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RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA ACQUIRES FIRST INTERMODAL CAR TTX Company Donates No. 150643 Flat Car

Strasburg, Lancaster County, PA — TTX Company of Chicago, Illinois has donated RTTX No. 150643 flat car to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's historic collection. No. 150643 is the Museum's first rolling stock acquisition representing intermodal service.

"No. 150643 arrived from the TTX Company in great condition and freshly painted," says Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania director Jeff Bliemeister. "This car will help provide students of intermodal transport, containerization and railroading with a firsthand view of how moving freight using multiple modes of shipping worked."

The car now sports the Trailer Train yellow and black paint scheme that was adopted in 1970 to improve visibility of the equipment at highway grade crossings. Built in February 1965 at the Bethlehem Steel Company's Johnstown, Pennsylvania car building plant, No. 150643 was part of a 93-car order and was assigned as a class F89F car, which became one of the mainstays of the piggyback fleet during the 1960s and early 1970s. The car was equipped with two trailer hitches, which allowed for two trailers of up to 40' in length or a combination of one 40' trailer and one 45' trailer to be loaded on the car.

Over the years, there were a number of modifications and changes made to No. 150643 that improved its reliability and its usefulness. RTTX No. 150643 served TTX Company for nearly 50 years. During that time, the car accumulated over 3.7 million miles in service. In preparation for its retirement, No. 150643 was sent to storage at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania in July 2014. From Hollidaysburg, the car was moved to the TTX Company shop at North Augusta, South Carolina to be prepared for its donation to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

TTX Company was formed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, Norfolk & Western Railway and Rail-Trailer Company as Trailer Train Company on November 11, 1955. TTX Company is a leading provider of railcars and related freight car management services to the North American rail industry. TTX's pool of railcars is over 220,000 cars strong and is ideal for supporting shippers in the intermodal, automotive, paper & forest, metals, machinery, wind energy and other markets where flatcars, boxcars and gondolas are required.

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is home to a world-class collection of more than 100 historic locomotives and railroad cars, a vast library and archives, a working restoration shop and an immersive education center. 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.

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