**
- TBD **North Central O Gaugers Train Run** – Mundelein, IL  
Fremont Public Library, **See Sept listing**
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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**
- TBD **Great Midwest Train Show** - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.12**
- 22 **North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS** - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 25**
- 23 **Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet** – New Berlin, WI  
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 17**
- 23 **Badgerland Trade Train Show** - Milwaukee, WI  
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct 24**
- 29 **31<sup>st</sup>Annual La Crosse Great Tri-State Rail-Sale** – La Crosse, WI  
La Crosse Center South Hall, 300 Harbor View Plaza; 9am - 3pm; \$5,  
under 12 free; Vendor Tables \$20; Hobby Sale, Model Rail Flea  
Market, Swap meet, All scales equipment & accessories, railroad antiques  
& Memorabilia, RR books, magazines & pictures, Hobby supplies,  
antique toys; (608/781-9383) or Mark Hamre (608/498-9522)  
[www.4000foundation.org] **NOT CONFIRMED**

## JANUARY, 2022

- 30 **5<sup>th</sup> 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, 2022

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL  
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte  
(815/398-4733) **See September**
- 5-6 **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) {jimbro67@gmail.com} [www.thecwmrarticrun.com]  
**CANCELED for 2022**
- 6 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL**  
**NEW LOCATION** – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829  
N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics TBD.; Contest: Maintenance of Way  
equipment; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871)  
[www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 6 **South Central Wisconsin Division Meet** – Verona, WI  
**NEW LOCATION** – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept  
12**
- 19-20 **55<sup>th</sup> 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]

**FEBRUARY, 2021**

- 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.12**
- TBD Snow Train - North Freedom, WI  
Mid-Continent Railway. Fares slightly higher; **See Oct 2**  
**NOT CONFIRMED**
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 25**
- 27 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI  
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 17**
- 27 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI  
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct 24**

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