

# NEWS FROM THE LARGEST MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM IN THE COUNTRY\*

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## The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum.

### News from the VP corner



Our annual Holiday Open House was held the first weekend in December. We had only been in our new location for two weeks, but our volunteers had worked long hours to make

the museum ready for guests. No, the layouts were not complete, and not all the trains were running, but no one complained. In fact, they seemed to enjoy watching our technicians as they continued to work on the displays

throughout the event. Both the WRMRRM Café and the new Gift Shop were also open for the first time to serve our guests. Over the weekend, we logged in over a thousand visitors to the museum and made many

new friends. If you missed the open house, be sure to visit us in our new home. We've expanded the displays, you're sure to be impressed, and we still have many feet of empty space to expand our existing layouts!



# Raffle Prize Winners!

**Congratulations to the winners of our holiday raffles!**

## **Door Prize**

Gift Card to Hobby Town  
N & S Clock

Andrew Durda  
Jean Chapman

## **Chinese Raffle**

Gift Card from Texas Roadhouse  
NYC Box Car  
B & O Box Car  
Double Door Box Car  
Chessie Box Car  
Santa Fe Engine

Sharon Knight  
Renee Ely  
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Peggy Sturm  
Mathew Stropkey  
Rich Arastry  
Tom Thomas

## **50/50 Drawing**

**Thomas the Tank Train Set**

Will Bradshaw

# Our Volunteers and Friends.



**A**s 2009 comes to a close, we send a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped the museum throughout the year, and wish them all the happiest of

holidays. We could not have made the move without our volunteers, and their friends, who worked long and hard to make it a reality. In November alone, volunteers and staff logged in over 1500

hours. In the six weeks since then, our volunteers have continued to work tirelessly at painting, moving boxes, cleaning the facility, and expanding the layouts in our new home. Changes

continue to take place almost daily. We hope you will stop by to see their progress and show your appreciation for their work.



# Holiday Hours!

For the Holiday Season, we will send our volunteers and staff home to spend the holidays with their families.

December 24 and December 31      3:00pm to 6:00pm  
**December 25th** and **January 1st**      **CLOSED**

**Happy Holidays** to All!

# Weather Closings!

**T**he museum staff wants everyone to be safe this winter. When driving becomes hazardous

due to ice, snow, or heavy fog, they will make the decision to close the museum. Weather closings will be posted on our web site

([www.wrmrrm.org](http://www.wrmrrm.org)) as well as **local TV channels 3 and 5**. On those days, stay warm, stay safe, and stay home.

## The New Gift Shop

**N**ow that we have moved to a larger facility, we have dedicated space for a museum gift shop. For the present, we are selling T-shirts with the museum logo, in both adult and child sizes, train whistles, engineer hats, and many other items. Stop in and look around the next time you visit the museum. We are still fine-tuning and welcome your suggestions.

## The WRMRRM Café

**W**e debuted the café during the Holiday Open House and were pleased with results. Our kitchen has not yet been converted to commercial standards, so our menu was limited to hot dogs, pizza, coffee, hot chocolate, and soft drinks, but our guests seemed pleased with the choices. Until all of our improvements are completed, the café will only be open for special events, such as our upcoming February Open House.

# February Open House!

**O**ur next open house will be held over the weekend of February 20-21, and the theme will be NASCAR and the "Need for Speed." For the event, our

layouts will include NASCAR and NHRA displays. If you haven't been to the museum lately, you'll be surprised to see how the layouts have grown! The 'HO' gauge layout is larger by

more than ten feet in length and eight feet in width; the 'O' gauge layout has expanded by over twenty feet and now has a new shape; the 'S' gauge layout is newly designed and takes up

a large section of floor space. Stop by and let us know what you think. We hope to see you there!

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**aturday, February 20, 2010**

10:00 am to 8:00 pm

**unday, February 21, 2010**

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

## *Wish List for 2010.*

If you see a good deal, think of the museum! We are outfitting our kitchen and need cookware to use for future events: pots and pans, serving dishes, roasters, and serving and cooking utensils; if you have questions about what is appropriate, stop by and talk with our Project Manager and Board Member Jim Wendorf.

### **Supplies that are always useful:**

Toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins, detergent, and hand sanitizer. We also need paper for our office: 20# 8.5 x 11 and 11 x 17.

Six-foot tables and chairs for future events and business meetings. If you have any questions, talk with Tom or Rick.

For the layouts, some 18-gauge wire, and decorative items to add along our expanded length of tracks.