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Trainfest®

America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show.

Trainfest, the Destination of Train Fans of All Ages

MILWAUKEE November 2015 – America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show is taking place in Milwaukee November 14th and 15th at the WI State Fair Park. Trainfest is an immersive experience in the world of model trains; it's a weekend full of family fun! Make Trainfest at the WI State Fair Park your family's destination for all things trains.

Run and Ride the Trains at Trainfest

Kids 5 to 99 will be able to run the trains on nearly 80% of the 70+ layouts at Trainfest. Look for signs at Trainfest to find participating layouts. Also, Milwaukee Light Engineering Society (MLES) is returning with their train ride and a football field of track for FREE train rides at Trainfest!

Start Building your Railroad

Kids 7 – 12 can get started on their very own railroad at the new Make 'n Take clinics. Compliments of Walther's, each participant will build a Whistle Stop Station to take home. Spots are limited, pre-registration is required at Trainfest.com.

Play in the Kids' Activity Zone

Trainfest is a family-friendly weekend full of trains and fun including the Trainfest Kids' Activity Zone. Returning favorites to the Kids' Zone are the highly popular performances by the *Choo Choo Bob Show* cast members, 8' long wooden train tables for kids to play, coloring, and crafts. Plus, children can build with LEGO® bricks at the Build and Play area near the Blau Pewaukee Road railroad, constructed completely from LEGO bricks. All Kids' Zone activities are free and included in the admission ticket fee.

Learn about the Chicago & North Western

Staying true to its mission of education, Trainfest will begin a new tradition of celebrating historical Railroads. Each show, Trainfest will partner with railroad historical societies and other organizations to share memories, photos, and educate our visitors on the history of a Railroad and, of course, feature models of that road.

In the program's inaugural year, Trainfest will be celebrating the Chicago & North Western System in conjunction with the C&NW Historical Society, the Milwaukee Historical Society, and the MSOE Grohmann Museum.

The cornerstone of this program is a museum quality historical photo display. We've combed through acres of the C&NW Archives to put together a comprehensive display of the C&NW's long proud history.

Walking through the display, visitors will travel through time discovering the founding, golden days, and functions of the C&NW system.

Trainfest, an over 40 year tradition, is America's largest operating model railroad show. 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, plus artists, photography displays, clinics, and on-site demonstrations. Trainfest, a non-profit organization, is sponsored by the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc. of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). Trainfest is held annually on the second weekend of November. For more information, visit www.trainfest.com.

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