

Great Train Expo, A Division of Train Expo Inc

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*** LAYOUT/WORKSHOP APPLICATION ***

About the Great Train Expo

The Great Train Expo was founded in 2005 and has grown to be the largest traveling model train show in the country with about 30 shows each year! Our shows serve all markets in the United States except the far northeast.

Our main goal is to promote the hobby of model railroading that we all love and enjoy so much. One of the best ways to do this is to expose people unfamiliar with the hobby, kids and adults alike, the wonderful things the hobby has to offer. Operating train layouts in various sizes and scales along with informative “how to” workshops are critical parts of the show as they do this better than anything else.

We hope you will be part of the show and help us to promote the wonderful hobby of model railroading!



Bill Grove

2012 Show Schedule

April 21 & 22, 2012	Tampa, FL – Florida State Fairgrounds
April 28 & 29, 2012	Orlando, FL – Central Florida Fairgrounds
July 28 & 29, 2012	Belleville, IL – Belle-Clair Fairgrounds
September 08 & 09, 2012	Costa Mesa, CA – Orange County Fairgrounds
September 15 & 16, 2012	San Jose, CA – Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
October 06 & 07, 2012	Rock Island, IL – QCCA Expo Center
October 13 & 14, 2012	Indianapolis, IN – Indiana State Fairgrounds
October 27 & 28, 2012	Norcross, GA – North Atlanta Trade Center
November 03 & 04, 2012	Shakopee, MN – Canterbury Park
November 10 & 11, 2012	Denver, CO – National Western Complex
November 17 & 18, 2012	Salt Lake City, UT – South Towne Expo Center
November 24 & 25, 2012	San Jose, CA – Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Collinsville, IL – Gateway Center
December 01 & 02, 2012	Del Mar, CA – Del Mar Fairgrounds
December 08 & 09, 2012	Portland, OR – Portland Expo Center Novi, MI – Suburban Collection Showplace
December 15 & 16, 2012	Puyallup, WA – Puyallup Fair & Expo Center
December 29 & 30, 2012	Overland Park, KS – Overland Park Intl Center

Help Support Model Railroading!

The Great Train Expo 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

Setup Policies/Procedures

The setup hours are Friday from Noon – 7:00 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 and Train Expo, 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 Expo, 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 Expo, Inc from all claims arising out of Train Expo, Inc's failure to provide space, removal of exhibit, or failure to hold the show. EXHIBITOR understands Great Train Expo and Train Expo, Inc assume no responsibility for any EXHIBITOR property or for safety at the show. EXHIBITOR agrees to hold harmless Great Train Expo and Train Expo, Inc, its exhibition centers, and contractors for any and all actions that may occur involving the show. EXHIBITOR agrees to indemnify Great Train Expo and Train Expo, 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 Expo, 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 Expo, 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 Expo, 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 Oswego, Illinois.

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

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

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

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

	Show Date(s)	Show Location
<input type="checkbox"/>	04/21-22/2012	Tampa, FL
<input type="checkbox"/>	04/28-29/2012	Orlando, FL
<input type="checkbox"/>	07/28-29/2012	Belleville, IL
<input type="checkbox"/>	09/08-09/2012	Costa Mesa, CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	09/15-16/2012	San Jose, CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/06-07/2012	Rock Island, IL
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/13-14/2012	Indianapolis, IN
<input type="checkbox"/>	10/27-28/2012	Norcross, GA
<input type="checkbox"/>	11/03-04/2012	Shakopee, MN

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<input type="checkbox"/>	11/10-11/2012	Denver, CO
<input type="checkbox"/>	11/17-18/2012	Salt Lake City, UT
<input type="checkbox"/>	11/24-25/2012	Collinsville, IL
<input type="checkbox"/>	11/24-25/2012	San Jose, CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	12/01-02/2012	Del Mar, CA
<input type="checkbox"/>	12/08-09/2012	Novi, MI
<input type="checkbox"/>	12/08-09/2012	Portland, OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	12/15-16/2012	Puyallup, WA
<input type="checkbox"/>	12/29-30/2012	Overland Park, KS

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
Total # of Exhibitor Badges Required (For People Actively Working Layout):				

Does your club require an *HONORARIUM* to participate?		<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
<i>See the terms & conditions page for information about how our HONORARIUM system works</i>		<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