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## **Trainfest is Here**

#### **October Report**

t the October monthly meet-Ling we discussed our open house event. Many of our members helped, making the day a success. Next we discussed the upcoming Trainfest event. Dave G has spent a lot of time planning the event. Dave R. and Paul W. worked many hours preparing the track for this event. Thank you. We will be setting up Thursday and Friday, and giving rides all weekend. Tom B. gave a report on switches and wiring at the park. He has spent many hours on this. Thank you. The pumpkin rides have concluded for the year. Many members helped with rides, and many concession items were donated. The weather was a little cool and we had rain at times, but the month was a huge success. Everyone who participated enjoyed the event. Thank you to everyone who helped. Next up is Trainfest. Hope to see you there. MLES Sec, Pat C.

#### **VP News Express**

October Pumpkin Trains were a great success again. We had fair weather with record breaking turnout. We also broke the record with donations. Thank you to all who helped us out during the Pumpkin Train run. Now we will plan for Trainfest. I will cover this in another column.

David G. MLES VP

#### **BOD** Meeting

The BOD meeting will be held a VP David Gehrke's place at 6:30PM. We have lot's on the plate including future projects, Trainfest and setting the 2015 calendar. Please make sure to attend to voice your opinion. This meeting is open to all MLES members.

David G.

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# Introducing the M.L.E.S. Members Yahoo Group.

In an effort to improve communication among MLES members I would like to introduce the MLES Members Yahoo group. The MLES Members Yahoo group is for MLES members only. Currently there are 25 members. The purpose of this site is to share information, download the newsletter and post messages related to club activity.

In addition to what has been mentioned above we hope to limit the number of newsletters that need to get mailed out every month. Doing so will save postage, paper and time for those involved with printing the newsletter every month. Paper copies will still be mailed to your address if you wish, however you will have to note this on your membership renewal form.

If you would like to become a member please email Michael Michaud at mmichaud 1003@yahoo.com. Once I receive your correct email address I will invite you to the group. You will need to have a yahoo ID to be-come a member of the group. Ob-taining a yahoo ID is not a difficult task.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Michael Michaud at (414) 856-0848. Chris Welvang is a moderator for the group and he can also help. He can be reached at (414)429-2609. His email address is in2steam@wi.rr.com.

## Calendar

MLES B.O.D. Meeting October 28, 2014 6:30 P.M. Dave Gehrke's House

Trainfest November 8 & 9, 2014 9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. State Fair Park Wisconsin Expo Center

December

Membership Meeting December 11, 2014 Maude Shunk Library Menomee Falls

#### November 2014

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No Membership Meeting in November!!!!!

#### **Trainfest 2014 Move In Plans**

We are going to need all the help we can get for Trainfest. Most of the work will be done during daytime hours. Here is how things will go down.

#### Wednesday November 5th.

I will pick up the 26' Box Truck from Enterprise Truck Rental. I will be heading then to the north side to pick up all the Trainfest items that Ken J. wants to take to Sate Fair Park. I will take the truck back to West Bend.

#### Thursday November 6th.

I have to be at SFP on Thursday at 6am. After truck is unloaded I will be heading to RR Park to load. Members are needed at the park to bolt track together in 12 and 15 foot sections and have all the locomotives and rolling stock ready to load on the hill track. I plan to arrive at RR Park at 10am. Truck will be loaded.

Wayne will be down at TMJ4 studios in Milwaukee with the Interurban and 30' of track. They will feature Trainfest and MLES on the Morning Blend show starting at 9am. We may need someone else to join Wayne at TMJ4 on East Capital Drive.

After the truck is loaded we plan to head down to SFP to move all our trains in. We will use a loading dock as the truck is dock height. We will work till what we need till 5pm. The more help we have the faster it will get done. Friday start time will be determined by what is left to do to finish. I plan to leave the truck down at SFP. I will need someone to give me a ride back to West Bend.

#### Friday November 7th.

We will finish our setup and will be ready to run the trains by 4pm. Trains must run Friday evening until show closes.

#### Saturday November 8th.

Trains will be run during show hours.

#### Sunday November 9th.

Trains will be run during show hours. After show closes we will take the layout down and get it ready to load. As we are working on this the Trainfest group will be loading the truck. When the truck is loaded I will take Ken J. stuff back to the north side warehouse. When I get back to SFP we will load up our trains and head home.

#### Monday November 10th.

We will plan to unload the truck. Time TBA. We can also move to Tuesday if needed.

#### Wednesday November 12th.

Truck must be returned by 9am.

Trainfest plans to pay for the bulk of the truck rental in exchange for us hauling the Trainfest display to and from SFP. I do have most members name badges. Remember if you get a badge you will be required to work the show and rides. Please bring your radios as if you plan to wander the show, you may be called back to duty if needed. We plan to have the Boy Scouts man the 4 crossings.

## **Pumpkin Trains**



Brad Smith





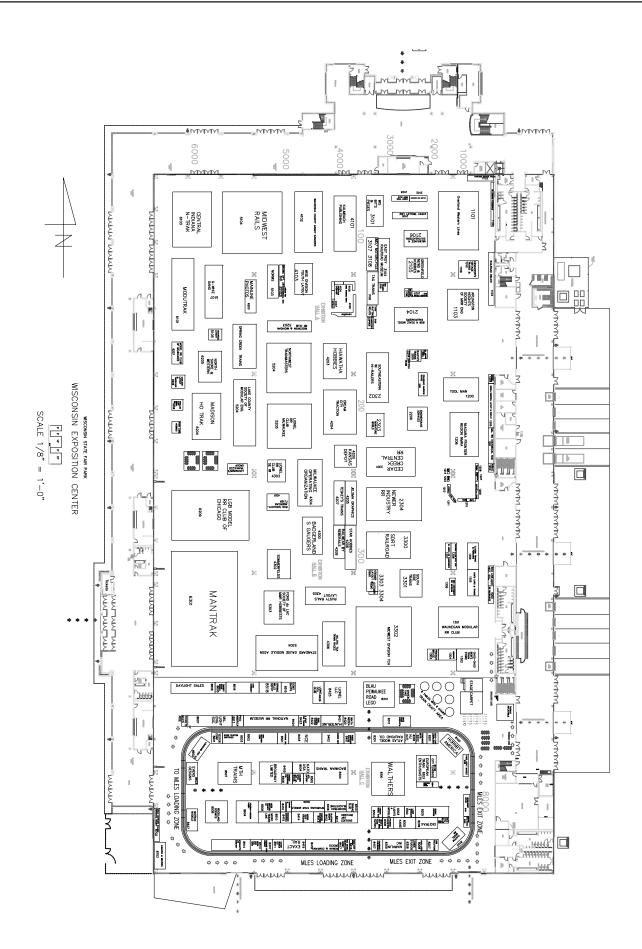
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