



**RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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## **RAILROAD MUSEUM CELEBRATES PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD “PENNSY” DAYS Author Stephen Fried Gives Special Presentation on Historic Harvey House Hospitality**

Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA—The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania celebrates the rich and fascinating history of the Pennsylvania Railroad, once the world’s largest corporation, during Pennsy Days on Friday, June 4, Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, 2010.

Pennsy Days features original work by railroad artists, historical presentations, access to various locomotives and railroad cars, operating model railroads and other special displays for Museum visitors to enjoy. The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania houses the world’s most important collection of original Pennsylvania Railroad locomotives and rolling stock, as well as smaller trackside equipment and other artifacts. Visitors may climb aboard to experience a number of locomotives and railroad cars in the Museum’s vast Rolling Stock Hall, as well as in the outdoor restoration yard, conditions permitting.

Featured displays slated for Pennsy Days include, to date:

- Railroad art and photography by James R. Rose, Peter Lerro Jr and F&S Imagery
- O scale model operating layout by the Liberty Hi-Railers
- N scale model operating layout by the Capital PenNScalers
- HO scale model operating layout by the Harrisburg chapter, National Railway Historical Society
- HO scale model operating layout by the Strasburg Model Railroaders
- Restored 1950 F-1 pickup truck in Pennsy livery by Ken Briers
- Vintage children’s railroad books by Philip O. Ritter

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Special featured presentations scheduled for Pennsy Days include, to date:

- “Pennsylvania Railroad Memories” by Pennsy veteran D. Garth Wise. Saturday at 9:30 a.m.
- “Appetite For America: How Visionary Businessman Fred Harvey Built A Railroad Hospitality Empire That Civilized The Wild West” by award-winning author Stephen Fried, who was recently interviewed on National Public Radio. Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Fried will be available both before and after his presentation to sign his new book.

How was the West won? With railroad hospitality, led by 1880s culinary innovator Fred Harvey who believed he could serve the finest cuisine in the middle of nowhere. Fred Harvey is generally considered to be the founding father of the American restaurant and hospitality industries, a “food missionary” out to civilize the nation one meal at a time. He was the first foodie hero, and formed the first major female workforce in the United States, the legendary Harvey Girls.

- Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society, Philadelphia chapter meeting. Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
- “Pennsylvania Railroad Milk Trains” by Rob Davis. Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
- “Tips For Restoring Pennsy Railcars” by Scott Kwiatkowski. Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

The Pennsylvania Railroad’s historic Middle Division between Mifflin and Lewistown, Pennsylvania is depicted in an impressive, operating HO scale layout in the Railroad Museum’s lobby. Visitors also will enjoy the “Trains In Motion Pictures” exhibit in the Museum’s second floor gallery, with three vintage films playing on flat screens, as well as railroad movie-related posters, photos and artifacts.

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania’s popular and delightful Stewart Junction railway education center offers hands-on activities for young railroaders and the young at heart. The Whistle Stop Shop museum store carries an impressive array of railroading merchandise including books, DVDs, prints, clothing, exclusive gifts and collectibles.

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Children will receive a coloring sheet featuring the Museum’s Pennsylvania Railroad K4s steam passenger locomotive No. 3750, compliments of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, during Pennsy Days. Pennsy Days activities are included in the regular Railroad Museum admission: \$10.00 for adults ages 12 to 64, \$9.00 for seniors ages 65 and over, \$8.00 for youth ages 3 to 11 and free of charge for children ages 2 and under. Railroad Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pennsy Days activities may be subject to change without notice. Proceeds from Pennsy Days benefit important Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania preservation, education and interpretive programs.

In addition to Pennsy Days at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, visitors may wish to take advantage of other nearby train related attractions, including the Strasburg Rail Road just across the road, the National Toy Train Museum and the ChooChoo Barn. Visit [www.strasburgpa.com](http://www.strasburgpa.com), [www.padutchcounty.com](http://www.padutchcounty.com) or [www.visitpa.com](http://www.visitpa.com) or call 1(800)PADUTCH or 1(800)VISITPA, for information on area lodging, dining, shopping, heritage sites and museums and other attractions.

The official railroad museum of the Commonwealth, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is located on PA Route 741 in Strasburg, Lancaster County, approximately 10 miles east of Lancaster, in the heart of beautiful Pennsylvania Dutch country.

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