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### Trainfest 2015 Brings Together the Best of Model Railroading

**November 2015** (Milwaukee WI) November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Trainfest 2015 was the destination for Train enthusiasts of all ages at the WI State Fair Park. The show was enjoyed by 19,523 visitors, filling the Expo center on both floors and the Trainfest Trolley Barn, Wisconsin Products Pavilion building.

Trainfest is a magnet for rail fans and is a hobbyist destination with model railroaders from across the country, and around the world. This year was no different; with even two train enthusiasts who traveled from Hong Kong to visit the show, having previously attended Trainfest five years ago.

On the second floor of the Expo Center, Trainfest offered an expanded clinic schedule both days of the event. Five clinic rooms hosted virtually continuously model railroading clinics presented by manufacturers, the Chicago & North Western Historical Society, and experienced modelers including the revered Niagara Frontier Region of the NMRA.

The Celebrate-a-Railroad program premiered at Trainfest 2015 and featured in its inaugural year the Chicago & North Western System. Touches of the C&NW could be found throughout the show from a C&NW locomotive on the Milwaukee Light Engineering Society Free Train Ride to the limited edition box car sold at the Trainfest Show Office. A museum quality historical display covering the long and rich history of the C&NW was located at the entrance of the show, and drew rail fans of all ages. The display will now travel to museums throughout the country.

New model railroading manufacturer Scaletrains.com unveiled their company and signature products at Trainfest on Saturday morning to a great crowd. The company also hosted a clinic giving attendees an “all access” pass to look at their company’s founding, products, and factory.

Trainfest not only strives to present the best of the hobby to current modelers, but also to inspire the next generation of model railroaders. This year 1,000 kids participated in the Make ‘n Take Kids’ Clinic and 250 new Trainfest Junior Engineers Level 1 were certified, plus 43 Junior Engineers completed Level 2 certification.

In addition to many returning favorites, Trainfest 2015 featured 34 New Exhibitors, including two new operating layouts, five new displays, two new historical groups, 13 new manufacturers, and 12 new hobby dealers.

Trainfest continues to look for new and interesting layouts and displays, as well as new manufacturers, cottage industries, and vendors for future shows. Those interested in exhibiting at Trainfest, should contact Ken Jaglinski at [kenj@trainfest.com](mailto:kenj@trainfest.com).

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*Trainfest, an over 40 year tradition, is America's largest operating model railroad show under one roof. The annual two-day public event attracts train hobbyists and families who come to see and learn more about the hobby of model railroading. Visitors experience nearly 70 remarkable operating railroads from Z to G scale, over 100 manufacturers and hobby dealers, more than 10 historical groups, plus clinics, and on-site demonstrations. Trainfest is sponsored by the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc. of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), a non-profit organization. Trainfest 2016 will be November 12th and 13th, 2016. For more information, visit [www.trainfest.com](http://www.trainfest.com).*