



## For Immediate Release

### ***Trainfest, a Family-Friendly Fun Event for Every Generation of Railfan Fall's Biggest Tourist Attraction Set for November***

MILWAUKEE — Trainfest, America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show, will take place Nov. 11-12 at Wisconsin State Fair Park in Milwaukee.

This year, the kids area will include a Make-n-Take activity, the Betty Brinn Let's Play Railway, train rides, LEGO Play Area and more. Attendees will see 70 complex running model railroads and 110 hobby manufacturers and vendors. New this year: a photography contest open for amateurs 5 to 105.

Attendees ages 5 and up can run and ride the trains at Trainfest 2017 on nearly 80 percent of the beautifully crafted, operating layouts. Look for the signs to find participating layouts.

The popular Make-n-Take activity, also returns in 2017. Children ages 4-8 are able to build and color their own Faller's Home Town model for just \$2 while those ages 9+ will be able to build their own Water Tower and Shanty model for \$6. The Let's Play Railway is a hands-on activity sponsored by Walthers Trains that allows kids to explore a train's different facets.

#### Celebrate-a-Railroad: The Soo Line

Back for its third year is Trainfest Celebrate-a-Railroad historical display, this year featuring the Soo Line. The museum quality exhibit celebrates historical railroads. Trainfest partnered with railroad historical societies to share photos and memories of the railroads as well as educate attendees on history and feature models of these locomotives.

This year's panels document the history of the Soo Line and the people who ran, rode and remember it. Viewing the exhibit is included as part of the ticket cost. Attendees are able to wander through the exhibit at their own pace.

Discounted advanced tickets are available now through 11:59 p.m. Nov. 10 at [www.trainfest.com](http://www.trainfest.com) and at local hobby shops.

***About Trainfest.*** *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, artists, photography displays, 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 is held annually on the second weekend of November. For more information, visit [www.trainfest.com](http://www.trainfest.com).*

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