



RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

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RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA OBSERVES ANNUAL CHARTER DAY Visitors Welcomed Free Of Charge

Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA—Celebrate the 329th birthday of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg, Lancaster County, observes Charter Day on Sunday, March 14, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visitors to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania will be welcomed free of charge on Charter Day.

The original charter for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was signed by King Charles II in March 1681, in recognition of the loyalty of William Penn's deceased father to the English monarchy, and conveying the tract of land that is now Pennsylvania to William Penn.

Visitors of all ages are invited to view the mammoth treasures of our nation's heritage at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, whose world-class collection includes more than 100 historic locomotives and vintage railroad cars, some of which will be open to experience first-hand. Explore Steinman Station passenger depot exhibit, take the throttle in an authentic Norfolk Southern freight locomotive cab, climb aboard an engine or a caboose and enjoy the fun and challenging activities in Stewart Junction railway education center. The Whistle Stop Shop museum store, featuring a vast array of exclusive and unique railroading gifts, collectibles and merchandise, also will be open during Charter Day.

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In addition to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth's official railroad museum, admission is free of charge on Charter Day at various other historic sites and museums administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Please make certain that the site you plan to visit on Charter Day is normally open during the winter months, and is open Charter Day, by going on line at www.phmc.state.pa.us for a listing of the Keystone State's wonderful historic sites and museums.

Located on PA Route 741 East in Strasburg, Lancaster County, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, with the active support of the non-profit Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. For more information on the Railroad Museum's programs, collections or operations, call (717)687-8628 or visit www.rrmuseumpa.org.

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