

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION



ROCK RIVER VALLEY DIVISION ***MODEL TRAIN SHOW*** ***PRESS RELEASE***

The 30th Annual Rock River Valley Division Rock River Valley Train Show

Where:

**Harlem High School
9229 N. Alpine Rd.
Machesney Park, IL**

When:

- Saturday **March 25** and Sunday **March 26, 2023**
- Hours open to the public **10 AM to 5 PM Saturday** and **10 AM to 3 PM Sunday**

Who:

- The event is sponsored by the Rock River Valley Division (RRVD) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA).
- The NMRA is a not for profit organization representing model train hobbyists since 1934. The RRVD is the local NMRA division serving northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin hobbyists for 55 years.
- We hold monthly meetings at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd with clinics, modeling contests and area tours. For this show we expect an attendance of 2,000-3,000 people.

Why:

- Model railroaders enjoy building and operating their home layouts but the number of people who can view them is limited. This show allows modelers to set up portable layouts for the public and other modelers to see. About half of the show's 42,000 square feet is for these operating layouts. The other half is filled with displays and over 40 vendors selling thousands of new and used model railroad items and railroad collectibles.
- All popular model train sizes will be represented including Z scale where a locomotive is small enough to rest on your finger through N, HO, S, O, and up to G scale where a locomotive is up to two feet long.
- Several booths will feature accomplished local modelers teaching various modeling techniques.
- The show is for both the casual observer who just wants to see the trains run and the experienced modeler who wants to see and learn more and pick up some bargains at the selling tables. You don't have to be a modeler to enjoy the show. Several layouts are special for kids where they can operate the trains, blow whistles, ring bells and unload train cars.

Features:

- Door prizes, including an HO gauge train sets, will be awarded each hour.
- Affordable food service will be provided by the Harlem High School Fan Club.
- There will be ample free parking in the school lot.

Cost:

- Admission is \$5.00 per person.
- Children 12 and under, Girl and Boy Scouts in uniform, and those with an active military ID will be admitted free.



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