



MIDWEST RAILROAD EVENTS

September 2022 – February 2023

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, 2022

- 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)
- 3-5 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]
- 4 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/show-schedule]
- 4 Delmar Train Show & Swap Meet – Delmar, IA
Delwood School; 311 Delmar Ave; Free will donation; Sat 12p-6p, Sun 7a-9:30a; Free parking; food and drink available; train set raffle; Delmar RR Museum open Sun 10a-4p – train layout and open house in conjunction with Lions Club Car Show; Brad (563/559-0520) or Francis (515/822-1434)
- 5 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]
- 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, 2022

- 8-11 Soo Line Historical & Tech Society Convention – Duluth, MN
See website for details; [www.sooline.org]
- 10 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Taste of East Troy; 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]
- 11 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: Show & Tell – Open presentations, what I did this summer, 10 min max time; Contest: Boxcars. Once the most common car on a railroad, it is still the most popular with modelers. Bring your favorite; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131
- 11 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
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 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/]
- 17 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]
- 17 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Beer Tasting; **See Sept 11**
- 17 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**

SEPTEMBER, 2022

- TBD 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 (217/454-2528) sabricker@comcast.net } [www.decaturciviccenter.org] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 17-18 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]
- 18 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47, on Sun City Blvd, lower level of The Barn, use ball field parking lot; free; 11a-4p; the club features scale model railroads in G, O, HO, N and Z scales; Larry Rostis {happinessistoytrains@gmail.com} [www.sccah.com]
- Eldon Depot Museum Train Show – Eldon, IA
405 KD Ave; Richard Hemm (641/799-1508)
[www.eldonidepotmuseum.org] **CANCELLED**
- 23-24 1/64Scale & S Scale Mising-It-UpMeet – Hopkins, MN
VFW Hall, 100 Shady Oak Rd; \$12; Fri 5-9pm; Sat 10a-9pm; hall has attached restaurant and bar; the Pines and Prairies S Scale Workshop (a Twin Cities train club) is hosting a 1/64 and S Scale meet with the idea of bashing and mixing all aspects of 1/64 Scale and S Scale modeling; free tables for modelers to share their displays, modeling skills, materials, products, techniques, and unique inventions that range from scratch building, 3D printing, commercially available products and more; tables must be reserved in advance; {twin_cities.1to64@yahoo.com}
- 24 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Fall Harvest; **See Sept 10**
- 24 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]

SEPTEMBER, 2022

- 24 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)
- 24-25 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]

OCTOBER, 2022

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- 1 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Oktoberfest **See Sept 10**
- 1-2 IRM Steam Into Fall – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Enjoy our steam locomotives operating throughout the weekend to leave you with warm memories over the cold months ahead. **See Sept 3**
- 1-2 Vintage Rail Car Tours - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway, North Freedom, WI; adults \$12, 3-15 \$8 (fare does not include train ride); 10a-4p; 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 Oct 8 below**
- 2 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Oregon, IL
SPECIAL LOCATION – Oregon Depot Museum; 401 Collins St; 1 - 3pm; Clinic: Otto Dick of the museum will give a tour and presentation on the Oregon Train Station. Hopefully, the CB&Q Silver View dome observation will be in place for us to tour.; Contest: Residential structures (business, commercial or RR does not qualify); \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131

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- 2 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 11**
- 2 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.4**
- TBD 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]
- 8 Winnebagoland Division Fall Meet – Neenah, WI
Best Western Premier Bridgewood Resort Hotel, 1000 Cameron Way;
Tours, clinics [www.wld-nmra.com]
- 8 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Autumn Glow **See Sept 10**
- 8-9 Autumn Color - 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 depo; Join us for “leaf-peeping” in style along the unspoiled right-of-way of our historic former C&NW rail line; various departure times;; 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]
- 8-9 31st 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]
- 8-9 20th 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]

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- 9 Tri-City Train Show – Racine, WI
Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St; 8am-12pm; \$5; all gauges of trains with some of the largest Midwest dealers in Lionel and American Flyer, also some dealers selling HO, LGB, and N gauge trains; Ron Solberg (262-488-0193)
- 9 20th Annual Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers Train Show – West Bend, WI
Washington Cty Fair Park, 3000 Pleasant Valley Rd; 9am – 3pm; \$4, under 12 free w/adult, first responders & service personnel with ID or in uniform free; Layouts in multiple scales; Dan Larkee (262/ 388-3753) {the.larkee.depot@sbcglobal.net}, Lloyd Bunkelman (920/960-6829) {cnw400@frontier.com} [www.kmbsrrclub.org/]
- 9 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]
- 12-16 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 - MUST BUY PARKING in advance – see website; 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 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Sweetest Day **See Sept 10**
- 15 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 South Schoolhouse Rd; **See Sept 17**
- 15 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; **See Sept 5**
(http://www.thefreeportshow.com/terror.htm)
- 15-16 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 8**

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- 15-16 John's Trains & Hobbies Model Train Sale- Davenport, IA
American Legion, 702 W 35th St; Free; 45 tables of N-HO-027-0 scales;
John (563/349-0134) **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 15-16 SSSMRE Open House – Sheboygan, WI
1001 N. 10ths St; 9am-4pm; free; Sheboygan Society of Scale Model
Railroad Engineers, Ltd; seven operating layouts including 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]
- 16 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center; 16000 West Cleveland Ave; 10am -
5pm; Art Oseland (414/764-5375) [www.milw-lrrc.org]
- 16 31st 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]
- 16 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]
- 16 Sherman Scale Train Show – Sherman, IL
Sherman Athletic Club, 300 S. First St; \$5, under 10 free; 10a-3p; 4,000
sq ft of trains; scale trains only, no toys or collectables; Travis Pollitt
(217/306-1685)
- 19-23 Night of 1,000 Jack-o'-Lanterns – Glencoe, IL
Chicago Botanic Garden, **See Oct 12**
- 22 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Surf and Turf **See Sept 10**
- 22 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; **See Sept. 24**
- 22 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; **See Sept 5**
(<http://www.thefreeportshow.com/terror.htm>)

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- 22-23 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**
- 23 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>]
- 29 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Adult Halloween **See Sept 10**
- 29 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; **See Sept 5**
(<http://www.thefreeportshow.com/terror.htm>)
- 29 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Highland Park, IL
Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Ave; 9a – 3pm; Eddie Pappert
{fasteddie@aol.com} [www.ncogtrains.com]
- 29-30 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**
- 30 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.4**
- TBD 9th 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)
{eastsidetrains@gmail.com} **NOT CONFIRMED**

NOVEMBER, 2022

- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass'n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte
(815/398-4733) **See September**
- TBD Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct TBD**
- 45th Annual Fall S-Fest – Milwaukee, WI
CANCELED for 2022

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- 5 Rockford O Scalpers 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**
- 6 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: Light your scenes without wiring by Michael Groves, This might be live or via zoom.; Contest: Tank Cars. There are many variations and eras for tank cars. Show us your favorite.; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131
- 6 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 11**
- 6 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/]
- 12 Rock River Valley Division Bus Trip To Trainfest - West Allis, WI
Ride the Bus to Trainfest! **CANCELED – It’s become too expensive**
- 12-13 Trainfest - West Allis, WI
Wisconsin State Fair Park, 84th St; Sat 9-5:00pm, Sun 9-5pm; more than 150,000 square feet of space and be filled with Model Train Manufacturers, Operating Model Railroads and Model Train dealers [www.train-fest.com]
- 13 Tri-City Train Show – Racine, WI
Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St; **See Oct 9**
- 17-18 The Great Train Show – Collinsville, IL
Gateway Convention Center, 1 Gateway Dr; \$; hundreds of tables, operating layouts, door prizes; [www.trainshow.com/]
- 18-20 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 17**

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- 18-20 Model Train Show – Davenport, IA
American Legion, 702 W. 35th St; free admission; Fri 12p-6p, Sat 10a-4p, Sun 10a-2p; Free parking; Handicap accessible; food & drinks available; Buying Trains-paying cash; N-HO-027-0; cash and credit cards; for info call John (563-349-0134)
- 19 North Central Illinois Train Fair & Farm Toy Show – Princeton, IL
Bureau County Fairgrounds, Rte 6 W (811 W. Peru St); 9a – 3p; \$5, 10 & under free; Kathy Bauer, 205 S. Fifth St 61356 (815/866-3606 after 5pm) {kathybcfair@yahoo.com} [www.bureaucountyfair.com]
- 19 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 South Schoolhouse Rd; **See Sept 17**
- 20 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center; 16000 West Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 16**
- 20 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}
- TBD 10th 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; Santa on hand from 10a-1p; Bob (920-465-7913) [www.newogaugers.org] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- TBD 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; [www.feverriver.org] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 19-20 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}

NOVEMBER, 2022

- 20 Model Railroad Buy*Sell*Swap Meet - Laporte, IN
Laporte County Fairgrounds, 2581 W. State Rd 2; 9:30-2pm CST; \$4 adults, \$1 (6-13), 5 & under free; Sponsored by the Duneland Model Railroad Club, {trains86@frontier.com}
- 25-27 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)
- 25-27 Polar Express - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum; **See Nov 18**
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; **See Sept. 24**
- 26 Kalamazoo Circus Maximus Toy Show – Kalamazoo, MI
Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St; 9am-2pm; \$10 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]
- 26-27 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 ; 9am, 10:30am, 12pm, 1:30pm, 3pm; (262/548-3837) [www.easttroyrr.org]
- 26-27 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 8**

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Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 11**
- 4 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept.4**
- 3 Annusl Model Railroad Show - Argyle, WI
Argyle High School, 14665 WI-78 Trunk; 9am – 3pm; Annual Holiday Craft Fair same day at the High School; plenty of parking; refreshments; Sponsored by the Argyle FFA; donation includes both shows; Tom Moore (608/543-3669) {awwtp@email.com}
- 9-11 Polar Express - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum; **See Nov 18**
- 10 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 South Schoolhouse Rd; **See Sept 17**
- 10-11 Christmas Express – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum; take a ride on heated cars down to Santa's Workshop; **See Nov 26**
- 10-11 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 25**
- 11 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show – Tinley Park, IL
Tinley Park HS, 6111 W. 175th 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]

DECEMBER, 2022

- 10 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; concessions available; Patty Abel (815/978-1554)
- 11 Tri-City Train Show – Racine, WI
Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St; **See Oct 9**
- 17-18 The Great Train Show – Grayslake, IL
Lake County Fairgrounds, 1060 E. Peterson Rd; \$; hundreds of tables, operating layouts, door prizes; [www.trainshow.com/]
- 17-18 Christmas Express – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum; take a ride on heated cars down to Santa’s Workshop; **See Nov 26**
- 17-18 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 25**
- 18 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center; 16000 West Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 16**

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- Northern Illinois Historical Railway Ass’n – Argyle, IL
Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- Jan- Wisconsin Garden Railway Society Show - Milwaukee, WI
Apr 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 – Check website
- TBD Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept. 4**
- TBD 5th 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}

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- TBD Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 18**
- TBD Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct TBD**
- 8 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: TBD; Contest: TBD; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131
- 8 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 11**
- 28 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; **See Sept. 24**
- 28 32nd 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]

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Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6910 Belvidere Rd; Clarence Welte (815/398-4733) **See September**
- TBD Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept. 4**
- TBD Snow Train - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway. Fares slightly higher; **See Oct 8**
NOT CONFIRMED – Check website
- TBD 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]

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- TBD Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 16**
- TBD 55th 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 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Oct TBD**
- 4 3rd Annual Model RR Garage Sale – Dubuque, IA
Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 14569 Old Highway Rd; \$3, 12 & under free with adult; 9a-2p; For model railroaders to buy, swap and sell to fellow hobbyists; 100 tables; free parking; food available; tables are \$15 thru January 2023, then \$25; Gerry Miller, 1040 Hawkeye Dr, Dubuque IA 52001 (563/663-0857)
{tirsoutheasterndivision@gmail.com}
- 5 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: TBD; Contest: TBD; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131
- 5 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 11**
- 11-12 Great Train Expo – Indianapolis, IN
Indiana State Fairgrounds; (224-500-4159); {Dillon@Trainshow.email}
[https://www.trainshow.com/show-schedule]
- 25 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 24**

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- 25-26 31st Annual Rock River Valley Div Train Show – Machesney Park, IL
Harlem HS, 1 Huskie Cir (off Alpine 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) / Ken Mosney (815/965-4871)

