



IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 22, 2024
CONTACT: M.J. Naschke (409) 771-4373

2024 RAILFEST: Model Train Rally
www.galvestonRRmuseum.org

GALVESTON, TX – It's model train rally time again at the Galveston Railroad Museum when RailFest returns April 27 – 28! Located at 2608 Santa Fe Place, the non-stop family fun is for all ages. Tickets are now online at www.galvestonRRmuseum.org.

In addition to large sized model trains moving along intricate track scenes, train enthusiasts will observe blacksmiths creating artwork from railroad track pieces in the Garden of Steam, and a second chance to view the 'Trains Over Texas' exhibit on loan from the Houston Museum of Natural Science. A celebration of Houston's graffiti artists, the hand painted display was created by local street artists and muralists on an O Gauge scale. In addition, the ever- popular Lego model train display is returning.

What Is Gauge scale? On the real railroads as well as toy trains, Gauge refers to the distance between the outside rails of the track. G-Gauge (also known as Garden Gauge), S-Gauge and O-Gauge range in sizes 0-27, 1:25, 1:48, and 1:64. Visitors will see all sizes in operation at the event. As model train buffs have matured, train sets have grown in scale.

What can you expect at the rally? Collectors and enthusiasts showing off their model train sets that will be weaving in and out of the train depot, continuing onto the Garden of Steam. Larger than you can imagine these spectacular displays come with all the bells and whistles.

The hobby of building and running model train sets continues to evoke sentimental feelings and emotions. A two- day event, RailFest features train clubs and individuals from across the state who show off their spectacular trains for our enjoyment.

In addition to model trains, visitors are encouraged to explore the museum exhibits, enjoy entertainment, interactive activities, Depot Marketplace where vendors include Lego and the Museum store, where visitors can purchase model train sets. Ride a Caboose! Train rides on the Harborside Express will run throughout each day of RailFest and the Whistlestop Cafe will be open throughout the weekend with light food fare and refreshments. While here, consider becoming a member and enjoy benefits year-round.

It's fun time at the Galveston Railroad Museum! RailFest, April 27 & 28. Admission: *Members \$15, Non Members: Adults \$20, Students 16 yrs & Under \$15, 4 & Under Free.* Strollers welcome. Harborside Express Train Rides \$8 per person. Parking \$15 online, \$20 at the gate.

www.galvestonRRmuseum.org (409) 765-5700.



CALENDAR LISTING

RailFest – Model Train Rally

April 27 – 28

WHAT: RailFest – Model Train Rally showcases all gauge scale models in motion. Tracks extend throughout the depot to the Garden of Steam. Exhibits, entertainment, interactive activities, vendors, food court.

WHEN: Saturday, April 27 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday, April 28, 10 am – 5 pm

WHERE: Galveston Railroad Museum
2602 Santa Fe Place
Galveston, TX 77550

WHO: Model train collectors, clubs, and enthusiasts will gather for the largest rally in the area. A family event, activities include interactive displays with all the bells and whistles.

WHY: An annual model train rally hosted by the Galveston Railroad Museum presents an opportunity to see some of the best model train sets and displays in the state. All museum exhibits are open during the event and rides on the Harborside Express will be running each day.

Highlights: Houston Museum of Natural Science ‘Trains Over Texas’ display, Lego, Blacksmiths, Vendors, Entertainment, Immersive Experiences, Train Rides.

ADMISSION: Members \$15
Adults: \$20
Students 15 yrs & Younger \$15
4 & Under Free
Harborside Express Train Ride \$8
Parking: \$15 online \$20 at the gate
Tickets available online.

CONTACT: Mary Jo Naschke
(409) 771-4373
mj@mjnpr.com