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**All Aboard the Holiday Express Train Show at the  
Fairfield Museum and History Center**

FAIRFIELD, CT (November 20, 2007) The words “model train” conjure up special memories for just about everyone. Back by popular demand, the Fairfield Museum and History Center is proud to present the second annual Holiday Express Train Show. A fun-filled family event loved by adults and kids of all ages, the museum invites you to come see model trains, accessories, and collectibles. Interact with classic trains, modular dioramas, antique trains and more.

Families and children will ‘ooh’ and ‘aah’ at trains as they go by, jumping with excitement each time a train comes around the bend as if it was the first. You will be amazed by these ‘worlds of miniature’ in holiday scenes created especially for the show by local train hobbyists, including the Fairfield based Housatonic Model Railroad Club and the Connecticut G-Scalers Club. Layouts include G, O, HO and N scale.

The show begins with an open house at the museum, immediately following the town’s annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Visitors will follow an illuminated path across the green to warm up and get a sneak peak at the show, free of charge, and can purchase great holiday gifts for train lovers at the Fairfield Museum Shop. The show continues on weekends, December 1 – 16, 12pm – 4pm. Cost to attend the show is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Museum members and children age 5 and under are admitted free of charge. The show is sponsored by Hatfield Insurance Company and HobbyTown USA of Fairfield, with supporting contributions made by Atlas Model Railroad Company, Athearn and Woodland Scenics.

The museum is offering a number of programs that relate to the train show. December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> is ‘Family Weekend’ where museum members are invited to bring a guest for free to the train show. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm guitarist Chuck Oakes takes you on a ride to the railroads of the Old West in a multi-media presentation (Free for members, \$5 for non-members). Pre-schoolers will be delighted to attend Choo Choo! Train Stories on

December 5 at 11am, when Pequot Library staff tell exciting stories about trains and their adventures (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children). Bring in that old train set to participate in the



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museum's train appraisal day, Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm, and learn the history of items and receive a market value appraisal (limit 3 sets per person, and a \$5 donation is required per set).

Other upcoming events at the museum include kids day off workshops which allow kids to enjoy a portion of their school vacation exploring the museum's galleries, learning new things and making crafts and art (December 27 and 28) and a candy house workshop held at the Burr Mansion, where adults and children alike build edible houses with graham-cracker roofs, peppermint windows and chocolate chimneys (December 15).

Reservations for programs are required, please call 203-259-2598. For details on these and other upcoming events, please visit [www.fairfieldhs.org](http://www.fairfieldhs.org). The museum is located at 370 Beach Road in Fairfield, CT, behind Town Hall. The museum is open every day; Monday – Friday: 10am – 4pm, Thursday: 10am – 6pm, Weekends: 12pm – 4pm.

Attached images:

Housatonic 1.jpg and Housatonic 2.jpg

Captions:

For Housatonic 1.jpg: A Housatonic steam engine makes its way round the curve in this HO scale scene set in the Fall of 1952.

For Housatonic 2.jpg: Housatonic diesels move a heavy freight train through the valley.

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