ArnFest 2026 Schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
Illinois Railway Museum - 7000 Olson Road, Union, IL

Parking in Visitor Lot

Noon to 5:00 PM - ArnFest Registration
with Bill Nance
Barn 4 - a.k.a. the Wood Shop

Noon to 5:00 PM – Day 0 Setup

ArnFest Rebuilds:

Motor Rebuild Clinic
With Jim Johnson, Wally Puhl, Job Bogan, and Paul Novelli
10-12 Motors have been preselected and a few will be available in the Saturday auctions.

Hammond G4B Glider Trim-O- Saw
With Jim Johnson, Wally Puhl, and Eddy Wilson

Misc Projects
With Jim Johnson and Wally Puhl

IRM has some various small projects we may tackle if time and parts allow.

Rebuilds begin and end at no scheduled time. The goal is to finish before Saturday afternoon, but work progresses quickly and we may finish well ahead of time.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
Illinois Railway Museum - 7000 Olson Road, Union, IL

Parking in Visitor Lot

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM - ArnFest Registration
with Bill Nance
Barn 4 - a.k.a. the Wood Shop

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Auction Donations Drop Off
West end of Barn 4 - a.k.a. the Wood Shop

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Rebuilds
See above
West end of Barn 4 - a.k.a. the Wood Shop

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Various 3D Printing
with John Shields

~~10:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Laser Rust Removal (outside Barn 4)~~
~~*with Steve Casagrande*~~

12:15 to 1:00 PM - Lunch (Subway sandwiches, drinks, and chips provided)

1:15 to 2:15 PM – Evaluating and Scraping a Bridgeport Saddle
with "Panda" Dan Warner and Eric Sink

2:30 to 3:30 PM – Cleaning and Restoring: Tools, Tricks, and Techniques
with Brian Kopacz

3:45 to 4:45 PM – Cutterheads for Woodworking
with "Panda" Dan Warner

5:30 PM – End of Day 1

7:00 PM - Dinner at Portillo's (unofficial)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
Museum - 7000 Olson Road, Union, IL
Crystal Lake Holiday Inn - 800 S Illinois Route 31, Crystal Lake, IL

7:45 - Swap Meet (Gates opened at 7:45)
South Parking Gravel Area

10:00 AM - Morning announcements
South Parking Gravel Area

7:45 to 5:00 PM - ArnFest Registration
with Bill Nance

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM – Rebuilds
See above
West end of Barn 4 - a.k.a. the Wood Shop

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Various 3D Printing
with John Shields

~~10:00 AM to 3:00 PM – Laser Rust Removal (outside Barn 4)~~
~~*with Steve Casagrande*~~

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Auction Donations Drop Off

West end of Barn 4 - a.k.a. the Wood Shop

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM - Lunch at the O'Mahoney Diner

12:00 to 5:00 PM - Rucker's Rodeo
South Parking Gravel Area

Please note: the Fork Lift Operator will be available from roughly 1:30 to 3:30 PM only, please plan accordingly.

1:00 to 2:00 PM – Violins
with Whitney Osterud

3:00 to 5:00 PM - Wrap up and load up of Auction Items to Holiday Inn
West end of Barn 4 - a.k.a. the Wood Shop

7 PM to Close - ArnFest Banquet, Raffle, Auction
Banquet Room, Crystal Lake Holiday Inn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
Illinois Railway Museum - 7000 Olson Road, Union, IL

8:00 to 12:00 PM – Load Auction Items left at IRM and clean up Barn 4

12:00 to 1:00 PM - Lunch at the O'Mahoney Diner

Subject to change due to any arising condition - weather, timing, availability of personnel and equipment, slothfulness, indifference, romantic entanglements, acts of war, and worldwide pandemics


Hemmingsen Rd
Hemmingsen Rd
Hemmingsen Rd
Olson Rd
Depot St
SWAP MEET
GENERAL PARKING
BARN 4
Illinois Railway Museum
Central Diner
Depot St
Olson Rd
Olson Rd
TRAILER