

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

Once again, I am blown away by all the hard work our volunteers continue to donate to the museum. When we completed the final tally for the year, November volunteer hours came in at 1,845 and December at 1,510, which brought

our grand total for 2009 to 12,020 hours. It also appears we are off to a good start for 2010, with 1,350 totaled for January and no signs of letting up. I can't thank our volunteers enough because we would not be where we are today without their dedication. I also want to men-

tion our upcoming Train Show, which will be held in our adjacent warehouse building the same weekend as the Winter Open House. Because this is our first Train Show, we have discounted the price of admission and table rental. We still have exhibitor tables

available, at \$25 per six-foot table for train vendors. For this event, we will also offer tables to members of the Mentor Chamber of Commerce for \$20. See below for more information about the event. To reserve an exhibitor table, call Alan Rice at 440-221-9723.

Winter Open House and Train Show.



Our Winter Open House will be held over the weekend of February 20-21, 2010. The theme of the event is "Need for Speed" as February is the start of the NASCAR and NHRA racing season. As in the past, we decorate to match our theme, so you can count on many displays of NASCAR and NHRA mixed

among our train layouts. As always, no open house would be complete without Face Painting by **Katie**.



Also for this event Smilie, the Eat n Park cookie with the big smile, will make a special appearance. Skip, from **Van's Photography** will be available to take photographs of your child with Smilie. We are also pleased to offer, for the first time, free electronic fingerprinting and photo ID from the New York Life Insurance Co. You will receive a

photograph of your child, along with fingerprints and a description, including height, weight, hair and eye color. It is an often overlooked, but important document to have in your family files. Hours for the event are as follows: **Saturday, February 20, 10am to 8pm, Sunday, February 21, 10am to 5pm.** Admission to the open house is free.

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Train show hours are a little different. The show will be open **Saturday from 10am to 8pm, and Sunday from 12noon to 6pm.**

Admission is only \$5 per person, \$10 for a family, and children under 18 are free with a paid adult. The café will be open both days to provide food and beverages for purchase.

Bake Sale

Here at the museum, we are always looking for ways to bring in additional funds for our many projects. At our Holiday Open House, we tried a small bake sale and deemed it an overwhelming success. So, for this event, we are hoping to expand our offerings. If you can help with the bake sale by providing baked items, or working the table during the open house, please call **Barb Powers, at 440-286-8556.**

The WRMRRM Board.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas Tylicki to our Board of Trustees. Tom has been a staff member for about three years and, because of his expertise and fondness for

the American Flyer S-gauge, is now considered our lead man for all repairs on the S-gauge layout. Tom also lends a hand where needed and we value his contributions to the museum. Join us in welcoming him to the Board.



Tom Tylicki

We must also say goodbye to Board Member Lee McCarty, who resigned in order to devote more time to his many other projects. Lee, thank you for your service to this organization.

Museum Projects.

We have many projects coming up at the museum this year. As you may have noticed, we are working hard to spruce up the warehouse and plan to hold four train shows there each year. Because of its size, a

huge 36,000 square feet of empty space, it is perfect for many other types of shows and events. To bring in additional finances, our goal is to stage one show every month. We are looking at trading card shows, car shows, doll shows, etc. We welcome

your suggestions and look forward to your input. **Inside the museum,** we will soon begin the task of rebuilding the N-gauge layout, and will also commence construction of the 25 by 40-foot indoor G-gauge layout. When the weather

breaks, we will also start construction of an outdoor G-gauge layout in the patio area behind the Cafe. If you wish to help with any of these projects, please let us know.

Kiddie Train Ride

Our latest acquisition is the Kiddie Ride *donated by Blake Leduc Sr.!* This small train is the perfect size for our young guests to ride. As you can imagine, it has rapidly become a popular attraction. We ask a \$2 donation for a gentle ride around a circular track inside the museum.



Facebook

We are always searching for better ways to communicate with our staff, guests, and supporters. You can now follow us on Facebook. We invite you to become a fan of the Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum.

Nightmare Express!

Coming to the museum in October is the **Nightmare Express**, a train-themed haunted house we will construct in our

warehouse building. It will be open every weekend in October, and we have contracted with **Evilusions, LLC** to provide staging, actors, music and special

effects. Museum staff will be constructing a set composed of three separate houses. The design process is already underway, and we will be looking for

volunteers to help with this enormous task. We will continue to publish updates as they become available.

Committees

Listed below are the newly formed committees and their project managers:

Flyers/Promotional Materials – Lenny Kessler – cyberlen@adelphia.net or 440-478-6661.

Shows/Events – Jim Wendorf – wendorf@cvelimited.com or 440-357-8890.

Donation Pick-Up – Tom Pescha – wrmrm@sbcglobal.net or 440-251-0350.

Contact the above if you would like to volunteer for any of these committees, or to work on a specific event.

Weather Closings!

The 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.wrmrm.org) as well as **local TV channels 3 and 5**. On those days, stay warm, stay safe, and stay home.