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The Halloween Hiawatha, Polar Express make Record Runs!



The "Polar Express" added a new "star" in 2005. Laura Taylor is Mrs. Claus playing opposite Ed Konecki's Santa, seen here enjoying herself as well entertaining the kids with little "jingle bell" gifts.

Ticket sales for the Halloween Hiawatha Ghost Story Train and the popular "**POLAR EXPRESS**" were up 48% compared to sales last year representing a 37% increase in happy faces to greet Santa Claus and get "spooked" around the campfire. These trains and represented 32% of our annual ticket sales. The "Hiawatha's", scheduled for Saturday, October 29th and Sunday the 30th, had two, sold out trips each night. The "Hiawatha" participants experienced a campfire along the banks of the Fox River in Jon Duerr Forest Preserve complete with ghost stories, songs, s'mores, hot chocolate and cider. Although the program has been successful we look to change and improve our offering. Rich in local history, our venue opens up many doors. Look for our patrons to relive the steps of General Scott and his soldiers as they pursued Chief Blackhawk and his followers, and visit the graves of two soldiers that General Scott left behind. Financial advisors vocalize that past performance is no indication of future results. We must always reach and improve our offering to avoid the "Same Old, Same Old" syndrome. One

only has to look to has happened Trolley Fest to know what I am talking about.



One of the many "on board" personnel, showing our little guests a scene from the "Polar Express" book.



Making "s'mores" are "just the right thing" after listening to spine tingling "ghost stories" around the campfire at the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve. The guests arrived at the forest preserve on the Museum's

2005 Halloween Hiawatha Ghost Story Train. There were two trains each on Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30.



"Ooooh" is this for real?" ponders our little guest as he enters CNS&M 756. Member Matt Del Giudice really knows how to decorate an interurban car in a "ghostly manner."

Over 50 volunteers made the event happen, including a brand new "STAR", *Laura Taylor* as Mrs. Claus. Many other members current and old participated this year, including York students and South Elgin Village Trustee, *Lisa Guess*, and her husband *Stan*. Volunteers included *Darrel Babuk*, *Drew Bendelow*, *Bob Blaus*, *Madeline Brodt*, *Jon Duerr* Forest Preserve Staff, *Kristem Ferrell*, *Andy Fogelis*, *Ann Fogelis*, *Ranae Franta*, *Chuck Galitz*, *Graham Garfield*, *Jim Gonyo*, *Lisa Guess*, *Stan Guess*, *Paul Kaufmann*, *Dan Kelly*, *Ed Klemm*, *Ed Konecki*, *Kathrine Helm*, *Luke Helm*, *Bill Hillman*, *Mrs. Bill Hillman*, *Marcie Lautanen-Raleigh*, *Art Lemke*, *Fred Lonnes*, *Don MacBean*, *Amy Maduram*, *Lauren Maxon*, *Bill Minerly*, *Andrea Munger*, *Drew Nannini*, *Kim Neidhardt*, *Stan Nettis*, *Sam Perez*, *Mark Petersen*, *Barb Pettijohn*, *Katherine Prush*, *Andy Roth*, *Giselle Ruecking*, *Catilin Sheridan*, *Claire Sheridan*, *Robin Sweeney*, *Laura Taylor*, *Ralph Taylor*, *Hanna Vatch*, *Ken Ward*, *Bob Wayman*, *Dan Zedan* and *Judith Zedan*. They represented a large and diverse group of people from in and out of the community. Many had little or no interest in trains. Special effort has been made to recruit members who have not been active in a while and to welcome them, and their valuable contributions, back to the museum.

If upgrades to the sub station and repair of CRT 5001 can be achieved, we hope to run three car trains for **"POLAR EXPRESS"** next year to better

keep up with demand. Decorations have already been purchased at fifty to twenty five cents on the dollars in anticipation. The added car will create issues with parking so trains will operate on an 1:10 hour headway to better allow the parking lot at Blackhawk to clear before the next group is to arrive and to allow our volunteers a much needed respite between trains. If we were able to add another car this year, we would have been able to earn over \$3100 more in revenue! Hopefully that will provide the catalyst for all at the museum to rise to the occasion and make things happen for *"POLAR EXPRESS"* 2006 and the museum.



The "Mad Scientist" a.k.a. member Bob Blaus, captivates his audience at County Park, adjacent to the Museum's grounds. It was part of the Village's 2005 "Harvest Festival" which offered free rides on the Museum's trains to those kids who purchased pumpkins raised by village young people on the near-by Kenyon farm.

We teamed up with a South Elgin business, the Fox Trail Restaurant, to provide our customers an added value for their riding with us. When presenting their validated tickets to the Fox Trail, patrons received a 10% discount on dinner. This offer, as well as a Fox Trail menu was mailed to everyone purchasing special event tickets. We are trying to show that the Fox River Trolley Museum is a valuable and integral part of the community and an active partner in its success and future. The nurturing of the relationship with the community is already reaping major rewards and will help secure our future. For next year will seek the partnership of many South Elgin businesses. Their promotions will be mailed to every special event customer and given to every patron throughout the year when they receive their copy of Trolley Times at the time they buy their tickets. We want to be the focal point and pride of South Elgin. The community has much to offer. By helping others we will help ourselves.

Members, their families and friends need to purchase tickets for these reserved, special event trains. Tickets can be ordered only by U.S. Mail to "Special Events Coordinator", Fox River Trolley Museum, P.O. Box 315, South Elgin, IL 60177 or on line at <http://www.foxtrolley.org/reservations.html> starting in May. It is suggested that all seats may be \$6.00. Children, under the age one, ride free. The book, "*THE POLAR EXPRESS*", can also be ordered on line and will be presented on board the train. All aboard for another year of good things!

Bob Blaus



Thinking about the Future - Succession Planning

The Fox River Trolley Museum has been around since 1959. Founded by a group of young men, today, 46-years later, many of these same 'young' men are still active in the management and operation of our Museum. It is wonderful that our organization provides such a satisfying experience that many of our members want to stay with the group for over 40-years. The Museum can consider itself blessed to have a great cadre of active and experienced people to work on and operate our artifacts as well as volunteer for Museum management jobs. However, something that many members are not aware of is that a lot of our most active members are in their 50s, 60s, and 70s.

The Museum has been here for 46-years. Will it still be here in 2051? I know that in 2051, if I am fortunate, I'll be 94-years old. However, in 2051, to borrow from Museum member *Norm Carlson*, it is most likely that the average age of our membership may be 'dead.' If our Museum is going to be around in 2051, today's directors, management team, and membership need to start the process of creating and implementing a Succession Plan.

What is Succession Planning? It is the process of preparing for the inevitable change that many skilled and knowledgeable people will not be with an organization in the future. For our Museum, this means that members with critical technical, management and leadership skills may not be available to us in the future. In other words, Succession Planning is critical to minimize the extreme challenge that the Fox River Trolley Museum will face in the future when many key members can no longer actively participate.

Thinking about it further, we can view Succession Planning as a core component of our educational mission. Not only do we strive to educate our visitors, we must strive to educate our own members. Moreover, one of the most critical avenues of educating our members is to get going with a Museum Succession Plan. Our Succession Plan needs to identify from the membership and the local community, successors for key posts and job skills in our organization. Then, in our Succession Plan, current Museum members will educate, teach, and train our planned successors through developmental activities that will assure the future of our organization. I am interested in your views on Succession Planning and setting the future course of the Museum. Please feel free to write me at anytime.

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Edward Konecki



Mission

To preserve and interpret Chicago's electric transport era that began in the 1890s and peaked before 1950. The electric transport era is significant because electric railways, including interurban, rapid transit, and streetcars, helped the Chicago region grow to be one of North America's great metropolitan areas. The Museum strives to show that electric railways were more than convenient, they were and are a way of life for generations of people from all walks of life.

The Museum fulfills this mission by preserving, interpreting, and operating historic railway vehicles on its demonstration electric railway, over the Aurora, Elgin and Fox River Electric route at South Elgin, Illinois. Furthermore, the museum preserves, displays and interprets smaller artifacts, photos, oral histories, and documents which help relate the importance of electric transport in and around the Chicago Metropolitan Area, putting them in context with their surroundings and era.

Car Department Report

This Spring has been a very trying one for me with my on-the-job fall in March and family responsibilities of late. Fortunately other museum members have continued to carry on Car Department tasks at the Museum. I have been putting together files on each unit, collecting information for department activities, participating as I can electronically in planning the car barn extension and doing some purchasing.

Ralph Taylor reports that besides the problem traction motor on CA&E 316, a motor on CTA L-202 flashed over which will require removal and sending out for repair. It is hoped that we will be able to do this physically and financially this Fall. The failure happened after a successful replacement of the brake cylinder packing cup and the return spring which was cracked. The packing cup was in stock and the spring was salvaged from a brake cylinder removed from the Philadelphia sweeper parts. *Rich Chapas* and *Ralph* and others undertook this project.

Bill Minnerly and *Ralph* have installed the tack molding on NSL 715 and *Ralph* is completing the rebuilding of the #1 end train door which had a rotted bottom panel. *Jim Gonyo* has been preparing to apply the roof coating system once the canvas is patched and tacked down. The overnight temperature has to be consistently above 50 degrees F so it will cure correctly.

Rich Chapas has been busy with CTA 4288 replacing the #2 end header

along with a nailing strip on one of the carlines. Since the roof is open he has been tracing lighting and door control conduits and wiring which are exposed. While he removed two ceiling panels for access, he has determined that only car card panels above the windows need to be removed to get at the conduit. I got him a copy of a Association of Railway Museums door and step control reprint book and Fred Lonnes has provided him with CTA diagrams of door control circuitry. Rich hopes to apply this knowledge to the doors of 4451.

Ralph and *Rob Taylor*, Bill Minnerly and others have continued working on CA&E 316, fitting more pieces of new belt rail onto the car. Jim Gonyo and Ralph are recovering several seat cushions. They have also started assembling the wire harness for CA&E 317's roof so the car can move under its own power. After the motor failures on 316 and L-202, 317's motors will be cleaned and inspected before such a move. Good luck and thanks to Rob Taylor who is leaving the area as he starts field work this Summer and pursues his Master's Degree in Michigan this Fall.

Joe Hazinski

Train Master Report

Being a relatively new member of the museum it is with great enthusiasm that I have accepted the Board's offer to serve as the museum's Trainmaster. As with everything else I do, I promise to put all of my energies into making our train crews the best they can be.

In an ongoing effort to improve operating procedures, over the next few months, with the assistance of many of our veterans, I will be working on new training and crew certification policies utilizing The Basic Training Manual for Brakeman & Switchmen, published by Railway Educational Bureau, as the basis for the program. This will bring our training program more into line with industry accepted practices. Further, with the assistance and input of our current train crews and volunteers, I hope to put together new operating instructions/check-off sheets for each of our operational cars, certification requirements and procedural policies relative to the Day Manager, Dispatcher and Agent positions and implement new accident prevention training and review procedures.

Everyone will have an opportunity to bid on crew assignments, both regular and charter. Lastly, I want everyone to know that I look forward to, and expect your input. I can't address a problem unless I know what it is. I can be reached at home: 630-879-6115, work: 847-252-7761 or via Email: "mailto:dzedan@aol.com" Communication is the key to moving our museum forward. Constructive criticisms, as well as suggestions, are

welcome. I look forward to the challenges ahead.

Dan Zedan

Board Announces 2006 Meeting Dates

At its January 29, 2006 meeting the Board established the schedule for its 2006 meetings and Members Meetings.

March 25 at 1:00 PM, South Elgin Village Hall, 10 N. Water Street.

May 27 at 1:00 PM, South Elgin Village Hall, 10 N. Water Street.

July 22 at 7:00 PM, South Elgin Village Hall, 10 N. Water Street.

September 16 at 1:00 PM, South Elgin Village Hall, 10 N. Water Street.

November 18 at 1:00 PM, South Elgin Village Hall, 10 N. Water Street.

Spring Members Day April 29 at the Museum's grounds - time to be announced.

Members Day October 7 Time to be announced.

Annual Membership Meeting, October 7 at 6:00 PM, South Elgin Village Hall, 10 N. Water Street.

Don MacBean

In Memoriam - Don Anderson

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Don Anderson on December 31, 2005. Don served the Museum with distinction as Secretary, director and a crew member. He joined the Fox River Trolley Museum in 1993. His presence was always accompanied by a bright smile and dry wit which endeared him not only to his fellow members but also to our guests. We remember him with great appreciation and thankfulness for his service.

Don MacBean

HELP! ! ! !

There are many many activities going on at the Museum that should be reported in "*Fox River Lines.*" But they are not. All we need, to paraphrase the U. S. Marines, is "*A few good reporters.*" There are a few department heads that make reports and there are others whose "plates are full" carrying out their responsibilities which at the same time have stories worthy of being in print for the benefit of the membership.

Being a reporter or correspondent for the newsletter can be helpful to a members knowledge and understanding of the Museum its goals and mission. Submittal requirements are very simple and easy to do. An e-mail addressed to me at DmacBRR@aol.com will get the story to me. It can be part of the e-mail or an attachment to it either an MS-Word or WordPerfect or a text document will do.

Pictures can be scanned and sent as JPEG files to accompany the stories.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Don MacBean - Managing Editor

Gleanings From 2005 Board Minutes

Listed in meeting date order are significant items taken from minutes of Fox River Trolley Museum's Board of Directors meetings for 2005.

January 22, 2005 Meeting

Museum Store

DVD's: 500 bought, one damaged, eleven sold, 488 in stock. Tapes: 250 bought, 242 in stock. Project closed.

Car Barn Extension Committee

Ralph Taylor reported on price quote received. Various options and issues were discussed. Additional cost quotations needed for alternate expansion plans.

March 19, 2005 Meeting

Member Services Department Membership Secretary Report.

264 individuals currently listed as members. Dan Zedan had met the requirements to become a regular member. The Members Day is scheduled for April 30th and would conclude with a dinner at the American Legion Hall in Elgin followed by a program at the S. Elgin Village Hall.

Roadmaster

Edward Konecki reported on the work the track department had accomplished. Forty ties were to be installed on track two. He also discussed the drainage issue with the watercourse #3 (Woodcliff North)

Barn Extension

Ralph Taylor presented a report from the committee. Additional options were discussed. More to options are to be explored. A committee meeting is to be held on Sat. May 14th @ 3:30 PM at South Elgin.

North Shore Car #154

Edward Konecki reported on his discussions with the Ohio Railway Museum (ORM) concerning car #154 and its condition. He requested the board's guidance on whether to pursue the acquisition of the car. Bob Wayman moved and Bill Minerly 2nd, a motion to advise ORM of our regrets and that we have decided not to try to acquire the car.

Sponsorship Gifts

Bob Wayman moved and Chuck Galitz 2nd for Membership Secretary, Laura Taylor to be authorized to issue appropriate gifts for sponsorships if requested. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

Chuck Galitz moved and Bob Wayman 2nd to create a committee to determine sponsorship gifts for the 2006 season. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

Members to be Laura Taylor, Chair, Bob Wayman, and Chuck Galitz.

May 21, 2005 Meeting

Presidents Report

Ed Konecki reported that Cambridge Homes has restored the damaged lawn and replaced the damaged 200 feet of track. Also, a new driveway crossing has been installed. Repairs to damaged track 1W are still awaiting resolution pending Cambridge's retaining wall installation.

Ed reiterated that Department managers responsibilities include clear communications between departments and that improvements are expected.

Trainmaster

Training sessions have been held and additional sessions will be held as necessary. Ralph Taylor discussed an operating problem experienced 5/14/05 where a pole and the roof of car 5001 was damaged. New cleats will be added to the cars so the ropes can be secured.

Membership Activities Coordinator

Ed Konecki reported that Shoreline obtained three new members from their joint mailing.

Museum Services Manger

Ed Konecki reported on climate controlled storage facilities to replace our non-climate controlled facilities. A minimal increase in cost will occur.

Car Department Superintendent

Joe Hazinski provided a status report. Ralph Taylor presented an additional report and discussed problems encountered while making repairs to the end door of car 715. Specifically, the dry rot found necessitating replacement wood. He further discussed problems found with the motors and bolsters of L202.

Chief Engineer

Ralph Taylor submitted a report on survey work done prior to a meeting with the Car barn manufacturer pursuant to plans for the planned expansion project. Also reported on his recommendation for a temporary inspection pit on track one.

Roadmaster

Ed Konecki reported that ninety ties had been replaced on track two and the track leveled.

Barn Extension.

Ed Konecki reported on the results of the May 14, 2005 meeting with

Morton Buildings about the options to make a 48 ft or a 60 ft. building extension. And the work involved in each option. The committee plans to continue to explore options for a 60 ft. extension.

2006 Event Schedule.

Chuck Galitz moved and Bob Wayman 2nd to appoint a 2006 calendar special events committee consisting of: Don MacBean (Chair), Chuck Galitz, Art Lemke, (T) and Matt DelGludice (T). (T = tentative) Said committee is to determine the appropriate special events and determine a coordinator for events needing one. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

July 16, 2005 Meeting

Membership Secretary Report.

Laura Taylor reported that there are 293 members currently listed. She also raised issues associated with the presence of younger people present on the property who are not accompanied by a parent.

Chief Engineer

Carbarn Expansion: Ralph Taylor discussed the study efforts undertaken to determine possible track and switch arrangements necessary if the carbarn is extended North.

Roadmaster

Assistant Roadmaster Ed Konecki presented a report indicating that three joint bars had been repaired, 21 ties had been replaced, new bridge timbers installed, and track leveled on approaches to Wards bridge. Further, that herbicide had been applied to track and substation and building edges. Also, that he had located a source of cinder ballast for our ROW and was investigating its feasibility.

Electrical Supply & Signal Superintendent

Ralph Taylor reported on problems experienced by the overhead system with damage from lightning and falling trees due to storms. The museum has suffered a failed feeder cable to the carbarn and failed lightning arresters.

Curator

Ed Konecki reported that the Archives had been relocated with the assistance of Chuck Galitz's truck, to a controlled environment facility.

Other New Business

Gift. The museum received a gift from Willy Mann of a crossing sign and another sign. He requested a 2 year family pass in return. Bob Wayman moved that the membership secretary issue a 2-year family pass to Willy

Mann. Chuck Galitz 2nd. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

2006 Dues Rate

The president recommended that the dues rates for 2006 be maintained at their existing levels. Ralph Taylor moved that the dues rates for 2006 be maintained at their existing levels, Bob Wayman 2nd. Motion carried 5/0/0.

September 10, 2005 Meeting

Presidents Report

Ed Konecki reported on the receipt of two historic fence gateposts from Cambridge Homes. Cambridge Status: Ed Konecki met during the week of 7/17th with Messrs. Cook and Winger to discuss various issues still pending.

Member Services Department

Laura Taylor reported that there are 301 members currently listed. Also that difficulties in agent coverage due to insufficient training occurred.

Museum Services Department Museum Services Manager

Ed Konecki provided a report on the new climate controlled storage space. Also, reported on the receipt of new items acquired. 1920 Fox River Line annual passes from Mr. Tredup and a collection of negatives and slides of the North Shore and Illinois Terminal Lines from Mr. E. Spitzer.

Collection Assessment Committee

Report Ralph Taylor presented a report. National Register Committee Report Ed Konecki discussed the status of the draft for the National Register application.

November 19, 2005 Meeting

Nomination and Election

Bob Wayman moved and Chuck Galitz 2nd that following slate of officers be nominated:

President-Ed Konecki, Vice President-Bill Minerly, Secretary-Bob Wayman, Treasurer-Chuck Galitz

No other nominations were offered.

Chuck Galitz moved for unanimous confirmation of the nominees. Bob Wayman 2nd. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

Appointment of Committees

Management Committee

Chuck Galitz moved and Bob Wayman 2nd that the Management

Committee consist of: Ed Konecki, Bob Wayman, and
Chuck Galitz. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

Safety Rules Committee

Ralph Taylor moved to reestablish the Safety Rules Committee and Bill 2nd with Bob Wayman (Chairman), Mark Petersen, and Ed Konecki.
Motion carried 5/0/0.

Collections Assessment Committee

Ralph Taylor moved to reestablish the Collections Assessment Committee and Bob Wayman 2nd with Ralph Taylor (Chairman). Don MacBean, Stan Nettis, Joe Hazinski, and Marty Tuohy.

Ralph Taylor withdrew his motion and Bob Wayman concurred. Bob Wayman moved and Chuck Galitz 2nd that the Collections Assessment Committee be reestablished with Ralph Taylor as Chairman and additional members to be appointed at the January Board Meeting under old business. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

National Register Committee

Chuck Galitz moved and Bob Wayman 2nd to reconstitute the National Register Committee with Marty Tuohy (chairman) and Ed. Konecki.
Motion carried 5/0/0.

Revenue Enhancement Committee

Chuck Galitz moved and Bill Minerly 2nd to reconstitute the Revenue Enhancement Committee with Don MacBean (chairman, Graham Garfield, BobWayman, Art Lemke, Fred Crissey, Terry Younce and Dan Zedan. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

Sponsorship Gifts Committee

Ralph Taylor moved and Bob Wayman 2nd to reconstitute the Sponsorship Gifts Committee. Motion carried 5/0/0. Bob Wayman moved and Bill Minerly 2nd to appoint Chuck Galitz (chairman), Laura Taylor, and Bob Wayman to the committee. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

2007 Calendar Events Committee

Bill Minerly moved and Bob Wayman 2nd to establish the 2007 Calendar Events Committee Motion carried 5/0/0.
Bob Wayman moved and Chuck Galitz 2nd to appoint Don MacBean (chairman) with additional members to be appointed at the January Board meeting. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

2006 Capital Campaign Committee

Chuck Galitz moved and Bob Wayman 2nd to establish the 2006 Capital Campaign Committee. Discussion covered what needs and goals were to be met by this committee. As a result of the discussion, Bob Wayman moved and Ralph Taylor 2nd to amend the motion to defer appointment of

members until the January Board meeting. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

Museum Store Manager

Laura Taylor reported that six tapes and 22 DVD's have been sold.

Membership Secretary Report

Laura Taylor reported that there are 302 members currently listed.

Car Department

Ralph Taylor provided a report.

Chief Engineer

Ralph Taylor reported on engineering status for design for track for the probable expansion of the carbarn. Also that all damaged lightning arresters had been removed. Also reported were difficulties with the JR breaker and feeder cables.

Publications Manager

Don MacBean discussed status of the publications. He was advised that the board's recommendation was to proceed to publish one issue as soon as possible and not wait until the second issue was ready to issue both.

Community Relations Manager

Don MacBean reported that he had been appointed to the South Elgin Riverfest Committee.

National Register Committee

Ed Konecki presented a draft submission to an application for listing on a National Register of Historic Places.

Medical Insurance

Ralph Taylor reported that medical insurance coverage is available for \$25 per individual with a minimum of six non named persons covered. It was agreed that the item would be placed on the budget agenda.

Other Old Business.

Dan Zedan proposed providing to our members a list of our goals for the museum.

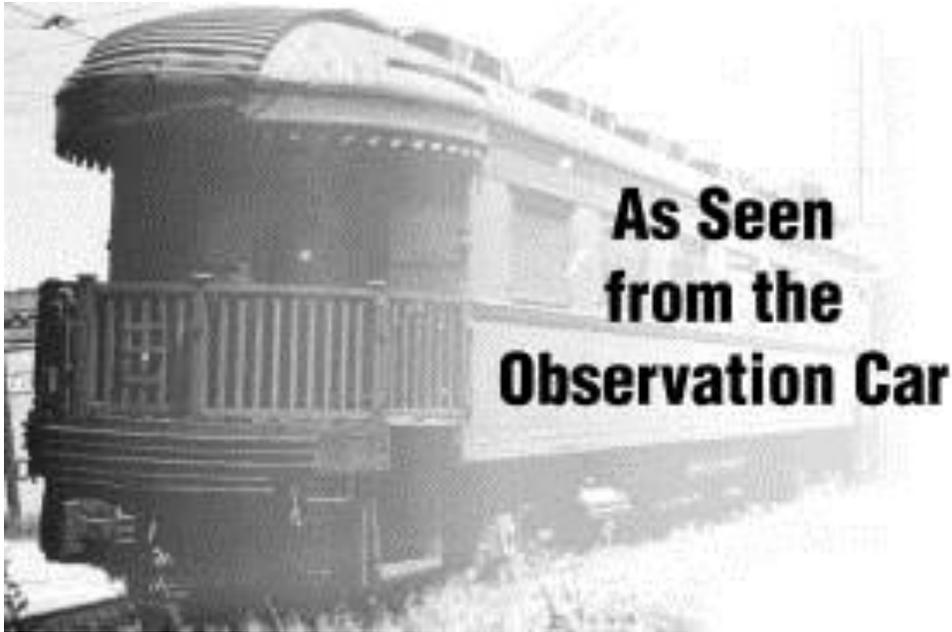
New Business

IC Coleman Depot.

Ralph Taylor moved and Bob Wayman 2nd for the museum to express our interest in obtaining the former I.C. RR Depot and investigate the feasibility of obtaining the Depot and its relocation to the museum grounds. *Motion carried 5/0/0.*

Bob Wayman





For this issue we want to do something in a little lighter vein. It is a quiz that will test your knowledge of the Museum, its operation, rolling stock and history. Some of the questions will be true or false and some multiple choice. Many of the answers are found in "*Trolley Times*," our Visitor's Guide or "*Fox River Lines*."

1. The first car in our present current collection, to arrive at what is now Museum grounds was at one time:
a. CA&E #C b. AE&FRE #7 c. CNS&M # 1504 d. All of the above
2. The first car in our present collection, to arrive at what is now Museum grounds arrived in:
a. 1959 b. 1961 c. 1963 d. 1965
3. The use of the name "Fox River Line" by a museum or interurban line first originated with:
a. The Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Railroad (AE&C)
b. The Railway Equipment Leasing and Investment Co. (RELIC)
c. The Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railway
d. The Fox River Trolley Association
e. Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad
f. Aurora, Elgin and Fox River Electric Company
4. The oldest car (builders date) in our collection saw street car service in Chicago. (**True or False**)
5. The newest car in our collection (based on builder date) is:
a. CTA 40 b. CTA 43 c. CTA 6101

d. CTA 6102 e. MUNY 1030 f. CRT 5001

6. That portion of the Elgin, Aurora & Southern Traction Company (AE&FRE) over which we operate was opened for regular passenger service between Elgin and Geneva on:

a. June 30, 1895 b. June 30, 1896 c. June 30, 1897

d. June 30, 1902 e. August 30, 1902 f. None of the above

7. When the museum first began operating trains on July 4, 1966, the first train went from Castlemuir to Coleman yard.

(True or False)

8. The Aurora, Elgin and Fox River Electric Company ceased interurban passenger service in March 1935.

(True or False)

9. When CA&E 11 (Line Car) arrived at what is now Museum grounds it was owned by Railway Equipment Leasing and Investment Co. (RELIC).

(True or False)

10. Which car, when it arrived at the Aurora, Elgin and Fox River Electric Company property was "an empty home routed" car:

a. CA&E #11 b. CSS&SB #7 c. AE&FRE #7

d. AE&FRE #5 e. None of the above

Answers in the next issue.

Don MacBean

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