



MIDWEST RAILROAD EVENTS

January 2023 – September 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.

Compiled by

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January 2023

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**

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, 2023

- 1- Sinnissippi Station – Rockford, IL
1/28 Nicholas Conservatory, 1345 N. 2nd St; Tue-Fri: 10a – 4p, Sat-Sun: 10a –
3p, closed Mon; \$8 residents, \$10 non-resident; Be transported to a
magical miniature world where a variety of trains and trolleys run down,
around, and above you; miniature Rockford landmarks and willow trestle
bridges add to the enchanting ambiance [www.nicholasconservatory.com]
- 8 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm;
Clinics: Making Roads, Country and Curved; and Making Boxcar
Interiors, both by John Barret; Contest: any grade crossing diorama; \$5
entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-
nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131
- 8 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;
(224/500-4159) [www.trainshow.com/]

JANUARY, 2023

- 8 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; 1:00 pm; Clinics, model and photo
contests, door prizes, home layout viewing. contact SCWD, 3015 Union
St #4, Madison, WI 53714 [www.nmra-scwd.org]
- XX North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Barrington, IL
Barrington Historical Museum, 212 W Main; Sat 9a –5pm, Sun noon -
5pm; [www.ncogtrains.com] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 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) { https://m.facebook.com/events/3048988695417453 }
- 15 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; 8am -
12pm; Art Oseland (414/764-5375) [www.milw-lrrc.org]
- XX North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Barrington, IL
Barrington Historical Museum, 212 W Main; Sat 9a –5pm, Sun noon -
5pm; [www.ncogtrains.com] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- XX 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.clrctrains.com] **NOT
CONFIRMED**
- 21 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 (630/204-6894) {mark.greg@comcast.net}
[www.sjlcldarien.org]

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- 21-22 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) {crml14@tds.net} or Jim Miller (715/340-
0265) {jimbro67@gmail.com}
- 22 Cabin Fever Day - Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; Join us for this special mid-
winter event when a variety of diesel and electric trains will run; See
website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 28 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)
- 28 31st 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]

FEBRUARY, 2023

- 4-5 Train Show & Swap Meet – Monticello, IA
Berndes Center, Jones County Fairgrounds, 766 N. Maple St; Sat 10a-5p,
Sun 9a-1p; \$5, under 12 free with adult; vendor tables \$20; Monticello
RR Club, P.O. Box 169, Monticello, IA 52310; Ron Ackerman
{rack611@gmail.com}
- 5 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm;
Clinics Modeling a wood shingle roof - Ken Mosny, Keeping Your Stuff
Running - Ken Mosny; Contest: Lighting and / or sound Any display
employing use of lighting or sound; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members
free; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 5 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 8**

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- 5 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Jan 8**
- 11-12 Great Train Expo – Indianapolis, IN
Indiana State Fairgrounds; check website for further information; (224-
500-4159); {Dillon@Trainshow.email}
[https://www.trainshow.com/show-schedule]
- 11-12 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 11-4pm; Free; Joe Lewis, 2638 Freeway Dr., Bloomer
54724 (715/450-9526) {aurorabarstow1462@yahoo.com}
[www.thecedarmall.com]
- 12 Tri-City Train Show – Racine, WI
Roma Lodge, **See Jan 9 NOT CONFIRMED**
- 18 Train Fair & Farm Toy Show – Princeton, IL
Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 W. Peru St; 9a – 3p; \$5, kids 10 and
under free; all three heated buildings full of model trains and accessories
and all scales and brands of farm equipment; die cast trucs and cars,
games, antique toys and much more; concessions stand in building; Kathy
Bauer (815/866-3606) {kathybcfair@yahoo.com}
[www.bureaucountyfair.com]
- 18-19 Mad City Model Railroad Show & Sale - Madison, WI
Alliant Energy Center, John Nolan Drive, Madison, WI; Sat: 9am-
5pm, Sun: 9am-4pm; \$14, seniors-\$13, active military-\$11, kids 5-15: \$6,
under 5-free, family (2 adults, 2 kids)-\$36, see website for advanced
reduced tickets; 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 can register to win an HO scale train
set- 4 given away each day of the event! South Central Wisconsin
Division, NMRA; [www.nmra-scwd.org]
- 19 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}

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- 19 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan XX NOT CONFIRMED**
- 25 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Jan 28**
- 26 Michigan CitySwap Meet - Michigan City, IN
LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 IN Rte 2; 9:30-2pm CST; \$4 adults,
\$1 (6-13), 5 & under free; Sponsored by the Duneland Model Railroad
Club, Dave Novak (219/778-3195) trains86@myyahoo.com
- 26 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Jan 15**
- 26 81st Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show – Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester Rd, Wheaton [County
Farm Rd & Manchester Rd, 2 blocks North of Roosevelt Rd]; 9am-2pm;
\$7, under 12, \$3; Past-Time Hobbies, Inc. (630/969-1847)
www.facebook.com/pages/category/Games-Toys/Illinois-Plastic-Kit-and-Toy-Show-1052168418157988/

MARCH, 2023

- 4 Model RR Garage Sale – Dubuque, IA
Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 14569 Old Highway Rd; \$3, 12 & under
free with adult; 9a-2p; 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
(563/663-0857) tlrsoutheasterndivision@gmail.com
- 5 Rock River Valley Division Meet – Rockford, IL
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm;
Clinics: To Be Announced - David A. Ackmann VIA ZOOM AT OUR
MEETING LOCATION; Contest: Action Scenes Any diorama
portraying what would be a stop action scene, such as a baseball game,
fishing, road repair etc.; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free;
(815/623-7326) www.rrvd-nmra.org
- 5 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 8**
- 5 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**

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- 11-12 Cosmopolitan Train Show – Sioux City, IA
Marina Inn Conf Center, 385 E. Fourth St; Sat 9a-4p, Sun 10a-4p; \$8,
under 12 free w/adult; 180+ vendor tables, 12+ layouts, seminars and
activities for all; concessions, free parking; John Koskovich (712/898-
6935) johnkoskovich@aol.com
- 11-12 Great Train Expo – Rock Island, IL
QCCA Expo Center, 2621 4th Ave; check website for further information;
(224-500-4159); Dillon@Trainshow.email
<https://www.trainshow.com/show-schedule>
- 12 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; Ray
(217/544-4295) or Mike (217/899-3100) www.springfieldtrainfair.com/
- 12 Metro Model Railroad Club Show and Swap - Cedarburg, WI
Ozaukee Pavilion, Ozaukee County Fairgrounds; W67N866 Washington
Ave; 9am-3pm; \$4, 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
- 12 Tri-City Train Show – Racine, WI
Roma Lodge, **See Jan 9 NOT CONFIRMED**
- 16-19 Chicago O Scale Meet – Lombard, IL
Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, 70 Yorktown Center; \$30; Annual 2-
rail O Scale convention; Model Contest, clinics, layout tours,
buy/sell/trade www.marchmeet.net (**See local O scale layout open on
the 19th below**)
- 18 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>
- 18-19 Lena Train Show & Swap Meet - Lena, IL
Lena-Winslow Elementary, Junior & Senior High Schools, 401 Freemont
St; 10am - 4pm; Lunch available 10-3pm; Admission Free, parking
free, donations appreciated; Roger Schamberger (815/238-7888) or
Claire Smunt (815/990-5533) depotstovegang@gmail.com

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- 18-19 42nd Annual Model Railroad Show - Onalaska, WI
Onalaska Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Rd; Sat. 9am - 5pm; Sun. 10am - 3pm; Operating Layouts, Movies, Exhibits & Displays, Railroadiana, Hobby Dealers & Swap tables; Also, Doll House Miniatures; \$8, \$7.50 with donation of a non-perishable food item for local food pantries, 11 and under free w/adult; \$12 for 2 day pass; La Crosse & Three Rivers Railroad Club, Belva Thompson (608/780-7364) {bthom@live.com} [www.lcrsand3rvsrmmrclub.com/]
- 19 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave **See Jan 15**
- 19 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)
- 19 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan XX NOT CONFIRMED**
- 25 Chicago Trolley Coach Day - Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; IRM will honor 50 years since the end of trolley coach service in Chicago; A variety of buses from Chicago will be on display and in operation; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 25 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**
- 25 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]
- 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)

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- 25 Paper Valley Model Railroad Club Swap Meet - Appleton, WI
Randercom Building, 311 W. Packard 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; Mike Phelan {mike.phelan@gmail} (920/819-5504) [www.papervalleymodelrailroad.org]
- 25-26 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]

APRIL, 2023

- 1 11th 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)
- 1-2 Bunny Trolley Hop – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; 9:30a – 3:30p; Help bring in spring with a festive train ride with the Easter Bunny, egg hunts and more; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 1-2 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@ttsgbllc.com} [www.titledowntrainshow.com]
- 1-2 Milw Lionel RR Club Open House – New Berlin, WI
Rear of Parkland Plaza, 2721 South Calhoun Road; 10a-5p; \$2, vets, scouts in uniform and kids under 13 w/adult free; all layouts operating, 2 available for children; RR items for sale; display of antique trains; (262/754-9900) [www.milw-lrrc.org]
- 2 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 N. Rockton Ave; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: Round Robin - 1. Scratch Building - John Mann, 2. TBD - Mosny 3. TBD - Gary Loiselle, 4. TBD - Ken Peterson; Contest: TBD: \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]

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- 2 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 8**
- 2 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**
- 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] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 8 Bunny Trolley Hop – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; 9:30a – 3:30p; Help bring in spring with a festive train ride with the Easter Bunny, egg hunts and more; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 15-16 First Presbyterian Church Model RR Show – Fond du Lac, WI
First Presbyterian Church, 1225 4th St; Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 9am-2:30pm; 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 will be served by 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]
- 16 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan XX NOT CONFIRMED**
- 22 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**
- 22 Winnebagoland Division Spring Meet – Green Bay, WI
Venue is TBD. Check website [www.wld-nmra.com] **TENTATIVE**
- 23 42nd Chicagoland Railroadians 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] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 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]

MAY, 2023

- 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**
- XX Midwest Region Spring Convention
NO MWR CONV IN 2023
- May- Wisconsin Great Northern Great Buffet Trains – Trego, WI
Nov 6639 Dilly Lake Rd; see website for packages, schedules and prices; (715/635-3200) [www.spoonerrtrainride.com]
- 6 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.easttroymuseum.org]
- 7 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Argyle, IL
SPECIAL LOCATION: Paulson Agricultural Museum, 6950 Belvidere Rd, Argyle; 1 - 3pm; Clinics TBD.; Contest: Big Pipes - Rich Mahaney; Joint meet with SCWD; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; **Joint meet with SCWD**; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 7 South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD) Meet – Verona, WI
Joint meet with RRVD – see entry above
- 7 Great Midwest Train Show – Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**
- 13 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Havana Nights; **See May 6**
- 14 Mother's 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 and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 20 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Burger Train; **See May 6**

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- 20-21 Steam Kickoff – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; Join us as we kick off the summer season with the first weekend of steam operations; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 21 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan XX NOT CONFIRMED**
- 27 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**
- XX 2023 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] – **UNKNOWN – CHECK WEBSITE**
- 27-29 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 and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 27-29 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] **NOT CONFIRMED; 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 and prices**; 2 mile ride, visit the shops where the equipment is still being built; passes: (608/620-5224) [www.littleamerricka.com]

JUNE, 2023

- 3 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Gourmet Mac N' Cheese; **See May 6**
- 3-4 Railway Post Office Days – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; See how railroads played an active role in handling the US Mail; Visit a railway post office and see mail transferred on and off a moving train; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]

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- 4 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**
- 4 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**
- 4 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; outdoor G Scale if weather permits; Larry Rostis {happinessistoytrains@gmail.com} [www.sccah.com]
- 10 50's Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Celebrate the 1950's at IRM with live music, a live greaser vs preps costume contest, summertime carnival games, and period automobiles along with buses and trains from the time when rock and roll was king; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 10 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; concessions; Dave Kessinger {dktrainman@hotmail.com} [https://www.facebook.com/AmericanHeritageRailroad] [www.americanfarmheritagemuseum.com/ahrr-train-show.html] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 11 47th 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]
- 11 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; all scale running - G, O, HO & N scales; **See Jun 4**
- 17 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Fathers Day; **See May 6**
- 18-19 Father's Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 27 NOT CONFIRMED; Check website**

JUNE, 2023

- 18-19 Strawberry Fest Model Railroad Show – Waupaca, WI
Waupaca Recreation Center, 401 School St; Sat 9am - 5pm, Sun 10a - 3pm; Free; 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) Roger Hildebrandt (715/258-8218)
[<https://visitwaupacachainolakes.com/event/strawberry-fest>]
- 18 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 and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 18 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- 24-25 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/>] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 24-25 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] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 25 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if weather permits; **See Jun 4**

JULY, 2023

- 1-2 Stars and Stripes Special - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway, North Freedom, WI; free for veterans and military personnel, adults \$22, senior 62+ \$20, 3-15 \$12 ; see website for times; the train will be decorated in red, white and blue for the occasion; free red, white and blue popsicle (or similar treat) for all ticketholders; (800/930-1385, 608/522-4261) Dinner trains available, see website
[www.midcontinent.org] **NOT CONFIRMED**

JULY, 2023

- 1-4 4th of July Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Sat thru Tue; Join IRM on Saturday for the 70 for 70 Trolley Pageant, a parade of 70 electric pieces to celebrate the Museum's 70th anniversary and for extra train operation on Sunday thru Tuesday; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 2 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- 4 4th of July Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 27 UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 9 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; all scale running - G, O, HO & N scales; **See Jun 4**
- XX 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) {TrainClassicsLLC@aol.com} **CANCELLED for 2023**
- 15 Rail Fair '23 - 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 go 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]
- 15 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Stars & Stripes; **See May 6**
- 15-16 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 and times (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]

JULY, 2023

- 15-16 SSSMRE Open House – Sheboygan, WI
1001 N. 10ths St; **See Apr 29-30**
- 16 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if
weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- 22 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; That’s Amore’; **See May 6**
- 22-23 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; **See July 15-16**
- 23 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if
weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- 28-29 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, 2023

- 5 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Surf-N-Turf; **See May 6**
- 6 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 80**
- 6 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 and times;
(1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 6 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if
weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- 11 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; all scale running
- G, O, HO & N scales; **See Jun 4**

AUGUST, 2023

- 11-13 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 fare and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 13 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Family Picnic Train; 1-1/2 hrs, kid-friendly and
informal; **See May 6**
- 20 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if
weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- 20-26 Texas Express - 2023 NMRA Nat’l Convention – Grapevine, TX
Gaylord Texan Resort & Conv Center; 1501 Gaylord Trail; Before
6/30/23: Base registration \$165, spouse \$90, child/youth \$40; Rooms
\$179/night (includes \$25 resort fee); Clinics, layout tours, prototype
tours, contests, auction, SIGs; **see website for additional information**
[<https://www.2023texasexpress.com/>]
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**
- 26 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Southern Delight; **See May 6**
- 27 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if
weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- 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

SEPTEMBER, 2023

- 1-4 Labor Day Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Join us for 4 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 and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 3 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- 3-5 Labor Days Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad, **UNKNOWN; Check website**
- 9 Scout Day – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops participate in a day long event; The day includes a flag ceremony, awarding of badges, touring the museum and participating in various projects; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 10 **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; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 10 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 8**
- 10 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 8**
- 11 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; all scale running - G, O, HO & N scales; **See Jun 4**
- TBD Soo Line Historical & Tech Society Convention – Duluth-Superior, WI
DATE NOT CONFIRMED See website for details;
[www.sooline.org]
- 16-17 “Non-Stop” IRM Museum Showcase Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; In recognition of IRMs 70th anniversary and the volunteers who make the museum work IRM will be open continuously from 10am Saturday to 6pm Sunday with unique trains operating all weekend including through the night; great photo opportunities; See website for fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]

SEPTEMBER, 2023

- 17 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- TBD Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan XX NOT CONFIRMED**
- 23 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 28**
- 23 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Fall Harvest; **See May 6**
- 24 Kishwaukee Valley & Eakin Creek Model RR Club Open House –Huntley, IL
Sun City Huntley, 13400 Del Webb Blvd, off Ill Rte 47; G Scale if weather permits; **See Jun 4**
- 30 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]
- 30 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Oktoberfest; **See May 6**
- XX 82nd Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show – Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds; **NOT CONFIRMED See Feb 26**