

SEPTEMBER, 2022

- 24 IRM Bus Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Join us for trolley bus and motor bus operations this weekend along with other buses open and on display. See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 25 76th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show – Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds; **See Feb 27**



MIDWEST RAILROAD EVENTS

January 2022 – September 2022

National Model Railroad Association

Scan for our website:



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 2022

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.

SEPTEMBER, 2022

- 3-5 Labor Days Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad, **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 4 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 2 NOT CONFIRMED – Check website**
- 8-11 Soo Line Historical & Tech Society Convention – Duluth-Superior, WI
DATE NOT CONFIRMED See website for details;
[www.sooline.org]
- 10 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
202 Church St.; “Local” Motive Small Plates **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**
- 11 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
NEW LOCATION – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics TBD.; Contest: TBD; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 11 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
NEW LOCATION – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 9**
- 11 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Sun City Blvd **See Jun 13 MIGHT BE CANCELED – check with promoter**
- 17-18 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 website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 17 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
202 Church St.; Fall Harvest **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**
- 17 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 15**
- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 22**

AUGUST, 2022

- 7-13 **Gateway 2022 NMRA Nat'l Convention** – St. Louis, MO
Marriott Grand, 800 Washington Ave; Base registration \$XXX, spouse \$XX, child/youth \$XX; Rooms \$134/night; Clinics, layout tours, prototype tours, contests, auction, SIGs; **see website for information** [www.nmra.org/conventions/gateway-2022-st-louis-mo/]
- 12-14 **Diesel Days** – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Enjoy IRM's large variety of diesel locomotives along with their unique color schemes; for an extra fare, you can take the throttle of a diesel locomotive or ride in the cab; See website for fares; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 13 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train** – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Ladies Cocktail Night **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**
- 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
- 27 **North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS** - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 23**
- 27 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train** – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Southern Delight **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**

SEPTEMBER, 2022

- 3 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train** – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Beer Tasting **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**
- 3-5 **Labor Day Weekend** – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Join us for 3 days and 2 evenings of fun. Enjoy a twilight ride on multiple trains as you explore the grounds and see our many illuminated sign displays; Note: Extended hours Sat and Sun to 9:30pm. See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]

General Events

Model Railroader Breakfasts - all invited (wives, too):

Mondays - Sophia's Restaurant, 5467 Bridge St, Roscoe, IL, 9:15 AM
Marty Hendrickx 815-623-7326) {mhendrickx@charter.net}

Thursdays

1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays - Alpine View Restaurant, 1710 South Alpine Rd, Rockford - 8:15 AM

2nd and 4th Thursdays - Sunrise (North) Family Restaurant, 7019 North Alpine Rd, Rockford - 8:15 AM

Dennis Blunt (815-398-4274) {dennisblunt@att.net }

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 guardian). Clarence Welte (815/398-4733)

JANUARY, 2022

- 1- 1/30 **Nicholas Conservatory Train Exhibit** – Rockford, IL
1345 N. 2nd St; Tue-Fri: 9a – 5p, Sat-Sun: 10a – 3p, closed Mon; \$6 residents, \$8 non-resident; In cooperation with the operating Christmas trains running throughout the conservatory, we will have displays in the lobby; [www.nicholasconservatory.com]
- 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; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 2 **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/]

JANUARY, 2022

- 8-9 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Barrington, IL
Barrington Historical Museum, 212 W Main; Sat 9a –5pm, Sun noon - 5pm; [www.ncogtrains.com]
- 8- Wisconsin Garden Railway Society Show - Milwaukee, WI
4/3 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; check website
- 9 Tri-City Train Show – Racine, WI
Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St; 7am-12pm; \$4; 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 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]
- 15-16 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Barrington, IL
Barrington Historical Museum, 212 W Main; Sat 9a –5pm, Sun noon - 5pm; [www.ncogtrains.com]
- 15 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New 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.clrtrains.com]
- 22 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.sjlcdarien.org]

JULY, 2022

- 16 Rail Fair '22 - 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]
- 16-17 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; **See July 9**
- 16-17 SSSMRE Open House – Sheboygan, WI
1001 N. 10ths St; **See Jan 29**
- 18 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Stars & Stripes **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**
- 25 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; That's Amore' **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**
- 29-30 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} [www.stlrpm.com]

AUGUST, 2022

- 7 Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Enjoy a large display of historic cars and trucks of all makes and models on display for just one day; ride a streetcar to the various viewing areas and be sure to ride or mainline trains also operating throughout the day; See website for fares; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 7 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 2 NOT CONFIRMED – Check website**

JUNE, 2022

- 19 Fathers Day Great Buffet Trains – Spooner and Springbrook, WI
426 N. Front St., Spooner, or US Hwy 63, Springbrook; **UNKNOWN;**
Check website
- 25-26 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/>]
- 25-26 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; Barry Wainer
(309/343-6700) (barrywainer@yahoo.com)
[www.galesburgtrainandtoyshow.com]

JULY, 2022

- 2-4 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; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL)
[www.irm.org]
- 4 4th of July Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 30 UNKNOWN;**
Check website
- 9-10 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.** See website for fares; See website for fares;
(1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 9-19 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

JANUARY, 2022

- 22 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)
- 23 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; 10am -
5pm; Art Oseland (414/764-5375) [www.milw-lrrc.org]
- 23 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; 9159 Beloit Rd; Badgerland S Gaugers; 8am-
12pm; Admission \$3, 12 & under free; Ron Schlick (414/477-7866)
{rons48tblue@gmail.com}
[www.trainweb.org/bsg/tradesale/tradesale.htm]
- 29 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]
- 29-30 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]
- 30 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}

FEBRUARY, 2022

- TBD Snow Train - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway; [www.midcontinent.org] **UNKNOWN; check
website**

FEBRUARY, 2022

- XX Arctic Run – Stevens Point, WI
Stevens Point Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave: Sat 9a-5p, Sun 10a-3p;
\$4, \$2 children 12-17; Model RR layouts, clinics and swap tables; Don
Anderson (715/340-8105) {crm114@tds.net} or Jim Miller (715/340-
0265) {jimbrow67@gmail.com} [www.thecwmrarticrun.com]
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; (815/623-7326)
[www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 6 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
NEW LOCATION – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept
12**
- 6 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Jan 2**
- 12 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; food available; sponsored by TLR Southeastern Div,
NMRA; Gerry Miller, 1040 Hawkeye Dr, Dubuque, IA 52001 (563/557-
9646) {tlrsoutheasterndivision@gmail.com}
- 12-13 42nd 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 10-4pm; Free; Joe Lewis, 2638 Freeway Dr., Bloomer
54724 (715/450-9526) {aurorabarstow1462@yahoo.com}
[www.thecedarmall.com]
- 13 Tri-City Train Show – Racine, WI
Roma Lodge, **See Jan 9**
- 19 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 15**

JUNE, 2022

- 11 8th 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; concessions; Dave Kessinger {dktrainman@hotmail.com}
[https://www.facebook.com/AmericanHeritageRailroad]
[www.americanfarmheritagemuseum.com/ahrr-train-show.html]
- 12 46th 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]
- 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; Larry Rostis
{happinessistoytrains@gmail.com} [www.sccah.com] **CANCELED**
- 18 Chicago Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Commemorating the 64th anniversary of the
last day of streetcar service in Chicago; See website for fares; (1-800-
BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 18 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; day before Fathers Day; **NOT CONFIRMED – check
website**
- 18-19 Father’s Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 30 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) **NOT CONFIRMED**
[https://visitwaupacachainolakes.com/event/strawberry-fest]
- 19 Fathers Day Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; free fare for all dads accompanied by at least
one fare-paying child or adult; See website for fares; See website for
fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]

MAY, 2022

- 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; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 28-30 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**
- 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, 2022

- 4 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Gourmet Mac N' Cheese; **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**
- 4-5 Railway Post Office Days – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Visit a railway post office and see mail transferred on and off a speeding train; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 5 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: 815/623-7326 [www.rrvd-nmra.com] **Check Website**
- 5 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 2 NOT CONFIRMED – Check website**

FEBRUARY, 2022

- XX 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**
- 19-20 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]
- 20 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}
- 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}
[www.facebook.com/events/illinois-central-college/peoria-train-fair/2516558305291027/]
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Jan 22**
- 27 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Jan 23**
- 27 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Jan 23**

FEBRUARY, 2022

- 27 79th 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)
[www.facebook.com/pages/category/Games-Toys/Illinois-Plastic-Kit-and-Toy-Show-1052168418157988/]

MARCH, 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: boxcars – Railroads loved the universal boxcar because they could haul almost anything solid in it, from coal to hides to automobiles; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 6 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
NEW LOCATION – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 9**
- 6 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 9**
- 12-13 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) **CANCELED**
- 13 Tri-City Train Show – Racine, WI
Roma Lodge, **See Jan 2**
- 13 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 railroadiana items, operating layouts; [www.springfieldtrainfair.com/]
- 13 Metro Model Railroad Club Show and Swap - Cedarburg, WI
Circle B Recreation, 6261 Hwy 60; 9am-3pm; \$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.metroclub.org]

MAY, 2022

- 7 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.eastrotyr.org] **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**
- 8 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]
- 8 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**
- 14 Scout Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops participate in a day long event; includes a flag ceremony, awarding of badges, touring the Museum and various projects; See website for fares and merit badge requirements; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 14 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Burger Train; **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**
- 18-22** Indy Junction - Midwest Region Spring Convention – Indianapolis, IN
Marriott East, 7202 E. 21st St; See website for information [https://www.indyjunction2022.org/]
- 19-22 2021 C&NW Historical Society Annual Meet – Mankato, MN
Mayo Clinic Health Systems Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, across from the CNW station; See website for details; [www.cnwhs.org]
- 21 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 15**
- 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.; Havana Nights; **NOT CONFIRMED – check website**

APRIL, 2022

- 23-24 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 MAY BE 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]
- 23-24 SSSMRE Open House – Sheboygan, WI
1001 N. 10ths St; **See Jan 29**
- 24 41st 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]
- XX 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 – Maybe in the Fall
- TBD Winnebagoland Division Spring Meet – Merrill, WI
Location is TBD. Check website [www.wld-nmra.com] **UNKNOWN;**
Check website

MAY, 2022

- 1 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Joint meet with SCWD, see SCWD entry below;
(815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 1 South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD) Meet – Verona, WI
NEW LOCATION – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 9**
- 1 Great Midwest Train Show – Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 2 NOT CONFIRMED – Check
website**

MARCH, 2022

- 19 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 15**
- 19-20 40th 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/]
- 19-20 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] **Unknown**
- 26 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}
[www.mwr-nmra.org/divisions/dupage/dupageindex.htm]
- 26 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]
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 22**
- 26-27 30th 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)

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- 26-27 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} [http://itd.illinoisterminaldivision.org/show/show.htm]
- 27 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave **See Jan 23**
- 27 Badgerland Trade Train Show - Milwaukee, WI
American Legion Post 537; **See Jan 23**

APRIL, 2022

- 1-3 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 3rd below**)
- 2 Will County Model RR Ass'n Swap Meet and Open House – Joliet, IL
Swap Meet: Stone City VFW, 124 Stone City Dr; 9am-2pm; \$5, under 12 free; Open House: 2175 W. Oneida St trains will be running, and Club members will be available to answer questions about the layout, the DCC system and Membership; Len Seivert {lseivert@wcmrra.org} [www.wcmrra.org]
- 3 Rockford O Scalers Open House – Rockford, IL
3886 Lookout Drive; 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)
- 3 O Scale Open House – Rockford, IL
4214 Gale Dr; Sun 1:30 – 4:30pm; Dick Lindquist (779/200-0616)
- 3 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
NEW LOCATION – Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 9**
- 3 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
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- 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**
- 9 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)
- 9-10 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!
- 9-10 21st 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]
- 10 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
NEW LOCATION – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics TBD.; Contest: TBD; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 16 Bunny Trolley Hop – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; **See April 9**
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