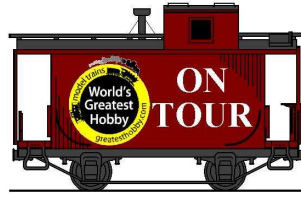


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Over 40,000 people attend World's Greatest Hobby Model Train Show

The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour was the inaugural event at the new Greater Philadelphia Expo Center on January 3 and 4, 2009. On Saturday 24,690 people attended the show and on Sunday 15,562 people visited the show for a weekend total of 40,152 people. **This is believed to be the largest number of people ever to attend a model train show in the United States.**

The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour is a model railroad show designed to appeal to the masses and to introduce the general public to the hobby in an exciting, family-oriented atmosphere. The show featured over 20 huge operating model railroads, all the leading Model Railroad manufacturers and retailers offering everything needed to run a model railroad. In the 120,000 sqft. of exhibit halls there were family oriented attractions including the Walt Disney Railroad Story and trains kids could run and ride.

While the show was a raging success it did overwhelm the expo center and the surrounding infrastructure. While almost 25,000 people attended on Saturday, thousands more tried to attend but couldn't due to the massive traffic jam on the roads to the show. Local traffic radio reported over a 5 mile back up on the route to the show and patrons reported traffic delays in excess of 2 hours to exit the interstate.

Show Chairman Dave Swanson said, "**The amazing attendance of this show proves there is still a tremendous interest in model trains**". He further said, "*While we try to prepare for large crowds by having wide aisles and a large amount of staff, we were totally stunned by the Saturday attendance.*"

The World's Greatest Hobby on Tour has now sponsored 20 shows and has had over 500,000 people attend. The remaining 2009 destinations for the show are Nashville, TN., San Antonio, TX. Cleveland, OH, and Seattle- Tacoma, WA. For more information contact Dave Swanson or Randy Bachmann.

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