

Everyone's Help Needed - Fall Show Street Signs

Our large corrugated plastic street signs are extremely important in informing everyone about our 56th Annual Fall Cincinnati Model Train Show on October 12-13, 2024. Besides word of mouth, this is the only way new general public attendees find out about our wonderful show. We'll be placing 200 signs this year and **we need your help to do this**. All the signs are 2 ft x 4 ft, each with 4 all-new straight metal wickets, and come with a small helpful instruction sheet.

We have 10 teams placing 6 to 8 signs each in specified zones within about 8 miles of Lakota West High School. Those areas include much of West Chester, Liberty Township, Fairfield, Hamilton, Mason, Springdale and Sharonville. We also have other members who place 1 to 3 signs elsewhere in our division. **We need many more of you all around the division to step up and do likewise**. It's very easy and quick to place 1 to 3 signs, no one has ever gotten in trouble doing so, and there are plenty of suitable locations out there.

We hope you'll agree to place one, two or more of these signs. To volunteer, all you need to do is see me at the Aug or Sept Division meetings, or email or phone me with your best phone number and how many signs you want. Your signs will be available at our Aug and Sept meetings, or by other arrangements with me. Here are some details –

- Place your signs between about Sat, Sept 21 and Sat, Sept 28
- Place signs in highly visible locations but very importantly outside of road right-of ways and not at busy intersections - otherwise they could be removed by local authorities (and don't worry if they do)
- Best locations are vacant commercial lots, friendly businesses, schools, friends or neighbors, preferably in mulched or seldom mowed areas, or flush with fences or railings where mowing crews won't disturb them
- Use a hammer to pound the short end of the 4 wickets into the ground in a line, then place the sign base edge on the ground next to the wickets, mark where each wicket is, then slip the sign over each wicket into corrugations at the marked points (prevents split flutes), slide the sign down to within about 2 inches of the ground to resist wind – make sure you use all 4 wickets per sign to also better resist high winds
- Remove your signs on either Sun night, Oct 13 or by Tue, Oct 15 - we need to be good community stewards
- Do not return the signs, as we'll print new ones with new dates next year - use them for your projects, recycle them or throw them away - you can return the metal wickets to me if they are clean and straight

Also, at the Aug, Sept and Oct meetings, Rick Crumrine will have flyers for you to take and post. You can also download and print those flyers from the Events tab of our website. Post them in friendly schools, churches, places of work and businesses (barber shops, grocers, hardware stores ...). Finally, be sure to talk up this family fun Cincinnati Model Train Show with your neighbors, friends and family!

We thank you in advance for your help in this very important and easy to do matter! I look forward to your immediate reply via email or phone.

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