

Layout/Display/Workshop Pack

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Show Schedule:

November 4 & 5, 2017		Shakopee, MN – Canterbury Park Expo Center
November 11 & 12, 2017	Puyallup, WA – Western Washington Fairgrounds	
November 18 & 19, 2017		Kansas City, MO – KCI Expo Center
November 25 & 26, 2017	Pleasanton, CA – Alameda County Fairgrounds	Collinsville, IL – Gateway Center
December 2 & 3, 2017		Fort Wayne, IN – Allen Co. War Memorial Coliseum
December 9 & 10, 2017	<i>Great Texas Train Show -</i>	Lewisville, TX – Premier Expo Center
December 30 & 31, 2017		Grayslake, IL – Lake County Fairgrounds
January 6 & 7, 2018	Sacramento, CA – Cal Expo	Council Bluffs, IA – Mid America Center
January 13 & 14, 2018		Columbus, OH – Ohio Expo Center
January 20 & 21, 2018	Puyallup, WA – Western Washington Fairgrounds	Louisville, KY – Kentucky Exposition Center
January 27 & 28, 2018	Portland, OR – Portland Expo Center	St. Charles, MO – St. Charles Convention Center
February 3 & 4, 2018	Costa Mesa, CA – Orange County Fairgrounds	Indianapolis, IN – Indiana State Fairgrounds
February 10 & 11, 2018		Tulsa, OK – Expo Square
February 17 & 18, 2018	<i>Great Texas Train Show -</i>	Lewisville, TX – Premier Expo Center
February 24 & 25, 2018		Novi, MI – Suburban Collection Showplace
March 10 & 11, 2018	San Jose, CA – Santa Clara County Fairgrounds	
July 14 & 15, 2018	Pomona, CA – Fairplex	
July 28 & 29, 2018		Belleville, IL – Belle Clair Fairgrounds

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Dallas/Fort Worth - Great Texas Train Show – Second Show Added!

The most exciting news is... we are launching a new brand, with a new twist on the traditional train show. We are launching the **Great Texas Train Show**. This is still a 2-day show, similar to a GTS show in terms of show hours and overall look and will still have a Friday setup. The facility is a little smaller than our typical show, which will limit the number of dealers, ensuring the event sells out. We are also offering some very special incentives for a huge crowd. The facility is in Lewisville, TX, centrally located just North of both Dallas and Fort Worth. The facility is just feet off of I-35 and offers **FREE** parking! We will run a similar advertising campaign to a GTS show. The best part...we will be offering **FREE ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC!** Free admission & free parking will generate large crowd. Because the show will sell out, layout space will be a bit limited. When requesting space for Lewisville, get your request in early and please note the minimum size in the field in case we need the option.

Grayslake

We have moved Grayslake back to the weekend between Christmas and New Year's. The first year we ran the show, we used this weekend and drew about twice as many people as the show this past November. It is a great weekend to run a show. Since Sunday is December 31st, we will be tweaking the show hours for this particular event. Friday, December 29th setup will run as normal from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Saturday, December 30th, setup will continue from 7:00am to 9:00am. The show will be open from **9:00am to 4:00pm**. Sunday, December 31st, dealers will be readmitted at 8:00am and the show will run from **9:00am to 2:00pm**. This will give everyone the same number of selling hours as a typical GTS event and allow time to get home for New Year's Eve.

Kansas City

We have looked to get back to Kansas City ever since the facility in Overland Park closed. We are excited to be bringing the show to the KCI Expo Center, which offers plenty of **FREE** parking for both exhibitors and customers. The expo center is also connected to the Holiday Inn.

Puyallup Times Two

We have been asked for a long time about adding a second Puyallup show. We are happy to announce we have, in January. In addition, we have scheduled it back to back with Portland, allowing those who want to make a trip up to the Pacific Northwest to do so. Both Puyallup and Portland are excellent shows, so come on up and join us.

Setup Times

Vendors who pay for tables (and nonprofits that are setting up on tables in the vendor area of the show) will move in and set up starting at 11:00am on Friday. Layouts and operating displays will move in and set up starting at 1:00pm. This will allow us to get the larger vendors' vehicles into the show, unloaded, and out of the building before the layouts set up and should reduce everyone's blood pressure on Friday afternoon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office. This should make for a more relaxing and less stressful Friday.

Help Support Model Railroading!

The Great Train Show is dedicated to promoting the hobby of model railroading, but we need YOUR help! We're looking for clubs and individuals to bring the following attractions to our shows:

- Operating Model Layouts & Static Displays
- Riding Trains
- Workshops & Demonstrations
- Other Model Railroading Related Displays & Attractions

Honorariums

To help offset the cost of travel and transporting your items to the show, we offer an honorarium, which is essentially a "donation" to your club. Honorariums are based on the size of your layout, but we do consider special requests. Here is how they breakdown:

<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Honorarium Paid</u>
>100 ft	\$50.00
101-499 ft	\$100.00
500+ ft	\$150.00

We get a **lot** of requests from groups that are interested in bringing their layouts to the show, and as much as we'd like to, we're not always able to accommodate everyone. Priority is given to those layouts that do not require an honorarium, then to those only asking for the standard, and finally those that require more than the standard amount.

Workshops & Demonstrations

Are you great at an aspect of model railroading? Share your gift with others at one of our shows! We pay \$25 for workshops to help offset the cost of materials (if any). You can offer any topic you'd like as long as it's related to model railroading. In the past, topics have included scenery, weathering, wiring, module construction and DCC. We would love to have any topic you would be interested in presenting.

Public Show Hours

The show is open to the public from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, both Saturday and Sunday.
 Grayslake Show Hours 9:00AM to 4:00PM Saturday, 9:00AM to 2:00PM Sunday.

Setup Policies/Procedures

The setup hours are Friday from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM, and on Saturday from 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Most locations will allow dealers to drive their vehicles/trailers into the facility to unload, however it is not possible to drive-in at every location. Drive-in access will be restricted as pathways become obstructed with layouts and other vehicles. We prefer that all exhibitors unload their vehicles and immediately remove their vehicle(s) from the hall before unpacking. This speeds up the process for everyone.

Exhibitor Terms & Conditions

Standard Honorarium

Workshop presenters will be paid a \$25.00 standard honorarium for the weekend

Display layouts will be paid a standard honorarium based on square footage and will be as follows:

\$50.00	Less than 100 ft of actual layout
\$100.00	101 to 499 ft of actual layout
\$150.00	500 or more ft of actual layout

You may request a non-standard honorarium. Please be aware we will give **first preference** to those who do not require an honorarium, then **second preference** to those who request the standard honorarium and **lastly** the non-standard honorarium requests. Odds are, if you are asking for something other than the standard honorarium, you will not be accepted except in rare circumstances.

Acceptance Process

A letter indicating the status of this contract will be sent after the contract is received. The letter will state whether the contract has been accepted, declined, or is on-hold (pending) while we complete the show floor plan. If placed in a "pending" status, you will receive an accepted or declined notice of this contact at least 21 days before the show. This agreement constitutes an agreement between parties and cannot be orally modified. Modifications can only be made by written agreement.

Additional Terms & Conditions

The term "EXHIBITOR" applies to clubs, dealers, organizations or individuals(s) presenting exhibits, displays or demonstrations related to trains and train-related hobbies. The EXHIBITOR hereby agrees to the following regulations, which are listed in the dealer EXHIBITOR contract and to any amendments, which may be established in consideration for the space provided by Great Train Expo/Great Train Show and Train Show, Inc. EXHIBITOR agrees to keep his/her display operational to the public, to not remove any items from his/her display for the purpose of packing during the public show hours. Violation of this rule will lead to exclusion from future shows and may result in a claim for damages to the appearance of the show. EXHIBITOR releases Train Show, Inc from all claims arising from EXHIBITORS show occupancy, including but not limited to loss, theft, damage, destruction or injury to EXHIBITOR'S business or EXHIBITOR personnel. EXHIBITOR releases Train Show, Inc from all claims arising out of Train Show, Inc's failure to provide space, removal of exhibit, or failure to hold the show. EXHIBITOR understands Great Train Expo/Great Train Show and Train Show, Inc assume no responsibility for any EXHIBITOR property or for safety at the show. EXHIBITOR agrees to hold harmless Great Train Expo/Great Train Show and Train Show, Inc, its exhibition centers, and contractors for any and all actions that may occur involving the show. EXHIBITOR agrees to indemnify Great Train Expo/Great Train Show and Train Show, Inc for any liability that may be caused by or related to their participation. This includes but is not limited to any liability caused by people EXHIBITOR provides EXHIBITOR badges to, people EXHIBITOR invites to the show, and any liability that may be caused by the EXHIBITOR'S actions. Train Show, Inc retains the right to reject, eject or prohibit any product or exhibit in whole or in part or to reject, or eject an EXHIBITOR or his/her representative(s) with or without giving cause. If cause is not given, Train Show, Inc's liability shall not exceed the return to the EXHIBITOR the amount of the license fee unearned at the time of ejection. EXHIBITOR agrees to collect and remit sales and use tax in accordance with governmental regulations. EXHIBITOR acknowledges that Train Show, Inc furnishes the name of each EXHIBITOR to the state or governmental unit(s) as legally required. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this license, or the breach thereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, and judgment upon the award rendered by the Arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. It is agreed that such arbitration would occur in our offices in Carol Stream, Illinois.

**** This is a legally-binding agreement ****

It's understood that each party intends to be legally bound by it

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Club/Trade Name:					
Last Name:		First Name:			
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Phone:		E-Mail:			

Please check (v) which show(s) you'd like to participate at:

	Show Date(s)	Show Location		Show Date(s)	Show Location	
<input type="checkbox"/>	12/30-31/2017	Grayslake, IL		<input type="checkbox"/>	02/03-04/2018	Indianapolis, IN
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/06-07/2018	Council Bluffs, IA		<input type="checkbox"/>	02/03-04/2018	Costa Mesa, CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/06-07/2018	Sacramento, CA		<input type="checkbox"/>	02/10-11/2018	Tulsa, OK
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/13-14/2018	Columbus, OH		<input type="checkbox"/>	02/17-18/2018	Lewisville, TX (GTTS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/20-21/2018	Louisville, KY		<input type="checkbox"/>	02/24-25/2018	Novi, MI
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/20-21/2018	Puyallup, WA		<input type="checkbox"/>	03/10-11/2018	San Jose, CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/27-28/2018	Saint Charles, MO		<input type="checkbox"/>	07/14-15/2018	Pomona, CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/27-28/2018	Portland, OR		<input type="checkbox"/>	07/28-29/2018	Belleville, IL

Please check (v) which of the following you'd like to offer at the show(s) and fill in the appropriate information in each section

<input type="checkbox"/>	Preferred Dimensions <i>Enter the preferred dimensions you would like to display at the show</i>	Dimensions	Length ↔	Width ↕					
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternate Dimensions <i>Rarely, but occasionally, we may need to reduce the size to fit, or we may have extra space available. If you are flexible in size, please list the min/max dimensions of your display</i>	Min/Max Dimensions	Min Length ↔	Min Width ↕	Max Length ↔	Max Width ↕			
	Gauge/Scale:	<input type="checkbox"/> G	<input type="checkbox"/> HO	<input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> O	<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> Z	<input type="checkbox"/> LEGO	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Display
<input type="checkbox"/>	Workshop/Demonstration	Title(s) or Subject(s):							
		Preferred Time(s):							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Club/Organization Tables	Merchandise Being Sold:	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Club Merchandise <u>ONLY</u> (Complete Box Below)					
		Sales Tax # or Tax Exempt #:							
	Total # of Tables (8' x 30") Required:		Electricity Required:	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes				
	Does your club require an *HONORARIUM* to participate? <i>See the terms & conditions page for information about how our HONORARIUM system works</i>			<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>Complete Next Line</i>				
	If YES, is the STANDARD okay?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO →	If standard NOT okay, what amount do you require?	\$					

*I certify that I have read the terms and conditions & agree to abide by those conditions*_____
CLUB REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE_____
DATE