

# Rocky Mountain Hobby-Expo



**Trade**  
**Oct 11th**  
**Consumers**  
**Oct 12th & 13th**

PUT DOWN YOUR PHONE AND DISCOVER A HOBBY!

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## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOBBY-EXPO BACK FOR YEAR THREE** *2019 EDITION FEATURES NATIONAL TRADE SHOW*

**DENVER, CO – August 19, 2019** – The third annual Rocky Mountain Hobby-Expo (RMHE), which takes place October 11-13 at the Denver Mart, features a national industry trade show for the first day before the two-day consumer event October 12-13.

“Our motto is, ‘put down your phone and discover a hobby,’” says the event’s Executive Director Jim Marski. “There’s nowhere else in the region where the public can explore all of America’s classic pastimes, from traditions such as building and operating model trains, to flying high tech drones and participating in STEM/STEAM curriculum through science hobbies – it’s all here.”

The show, sponsored by the Hobby Manufacturers Association, will be a combined consumer/trade show covering all categories of the hobby industry, and will feature professional development and networking, new product demonstrations and a showcase on the exhibit floor for manufacturers to present to buyers. This is one of a handful of such opportunities around the country, and manufacturers and buyers from all over the country will be attending.

“The HMA is excited to sponsor the Rocky Mountain Hobby-Expo, our largest industry trade event of the year,” says Bob Wilke, HMA’s past president and president of HobbyTown. “Event organizer Jim Marski has a strong record of producing events that offer manufacturers, retailers and consumers an unparalleled opportunity to share the fun and discovery of new (and old) hobbies. The hobby industry strives to deliver consumer products that stimulate and promote healthy alternatives to screen time and create community among hobby enthusiasts. This event brings all aspects of the hobby industry together for a weekend of fun and inspiration.”

The consumer show over the weekend features STEM/STEAM, remote control cars and trucks, planes, drones, trains, boats, slot cars, rockets, scale model kits, Legos, gaming, doll houses,

polymer clay and beads. There will be many hands-on demonstrations and activities, workshops and a marketplace of items to see. Participants can race cars and boats, fly drones, run trains, build models, play games and make jewelry. New for 2019 is gaming and specialty toys.

“We want to include hobbies and activities for the whole family, and for every age group possible,” explains Marski. “We’re at a point where psychologists and educators are recommending more non-screen time for everyone in the family – especially kids – and this is the perfect place to come find fun, challenging, and engaging activities.” Marski was the executive producer of the Rocky Mountain Train Show from 2009-2017, and built that event from 1,500 attendees to over 10,000 and showcased 30 national manufacturers.

Show activities are supported through partnerships with Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, Lockheed Martin, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the International Plastic Modelers Society, the National Association of Rocketry, the Mile High Polymer Clay Guild, the Rocky Mountain Bead Society, Caboose, Colpar’s HobbyTown, HobbyTown Longmont and various hobby manufacturers and clubs.

The Hobby-Expo will be held at the Denver Mart, 451 East 58th Avenue, Denver, Colorado, 80216. Admission is \$12 per adult, Kids under 12, active military with ID, First Responders and scouts in uniform are free and parking is free. Additional info and advance ticket sales may be found at [www.RockyMountainHobby-Expo.com](http://www.RockyMountainHobby-Expo.com) or on Facebook: Rocky Mountain Hobby-Expo, <https://www.facebook.com/events/372792380071148/>

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### **About The Rocky Mountain Hobby-Expo**

The mission of Rocky Mountain Hobby-Expo is to promote and educate the public about family-oriented hobbies throughout the Rocky Mountain Region and beyond by providing information and inspiration to new and existing hobbyists. The event also provides a cost-effective resource for hobby manufacturers to reach retailers and consumers at one event, and to network with other national stakeholders in the industry. [www.RockyMountainHobby-Expo.com](http://www.RockyMountainHobby-Expo.com) / Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/372792380071148/>

### **About The Hobby Manufacturers Association**

The Hobby Manufacturers Association (HMA) is the trade association for manufacturers, importers, publishers, producers and suppliers of all model hobby products and related accessories. Our mission is to promote the public awareness of model hobbies, communicate with and for the members on matters of common interest with a united voice, and to promote trade shows and conventions. Annual dues are self-assessing, based on the applicant’s annual gross sales. HMA’s long term goal is to stimulate the growth of the model hobby industry and to offer unique benefits to members and affiliated companies, including providing industry statistics and legislative information when appropriate and necessary. [www.hmahobby.org](http://www.hmahobby.org)