

## SEPTEMBER, 2024

- 21 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 20**
- 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 May 11**
- 28 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**
- 28-29 Vintage Railcar Tours - North Freedom, WI  
Mid-Continent Railway, North Freedom, WI; Visitors will be welcomed beyond normally locked doors and get inside four of Mid-Continent's exquisitely restored wooden passenger cars; see website for times and fares; (800/930-1385, 608/522-4261) Dinner trains available, see website [www.midcontinent.org]
- 29 84<sup>th</sup> Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show – Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds; **NOT CONFIRMED See Feb 25**



# MIDWEST RAILROAD EVENTS

January 2024– September 2024

National Model Railroad Association

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January 2024

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**

## AUGUST, 2024

- 31-2 Labor Day Weekend – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; On Sat/Sun, 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]
- 31-2 Labor Days Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad, **See May 25; NOT Confirmed - Check website**

## SEPTEMBER, 2024

- TBD 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] **NOT Confirmed – check website**
- 8 **Rock River Valley Division Meet** – Argyle, IL  
**NEW LOCATION:** Paulson's Agricultural Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd; 1 - 3pm; Clinics TBD.; Contest: TBD; \$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; **See Jan 7**
- 8 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 7**
- 8 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 9**
- 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 May 11**
- 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]

## AUGUST, 2024

- 4 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]
- 4 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 7**
- 9-11 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] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 10 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Wine & Cheese; **See May 11**
- 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 9**
- 17 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; August Delight; **See May 11**
- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**
- 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] **NOT Confirmed – check website**
- 31 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Beer Tasting; **See May 11**

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

## JANUARY, 2024

- 1- Sinissippi Station – Rockford, IL
- 1/28 Nicholas Conservatory, 1345 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St; Tue-Fri: 10a – 4p, Sat-Sun: 10a – 3p, closed Mon; \$8 residents, \$10 non-resident (Seniors/vets reduced \$2); 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]
- 7 Rock River Valley Division Meet – Argyle, IL  
NEW LOCATION: Paulson’s Agricultural Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd; 1 - 3pm; Clinics: 42 Years of Tips & Tricks / Adding Details To Your Layout – by Brian Sheron; Contest: Boxcars - the railroads loved boxcars because they could be filled with just about anything from merchandise, grain and coal, to hides and automobiles. Bring one of your boxcar models.; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/965-4871) [www.rrvd-nmra.org] P. O. Box 2213 Loves Park, IL 61131
- 7 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]

## JANUARY, 2024

- 7 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/]
- 14 Kenosha Union Hall Swap Meet – Kenosha, WI  
Kenosha Union Club, 3030 39<sup>th</sup> Ave; \$5, 9a-1p; Bill (262/331-0392)
- 14 Green Bay Area Model RR Club Open House – De Pere, WI  
Kress Family Library, lower level, 333 N. Broadway; 10a-4p; free; John Grom (920/370-8790) [http://gbamrcdepere.wix.com/gbamrcdepere]
- 20 Lionel RR Club of SE Wisconsin Open House – Racine, WI  
4625 Washington Ave; [https://www.facebook.com/LRRCSEW]
- 20 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
428 N Chicago Ave; 10a – 4p; Open House, [www.ncogtrains.com]
- 20 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]
- 20 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.sjlcdarien.org]
- 20-21 Arctic Run – Stevens Point, WI  
Stevens Point Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave: Sat 9a-5p, Sun 10a-3p; \$5, \$2 children 12-17, under 12 free; Model RR layouts, clinics and swap tables; Don Anderson (715/340-8105) {cwmr\_mnw@yahoo.com} or Jim Miller (715/340-0265) {jimb67@gmail.com}

## JULY, 2024

- 13-14 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. TICKETS SELL FAST!** See website for fares; See website for fares and times (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]
- 13-14 Sheboygan RR Museum Open House – Sheboygan, WI  
1001 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, **See Jan 27 Unconfirmed**
- 14 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 9**
- 19-20 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]
- 20-21 A Day Out With Thomas – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; **See July 13-14**
- 27 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Surf & Turf; **See May 11**
- 31 Rail Fair '24 - 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]

## AUGUST, 2024

- 4-11 Surfliner 2024 - NMRA Nat'l Convention – Long Beach, CA  
Westin Long Beach; 333 E. Ocean Blvd; Base registration \$195, spouse \$100, child/youth \$40; Rooms \$??/night; Clinics, layout tours, prototype tours, contests, auction, SIGs; **see website for additional information** [https://surfliner2024.org/]

## JUNE, 2024

- 22-23 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/>]
- 22-23 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](mailto:barrywainer@yahoo.com)) [[www.galesburgtrainandtoyshow.com](http://www.galesburgtrainandtoyshow.com)]

## JULY, 2024

- 4 4<sup>th</sup> of July – 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 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for extra train operation on Sunday thru Tuesday; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [[www.irm.org](http://www.irm.org)] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 4 4<sup>th</sup> of July Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 25; Not Confirmed - Check website**
- 4-6 Stars and Stripes Special - North Freedom, WI  
Mid-Continent Railway, North Freedom, WI; Free for vets and military personnel; see website for times and fares; 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](http://www.midcontinent.org)]
- 7 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 11**
- 13 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Stars & Stripes; **See May 11**

## JANUARY, 2024

- 21 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](http://www.milw-lrrc.org)]
- 27 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)
- 27 32<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.4000foundation.org)]
- 27-28 Sheboygan RR Museum Open House – Sheboygan, WI  
1001 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, donations welcome; 9am – 4pm; brat fry; 7 layouts including N, HO, S, O and G scales; main layout is a double-deck HO; Leo Schneider (920/917-4598) [[www.sssmre.org](http://www.sssmre.org)] **Unconfirmed**

## FEBRUARY, 2024

- 3-4 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; concessions, layouts; Monticello RR Club, P.O. Box 169, Monticello, IA 52310; Ron Ackerman [[rack611@gmail.com](mailto:rack611@gmail.com)]
- 4 Rock River Valley Division Meet – Argyle, IL  
**NEW LOCATION:** Paulson's Agricultural Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd; 1 – 3pm; Clinics: TBD; Contest: Offline Structures Not all structures on our layouts are directly related to the railroad's business. An offline structure could be a residence, retail business, hotel, manufacturer without a siding or even a highway bridge; \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/623-7326) [[www.rrvd-nmra.org](http://www.rrvd-nmra.org)]
- 4 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI  
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 7**
- 4 Great Midwest Train Show – Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds. **See Jan 7**

## FEBRUARY, 2024

- 10-11 Great Train Expo – Indianapolis, IN  
Indiana State Fairgrounds; check website for further information; (224-500-4159); {Dillon@Trainshow.email} [www.trainshow.com/show-schedule]
- 10-11 43<sup>rd</sup> 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; Kevin Trandum (715/268 4893) {kevintrandum@gmail.com} [www.thecedarmall.com]
- 11 Kenosha Union Hall Swap Meet – Kenosha, WI  
Kenosha Union Club, 3030 39<sup>th</sup> Ave; **See Jan 14**
- 11 Green Bay Area Model RR Club Open House – De Pere, WI  
Kress Family Library, 333 N. Broadway; **See Jan 14**
- 17 Lionel RR Club of SE Wisconsin Open House – Racine, WI  
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- 17 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
428 N Chicago Ave; 10a – 4p; Open House, [www.ncogtrains.com]
- 17 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 20**
- 17-18 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]
- 17 Train Fair & Farm Toy Show – Princeton, IL  
Bureau County Fairgrounds, 811 W. Peru St; 9a – 2p; \$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]

## JUNE, 2024

- 8 10<sup>th</sup> 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; \$7, under 12 free; unlimited train rides with paid admission; operating toy/model train layouts, toy trains, books, videos, memorabilia; concessions; Dave Kessinger {dktrainman@hotmail.com} [www.facebook.com/AmericanHeritageRailroad] [www.americanfarmheritagemuseum.com/ahrr-train-show.html]
- 9 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]
- 9 48<sup>th</sup> 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.RRShows.com or www.kanecountyrshow.com]
- 15-16 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) [http://www.wamrltd.com/]
- 15 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Fathers Day; **See May 11**
- 16 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] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 16 Father’s Day Steam Train Days - Freeport, IL  
Silver Creek & Stephenson Railroad **See May 25 NOT CONFIRMED; Check website**
- 22-23 Trolley Weekend – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum; See website for fares and times; (1-800-BIG-RAIL) [www.irm.org]

## MAY, 2024

- XX 2024 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**
- 25-27 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]
- 25-27 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 Day Little A-Merrick-A Amusement Park - Marshall, WI  
700 East Main St, 12-6pm; 1/3 scale live steam railroad; Steam to operates Sat/Sun; diesel on weekdays; open Memorial Day through 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, 2024

- XX Rock River Valley Division Meet - Rockford, IL  
Rail Junket, destination to be announced. Members watch for your email, check The Flimzie or website, or email superintendent@rrvd-nmra.com [www.rrvd-nmra.com]
- 1 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Surf and Turf; **See May 11**
- 1-2 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] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 2 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 7**

## FEBRUARY, 2024

- 17-18 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Arctic Run Model Railroad Show – Stevens Point, WI  
Holiday Inn Convention Center Hotel, 1001 Amber Avenue; Sat 9am-5:pm, Sun 10am-3pm; Adults \$5, kids 12-17 \$2; Many layouts, swap/sales tables, vendors; Central Wisconsin Model Railroaders, Jim Miller (715/-340-0265) {jimb67@gmail.com}
- 18 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; Don MacGregor, 2422 Delaware St, Pekin, IL 61554 {staggonsag@comcast.net}
- 24 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church. **See Jan 27**
- 25 Milw Lionel RR Club Swap Meet – New Berlin, WI  
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave; **See Jan 21**
- 25 83<sup>rd</sup> 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/]
- 25 Michigan City Swap Meet - Michigan City, IN  
LaPorte County Fairgrounds, 2581 IN Rte 2; 9:30-2pm CST; \$5 adults, \$1 (6-12), 5 & under free; Sponsored by the Duneland Model Railroad Club, Dave Novak (219/778-3195) {trains86@myyahoo.com}

## MARCH, 2024

- 2 Model RR Garage Sale – Dubuque, IA  
Dubuque County Fairgrounds, 14569 Old Highway Rd; \$4, 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}
- 3 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 7**

## MARCH, 2024

- 3 **Rock River Valley Division Meet – Argyle, IL**  
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- 3 **South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI**  
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 7**
- 10 **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/]
- 10 **Kenosha Union Hall Swap Meet – Kenosha, WI**  
Kenosha Union Club, 3030 39<sup>th</sup> Ave; **See Jan 14**
- 10 **Green Bay Area Model RR Club Open House – De Pere, WI**  
Kress Family Library, 333 N. Broadway; **See Jan 14**
- ~~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] **NOT IN 2024**~~
- 14-17 **March O Scale Meet – Lombard, IL**  
Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, 70 Yorktown Center; \$30 entire meet, spouses & children 15 and under free (no single day rates); Annual 2-rail O Scale convention; Buy, sell, trade; clinics, discussion groups, contests and layout tours; (414/629-0030) [www.marchmeet.net/WP/] (**See local O scale layout open on the 16-17<sup>th</sup> below**)
- 16-17 **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rock River Valley Div Train Show – Machesney Park, IL**  
Harlem HS, 1 Huskie Cir (off Alpine Rd); Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 10am – 3pm; 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)

## MAY, 2024

- 5 **Rock River Valley Division Meet - Argyle, IL**  
**JOINT MEET WITH SCWD (See entry below)**, Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St, Madison WI; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 5 **South Central Wisconsin Division (SCWD) Meet – Verona, WI**  
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 7**
- 5 **Great Midwest Train Show – Wheaton, IL**  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 7**
- 11 **Lionel RR Club of SE Wisconsin Open House – Racine, WI**  
4625 Washington Ave; [https://www.facebook.com/LRRCSEW]
- 11 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI**  
2002 Church St.; Mothers Day; fare includes meal, tax and gratuity; Trip to Phantom Lake and return; meal includes appetizer, rolls, salad, entree, vegetable du jour, dessert, and coffee, tea or milk; cash bar available; seating is limited - **reservations required** (262/642-3263) see website for fares and menu [www.easttroyrr.org]
- 12 **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] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 12 **Green Bay Area Model RR Club Open House – De Pere, WI**  
Kress Family Library, 333 N. Broadway; **See Jan 14**
- 18 **Lionel Collectors Club of America – New Lenox, IL**  
Chicagoland Lionell RR Club, 1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; [www.lionelcollectors.org/lcca-events/special\_events\_calendar.aspx]
- 18 **East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI**  
2002 Church St.; Burger Train; **See May 11**
- 18-19 **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] **NOT CONFIRMED**
- 25 **North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL**  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**



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- 14 Green Bay Area Model RR Club Open House – De Pere, WI  
Kress Family Library, 333 N. Broadway; **See Jan 14**
- 20 Lionel RR Club of SE Wisconsin Open House – Racine, WI  
4625 Washington Ave; [https://www.facebook.com/LRRCSEW]
- 20 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 20**
- 27 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**
- 27-28 Sheboygan RR Museum Open House – Sheboygan, WI  
1001 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, **See Jan 27 Unconfirmed**
- 28 43<sup>rd</sup> 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] **NOT  
Confirmed – check website**

## MAY, 2024

- 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.spoonertrainride.com]
- 2-4 Around the Bend – MWR Spring Convention – South Bend, IN**  
The Century Center, 120 Dr Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd; see website for  
info and fares [www.mwr-nmra.org/aroundthebend.html]
- 4 East Troy Railroad Museum Dinner Train – East Troy, WI  
2002 Church St.; Kentucky Derby; depart 3:30pm; 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.eastroyrr.org]
- 4-5 22<sup>nd</sup> Titledown Train Show – Green Bay, WI  
KI Convention Center, 333 Main St; Sat. 9-5, Sun 10-4; \$8, 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]

## MARCH, 2024

- 16-17 Great Train Expo – East Moline, IL  
Location unconfirmed; check website for further information; (224-500-  
4159); {Dillon@Trainshow.email} [https://www.trainshow.com/show-  
schedule]
- 16-17 42<sup>rd</sup> 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}  
[search for FB page]
- 16-17 Rockford O Scalers Open House – Rockford, IL  
3886 Lookout Drive; Sat 7pm – 10pm, 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)
- 17 Milw Lionel RR Club Train Toy & Collectibles Meet – New Berlin, WI  
New Berlin Entertainment Center, 16000 W. Cleveland Ave **See Jan 21**
- 18 North Central O Gaugers Train Run – Mundelein, IL  
428 N Chicago Ave; 10a – 4p; Open House, [www.ncogtrains.com]
- 18 Chicagoland Lionel RR Club Open House – New Lenox, IL  
1311 New Schoolhouse Rd; **See Jan 20**
- 23 North Western Illinois Chapter, NRHS - Rockford, IL  
St. Mark Lutheran Church **See Jan 27**
- 23 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]
- 23 Lionel RR Club of SE Wisconsin Open House – Racine, WI  
4625 Washington Ave; [https://www.facebook.com/LRRCSEW]

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- 23-24 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}
- 23-24 Bunny Trolley Hop – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum, 7000 Olsen Rd; 9:15a – 5p; Trains run half hourly 10a-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]
- 23-24 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]
- 23 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 Phalen (920/819-5504)
- 30 Bunny Trolley Hop – Union, IL  
Illinois Railway Museum, **See March 23**

## APRIL, 2024

- 6 Winnebago Land Division Spring Meet – Stevens Point, WI  
St Paul's United Methodist Church, 600 Wilshire Blvd; Check website for updates [www.wld-nmra.com]
- 6 Will County Model RR Ass'n Swap Meet and Open House – Joliet, IL  
Swap Meet: Stone City VFW, 124 Stone City Dr; 9am-1pm; \$5, under 12 free; This is one of the largest Swap Meets in the area; trains of all scale and gauges, new and used, as well as railroadians will be available; food and beverages will be available Open House: 2175 W. Oneida St; 10am – 5pm; 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]

## APRIL, 2024

- 7 Rock River Valley Division Meet - Argyle, IL  
NEW LOCATION: Paulson's Agricultural Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd; 1 - 3pm; Annual Meeting: The RRVD Annual meeting will be held at 1pm at the Paulson's Agriculture Museum of Argyle, 6950 Belvidere Rd, Caledonia, IL 61011 for RRVD business and election of officers for the coming year. NMRA non-members will be excluded from the room during the meeting, but are welcome to attend the rest of the meet activities when the meeting is over. The Annual Meeting should be over by 1:30pm to continue with the monthly meet; Clinics: Richard Mehaney – new clinic; Contest: Flat cars – this is a contest about the cars, so leave the load off: \$5 entry donation, NMRA members free; (815/623-7326) [www.rrvd-nmra.org]
- 7 South Central Wisconsin Division Meet – Verona, WI  
Verona Senior Center, 108 Paoli St; **See Jan 7**
- 7 Great Midwest Train Show - Wheaton, IL  
DuPage County Fairgrounds **See Jan 7**
- 7 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.metrorrclub.org]
- 13 12<sup>th</sup> 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)
- 13 Milw Lionel Railroad Club Open House – New Berlin, WI  
2721 S. Calhoun Rd; 10am – 5pm; [https://milw-lrrc.org]
- 13-14 First Presbyterian Church Model RR Show – Fond du Lac, WI  
First Presbyterian Church, 1225 4<sup>th</sup> St; Sat 10:30am-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]