

Dear Prospective GEHAMS train show vendors,

October, 2019

Thank you for your interest in our GEHAMS 2020 SHOW! We are planning to arrange the tables and locate the vendors in the same locations (OR as close as possible) as in the past or as requested on the attached registration form & drawing. We do our best to plan and arrange the vendor tables as close to the same arrangements as in the past. We will still need to be careful about fire code concerns and Fairground requirements, but we will do our very best. Thanks for your patience and understanding with these matters. We want to make our show very worthwhile for you, the layouts, and our customers/guests.

Please note the following:

- 1) The March, 2020 train show is taking place on MARCH 7 & 8, 2020 at the Kern County Fairgrounds. Set up will be on Friday March 6, 12:00-9:00 PM.
- 2) Kevin Birkbeck will again be handling the vendor registration instead of Doug Wagner. Please DO NOT contact Doug regarding the train show registration, he is no longer in charge of vendor registration. Doug has done an excellent job for many years and is now handing these responsibilities off. He deserves this break.
- 3) FYI {Kevin has been a modeler since the age of 7 beginning in HO moving to N, Nn3, G scales & On30. He has won awards for his modeling and is very familiar with the GEHAMS show.} Also please note Kevin volunteers at the local prisons and hospitals, so be patient in waiting for a response to any questions or concerns you may have.
- 4) All registrations & monies MUST be to us no later than January 31, 2020. Please understand that our show space is limited and vendors will be given space on a first come, first received registration & money basis. Any registrations received after the vendor spots are all taken will be placed on a waiting list. Sometimes this waiting list allows for a last minute substitution, but sometimes not. If you REALLY want a place at our show, we advise you to register ASAP, returning the appropriate amount of MONEY with ALL NECESSARY FORMS and a DRAWING of your table set up.
- 5) **If you need to rent tables from us, please include the proper amount \$50. If, HOWEVER, you are providing ONE of your own tables (30"x96") and combining them with tables you are renting from us... then the charge will be \$15 for your own table (a space equal to 30"x96"). You will be allowed 1 free card table, approximately 3'X3'. The revenue generated from our show must cover our expenses to the Fair Grounds and the rental companies we utilize. Due to these expenses and increased costs we MUST charge for the extra table space that is utilized by bringing 1 of your own tables. This is because we are paying for the rented Fair Ground space... (an example of your vendor costs would be: you are renting 2 tables from GEHAMS and bringing 1 of your own tables (30"X96")... the cost would be a total of \$115... 2 of our tables=\$100 + 1 of your own tables \$15 {in addition to the free card table we are allowing}=\$115) Please return the first 2 pages of the attached registration along with a clear table drawing you are submitting. Send this by regular mail to me, Kevin Birkbeck, as soon as possible:**

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- 6) Every effort will be made to accommodate your desired table set-up. That being said, please understand our space is limited, and we want to serve each of you with respect. In addition, this show is like setting up a giant jigsaw puzzle so we will do our best. This may require adjustments based upon the layouts attending, and the vendors attending. Please know we love trains as you do, we are not interested in slighting anyone, we will do our best to fulfill your requests... so please be flexible and understanding. Thank you in advance for supporting our train show. The registration forms are included as an attachment with this email. You will need to copy the forms & fill them out as completely as possible, place them & your money in an envelope, (include the check or money order made out to GEHAMS-Golden Empire Historical and Modeling Society), then address the envelope to Kevin Birkbeck (see above).
- 7) **PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE ACURRATE CONTACT INFORMATION**, so, if need be, we can get a hold of you. Then mail this to the above address, the sooner the better. **{Please be aware of all the requirements regarding the California sellers permits**, we can assist to a degree with this but it is YOUR responsibility (see registration form info.). Seller permit forms may be secured from the California Franchise Board's web site}
- 8) Hours & logistics for set up are stated above (Friday 12:00-9:00PM for setting up), 2 chairs will be given for each table rented from GEHAMS. You are allowed 1 free card table of your own. Last year, we have had close to 2000 attendees at our show, so please adjust your planning accordingly.
- 9) Please contact me if you are having difficulties. I'll give it my best effort to meet your needs. We trust these instructions are clear and concise. If you have any questions it is BEST to text or email me, Kevin, and I will respond as soon as I am able. Please ONLY call if it is a greater concern. Understand, there are over 100 vendors on this list, & I do a lot of volunteer work and if all of you begin to call me, wew!... that will be overwhelming. I want to serve you well and as best I can, therefore emailing is best. Thank you for your consideration. Looking forward to another great Train Show...

In the service of you all & GEHAMS train club, happy rails... Kevin Birkbeck, Train Show Registrar