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30 Model Railroads will fill the High Wheeler Train Show at Harper College

Palatine, IL (February 2016) – The High Wheeler Train Show invites visitors to unleash their imaginations March 5 & 6, 2016 at Harper College, 9am – 5pm, while admiring the craftsmanship and astounding detail of layouts often built entirely by hand. This Chicagoland gem is a great weekend of train filled fun for the whole family.



This year’s show will host more model railroads than ever before. A must-see for model railroading enthusiasts and train-loving families -- visitors can marvel at 30 railroads, including 6 brand new layouts.

Within the exhibition hall, visitors will find trains of all sizes and scales from small “Z” scale trains that fit in a briefcase to a large “G” scale train layout. One of the new sights will be an all new LEGO® layout. The Blau Pewaukee Road layout is built by a family team featuring many recognizable sights, including Disneyland! Other new layouts can be seen in O, HO & N scales. The always fun “Railroad Race Track” also returns to High Wheeler for Kids to enjoy this year.



NEW at the High Wheeler Train Show, Kids can run the trains! Kids 5 and up can operate the trains at participating layouts. With the guidance of a model railroader, kids can learn how model trains run, about how the real railroads operated, and have a ton of fun. Just look for the “Run the Trains” signs at participating layouts.

“This year we want to invite children to get hands on with trains,” says Jim Osborn, High Wheeler Public Relations Trainmaster. “Not only is it a great educational opportunity to learn how trains work, it’s just plain fun to run the trains through their journey around a model layout.”

Modeling masters from across the Midwest will be demonstrating the skills and techniques used to build the layouts. Railroad experts will be sharing the legacy of the railroads that made Chicago and the Midwest what it is today.

Door prize drawings will be held frequently all weekend, surprising visitors with train-themed gifts to take home from the High Wheeler Train Show. Visitors also have a chance to win one of four complete model train starter sets, valued at \$190, compliments of Wm. K. Walthers Inc. Vendors from local hobby shops will have thousands of items for sale to help inspired visitors start building their own railroads.



It’s always free for kids under 5 to take part in the fun. Kids from 5 to 12 can enter free with a printable online pass available at www.highwheelertrainshow.com. Standard fees are: Adults/Teens, \$8 and kids 5-12, \$2 without online voucher. Admission at the door is cash-only. There is plenty of free parking available and the show is handicap accessible.

ABOUT HIGH WHEELER TRAIN SHOW – The 38th Annual High Wheeler Train Show is a model railroad experience brought to visitors by the not-for-profit Fox Valley Division of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). The show is held in Building M at Harper College Sports Center in Palatine, IL. The show is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday March 5 & 6, 2016.

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