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RRVD Events are in **BOLD**

MARCH, 2025

- 1 5th Annual Model RR Garage Sale – Dubuque, IA
Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 4-H Bldg, 14569 Old Highway Rd; \$4, 12 & under free with adult; 9a-2p; For model railroaders to buy, swap and sell to fellow hobbyists; 100 tables; free parking; food available; January 2025, then \$25; Gerry Miller, 1040 Hawkeye Dr, Dubuque IA 52001 (563/663-0857) {tirsoutheasterndivision@gmail.com}
- 2 Rock River Valley Division Meet – Caledonia, IL
Paulson's Agriculture Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd 1 - 3pm; Clinics: TBD; Contest: Passenger Cars; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131
- 16 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Show & Sale – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 20**
- 29-30 33rd 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)

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)

SEPTEMBER, 2024

- 31-1 Labor Day Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olson Road; 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]
- 2 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]
- 7 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]

SEPTEMBER, 2024

- 8 **Rock River Valley Division Meet – Rochelle, IL**
SPECIAL EVENT: Rochelle Park District New Rec Center, 802 Jones Rd; 1 - 3pm; Clinics TBD; Contest: Gondolas; Tour the UP Big Boy; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 8 **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]
- 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; (630/290-1962) [www.trainshow.com]
- 8 **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 {happinesstoytrains@gmail.com} [www.sccah.com]
- 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; [www.trainweb.org/tricountymrclub/]
- 12-14 **Soo Line Historical & Tech Society Convention – Harris, MI**
Island Resort & Casino, W 399 US2 & 41; **See website for details;** [www.sooline.org/WP/]
- 14 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI**
2002 Church St.; Fall Harvest; 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]

FEBRUARY

- 1-2 **6th Annual Train Show & Swap Meet – Monticello, IA**
Berndes Center, Jones County Fairgrounds, 766 N. Maple St; Sat 10a-4p, Sun 9a-2p; \$5, under 12 free with adult; vendor tables \$30, \$40 after Dec 1st; Monticello RR Club, P.O. Box 169, Monticello, IA 52310; Wade Johnson (319/270-2922) {wadejohnson3@gmail.com} or Ron Ackermann (319/480-5671) {rack611@gmail.com}
- 2 **Rock River Valley Division Meet – Caledonia, IL**
Paulson's Agriculture Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd 1 - 3pm; Clinics: TBD; Contest: Diesel Locomotives; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131
- 2 **South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI**
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 8**
- 2 **Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL**
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **NOT CONFIRMED See Sept. 8**
- 8-9 **Great Train Expo – Indianapolis, IN**
Gateway Convention Center, 1 Gateway Dr; \$; hundreds of tables, operating layouts, door prizes; {Bill@Trainshow.email} [www.trainshow.com/]
- TBD **Snow Train - North Freedom, WI**
Mid-Continent Railway. Fares slightly higher; **See Sept 28 NOT CONFIRMED**
- 15-16 **57th 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 Bunce (608/455-4233); general info: Art Dawson {nkp284@yahoo.com} [www.nmra-scwd.org]
- 22 **North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL**
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Sept. 28**
- 23 **Milw Lionel RR Club Train Show & Sale – New Berlin, WI**
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 20**

DECEMBER, 2024

- 21 East Troy Christmas Day Trains – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St. **See Nov 30**
- 21-22 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 29**

JANUARY, 2025

- 5 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **NOT CONFIRMED See Sept. 8**
- 5 Rock River Valley Division Meet – Caledonia, IL
Paulson's Agriculture Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd 1 - 3pm;
Clinics: TBD; Contest: On-line Structures; \$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 8**
- 11-12 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]
- 19 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Show & Sale – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 20**
- 25 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; **See Sept. 28**
- 25 33rd 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]

SEPTEMBER, 2024

- 14-15 IRM Museum Showcase Weekend – Union, IL
Illinois Railway Museum; unique trains operating all weekend including
through the night on Saturday; great photo opportunities; See website for
fares; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 15 22nd 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}[www.kmbsrrclub.org/]
- 21 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 South Schoolhouse Rd; 9am – 3pm; \$6, family \$15; 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]
- 21 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]
- 21 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Autumn Glow; **See Sept 14**
- 21 1st Annual Railroad Day – Centralia, IL
Centralia Area Historical Museum, 240 S. Locust St; free; 9a-3p; Train
exhibit & Historical Photo Display; Vendor tables; Photo stand for
Amtrak, NS, CN & BNSF Mainline; Presentation of IC Car Shop History
at 1:30pm; Little Toot Train Ride for Kids 9-11am; sponsored by Freight
Car Locomotive Experts (FCLE); (618/907-4052)
- 21-22 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]

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- 27-29 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]
- 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 SE Wisconsin Model RR Retreat – Kenosha, WI
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 – 37th Ave; NMRA members \$5, nonmembers \$10; this Retreat is all about your models. Bring your models of all scales, gauges, and sizes from all areas, whether they are finished or in progress. This is a modelers event, offering you an opportunity to display and talk about your models, so plan to be a part of it. Displays welcome, but there will be no contests. The purpose of the retreat is to teach, learn, grow and meet your fellow modelers from around the area. Sponsored by the WISE Division of the NMRA; vendor tables \$10, display tables free; Mike Slater {mslater@wi.rr.com} or Burnell Breaker {superintendent@trainfest.com}
- 28 Fall Sunset Dinner Train - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum, Exit 166 off I-72; Ride in style on one of our restored Illinois Central dining cars as you enjoy a delicious four-course dinner and enjoy the fall scenery of Central Illinois. This two hour train ride includes your choice of Filet Medallions (gluten free), Cornish Game Hen, or Pasta Primavera (Gluten Free), sides, and dessert, all prepared by our friends at Holly's County Kitchen of Monticello! You can choose to ride in a historic dining car or enjoy an exclusive experience on board our private car. [www.mrym.org]
- 28-29 Vintage Rail Car Tours - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway, North Freedom, WI; 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 website for times and fares; (800/930-1385, 608/522-4261) Dinner trains available, see website [www.midcontinent.org]

DECEMBER, 2024

- 7 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 South Schoolhouse Rd; **See Sept 21**
- 7-8 East Troy Christmas Day Trains – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St. **See Nov 30**
- 7-8 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 29**
- 7-8 The Great Train Show – Collinsville, IL
Gateway Convention Center, 1 Gateway Dr; \$; hundreds of tables, operating layouts, door prizes; {Bill@Trainshow.email} [www.trainshow.com/]
- 7-8 Santa Express – North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway; **See Nov 30-Dec 1**
- 8 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show – Tinley Park, IL
Tinley Park HS, 6111 W. 175th St, 10am-2pm; \$10 adults, kids under 12 free w/adult; 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]
- 13-14 East Troy Christmas Night Trains – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; **See Nov 29**
- 14 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 South Schoolhouse Rd; **See Sept 21**
- 14-15 East Troy Christmas Day Trains – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St. **See Nov 30**
- 14-15 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 29**
- 15 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Show & Sale – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 20**
- 20-21 East Troy Christmas Night Trains – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; **See Nov 29**

NOVEMBER, 2024

- 30-1 East Troy Christmas Day Trains – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; \$; Our magical ride will take you from our East Troy Depot to Santa's workshop located at the Elegant Farmer. Here children can visit Santa and take a photo with the jolly elf himself! The trolleys will be heated and bathrooms are avail; 9am, 10:30am, 12pm, 1:30pm, 3pm; (262/548-3837)
[www.easttroyrr.org]

DECEMBER, 2024

- 1 Polar Express - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum; **See Nov 15**
- 1 Rock River Valley Division Meet – Caledonia, IL
Paulson's Agriculture Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd 1 - 3pm;
Clinics: TBD; Contest: Animation/Lighting; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213
Loves Park, IL 61131
- 1 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 10**
- 1 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept. 8**
- 2-3 Lunch with Santa - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum, Exit 166 off I-72; The festive Lunch with Santa Trains are sponsored by the the Monticello Chamber of Commerce.
[monticellochamber.org/events/lws]
- 6 East Troy Christmas Night Trains – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; **See Nov 29**
- 6-8 Polar Express - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum; **See Nov 15**
- 7 Annual 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}
- 7 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) **NOT CONFIRMED**

SEPTEMBER, 2024

- 28-29 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]
- 29 84th 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; \$8, under 12 free; Past-Time Hobbies, Inc. (630/969-1847)
[www.facebook.com/pages/category/Games-Toys/Illinois-Plastic-Kit-and-Toy-Show-1052168418157988/]

OCTOBER, 2024

- 5 Winnebago Land Division Fall Meet – North Fond du Lac, WI
Location TBD; Tours, clinics; see website for details
[www.wld-nmra.com]
- 5 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Oktoberfest; **See Sept 14**
- 5-6 33rd Annual Greater St. Louis Metro Area Train Show – Kirkwood, MO
Maramec Community College Gym, Geyer Rd & Big Bend; Sat 10-4, Sun 10-3; \$10, Kids 12 & under free; All scales, swap tables, layouts, great door prizes, Mississippi Valley N Scales, David Johnson (636/225-2405), map on website [mvns.railfan.net/ShowFlyer.htm]
- 5-6 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: see website for fares; (800/930-1385, 608/522-4261) Dinner trains available, see website [www.midcontinent.org]
- 6 Rock River Valley Division Meet – Sycamore, IL
SPECIAL LOCATION: Sycamore Depot, 475 DeKalb Ave; 1 - 3pm;
Clinics: Scenery Collages – Bill Shapokin of the CNWHS will present on railroads in DeKalb County; Contest: Off-line Structures; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131

OCTOBER, 2024

- 6 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 8**
- 6 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept. 8**
- 6 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show – Waukesha, WI
Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Rd; 10am-2pm; \$10 adults, kids under 12 free; 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 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Epicurian Express; **See Sept 14**
- 12 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; **See Sept 2**
(www.thefreeportshow.com/terror.htm)
- 12-13 Autumn Color - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway, North Freedom, WI; **See Oct 5**
- 12-13 22nd Annual West Wisconsin RR Club Show & Sale – Eau Claire, WI
L.E. Phillips YMCA Sports Center, 3456 Craig Rd; Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3;
several operating layouts covering most scales, a number of the finest dealers in the Upper Midwest;
[www.westwisconsinrailroad.club/TrainShow/index.html]
- 12-13 Harvest Flyer - North Freedom, WI
Mid-Continent Railway, North Freedom, WI; **See Oct 5**
- 12-13 Delmar Train Show & Swap Meet – Delmar, IA
Delwood School gym, 311 Delmar Ave; free will donation; Sat 10a-4p,
Sun 10a-2p; Visit the Delmar RR Museum, food & drink available, free parking; {sjebson@fbcom.net}
- 12-13 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. **Date tentative based on the Packer schedule;** Leo Schneider (920/917-4598) {Lmschneider8@gmail.com} [www.sssmre.org]

NOVEMBER, 2024

- 29-30 Polar Express - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum; **See Nov 15**
- 29-30 East Troy Christmas Night Trains – East Troy, WI
East Troy Trolley Museum, 2002 Church St.; \$; 5pm; Enjoy a magical upgraded experience on Santa's Special Evening Trains riding our First Class Dining Cars. This adventure is complete with cookies, hot chocolate, adult hot chocolate or a beer. (Note each adult ticket includes one complimentary drink -- a shot of Baileys or Peppermint Schnapps for your hot chocolate or the beer from our selection.) Our Santa's Special ride will take you from our East Troy Depot to Santa's workshop located at the Elegant Farmer. Here children can visit Santa and take a photo with the jolly elf himself! In addition there will be activities for kids. The trains are heated and bathrooms are available in our East Troy Depot. [www.eastrotyr.org]
- 29-1 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)
- 30 Kalamazoo Circus Maximus Toy Show – Kalamazoo, MI
Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St; 9am-2pm; \$10 adults, under 12 free w/adult; 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]
- 30-1 Milw Lionel Railroad Club Open House – New Berlin, WI
2721 S. Calhoun Rd; 10am – 5pm; [https://milw-lrrc.org] **See Oct 20**
- 30-1 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; [www.eastrotyr.org]

NOVEMBER, 2024

- 16 North Central Illinois Train Fair & Farm Toy Show – Princeton, IL
Bureau County Fairgrounds, Rte 6 W (811 W. Peru St); 9a – 2p; \$5, 10 & under free; Kathy Bauer, 205 S. Fifth St 61356 (815/866-3606 after 5pm) {kathybcfair@yahoo.com} [www.bureaucountyfair.com]
- 16 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 South Schoolhouse Rd; **See Sept 21**
- 17 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Show & Sale – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Oct 20**
- 17 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, demonstration layouts; about half dealers and half local modelers; River City Model RR Club; Don MacGregor, 2422 Delaware St, Pekin, IL 61554 (309/202-4950) {staggonsag@comcast.net}
- 23 Danville Train Show – Danville, IN
Hendricks County Fair Grounds, 1900 E. Main St; \$3, 16 and under free; 10a-3p; Operating layouts, displays, door prizes, vendors, food; free parking; Dave Mashino (765/860-1560) or {danvilletrainshow@gmail.com} [http://cidnmra.org]
- 16-17 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) {nwlmmr@gmail.com}
- 22-24 Polar Express - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum; **See Nov 15**
- 23 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; **See Sept. 28**
- 23-24 Trainfest – Milwaukee, WI
Baird Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave; **9-5:00pm**; 170,000 square feet of model trains; dozens of major model railroad manufacturers; over 50 operating model train displays in many different sizes and scales; over 500 tables of train related merchandise for sale; FREE riding train for kids. [www.train-fest.com]
- 24 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@myyahoo.com}

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- 12-13 The Great Train Show – Springfield, IL
Gateway Convention Center, 1 Gateway Dr; \$; hundreds of tables, operating layouts, door prizes; {Bill@Trainshow.email} [www.trainshow.com/]
- 17 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Gourmet Lunch; **See Sept 14**
- 19 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Sweetest Day **See Sept 14**
- 19 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL
1311 South Schoolhouse Rd; **See Sept 21**
- 19 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; **See Sept 2**
- 19-20 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 5**
- 19-20 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 1**
- 19-20 21st Annual Model Train Show – Marshfield, WI
Marshfield Community Center, 201 S. Oak Ave; \$2, 18 and up; Sat 10a - 4p, Sun 10a – 2p: Operating layouts, dealers, Hub City Central Model RR Club; Dealer Info Jon Vic (715/305-3493)
- 20 33rd 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]
- 20 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Show & Sale – New Berlin, WI
New Berlin Entertainment Center; 16000 West Cleveland Ave; 8am - 12pm; Art Oseland (414/764-5375) [www.milw-lrrc.org]
- 20 4th Annual Iowa City Train Show – Iowa City, IA
Johnson County Fairgrounds, 4261 Oakcrest Rd. SE; \$5, 10 & under free w/adult; 10a-3p; New club building open house; All different scales; Displays and layouts to see; Sponsored by the Hawkeye Model Railroad Club; {Iowacitytrainshow@gmail.com}[www.hawkeyemodellrrclub.com]

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- 20 Sherman Scale Train Show – Sherman, IL
Sherman Athletic Club, 300 S. First St; \$; 10a-3p; 4,000 sq ft of trains;
scale trains only, no toys or collectables; Travis Pollitt (217/306-1685)
[www.facebook.com/people/Sherman-Scale-Train-
Show/100066409639373/]
- 20 Countryside Collector's Classic Toy Show - Countryside, IL
Park Place of Countryside, 6240 Joliet Road, 10am-2pm; \$10 adults,
under 12 free w/ parent; 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]
- 25-26 Antique Toy & Train Show – Tipton, IN
Tipton 4-H Fairgrounds, 1200 S. Main St (St Rd 19); \$; Fri noon-7pm,
Sat 10-4pm; 100+ tables, all gauges, kits, free parking, food/drink
available, handicap accessible; Dave Moree, 4402 E. 100 South,
Kokomo, IN 46906 (765/457-1044 or 765/860-8062)
- 25-26 47th Annual Fall S-Fest – St. Louis, MO
DoubleTree, 1973 Craigshire Rd, over 110 tables of Flyer and S scale;
Clinics; Layout tours; [www.nasg.org/Events/FallSFest.php]
- 26 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI
2002 Church St.; Adult Halloween **See Sept 14**
- 26 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL
St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Rd; **See Sept. 28**
- 26 Train of Terror – Freeport, IL
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad; **See Sept 2**
- 26 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]
- 26-27 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
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- 27 11th Annual North Central Iowa Model RR Show & Sale – Hampton, IA
Franklin County Conv Center, Hwy 3 West; 9am – 3pm; \$5, under 10
free; Trains (all scales), memorabilia and collectibles to buy, sell and
trade; individual tables welcome; for information or table reservations
contact, Eastside Trains, (641-456-1998) {eastsidetrains@gmail.com}

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- 2 Rockford O Scalers 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)
- 3 Rock River Valley Division Meet – Caledonia, IL
Paulson's Agriculture Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd; 1 - 3pm;
Clinics: TBD; Contest: Tank Cars; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members
free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park,
IL 61131
- 3 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Sept 8**
- 3 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Sept. 8**
- 3 37th Dubuque Model RR Show & Swap Meet – Dubuque, IA
Dubuque County Fairgrounds Ballroom, 14569 Old Highway Rd; 10am-
4pm; \$5 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}
- 9-10 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]
- 15-17 Polar Express - Monticello, IL
Monticello Railway Museum, Exit 166 off I-72; 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. [www.mrym.org]