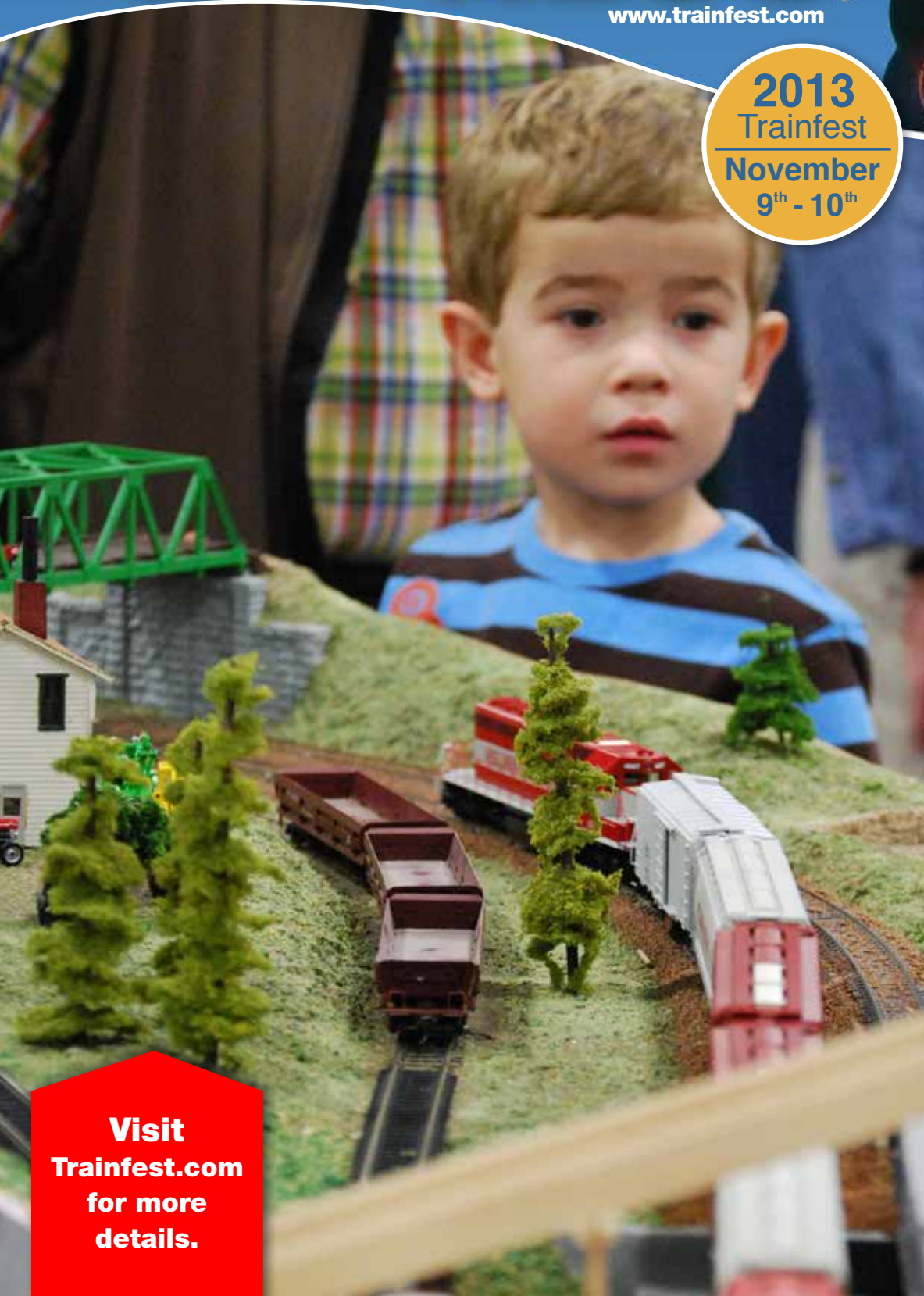


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From the Caboose

I am sitting here in my home office and trying to fit the last pieces into the Trainfest floor plan. What a giant jigsaw puzzle it is again this year! There are more exhibitors, more manufacturers, more everything. It's going to make for a great Trainfest 2013... but right now trying to configure the floor plan is a challenge with all the different size layouts -- each with their own unique configuration.

Working on the jigsaw puzzle floor plan reaffirms, once again, my investment in the CAD system all those years ago. When I became Executive Director of Trainfest 20+ years ago, the first thing I did was to corral a few fellow WISE members and measure the North Exhibit Hall to the nearest 1/4". I knew if I was going to be responsible for the show layout and I wanted it to be perfect, my time would be well spent in drawing the original CAD drawing from the actual measurements.

It worked. No more last minute adjustments to accommodate an aisle of exhibitors where no aisle existed!

Now granted, Trainfest wasn't as big as it is today. Back in 1992 Trainfest was held in the North Exhibit Hall (now a parking lot) at Wisconsin State Fair Park. When we expanded into the South Exhibit Hall, the CAD drawing was modified again. Then when we moved into the new Expo Center, I was back to drawing an entirely new show layout base. (That's what I am using as my base right now to configure the floor plan.) See page 15 for what it looked like.

Just think, back in 1992 it was a time when the hall's rent -- including all of the extraneous charges and electricity -- was less than the current facility's electricity costs alone.

Show visitor attendance was only about half what it is today. Instead of 70 layouts as will appear this year at Trainfest 2013, there were only about 25 layouts and it also included a radio controlled boat display complete with a 600 square foot water-filled

pond. Instead of 60 manufacturers, there were only 12 to 15 -- some with familiar names like Kalmbach, Walthers, Kato, Model Power and Lionel, and some companies that no longer exist like Pentrex, Stewart Hobbies, E&C Shops and Wangrow Electronics.

My, how the model railroad community has grown and changed, and Trainfest along with it! Today, clinicians travel from Canada and throughout the Midwest to share their skills and demonstrate model railroad ideas at Trainfest.

And reflecting back, there were no real activities or opportunities for young families to learn about and experience the hobby of model railroading. Now Trainfest offers many activities for families, including the Thomas the Tank Engine@ Jump House, coloring, story times, Choo Choo Bob and the Holy Smokestacks Revue band performances, train races, and a Kidz Build & Play area along with a LEGO model train layout.

I also don't want to forget about the Friday Product Showcase, which started about 5 years ago. It fills Hall C at the Wisconsin State Fair Park Exposition Center and typically attracts over 60 manufacturers. Our plans are in place for several hundred visitors to once again enjoy the opportunity to meet with the manufacturers, along with hobby dealers and distributors from all over the Midwest.

Time to get off the "memory lane track" and back to finishing the floor plan puzzle and then onto assigning booth numbers!

To the Trainfest committee: Thanks for your hard work and the many hours you give to support our model railroading hobby. 2013 is going to be great!

In the spirit of Model railroading,

Clear Signals Always,

John

John H. Tews, MMR
Executive Director -- Trainfest

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Coming to Trainfest 2013...

Railroad Layout Spotlights

Trainfest 2013 will boast over 70 operating model railroads. There is no other show in the world to have so many running railroads under one roof! Each railroad exhibitor has dedicated countless hours of work to create the model railroads on display. Don't miss the exacting detail and expert craftsmanship in each layout!

Interested in getting involved in model railroading? Trainfest is a cornucopia of model railroad experts, so don't hesitate to ask questions!

Midwest Division of the Train Collectors Association – Northern IL (4203)



The TCA brought the popular dog bone-shaped train races to Trainfest, but they bring more than that to the exhibition. The layout modules all contain O gauge trains and are 4 ft. by 30 in. The members can create any scene they wish without regard to a set time or location. They run anything from modern trains to pre- and post-war trains. Many people enjoy the simulated burning house and firefighters.

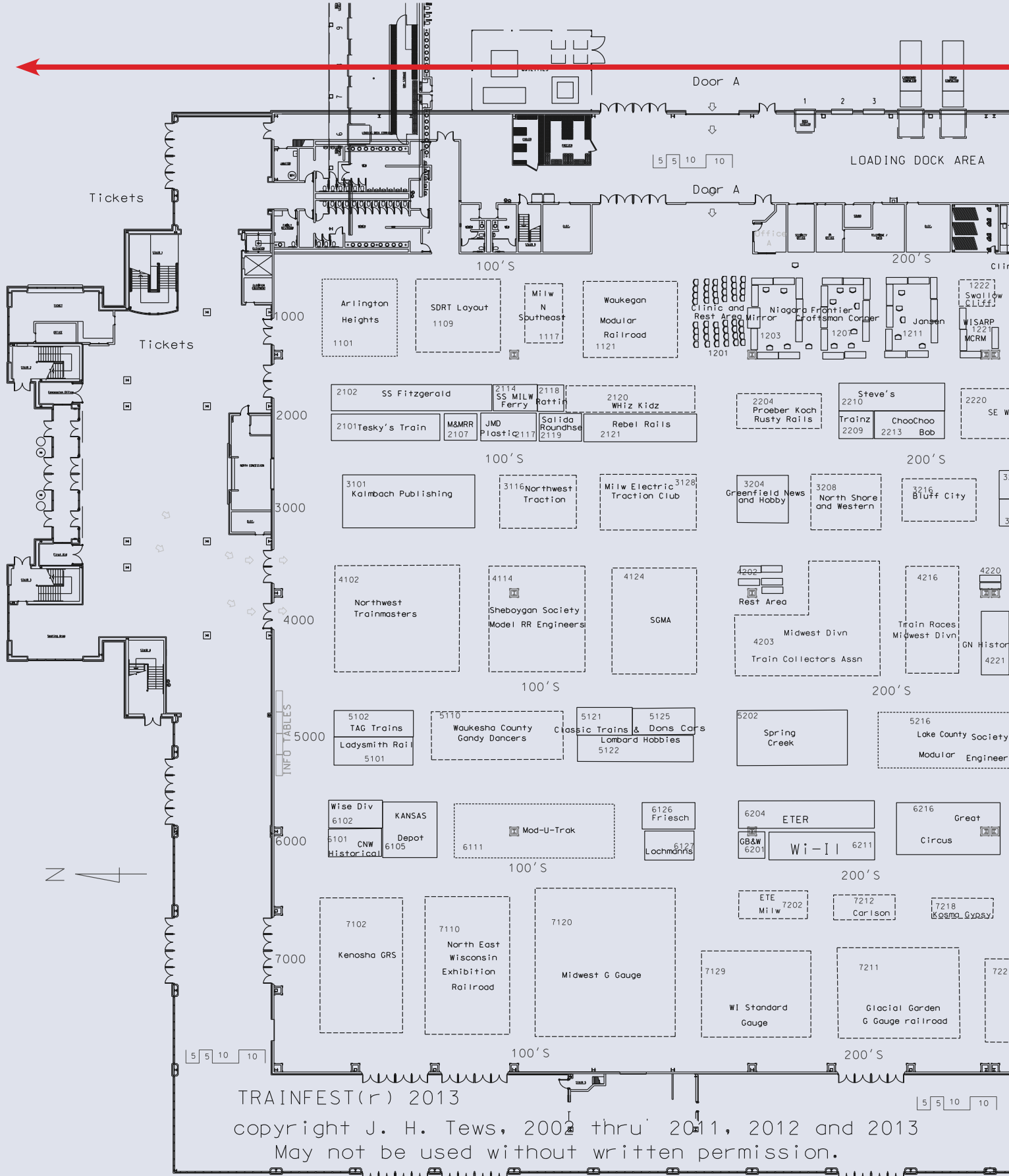
Lake County Society of Modular Engineers – Mundelein IL (5216)



Formed by Ron Price in 1984, members create varied scenes that evoke a sense of travelling across the U.S. by train in no particular time period. The club runs a variety of trains from early steam engines to modern diesels. They find that the kids like construction scenes as well as the sea port, the Western ranch and the John Deere dealership.

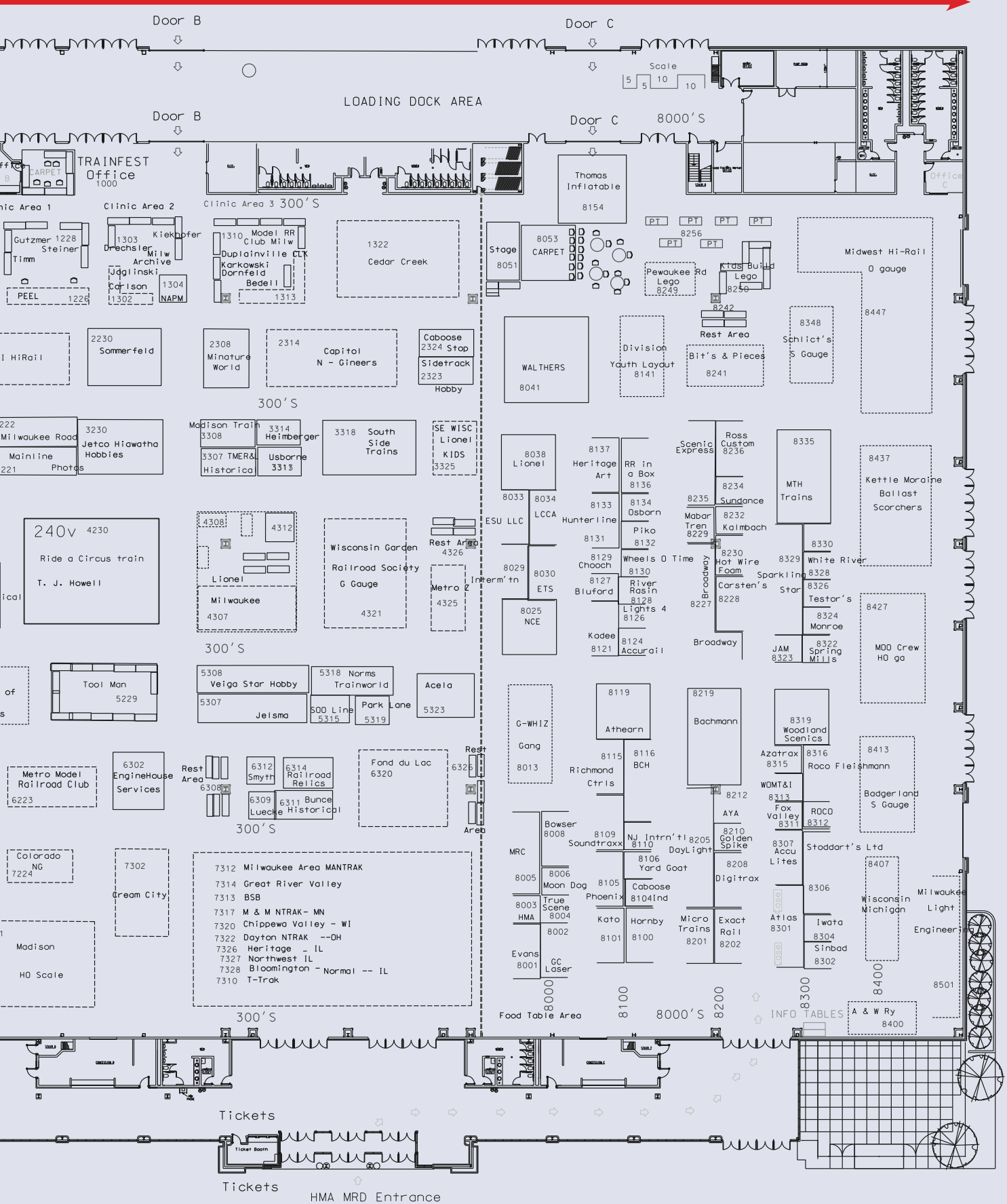
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8124 Accurail
8119 Athearn
8301 Atlas Model Railroad Co.
8212 AYA Enterprises
8315 Azatrax
8219 Bachmann Trains
8116 Big City Hobbies
8127 Bluford Shops LLC
8008 Bowser Manufacturing
8227 Broadway Limited Imports
8104 Caboose Industries
8228 Carstens Publication
8129 Chooch Ent., Inc
8205 Daylight Sales
8208 Digitrax, Inc
8033 ESU LLC
8030 ETS - Electric Trains Systems
8001 Evan Designs
8202 ExactRail, LLC
8311 Fox Valley Models
8002 G C Laser Innovations
8210 Golden Spike Artisans Group
8137 Heritage Art Editions, Inc.
8003 Hobby Manufacturers Association
8100 Hornby America -
8230 Hot Wire Foam Factory
8131 Hunterline
8029 InterMountain Railway Co.
8304 Iwata-Medea,
8323 JAM Creations / Solutions
8121 Kadee Quality Products Co.
8232 Kalmbach - HMA
8101 Kato USA, Inc.
8126 Lights 4 Models
8034 Lionel Collectors Club of America
8038 LIONEL, L.L.C.
8229 Mabar Tren
8201 Micro-Trains Line Co.
8005 Model Rectifier Corporation
8324 Monroe
8006 Moon Dog Rail cars, LLC
8335 MTH Electric Trains, Inc.
8025 NCE Corp.
8110 NJ International

8134 Osborn Model Kits
8105 Phoenix Unlimited Ltd.
8132 Piko-America, LLC
8115 Richmond Controls
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8316 Roco-Fleischmann
8312 Roman & Company
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8136 RR in a Box
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8306 Stoddart's LTD Company
8234 Sundance Marketing
8326 Testors Corp
8004 True Scene Modeling
8130 Wheels of Time
8328 White River Productions, Inc.
8041 Wm. K. Walthers, Inc.
8319 Woodland Scenics
8313 World of Model Trains and Industry
8106 Yard Goat Images

Manufacturer's Area Layouts & Displays

8413 Badgerland S Gaugers
8400 Blank's Ahnapee & Western RR
8013 G-Whiz Gang
8051 Holy Smokestacks Revue
8133 Hunterline Demonstration
8447 Independent Hi-Railers - Midwest Division
8437 Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers RR Club
8250 Kids Build & Play
8501 Milwaukee Light Engineering Society
8427 Milwaukee Operators Organization
8249 Pewaukee Road Lego Layout
8242 Rest Area
8348 Ron Schlicht - American Flyer
8053 Story Time area
8154 Thomas Jump House
8141 WI Southeastern Division Youth Layout
8407 Wisconsin & Michigan Model Railroad Club
8241 Wisconsin Bits & Pieces Railroad
8256 Wooden Train Tables

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2323 Caboose Stop Hobbies
2213 Choo Choo Bob's Train Store
5121 Classic Trains & Ferraris
6105 Dickinson Kansas Depot
5125 Don's Cars and Trains
6302 Enginehouse Services, LLC
6126 Friesch, Railroad and Marine Artist
3204 Greenfield News & Hobby Center Inc.
3314 Heimburger House Publishing Co.
5308 Jelsma Graphics
3230 Jetco's Hiawatha Hobbies
2117 JMD Plastics
3101 Kalmbach Publishing
5101 Ladysmith Rail Display
4312 Lionel Railroad Club of Milw
6127 Lochmann's Train Group
5122 Lombard Hobbies
6309 Luecke Books - Como Shops
3308 Madison Hobby Stop
3221 Mainline Photos
2308 Miniature World
5318 Norm's Train World
5319 Park Lane Hobbies
6314 Railroad Relics
2121 Railwear by Rebel Rails
2118 Rattin Railroad Antiques
6312 Richard Smyth - Advanced Illustrations & Design
2119 Salida Roundhouse - W. Weiss
2324 Sidetrack Hobbies
2230 Sommerfeld's Trains
3318 South Side Trains
5202 Spring Creek Model Trains
5307 Star Hobby - D Veiga
2210 Steves Hobbies
5102 Tag Trains
2101 Teskeys Trains
5229 The Tool Man
1000 Trainfest office.
2209 Trainz.Com
3313 Usborne Books
6211 Wisconsin - Illinois Trains



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5323 Acela Express NE Corridor
 1101 Arlington Heights Society of Model Engineers
 1313 Bedell Display
 3216 Bluff City Modular Engineers
 2314 Capitol City N'gineers
 7212 Carlson Layout
 1322 Cedar Creek Central Railroad Club
 7224 Colorado Narrow Gauge
 7303 Cream City Traction Group
 7202 ETE - Milwaukee Chapter
 6320 Fond du Lac Society of Model Railroad Hobbyists
 7211 Glacial Garden Railway
 4221 Great Northern Railway Historical Scty Layout
 7102 Kenosha Garden Railway Society
 7218 Kosma Gypsy Trolley Line
 5216 Lake County Society of Modular Engineers
 3325 Lionel Railroad Club - S. E. Wisconsin
 4308 Lionel Railroad Club of Milw
 7221 Madison HOTrak
 7328 MANTRAK_Bloomington Normal
 7313 MANTRAK_BSB Railroad
 7320 MANTRAK_Chippewa Valley
 7316 MANTRAK_CranklinRailroad
 7322 MANTRAK_Dayton Ohio
 7318 MANTRAK_Far North Rail
 7314 MANTRAK_Great River Valley
 7326 MANTRAK_Heritage Rail
 7319 MANTRAK_Iowa Central Modular
 7312 MANTRAK_Milwaukee
 7317 MANTRAK_Mr & Mrs Rail
 7327 MANTRAK_Northwest
 4325 Metro Milwaukee Z Scale
 6223 Metro Model Railroad Club Ltd.
 4203 Midwest Division TCA
 4216 Midwest Division TCA - Train Races
 7120 Midwest Rails
 3128 Milwaukee Electric Traction Club
 1117 Milwaukee 'N' SouthEastern
 1310 Model Railroad Club of Milwaukee
 6111 ModUTrak
 3208 North Shore and Western Modular Club
 7110 NorthEastern Wisconsin Exhibition Railroading
 3116 Northwest Traction Group
 4102 Northwest Trainmasters
 1226 Peel County 'N'gineers
 2204 Rusty Rails Layout
 1109 SDRT Railroad
 4114 Sheboygan Society of Model RR Engineers
 2220 Southeastern WI HiRailers
 4124 Standard Gauge Module Assn SGMA
 1228 Steiner Layout
 1222 Swallow Cliff Model Railroad
 7310 T-Trak -
 1121 Waukegan Modular Model Railroad Club
 5110 Waukesha County Gandy Dancers
 4321 Wisconsin Garden Railroad Society
 7129 Wisconsin Standard Gauge Operators
 2120 Wiz Kidz

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1313 Bill Bedell Layout
 1303 Drechsler, John
 1310 Duplainville Clock - Railroad Watch Display
 1303 George Nefstead
 1228 Gutzmer Demonstrations
 1302 Jaglinski Demonstration
 1211 Jansen Clinic
 1310 John Dornfeld
 1310 Karkoski Craftsman Kit Building
 1302 Mike Carlson demo
 1303 Nefstead Demonstration
 1228 Steiner Layout and Demonstration
 1228 Timm Demonstrations

Niagara Frontier Region NMRA 1203, 1207, 1211

"Craftsman Corner"
 David R Smith **
 Andrew Taylor
 Rodger Davidson
 Paul Anderson
 Don Bernat **
 Les Kauffeldt **
 Mike Walker
 Dolf Roelofsen **
 Martin Alborough **
 Peter Hocking **
 Bob Douglas
 Ron Colpitts
 Rick Hatton
 Al Crisp MMR
 Eric Roth
 Bill Dewar
 Stephan Wood
 Paul Thompson
 Clark Kooning MMR **
 Brian Earl
 Neville Meades
 Ann and Barry Laxton

* star indicates mirror table demo

Displays & Historical

6311 Bunce Historic Displays
 7212 Carlson Timesaver Layout
 1310 John Dornfeld Demo
 6216 Great Circus Trains
 1303 Kiekhofers Display
 4307 Lionel Railroad Club of Milw
 1310 Mid Continent Railway Museum MCRM
 4216 Midwest Division TCA - Train Races
 1310 Milwaukee Road Archives
 1304 North American Prototype Modelers
 2102 SS Edmond Fitzgerald
 2114 SS Milwaukee
 1228 Steiner Demonstrations
 1228 WISARP
 6102 WISE Division - NMRA Booth
 6101 Chicago & North Western Historical Society
 6204 East Troy Railroad Museum, Inc
 4221 Great Northern Ry Historical Society
 6201 Green Bay and Western Historical Society
 3307 Milw Electric Ry & Transit Historical Society
 3128 Milwaukee Electric Traction Club
 3222 Milwaukee Road Historical Association
 2107 Motorcycle & Model Railroad Museum
 5315 Soo Line Historical Society
 2114 SS City of Milwaukee



Kidz Activity Zone

8249 Blau's Pewaukee Road Lego Layout
 8051 Choo Choo Bob and the Holy Smokestacks Revue
 8250 Kids Build & Play (Lego)®
 8242 The Balloon Man (Sunday)
 8053 Kilds Story Time area
 8154 Thomas the Tank Loco Jump House
 8141 WI Southeastern Division Youth Layout
 8256 Wooden Train Play Tables
 4216 Midwest Division TCA - Train Races

Other

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 6102 WISE Division - NMRA Booth
 1201 Clinic Area Seating
 4230 T J Howell Circus Train
 4216 Midwest Division TCA - Train Races
 4202 Rest Area
 4220 Rest Area
 4326 Rest Area
 6308 Rest Area
 6326 Rest Area
 8242 Rest Area



Trainfest 2013 Clinics and Demos

Niagara Frontier Region – NMRA Presents:

Clinics Booth 1203

- **Andrew Taylor** - Scratch building structure, "Gilbert Point-Cove light house"
- **David R. Smith** - Recycling items from the model railroad
- **Rodger Davidson** - Scratch Building stock pens from wood
- **Paul Anderson** - Kit bashing a 3 car garage into 3 small shops
- **Mike Walker** - Building a large bridge modeled after a prototype in Niagara Falls
- **Dolf Roelofsen** - Creating a diorama in a shoe box
- **Martin Alborough** - Speed Matching dissimilar locos for DCC operations
- **Peter Hocking** - Trees and more complicated trees
- **Bob Douglas** - Bars Mills kit Fenster Farm
- **Ron Colpitts** - Learning how to build resin kits
- **Rick Hatton** - Rebuilding older shorty passenger cars
- **Al Crisp MMR** - Kit bashing steam era freight cars
- **Eric Roth** - Working on a scratch built NYC coaling tower and model vehicles
- **Bill Dewar** - Decaling HO scale freight cars
- **Stephan Wood** - Working with N scale rolling stock
- **Paul Thompson** - Building freight cars from kits
- **Clark Kooning MMR** - Building a small bridge and making and painting rock-molds
- **Brian Earl** - Building resin and metal N scale caboose kits
- **Neville Meades** - Building and displaying award winning scratch and kit buildings
- **Ann and Barry Laxton** - Operating an 8' HO interactive switching puzzle. Different levels of skill and certificate for participants

A sampling of local area modelers

demonstrating – All in the clinic / demonstration area –

Booths 1220 through 1314

- **John Drechsler**
- **Lloyd Steiner**
- **Ron Gutzmer**
- **David Karkowski**
- **Bill Bedell**
- **Mike Carlson**
- **Ken Jaglinski**
- **Dale Timm**
- **Ted & Sue Jansen**
- **George Nefstead**
- **John Dornfeld**



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New Manufacturers to Trainfest 2013

1. River Raisin Models: West Bloomfield, MI (8128)

www.riverraisinmodels.com

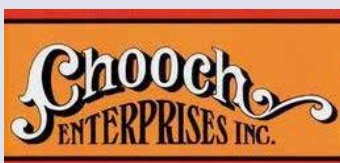
Founded in 1987 River Raisin Models is dedicated to bringing high quality, precision brass models for S scale modelers. RRM has introduced over 50 unique S scale products since the company's founding.



2. Chooch Enterprises: Maple Valley, WA (8129)

www.choochenterprises.com

Chooch Enterprises is comprised of two divisions, equally known for high quality model railroad products with special attention to detail. Chooch products feature HO, N and O scale loads and scenery details. Ultra Scale II offers O scale buildings, rolling stock and detail parts.



3. Hot Wire Foam Factory: Lompoc, CA (8230)

www.hotwirefoamfactory.com

Hot Wire Foam Factory offers professional quality foam cutting tools for professionals and hobbyists. The wide range of tools includes hot wire sculpting tools and hot knives, designed to easily cut through EPS foam. These tools are ideal for sculpting and creating lightweight, detailed scenery for your railroad.



4. Lights 4 Models: (8126)

www.lights4models.com

Offers a variety of lighting products including flashing and non-flashing LED lights, specialty lights and signage for your modeling needs.



5. Moon Dog Railcars, LLC: (8006)

www.moondograilcars.com

Created from an avid railfan's dream, and based in his over 30 years experience in the model railroad industry, MoonDog Rail cars offers special run locomotives and rolling stock, and realistic HO scale loads.



6. Mabar Tren: Barcelona, Spain (8229)

www.mabar.es/

Mabar was founded as a model store in 1952 in Barcelona. The retail store was closed in November 2005, and Mabar began to focus on manufacturing HO and N scale models, distributing them through specialty stores. Today their products are distributed worldwide.



7. White River Productions, Inc.: (8328)

www.whiteriverproductions.com

White River Productions is a publisher specialized in railroad publications for historical societies, modelers and railfans. Their magazine titles include Model Railroad News, Railroad Illustrated, and Passenger Train Journal among many other railroad products and books.



8. Roco-Fleischmann: Heilsbronn Germany (8316)

www.fleischmann.de

For over 125 years Fleischmann has been dedicated to a high standard when it comes to prototype fidelity and functionality. Their HO and N scale product lines provide true-to-detail design and reliability.



9. Osborn Model Kits: Ontario Canada (8134)

www.osbornmodelkits.com

Osborn Model Kits grew out of scratch building models, releasing their first kits in 1999. In 2006 Osborn introduces their railroad product line. Today their product lines include RC Model Boat Kits, Wooden Aviation, and HO and N Scale Railroad Kits.



Save the date Nov. 8 & 9, 2014

Trainfest Manufacturer Spotlights

The Trainfest Manufacturers area brings some of the best model railroading manufacturers together under one roof. Trainfest provides the unique opportunity for modelers to have one on one interactions with their favorite manufacturer. Here we have included a small sampling of the manufacturers coming to Trainfest 2013. Check out page 5 for a complete list of manufacturers and page 9 for a listing of this year's new manufacturers.



Accurail – Elburn, IL (8124)

www.accurail.com/accurail/

Accurail Inc., founded in 1986, produces HO scale injection molded plastic freight car kits. Currently, their product line consists of more than 30 US-design rolling stock styles. Each year Accurail produces a special run car exclusively for Trainfest.

Atlas – Hillside, NJ (8301)

www.atlasrr.com/

Since 1949, Atlas has established a reputation for quality and excellence. Though they started with HO and N scale models, they have expanded their O Scale line as well. In N scale alone, Atlas has over 40 freight car types in more than 550 paint schemes.

Bachmann – Philadelphia, PA (8219)

bachmanntrains.com/home-usa/index.php

Founded in 1833, Bachmann offers a wide range of products, like trains in HO, N, O, On30 and Large scale. They also produce and sell kits and lines, including the classic Plasticville, kits and pre-assembled buildings; Scene Scapes™, and The Williams™ by Bachmann line.

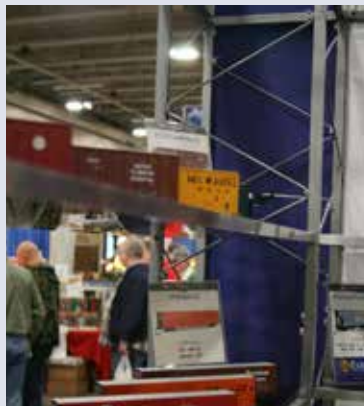


Digitrax – Panama City, FL (8208)

www.digitrax.com/

Founded in 1993, Digitrax manufactures digital DCC products and accessories for all scales. There are items

available for everyone, from beginners to pros. They're perfect for model railroaders who want complete train control without breaking the budget



ExactRail – Provo, UT (8202)

www.exactrail.com/

For ExactRail, product development accuracy and detail are the most important elements in producing prototype replicas. Their HO and N scale products are categorized into three product series: Platinum, Evolution and Express.

GC Laser Innovations – Genoa City, WI (8002)

www.gclaser.com/

As the specialists in laser-cut micro-plywood railroad structures and detail kits, GC Laser found a niche in the model railroading industry at the time of their founding in 1983. Their kits come in HO, N, S, O, T and Z scales.

Hunterline – Ontario, Canada (8131)

<http://hunterline.com>

Hunterline has offered easy-to-build classic wooden model kits since 1994. Their line includes trestle bridges, portals, tunnel liners, snow sheds and more. These kits are accurately scaled, include easy instructions and are aimed toward both novices and experts alike.



Kalmbach Publishing – Waukesha, WI (8232)

www.kalmbachpublishing.com

Founded in 1933 by Milwaukee native Al Kalmbach, Kalmbach Publishing has played a major role in the development of the model railroading hobby. Kalmbach owns and publishes several model railroading titles including: Trains, Model Railroader, Classic Toy Trains, and Garden Railways.

Kadee Quality Products Co. – White City, OR (8121)

www.kadee.com/

Named for brothers Dale and Keith Edwards' initials in 1947, this company produces HO turnout kits, as well over 100 different variations and sizes of couplers.



KATO USA – Schaumburg, IL (8101)

www.katousa.com/

KATO U.S.A. has come to be known for their precision HO and N scale model railroad products. KATO, established in 1986, is also universally known for UNITRACK, a track and roadbed integrated into a single piece, complete with nickel-silver rail and realistic roadbed.



Lionel Trains LLC. – Charlotte, NC (8038)

www.lionel.com/

Lionel, founded in 1900, is one of the oldest model train manufacturers and has long been known for the iconic image of the model train circling the Christmas tree. Most Lionel gauges are O or O-27, they also make S scale and Large scale.

MTH Electric Trains – Columbia, MD (8335)

www.mthtrains.com/

MTH began as a mail-order business in 1980. They offer full product lines in HO scale, two- and three-rail O gauge, One gauge, S gauge and Lionel Corporation Tinplate.



North Coast Engineering NCE (8025)

www.ncedcc.com

The power of DCC. Electronic design and manufacturing firm of DCC products since 1993.

Ross Switches – Norwich, CT (8236)

www.rossswitches.com/

Since 1972, RCS has been selling O gauge turnouts, and have expanded to 18 different track sizes and over 45 different switches and crossings. Every track and switch is handmade using tinplated steel rail.

Sinbad Glue – Palmetto, FL (8302)

<http://sinbadglue.net/>

Sinbad Glue was started in 2001 and offers a variety of glues to suit your every modeling need, including Filler Glue for cracks, holes and leaks, as well as glue suitable for metal, rubber, vinyl, plastic, pewter, glass, wood, leather, cork, canvas, aluminum etc.



Soundtraxx – Durango, CO (8109)

www.soundtraxx.com/

Since their founding in 1990, SoundTraxx has brought state-of-the-art sound systems to model trains. The Digital Sound Decoders have been

successful and effective, and the plug-and-play DCCs are low in cost and have made introducing sound a simple task.

Stoddart's Ltd. – Cumming, GA (8306)

www.stoddartsltd.com/

This truly one-of-a-kind business was started by Jim and Alison Stoddart in 2009 to create unique wooden 3D railroad wall art. The highly detailed pieces are assembled by hand one-at-a-time from intricate wood parts.

The Testor Corp. – Rockford, IL (8326)

www.testors.com/

In 1929, Testor started out as an adhesive company. The company has grown substantially and now offers plastic model kits, a broad range of paints and adhesives, airbrushes and accessories. Currently, Testor enamel paint is distributed worldwide.

Wm. K Walthers Inc. – Milwaukee, WI (804)

www.walthers.com/

Founded by lifelong model railroader Bill Walthers in 1932 Wm. K. Walthers, Inc. has grown into a worldwide model railroad manufacturer and distributor. The Walthers catalogue, a must have for many modelers, offers information on over 200,000 different items from over 300 manufacturers.



Woodland Scenics – Linn Creek, MO (8319)

www.woodlandscenics.com

Since 1975, Woodland Scenics has produced high quality and realistic model scenery. Their items are not only realistic, but also easy to use. Their ready-made trees, River Pass layout starter kits, Subterrain, Terrain and Landscaping

systems and Scenic Accents® series can't be missed.

HANDS-ON TRAIN FUN FOR KIDS

With more than 70 operating model railroads, cool trains will be everywhere! However, as much as kids like to look at trains, they like playing with trains even more. So, for some hands-on train experience, check out these railroads with your kids at the show.

G Carlson Time Saver (#7212) layout where kids can operate a switching layout.

At the G Whiz Gang (#8013) railroad, kids can become train engineers in the making. They can take a turn running a train to earn a Junior Engineer Certificate!

Young engineers can also operate the trains at the Southeastern Wisconsin Lionel Group's (#3325) classic Lionel Railroad.

Race the trains around the dog bone shaped track at the Midwest Division of the TCA layout (#4216).

And, courtesy of Choo Choo Bob, there will be fun wooden train tables in the Kids Activity Zone for play.

Keep your eye on Trainfest.com for what's in store for the 2013 show... and to learn even more about Trainfest and the hobby of Model Railroading! 





Stacey Walthers Naffah Launches a Blog, Outside the Boxcar

Stacey Walthers Naffah has taken on building a model railroad with her family, going to the roots of her family history and this family hobby. In her blog Outside the Boxcar Stacey chronicles her family's journey as they build their first railroad. Follow their progress at outsidetheboxcar.com

Lionel – A Step in the Digital Direction

Bridget Klassen

In this digital day and age, it is not surprising that model train companies and manufacturers are making changes to attract a younger group and adapt with emerging technology.



Lion Chief

To reach a younger generation, starter sets are now more accessible. Lionel has replaced the traditional transformer with a hand-held remote, though the traditional transformers will still be available to customers. The remote is named Lion Chief and is especially targeted to children.

The remote offers more features than the traditional starter set, including many sounds for each set. Each set is programmed to its own frequency, so multiple trains can run on the same track without any additional wiring. Lionel's goal with this new product is to increase the play value of their starter set, which will create a new level for customers to work their way up to higher end products.

Lionel first introduced this concept in their Thomas the Tank Engine® sets and plan to add it to more starter sets. Each remote has a unique frequency to the locomotive it comes with, allowing two sets to run on the same track. With this digital innovation, Lionel trains can become an experience the family can share together.

Digital Media

Lionel has recognized the popularity and power of digital applications, as well as what apps can do for the Lionel brand. Lionel unveiled its first digital app game for mobile devices, Battle Train. The game was released in Summer 2013 and is a free-to-play game. In hopes of reaching a new generation of future model railroaders, the games in development stay true to the core values of Lionel products: action, adventure, empowerment and “using your smarts”.

Lionel has further embraced mobile technology by the Legacy Control System available for iPads. Compatible with existing Lionel control systems, the app controls all aspects of a layout from accessories to running locomotives.

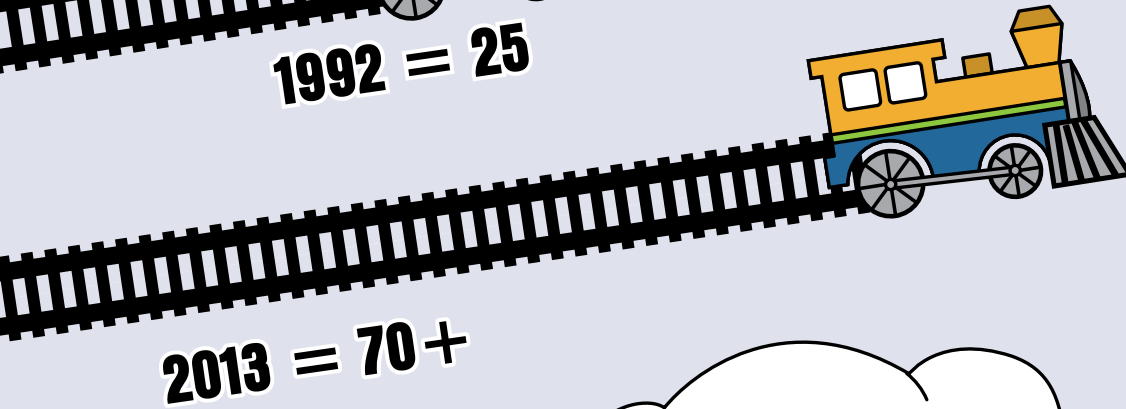
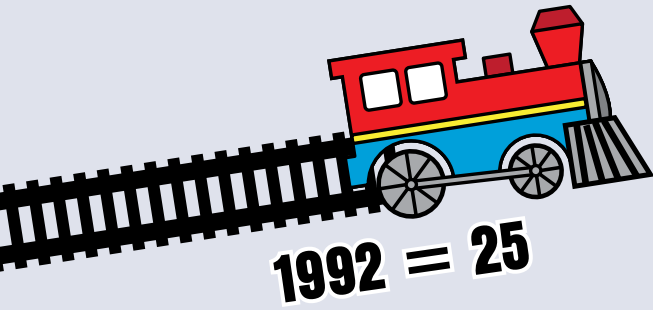
Future Possibilities

With the new digital developments lately, it is clear that Lionel is putting its best foot forward in adapting to a technological era and catering to today's kids. 



Layouts

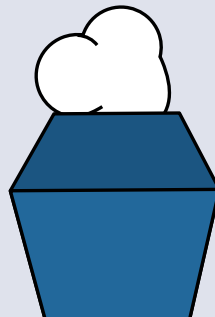
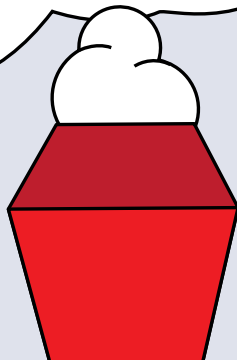
A Look Back In Time – Train



2013
60+ including
9 companies new to
Trainfest 2013

Manufacturers

20+ Years ago
some familiar names
such as Kalmbach, Walthers,
Kato, Model Power, Lionel and some
companies that no longer exist like
Pentrex, Stewart Hobbies, E&C Shops,
and Wangrow Electronics.



1974
Family Living Center
Wisconsin State Fair
11,000 sq. ft.

Location



2013
Exposition Center
Wisconsin State Fair
200,000 sq. ft.

Trainfest Throwback

Do you remember the
boat display, complete
square foot water filled

Trainfest Through the Years

Attendance



1992
12,000 – 13,000 visitors



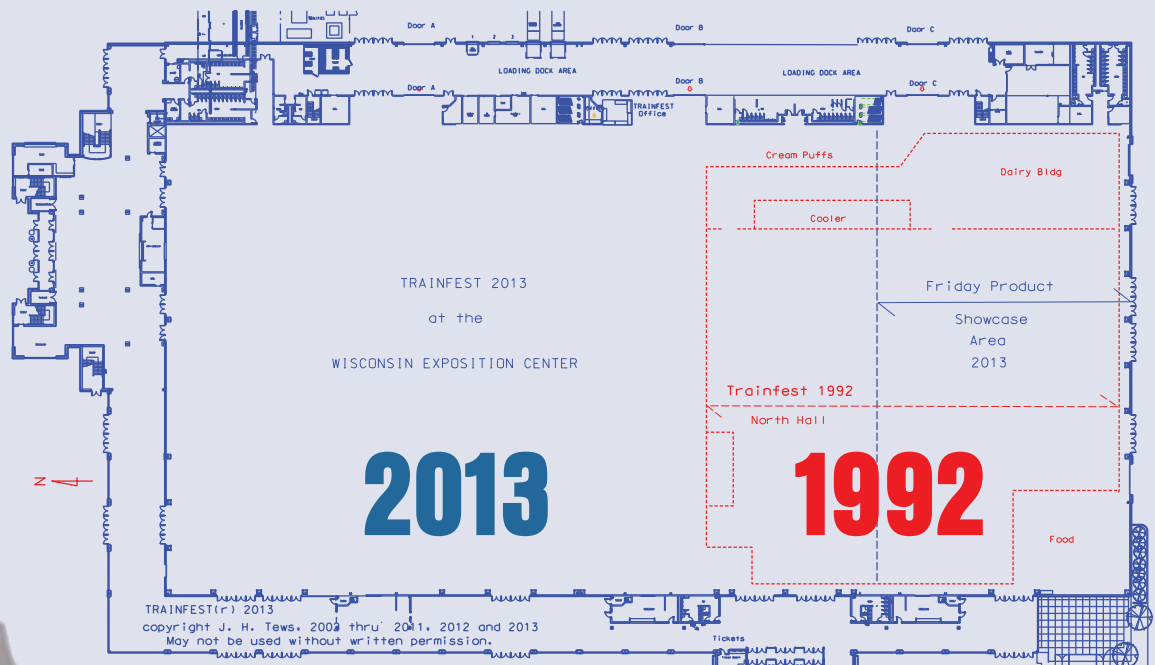
2012
25,569 visitors



1986

North Exhibit Hall at
Wisconsin State Fair park
67,000 sq. ft.

Layout of Space: 1992 vs. 2013



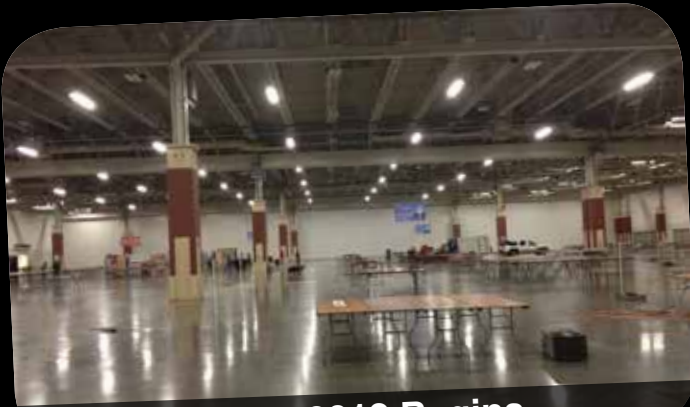
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the radio controlled
with a 600
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WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2013

Thursday



Set Up 2012 Begins...

Friday Morning



Exhibitors prepare for Trainfest

Fun Starts Saturday



Open for business

Saturday Afternoon



Wisconsin Garden Railroad Society

Sunday



Another successful day

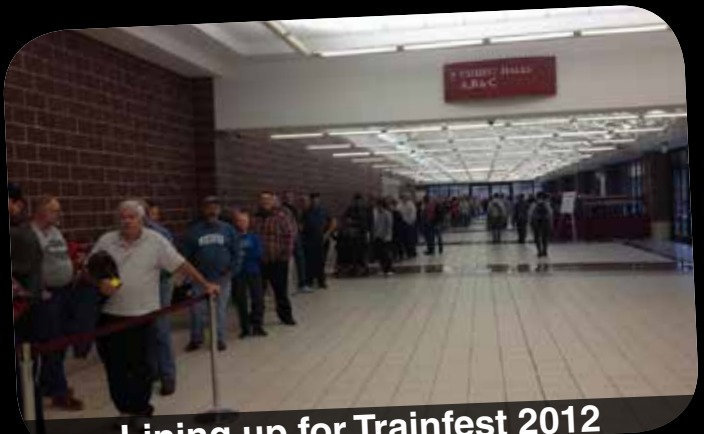
– A look back at Trainfest 2012

Friday Afternoon



Rolling in the railroads

Saturday Morning



Lining up for Trainfest 2012

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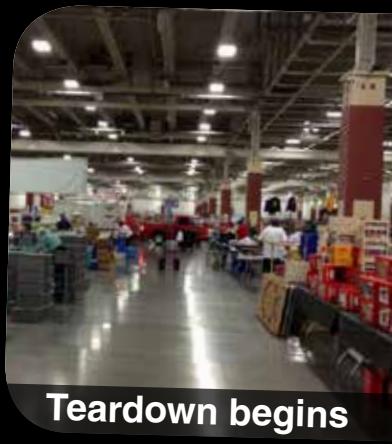
Successful Trainfest

Sunday Afternoon



Kids' Activity Zone Rocks

Sunday Night



Teardown begins

Waukegan Modular Model Railroad Club – Waukegan IL (1121)



Established around 1987, the Waukegan Modular Model Railroad club layout has grown to include two modular layouts and one permanent layout. The former participate in Trainfest and the latter resides in the Illinois Great Northern Model Railroad Club. The Waukegan Club layout features a freight yard that serves as the focal point, and a Duluth-inspired ore port.

G-Whiz Gang – Minneapolis/St. Paul MN (8013)



The G-Whiz railroad is modeled like a typical HO scale layout using large scale trains, but it is the animated scenes that separate the G-Whiz Gang from everyone else. Some scenes include a fisherman sitting on a bridge whose pole bends as if he has caught a fish, and a cat wagging its tail in anticipation of catching a rat. The Gang invites young train fans to run the trains to receive a Junior Engineer Certificate.

Northwest Trainmasters – Chicago IL (4102)



When a local hobby store sent out an invitation to create an HO scale model railroad club in 1996, about ten enthusiastic beginners assembled to fulfill their grand plans. Their HO Scale loop-to-loop layout features two styles: the traditional double track NMRA format module and Free-Mo. These two styles allow for a variety of combinations, depending on what they can imagine.

Wisconsin and Michigan Model Railroad Club – Northern WI (8407)



The Marinette and Menominee area needed a model railroading club, and thus this club was founded in 1986. It is a 10'x40' layout with a Midwestern theme that features four distinct scenes: wooded areas, cliffs, a river and several hidden vignettes that complete the module.

Capitol City N'gineers – Madison WI (2314)



From their home terminal in Madison, the Capitol City N'Gineers will again be bringing their N – Scale modular railroad to Trainfest. The group was formed in 1974, associating with NTRAK in the late 1970's. Their membership numbers at about 30 with members bringing their own unique skills to the modules and trains which make up the layout. When arranging the layout for each show, members take joy in creating unique juxtapositions, for example a cityscape alongside a rural scene; mountainous region alongside a desert. Be sure to find the railroad at Trainfest to see what combinations 2013 will bring!

Sheboygan Society of Model Railroad Engineers – Sheboygan WI (4114)

Dedicated to preserving railroad history, the Sheboygan Society of Model Railroad Engineers' layout shows the function of railroads throughout history with an emphasis on railroads that served the Sheboygan area. Their current layout has 42 HO Scale modules. At Trainfest the society will bring their 36 X 40ft railroad which can be run manually with throttles, totally automatic with a computer running everything, or a combination of both.

Kettle Moraine Ballast Scorchers – West Bend WI (8437)

This association was founded in 1975 as a non-profit, educational organization. They strive to further the railroading hobby as well as educate about the history of railroading in the United States. Their Ntrak and HOtrak modules travel to many shows and entertain the visitors.


Waukesha County Gandy Dancers – Waukesha WI (8110)



Formed in 1983 in Waukesha, this group has a modular HO scale railroad. This layout is a "freelance" railroad, which means it is not modeled after a particular time and place in history. Many scenes in the Waukesha County Gandy Dancers railroad will remind visitors of the City of Waukesha with a few imaginative twists.

Blau Pewaukee Road – Pewaukee WI (8249)



Model railroading is a hobby the whole family can enjoy. This is certainly the case for the Blau Family who combined their sons' love of LEGO® and trains in their LEGO train layout. This Trainfest fan favorite named Pewaukee Road, features many structures built entirely of LEGO bricks including a theme park area and replicas of Disney buildings. 

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The **National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)** was established in 1935 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to bring model railroaders together to foster fellowship and provide resources to hobbyists. The NMRA is a worldwide non-profit educational association headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The organization is divided into geographic regions to best provide local support and camaraderie to model railroaders. Visit www.nmra.org.

What is Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc.?

The Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WI-SE Division) is made up of NMRA members living in the seven Southeastern Wisconsin counties of: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha.

With an educational mission to promote the model railroading hobby, the Wisconsin Southeastern Division creates opportunities for modelers who are "new and not-so-new" to the hobby to share new ideas and information. The Division sponsors free model railroading meets.

The Division also sponsors a group for young modelers and train enthusiasts to get started in the hobby. Visit www.wisedivision.org.

What is Trainfest®?

One way the Division pursues its mission is through its annual event, **Trainfest**. Hobbyists, hobby dealers, manufacturers and rail fans of all ages come together at Trainfest for two days to celebrate everything trains. Trainfest is the hub for bringing together new and experienced modelers to share ideas and pass on the passion for modeling to the next generation. What could be more fun?

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