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TENTH ANNUAL GLANCY TRAINS SHOW HAPPENS SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Detroit, MI -- Model and toy train enthusiasts will gather again at the Detroit Historical Museum on Saturday, January 21, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the tenth annual Glancy Trains Show. Pick up what Santa didn't bring from an array of merchandise, as collectors and local dealers will be selling model trains, accessories, structures, switches and track.

Organized by the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, proceeds from the show go to support the Museum's renowned exhibit, The Glancy Trains.

Access to the Glancy Trains Show is free with regular Museum admission.

If you want to find out what that model train in your attic is worth, nationally known appraisers will be on site to help you at a charge of \$2 per item. Videos of operating toy and real trains of the past and present, along with how present-day Lionel trains are made, will be shown in Louise C. Booth Auditorium.

Always a Detroit area favorite, The Glancy Trains Lionel O-gauge exhibit features a series of push buttons visitors can use to blow whistles and horns, and lift crossing gates. Among the many operating trains is the Choo Choo Cam TV train with a color television camera in the cab, giving visitors an "engineer's eye view" of the layout.

The Glancy Trains were originally the collection of real estate financier Alfred R. Glancy Jr. (1908-1973), who owned the Empire State Building in New York City during the 1950s and 60s. Mr. Glancy's collection became well-known in the Detroit area as a result of the many "train parties" he hosted for friends, neighbors, school children and scout groups during each holiday season in his Grosse Pointe mansion. After his death in 1973, the Glancy family donated the trains to the Detroit Historical Museum. The Glancy family and Chesterfield Twp.- based Lionel Trains have supported the Museum's exhibit since then. In the years since, Museum donors have added many toy trains of all sizes from the early 1900s to the present to the Glancy collection.

Sellers wishing to purchase tables can do so for \$15, payable to the Detroit Historical Society. For more information on the show or to purchase a table, call (313) 499-3466.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors (60+) and students and youth ages 5-18, \$3.50 for college students with a valid college ID card, and free for children ages four and under. For more information on the Glancy Trains Show or other exhibits and programs at the Museum, call (313) 833-1805 or check the Museum's website at www.detroithistorical.org.

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