



RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

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RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA HOSTS READING RAILROAD DAYS Night Photo Shoot & Operating Model Layout Highlight Independence Day Week Event

Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA—The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania focuses on the fascinating history of a pioneering transportation system during Reading Railroad Days at the Museum from Wednesday, June 30 through Monday, July 5, 2010.

A highlight of Reading Railroad Days, on display in the Railroad Museum's Rolling Stock Hall, will be a huge, amazingly detailed, HO scale model railroad that is built, assembled and operated by members of the Reading Company Technical & Historical Society.

A special night photo shoot of the Railroad Museum's Reading Company equipment will be held on Friday, July 2, beginning at 8:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for photography and railroad enthusiasts to capture rare views of these historic pieces on film in the Museum after dark. Advance registration and separate admission are required for the photo shoot.

Visitors will enjoy Reading Company equipment from the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's world-class collection, including the multiple unit car No. 800, switching engine No. 1251, *Crusader* observation car No. 1 and the 1928 turntable. Turntable demonstrations will take place in the outdoor yard, conditions permitting.

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is home to more than 100 historic locomotives and vintage railroad cars, a number of which will be open for visitors to explore. The Museum's Stewart Junction railway education center will provide fun and challenging hands-on activities for the young and young at heart.

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Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania visitors also will want to experience, first hand, the job of a train engineer by taking a turn at the throttle in the Norfolk Southern freight engine cab simulator, and view the “Trains In Motion Pictures” exhibit currently on display in the Museum’s second floor gallery. The Whistle Stop Shop museum store offers a vast array of railroading merchandise and gifts.

The first 50 paid adult visitors to the Railroad Museum each day during Reading Railroad Days 2010 will receive a deluxe sized postcard featuring an historic image from the Museum’s collection, compliments of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Kids also will receive a coloring sheet featuring Reading switching locomotive No. 1251. Reading Railroad Days activities are included in the regular Museum admission price, per person, per day: adults 12 to 64, \$10.00; seniors 65 and over, \$9.00; youth 3 to 11, \$8.00; and children 2 and under, free of charge. Museum hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

In addition to Reading Railroad Days at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, visitors may wish to take advantage of other nearby railroad attractions including the Strasburg Rail Road, the National Toy Train Museum and the ChooChoo Barn. For information on area lodging, dining, shopping, entertainment and attractions, call 1(800)PADUTCH or 1(800)VISITPA, or log onto www.strasburgpa.com, www.padutchcountry.com or www.visitpa.com.

Located in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is approximately 10 miles east of Lancaster on PA Route 741 in Strasburg, Lancaster County. The official railroad museum of the Commonwealth, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, with the active support of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Visit www.rrmuseumpa.org or call (717)687-8628. You can also find the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania on Facebook.