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Trainfest[®]
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show.

Trainfest Showcases Top Notch Operating Railroads, Inspires Modeling Creativity
More than 60 detailed operating railroads, 100 manufacturers and dealers under one roof

Milwaukee (West Allis), WI (2013)... Trainfest[®], **America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show** is the nation's premier model railroading event. 2013 marks the 42nd year for Trainfest held annually in Milwaukee, WI, the birth place of the NMRA. Trainfest is designed for modelers of all skill levels--from beginners to long-time pros who come to enjoy and learn from amazing craftsman, the best the hobby has to offer. More than 100 manufacturers and hobby dealers showcase products under and interact one-on-one with railroaders. Join us November 9 & 10, 2013 at the Exposition Center, at Wisconsin State Fair Park.

Elaborate Model Railroads

Trainfest prides itself on being able to bring together so many top notch railroads from around the country. It's the only place in the world to experience so many scales and operating railroads under one roof. Two-thirds of the expansive 200,000 square feet hall is filled with over 60 remarkable operating layouts. Trainfest has something for every modeler--from a railroad in a suitcase to mega layouts measuring 60'x80' and from tiny Z scale on up to large scale or G scale and all popular scales in between. Model railroad clubs and individuals from across the country bring their unique detailed layouts to showcase at Trainfest. Just being among this many quality crafted railroads in one place is inspiring to any model railroad fan.

Top Model Railroading Manufacturers

Well-known model railroad manufacturers such as Athearn, Atlas, Bachmann, Broadway Limited, Digitrax, Kalmbach, Lionel, Soundtraxx, Woodland Scenics, MTH Electric Trains and Walthers are representative of the variety and quality of manufacturers Trainfest attracts. Trainfest also brings in niche manufacturers who are more specialized like Heritage Art Editions with their custom oil paintings and Stoddart's with their 3-D Railroad Art. Trainfest has become a prime location for visitors to learn about and discover new products each and every year.

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Expert Clinics and Demonstrations

With its pure concentration on the hobby of model railroading, infused with learning opportunities throughout the show and its breadth of offering to modelers, Trainfest continues to be a key educational event. Each year Trainfest brings expert clinicians teaching tips and techniques on a variety of projects from weathering and airbrushing to kitbashing and beyond. Trainfest clinicians are always happy to answer modeling questions and exchange ideas. At Trainfest 2013 the Niagara Frontier Region of the NMRA will be returning for the sixth year to fill the Craftsman's Corner. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn new skills or freshen old ones, or even pass along some modeling knowledge yourself.

"Trainfest has become so much more than a weekend event; it's a place where modelers come together to meet friends old and new and experience model railroading on a grand scale," said John H. Tews, MMR, executive director of Trainfest. "They share ideas, learn techniques, find great deals on products and get inspired to try new things on their own layouts."

A Family Hobby – Grooming the Next Generation

In addition to supporting current modelers, Trainfest continues to pass along the hobby of model railroading to a new generation. To help sustain this effort, show areas are set-up to appeal to children. Several exhibitors bring railroads designed to let kids learn about modeling and "run the trains." Children can build with LEGO® bricks, ride a circus train replica or race trains on the dog-bone shaped track brought by Midwest TCA. Plus, parents and grandparents can enjoy resting while the kids do other activities in the designated kids' zone. Manufacturers and retailers also have starter train sets on display and available for purchase.

The Trainfest Experience

Trainfest, a 42 year tradition, is America's largest operating model railroad show under one roof. The annual two-day public event attracts over 24,000 visitors who come to learn about the hobby of model railroading. Trainfest 2013 is Nov. 9 & 10th. Host to more than 60 operating railroads from Z to G scale, 100 manufacturers and hobby dealers, 10 historical groups, artists, displays, on-site clinics and demos. Trainfest, a non-profit organization, is sponsored by the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc. of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). Trainfest and Friday Product Showcase are held at the Exposition Center, WI State Fair Park, 8200 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214. Adult admission \$12 (online coupons available), kids (4-12) \$5 at door or FREE with online coupon, kids 3 & under always FREE. Visit www.trainfest.com for admission coupons and show info.