



MIDWEST RAILROAD EVENTS

January 2021 – September 2021

National Model Railroad Association

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Due to COVID-19, many events could not be confirmed at press time. Some groups are unsure of their plans. Some events shown as “Canceled” may be held if the Covid situation improves through the Spring, while some scheduled may end up canceled. Call or email the organizer, or check website, to confirm event status.

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January 2021

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.

JANUARY, 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 – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm; Memberships: Regular - \$30, Junior - \$15 (must be accompanied by adult. Clarence Welte (815/398-4733)

- 1- Nicholas Conservatory Train Exhibit – Rockford, IL
2/2 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] **CANCELED**
- XX 3rd Annual Red Cedar Train Show – Menomonie, WI
CANCELED
- 3 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford, IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinic: TBD; Contest: Show your favorite switch engine model-steam, diesel, electric or what have you. If you wish to enter, email no more than three photos of your entry to our contest chairman Ray Dyreson {raydyr@aol.com} and he will get them ready for the contest; We will revisit The Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee. If you missed our visit on the June Junket in 2019, this is your chance to see this fantastic model railroad; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **Meet By ZOOM only**
- 3 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 CANCELED THRU Spring 20201; see website for virtual meeting info**
- 8 Planes, Trains & Automobiles – Darien, IL
St. John Lutheran Church, 7214 Cass Ave; 9a-3p; \$5 adults, \$2 12-17, scouts in uniform and under 12 free; at least two operating model railroad layouts, over 60 vendor tables selling plastic model kits and model railroad-related items, raffle, food, and family fun for all!; two levels packed with plastic model and model train activities; (not a plastic model contest); Mark Greg (630/969-7987) [www.sjlcldarien.org/events/model-show.html] **UNKNOWN**

JANUARY, 2021

- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, 2nd floor, 1170 N. Midlothian Rd.; 10a – 4pm; Eddie Pappert {fasteddiep@aol.com} [www.ncogtrains.com] (2nd Sat of each month except Nov) – **CANCELED UNTIL LIBRARY REOPENS**
- 9- Wisconsin Garden Railway Society Show - Milwaukee, WI
4/2 Mitchell Park Domes; Daily 9am-5pm, 9-9pm Fri's; \$4 adults, age 6-17 and Milw Cty seniors \$2:50;
[county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Parks/Explore/The-Domes] **NOT CONFIRMED; Reservations required due to Covid-19**
- TBD 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.trainshow.com/] **CANCELED**
- 17 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] **CANCELED**
- 18 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; 9am – 3pm; \$3, family \$8; watch the trains run on our reconfigured modular layout. over 30 Lionel operating accessories use pushbutton operation; huge O-Gauge 3 Track Modular Layout capable of running trains 142 cars long on 143 foot long mainlines with 072 and up curves; permanent beltline layout running the new Lionel Legacy Controls; Hot Dogs, Pizza, and Pop, free popcorn; gift shop; have your Lionel Train repaired in our backshop; we are an authorized Lionel Service Station; [www.clrctrains.com] **CANCELED**
- 23 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**

JANUARY, 2021

- 23-24 SSSMRE Open House – Sheboygan, WI
1001 N. 10ths St; 9am-4pm; free; Sheboygan Society of Scale Model Railroad Engineers, Ltd; seven operating layouts including Z, N, HO, S, O and G scales; main layout is a double deck HO with DCC. Leo Schneider (920/917-4598) {Lmschneider8@gmail.com}
[www.sssmre.org] **UNKNOWN**
- 24 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]
UNKNOWN; Check website
- 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} **CANCELED**

FEBRUARY, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See January**
- 6-7 40th Annual Barron County Model RR Club Show - Rice Lake, WI
Cedar Mall, 2900 S. Main (intersection of “O” and “SS” off Hwy 53); Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11-4pm; Free; Joe Lewis, 2638 Freeway Dr., Bloomer 54724 (715/450-9526) {aurorabarstow1462@yahoo.com}
[www.thecedarmall.com] **UNKNOWN**
- 7 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford, IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinic: TBD; Contest: Lighting and/or animation; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **Meet By ZOOM only**

FEBRUARY, 2021

- 7 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Madison, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Sept 13**
- 13 Heartwarming Hebron Train Show – Hebron, IL
Alden Hebron HS, 9604 Illinois St; 11a – 4p; free; vendors, raffles, Fun Fair for children, Talent Show,(possible auction); Bobette Von Bergen (815-790-7367) {vbacres@hotmail.com}
[Facebook Heartwarming Hebron] **CANCELED**
- 13 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}
[www.facebook.com/events/illinois-central-college/peoria-train-fair/2516558305291027/] **CANCELED**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Jan listing**
- 20 Model RR Garage Sale – Dubuque, IA
Holy Trinity Church, 1700 Rhomberg Ave; 9:30-2pm; \$3, 12 and under free with adult; an event for Model Railroaders to buy, swap and sell to fellow hobbyists; sponsored by TLR Southeastern Div, NMRA; Gerry Miller, 1040 Hawkeye Dr, Dubuque, IA 52001
{tlrsoutheasterndivision@gmail.com} **CANCELED**
- 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] **CANCELED**
- TBD Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Jan listing**

FEBRUARY, 2021

- 20-21 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
- 27 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Jan 23**
- 28 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Jan listing**
- 28 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
2721 S. Calhoun Rd, **See Jan listing**
- 28 77th 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]
CANCELED
- TBD Snow Train - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway; [www.midcontinent.org] **CANCELED**

MARCH, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte
(815/398-4733) **See January**
- 7 Rock River Valley Division Meet – Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford,
IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinic: TBD; Contest: Diorama featuring fences; \$5
entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-
nmra.org] **Meet By ZOOM only**
- 7 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Jan 3**
- 7 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan listing**

MARCH, 2021

- 7 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} **CANCELED**
- 14 Metro Model Railroad Club Show and Swap - Cedarburg, WI
Circle B Recreation, 6261 Hwy 60; 9am-4pm; \$3, 12 & under free;
multiple operating layouts, swap meet, RR displays, and more; Jim
Bartelt 313 S. Spring St., Port Washington, 53074 (262/284-5876)
{jimbartelt@gmail.org} [www.metrorrclub.org]
- 14 Springfield Train Fair – Springfield, IL
Orr Building - Illinois State Fairgrounds, corner of Peoria & Sangamon
Ave; 10am-4pm; \$5, under 11 free, get in at 9am for \$10; Swap meet of
model railroad of all scales and railroadians items, operating layouts;
[www.springfieldtrainfair.com/] **CANCELED**
- 14-15 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 - 4pm, Sun 10am -
4pm; Lunch available 10-3pm; Admission Free, donations appreciated;
(815/369-2684) **UNKNOWN**
- 15 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
2721 S. Calhoun Rd, **See Jan listing**
- 20 All American Railroad Show – LaGrange, IL
Lyons Township HS, 100 S. Brainard Ave; 9am-5pm; \$5, under 5 free;
The show includes operating model railroad layouts as well as displays by
model railroad clubs, railroad historical societies and other model railroad
related groups; Dupage Division; Patrick Golden (708-482-8225)
{Pggolden@aol.com} **CANCELED**
[www.mwr-nmra.org/divisions/dupage/dupageindex.htm]
- 20-21 39th Annual Model Railroad Show - Onalaska, WI
Onalaska Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Rd; Sat. 9am - 5pm; Sun. 10am
- 4pm; Operating Layouts, Movies, Exhibits & Displays, Railroadiana,
Hobby Dealers & Swap tables, Door prizes; Also, Doll House
Miniatures; \$7, \$6.50 with donation of a non-perishable food item for
local food pantries, 11 and under free w/adult; \$10 for 2 day pass; La
Crosse & Three Rivers Railroad Club, Belva Thompson (608/780-7364)
{bthom@live.com} [www.lcrsand3rvrsmrrclub.com/] **CANCELED**

MARCH, 2021

- 21 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan listing**
- 21-22 Delavan Train Show – Delavan, WI
American Legion Hall, 111 S. 2nd St; Sat 9a-4p, Sun 10a – 4p; free;
layouts will be displayed at the Legion Hall and other building throughout
Delevan’s historic downtown shopping area; ride the trolley between
locations; Rebecca Barth {rebeccalbarth@gmail.com}
[http://delavanwi.org]
- 26-28 Chicago O Scale Meet – Lombard, IL
Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, 70 Yorktown Center; \$20; Annual 2-
rail O Scale convention; Model Contest, clinics, layout tours,
buy/sell/trade; vendor tables \$50 (\$60 after 2/15/17); Melissa (630/745-
7600) [www.marchmeet.net] (**See local O scale layouts possibly open
on the 27th below**)
- 27 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 27-28 Rockford O Scalers Open House – Rockford, IL
3886 Lookout Drive; Sat 7-9:30pm, Sun 12pm – 6pm; Large
steam/early diesel two rail O Scale layout, DC and DCC, with emphasis
on operation and scenery; John (815/207-3603) **TENTATIVE –
PROVIDED THE O SCALE MEET (SEE MAR 26-28 ABOVE) IS
HELD**
- 27-28 O Scale Open House – Rockford, IL
4214 Gale Dr; Sat 3-6pm; Sun 1:30 – 4:30pm; Dick Lindquist (779/200-
0616) **UNKNOWN - Call**
- 27-28 **29th Annual Rock River Valley Div Train Show** – Belvidere, IL
Belvidere North HS, 9393 Beloit Rd; Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 10am –
4pm; Operating N, HO, O & G scale layouts, Railroad Memorabilia
displays, Railroad items for sale, Large Scale Model Train Rides,
Railroad videos, Family Fun, 44,000 sq ft of displays: \$5, under 12 free
w/adult; Doug Loy (815/765-3135) / Don Brindle (815/329-6112)
CANCELED
- 28 Paper Valley Model Railroad Club Swap Meet - Appleton, WI
National Guard Armory 2801 W. Second St.; 9am-3pm; \$3 for 17 & up;
family \$5; children free; New/Used, all scales, Lionel, Live Model
Weathering Clinic, Switch Track Layout, memorabilia, vendor tables \$25
ea; Tyler Dreisow {gbwdude@yahoo.com} (920/850-7384)
[www.papervalleymodelrailroad.org] **UNKNOWN**

MARCH, 2021

- 28 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Jan 24**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Jan listing**
- 28-29 Midwest Central RR Club Train Show – Urbana, IL
Urbana Lincoln Square Village, 100 High St; Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-
4pm; free; sell, trade, operating layouts; Mike Lehman
{trainshow@illinoisterminaldivision.org} [www.mccr.org] **Unknown**

APRIL, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass’n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte
(815/398-4733) **See January**
- 3 Green Bay Area Model RR Club Open House – Depere, WI
Kress Family Library, lower level, 333 N. Broadway; 10a-4p; free; John
Grom (920/370-8790) [http://gbamrcdepere.wix.com/gbamrcdepere]
UNKNOWN
- 3 Will County Model RR Ass’n Spring Swap Meet – Joliet, IL
Stone City VFW, 124 Stone City Dr; 9am-2pm; \$4, under 12 free; Len
Seivert{lseivert@msn.com} [www.wcmrra.org] **CANCELED**
- 3-4 Will County Model RR Ass’n Open House – Joliet, IL
New location coming; trains will be running and Club members will be
available to answer questions about the layout, the DCC system and
Membership; Len Seivert {lseivert@msn.com} [www.wcmrra.org]
CANCELED
- 4 Bunny Trolley Hop – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; 9:30a – 3:30p; During your
ride along the Bunny Trail you can help the Easter Bunny find his
missing treasure to fill his basket. At the end of your ride you will be able
to join the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be outdoors weather permitting
(inside one of the large exhibit buildings in case of rain). Please bring
your own basket! **UNKNOWN, Check website for updates**
- 4 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Jan 3**
- 4 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan listing**

APRIL, 2021

- 10 10th Annual Davenport Model RR & Memorabilia Show– Davenport, IA
Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, 2815 W. Locust St; 9:30am-4pm; \$5, 12
and under free; 300+ tables of new and used N-HO-S-O and G scale
trains; American Flyer, Lionel, lanterns, locks, keys, railroad items,
Iowa's largest train show; Glen Thede, (563/391-6431 8pm -10pm)
Date good for 2021 per Glen on April 18, 2020
- 11 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL**
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford,
IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinic: TBD; Contest: Open Loads; \$5 entry donation,
NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **Meet By
ZOOM only**
- 17-18 20th Titledown Train Show – Green Bay, WI
KI Convention Center, 333 Main St; Sat. 9-5, Sun 10-4; \$7, seniors \$6, 6-
12 \$2, under 6 free; parking free; 35,000 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.titledowntrainshow.com]
- 17-18 SSSMRE Open House – Sheboygan, WI
1001 N. 10ths St; **See Jan listing**
- 11 First Presbyterian Church Model RR Show – Fond du Lac, WI
First Presbyterian Ch, 1225 4th St; 10am-4pm Sat, 9am-2:30pm 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"
(Church: 920/922-0425) Les Mier Sr, (920/517-3901)
{lmsrtrains@gmail.com} Dennis Thompson (920/948-2146)
[www.fdlpresbyterian.org]
- 18 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan listing**
- TBD Lionel Collectors Club of America – Rockford, IL
Hoffman House @ Holiday Inn, 7550 E. State; free to public and
members; vendor tables \$20; 8am – vendor setup, 9 open; Jerry/Bridget
Dangelo (815/558-6718) {dangelo32@netzero.com} or Brady Thor
(815/262-0211) {bradenthor@sbcglobal.net}
[www.lionelcollectors.org/lcca-events/special_events_calendar.aspx]
CANCELED
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Jan listing**

APRIL, 2021

- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 25 40th Chicagoland Railroadiana Show – Elk Grove Village, IL
Holiday Inn, 1000 Busse Rd (Rte 83); 9am-3pm; \$6; over 300 tables of
railroad artifacts, including china, timetables, keys & locks; Joe Mazanek
(847/537-0891) {joe.mazanek@gmail.com} [graylandstation.com]
UNKNOWN
- TBD Winnebagoland Division Spring Meet – Merrill, WI
Location is TBD. Check website [www.wld-nmra.com] **UNKNOWN;**
Check website

MAY, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte
(815/398-4733) **See January**
- 1 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Kentucky Derby; boarding at 5pm, depart 5:30pm; fare
includes meal, tax and gratuity; Trip to Phantom Lake and return; meal
includes appetizer, rolls, salad, entree, vegetable du jour, dessert, and
coffee, tea or milk; cash bar available; seating is limited - **reservations
required** (262/642-3263) see website for fares and menu
[www.easttroyrr.org] **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 2 **Rock River Valley Division Meet** - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford,
IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinic: TBD; Contest: Agricultural model (grain bins,
tractors, farms, etc); \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-
4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **Meet By ZOOM only**
- 2 South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD) Meet – Fitchburg, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Jan 3**
- 2 Great Midwest Train Show – Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan listing**
- 8 Scout Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; Work on your RR merit badge;
flag ceremony, awarding of badges and touring the museum; See website
for fares and merit badge requirements [www.irm.org] **Unknown;**
Check website for updates

MAY, 2021

- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Jan listing**
- 9 Mothers Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; Free admission for all moms accompanied by at least one fare-paying child or adult; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org] **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 9 Mothers Day Great Buffet Trains – Spooner and Springbrook, WI
426 N. Front St, Spooner, or US Hwy 63, Springbrook; call or check web site for menu; 13 and older \$40, 3-12 \$25; (715/635-3200) [www.spoonertrainride.com] **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 15 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Burger Train; **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 16 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan listing**
- 20-23 Rockford RR - Midwest Region Spring Convention – Rockford, IL
Moving to Fall, 2021; see Sept 2021**
- 22 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 28-30 Memorial Day Weekend/Founder's Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; the Summer begins! Steam, Diesel & Electric trains will operate all three days; active military personnel and their families admitted FREE with military ID. **Unknown; Check website for updates**
- 28-31 2020 C&NW Historical Society Annual Meet – Mankato, MN
Mankato City Center Hotel, across from the CNW station; See website for details; [www.cnwhs.org] **Unknown; check website**
- 29 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Havana Nights; **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 29-31 Memorial Days Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad, N.E. corner of Walnut & Lamm Rds, 1/2 mi. S. of County Fairgrounds, Freeport; 11-5pm; Ride a 36 ton 1912 Heisler steam logging locomotive pulling three antique cabooses and a covered outdoor passenger flat car. Four mile ride through Illinois farm land and native virgin timber; \$5, under 12 \$3; [www.thefreeportshow.com] **UNKNOWN; Check website**

MAY, 2021

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

JUNE, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte
(815/398-4733) **See January**
- 5 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Gourmet Mac N' Cheese; **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 5-6 RPO Days – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; See how railroads played a major part in the handling of the U.S. Mail; visit a post office on a train, see "live mail grabs," mail being transferred on and off a speeding train. **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 6 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Rail Junket, destination to be announced. Member watch for your email, check The Flimzie or website, or call: 815/965-4871 [www.rrvd-nmra.com] **Check Website**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Jan listing**
- 12 9th Annual American Heritage RR Train Show – Greenville, IL
American Heritage Farm Museum, 1395 Museum Ave (I-70 at Rte 127, Exit 45, follow signs); 10a-4p; \$5, under 12 free; 1 mi train ride with paid admission; operating toy/model train layouts, toy trains, books, videos, memorabilia and more; concessions; Dave Kessinger {dktrainman@hotmail.com} [www.americanfarmheritagemuseum.com/ahrr-train-show.html]
- 13 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan listing**

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- 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]
- 13 44th Kane Cty Railroadiana & Model Train Show/Sale – St Charles, IL
Kane County Fairgrounds, 525 S. Randall Rd; 10am-3pm; \$,6 under 12
free; Russell Fierce (847/358-1185) {RussFierce@aol.com}
[www.kanecountyrshow.com or www.RRShows.com]
- 19 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; day before Fathers Day; **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 18-19 Strawberry Fest Model Railroad Show – Waupaca, WI
Waupaca Recreation Center, 407 School St; Sat 10am - 4pm, Sun 10a -
3pm; 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) [https://waupacamemories.com/event/strawberry-
fest/] **Unknown; Check website**
- 19 Chicago Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; commemorating the anniversary of the last
day of streetcar operation in Chicago; the past lives on as you ride street
cars, “L” trains, interurbans and commuter trains that served Chicago;
Unknown; Check website for updates
- 19-20 Father’s Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 30 UNKNOWN; Check
website**
- 19 Fathers Day Great Buffet Trains – Spooner and Springbrook, WI
426 N. Front St., Spooner, or US Hwy 63, Springbrook; **UNKNOWN;
Check website**
- 20 Fathers Day Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; free fare for all dads accompanied by at least
one fare-paying child or adult; **Unknown; Check website for updates**

JUNE, 2021

- 26-27 Galesburg Railroad Days - Galesburg, IL
Yard tours, steam and diesel engines on display, Galesburg RR Museum,
Train Excursion Rides, parade, carnival, Showcase of cars, RR Days
run/walk (5K & 10K), scenic and historic sites, road races, etc; free;
Call Galesburg Chamber of Commerce (309/343-1194)
[http://galesburgrailroaddays.org/] **Unknown; Check website**
- 26-27 Galesburg Railroad Days Train & Toy Show - Galesburg, IL
Knox College, T. Fleming Fieldhouse, 199 E. Knox St; Sat 9-4p, Sun 10-
3p; \$5, 12 & under free; Swap Meet, Operating layouts, Slide & video
shows, Hobby Supplies, Railroadiana; tractor display; Trains: Larry
Anglund , {cobra@grics.net} (309/221-3909); Toys: Barry Wainer
(309/343-6700) (barrywainer@yahoo.com)
[www.galesburgtrainandtoyshow.com] **Unknown; Check website**

JULY, 2021

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass’n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte
(815/398-4733) **See January**
- 3-4 Trolley Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Vintage traction equipment will operate each
day. Saturday join us for our Trolley Pageant. Great photo opportunities
for the traction fan. You will be able to ride some of this equipment on
the main line and streetcar line. **Unknown; Check website for updates**
- 4 4th of July Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 30 UNKNOWN;
Check website**
- 4-11 Rails by the Bay NMRA Nat’l Convention – Santa Clara, CA
Santa Clara Marriott, 2700 Mission College Blvd; Base registration
\$XXX, spouse \$XX, child/youth \$XX; Rooms \$134/night; Clinics, layout
tours, prototype tours, contests, auction, SIGs; **see website for
information [https://www.nmra2021.com/]**
- 10-11 International Toy Train Expo – Eau Claire, WI
Chippewa Valley Expo Center, 5150 Old Mill Plaza; Sat: 10a – 5p, Sun
10a – 4p; \$6 at the door, \$3 discount (Menards or menards.com/trains);
vintage toy trains, collector trains, operating layouts, vendors &
exhibitors, train dealers, railroad clubs and organizations;
[InternationalToyTrainExpo.org] Charlie Schaaf (715/838-8858)
Unknown; check website

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- 10-11 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Family favorites Thomas the Tank Engine and Percy return to IRM. **Special Fare applies on these days. No passes honored on these days. Unknown; Check website for updates**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Jan listing**
- 17 Rail Fair '20 - LaCrosse, WI
Copeland Park shelter, Rose St and Clinton St.; 10am - 4pm;
Railroad Show, Flea Market, Swap Meet, Buy-Sell-Trade, Model & Toy Trains, Railroadiana, Railroad Exhibits & Displays; Guided tours of the steam locomotive, caboose and Grand Crossing Tower; held in conjunction with Old Towne North's Annual Antique Flea Market; vendor tables \$20, proceeds got to maintain and restore the LaCrosse Short Line Railroad display: \$5, 12 and under free; The 4000 Foundation, Limited, P.O. Box 3411 LaCrosse, 54602; (608/781-9383) or Mark Hamre (608/498-9522) [www.4000foundation.org]
- 17 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Stars & Stripes **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 17-18 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; **See July 10-11**
- 24 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; That's Amore' **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 30-31 Annual Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet – Collinsville, IL
Gateway Center, One Gateway Drive; Fri 9a-9p; Sat 9a-5p; \$25 both days, \$20 Sat only; manufacturers, suppliers, hobby vendors, historical societies, clinics, slide shows, home layout tours, operating layouts, door prize drawing, hands-on learning stations all day; co-sponsored by Gateway Division, NMRA; John Golden {Golden1014@yahoo.com} or Lonnie Bathurst (217/556-0314) {Bathurst@litchfieldil.com} [http://www.icgdecals.com/stlrpm/]

AUGUST, 2021

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

AUGUST, 2021

- 1 Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; The past comes alive through the display of antique autos, trucks, fire engines, tractors, motorcycles and buses-hundreds of vehicles assemble throughout the Museum campus; Ride the streetcars to the various display areas. Interurbans and diesel coach trains will be running on the mainline! **Unknown; Check website for updates**
- 6-7 Diesel Days – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Feel the ground shake as vintage diesels pass in review at the depot. Ride on a train pulled by one of these giants. Many great photo opportunities for the diesel fan! **Unknown; Check website for updates**
- 8 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan listing**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Jan listing**
- TBD 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] **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 13 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Ladies Cocktail Night **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 14 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; That's Amore' **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 28 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 28 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Southern Delight **UNKNOWN; Check website**

SEPTEMBER, 2021

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

SEPTEMBER, 2021

- 4 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Beer Tasting **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- TBD Rockford RR - Midwest Region Spring Convention – Rockford, IL**
Holiday Inn, 7550 East State St; Clinics, Operating sessions, Layout
tours, Hobo Grill; fares to be announced; Marty Hendrickx, Chairman
(815-623-7326); Don Brindle, Registrar (815-874-6095) **Due to
COVID, the date as not yet been set; watch the RRVD website at
www.rrvd-nmra.com for information**
- 4-6 Labor Days Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad, **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 4-6 Labor Day Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Join us for 3 days and 2 evenings of fun. Enjoy
a twilight ride and help us celebrate the 100th birthday of Frisco 1630.
Note: Extended hours Sat and Sun to 9:30pm. **Unknown; Check
website**
- 8-10 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 Small Plates **UNKNOWN; Check
website**
- 12 **Rock River Valley Division Meet** - Rockford, IL
Midway Village & Museum Center, 6799 Guilford 900 Rd, Rockford,
IL; 12:30 - 4pm; Clinics: TBA; Contest: TBA; \$5 entry donation, NMRA
members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] **Meet May Be
ZOOM or in person – check website**
- 12 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Fitchburg, WI
Zor Shrine Temple, 575 Zor Shrine Place; **See Jan 3**
- 12 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan listing**
- 12 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Sun City Blvd **See Jun 13**
- 18 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Fall Harvest **UNKNOWN; Check website**

SEPTEMBER, 2021

- 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. **Unknown; Check
website**
- 19 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan listing**
- TBD North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL
Fremont Public Library, **See Jan listing**
- 25 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 25 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. **Unknown; Check website for updates**
- 26 76th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show – Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds; **UNKNOWN**