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iHobby Expo 2009 and 2010 Dates Confirmed

April 2, 2007. The Hobby Manufacturers Association Board of Directors and Show Committee have unanimously voted to approve 2009 and 2010 iHobby Expo™ show dates in the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Illinois in order to be one week later than the York Train Meet in both years. The 2009 Expo dates are October 22-25 and the 2010 dates are October 21-24. The York Train Meets are scheduled for October 15-17, 2009 and October 14-16, 2010.

“We are very pleased to be able to confirm these dates for 2009 and 2010 and to not be in conflict with the York Meet,” said Fred Hill, HMA Show Committee chair. “We know that our conflicting dates in 2007 and 2008 have meant some loyal model railroad exhibitors could not be with us in Rosemont and we hope that we will see them return in 2009 and 2010.” iHobby Expo™ 2008 dates are October 16-19 in Rosemont as are the 2009 and 2010 dates.

Plans for the 2007 Expo are well underway. “Over 45,000 square feet of booth space (424 10x10’s) has been sold by March 30 of this year,” said Hill. “That compares to 39,000 total square feet of booth space (390 10x10’s) sold at the same time in 2006. So we know the 2007 will be even bigger and have a larger variety of new exhibitors and products,” added Hill. “We also have more exhibitors signed up for the “Ticket to Ride” program than last year at this time. This program reimburses retailers for their travel expenses if they place orders with participating exhibitors – so it’s a win-win for all.”

iHobby Expo™ hotel and travel information is available online at www.ihobbyexpo.com and attendees are encouraged to make their travel arrangements early. Online show registration information will be available in early July.

For additional information on exhibiting or attending the 2007 iHobby Expo™, call the HMA office at 973-283-9088.

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