Freshly painted Union Pacific rotary snowplow & tender 900075 (built by Lima in 1949) is powered by Rock Island 4506, an Electro-Motive Division GP-7R locomotive (1952) pulling Union Pacific caboose 3786 (1942). The distinctive 1970’s era paint scheme on The Rock EMD locomotive commemorates 100 years since the 1922 establishment of one of the nation’s most successful locomotive builders. Photo by Rob Schreiner.
2022 SCHEDULE
ELECTRIC CARS resume regular weekend operations April 24 until the end of October plus weekdays from Memorial Day until Labor Day.
STEAM AND DIESEL TRAINS will operate weekends in May through the end of September.
WEEKEND MAINLINE TRAINS operate hourly 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, more frequently if needed.
WEEKDAY MAINLINE TRAINS operate as needed 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
STREETCARS operate on our streetcar loop most weekends 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM as needed.
GROUNDS open at 10:00 AM and close one hour after the last train departure unless otherwise announced.

2022 SPECIAL EVENTS
★ BUNNY TROLLEY HOP - Saturdays & Sundays - April 9, 10 & 16
Celebrate the beginning of Spring aboard a festive train! Ride along with the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs, and more!
SPECIAL FARE DAYS — NO PASSES HONORED FOR THIS EVENT.
MOTHER’S DAY - Sunday - May 8
All Moms admitted FREE when accompanied by at least one fare paying child or adult.
SCOUT DAY - Saturday - May 14
Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops participate in a day long event. The day includes a flag ceremony, awarding of badges, touring the Museum and participating in various projects.
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - Saturday through Monday - May 28, 29 & 30
Our annual kickoff to summer! Steam, diesel and electric trains operate all three days. Active duty military personnel and their families admitted free with military ID.
RAILWAY POST OFFICE DAYS - Saturday & Sunday - June 4 & 5
Visit a railway post office and see mail transferred on and off a speeding train.
CHICAGO DAY - Saturday - June 18
Commemorating the 64th anniversary of the last day of streetcar service in Chicago.
FATHER’S DAY - Sunday - June 19
All Dads admitted FREE when accompanied by at least one fare paying child or adult.
TROLLEY WEEKEND - Saturday through Monday - July 2, 3 & 4
Vintage trolleys will operate each day including several that are normally not in regular service.
★ DAY OUT WITH THOMAS™ - Saturdays & Sundays - July 9, 10, 16 & 17
Thomas the Tank Engine and Percy return to IRM. Event licensed by Gullane (Thomas Ltd. / Hit Entertainment Ltd.)
SPECIAL FARE DAYS — NO PASSES HONORED FOR THIS EVENT.
VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA - Sunday - August 7
Enjoy a large display of historic cars and trucks of all makes and models on display for just one day! Ride a streetcar to the various viewing areas and be sure to ride our mainline trains also operating throughout the day. For information about displaying your vehicle please call our office at 815-923-4391 ext. 404.
DIESEL DAYS - Friday through Sunday - August 12, 13 & 14
Enjoy IRM’s large variety of diesel locomotives along with their unique color schemes. And, for an extra fare, you can take the throttle of a diesel locomotive or ride in the cab.
LABOR DAY WEEKEND - Saturday through Monday - September 3, 4 & 5
Join us for three days and two evenings of fun. Enjoy a twilight ride on multiple trains as you explore the grounds and see our many illuminated sign displays. EXTENDED HOURS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TO 9:30 PM.

MUSEUM SHOWCASE WEEKEND - Saturday & Sunday - September 17 & 18
An opportunity to see and ride some of the less frequently run equipment as we honor the volunteers who make the Museum work. Great photo opportunities!
BUS DAY - Saturday - September 24
Join us for trolley and motor bus operations this weekend along with other buses open and on display.
STEAM INTO FALL - Saturday & Sunday - October 1 & 2
Enjoy our steam locomotives operating throughout the weekend to leave you with warm memories over the cold months ahead.
PUMPKIN TRAIN - Saturdays & Sundays - October 22, 23, 29 & 30
Pick up your pumpkin by train and enjoy family themed fall fun.
★ HAPPY HOLIDAY RAILWAY - Saturdays & Sundays - November 25, 26, 27, December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 & 18
Embark on a magical train ride through the winter countryside with Santa Claus himself! Hot cocoa and treats will be served along with a special gift for kids on Santa’s “good list”. Tickets available after August 1st on our website, wwwIRM.org.
SPECIAL FARE DAYS — NO PASSES HONORED FOR THIS EVENT.
NOTE: Operation of all trains is subject to safety, mechanical and weather conditions. All schedules are subject to change without notice. Visit wwwIRM.org for information and updates regarding open days, hours, fares, and special events.

MEMBERSHIP
Membership in the Illinois Railway Museum is open to anyone who likes trains or who is interested in the Museum’s historic and educational programs. The member receives a pass which identifies them as a Museum supporter, allows them passage on the Museum’s operating railway, and a discount on certain educational materials in the Museum Store. Members also receive Rail & Wire, the Museum magazine, which is published several times per year.
Membership Rates:
$50 Individual Associate $80 Family Associate
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Annual memberships run from January through December.
Sign up today at wwwIRM.org/membership

DONATIONS
The Illinois Railway Museum’s success is due to the support of its members and patrons. As a not-for-profit educational organization, we receive no local, state or federal assistance. The Museum’s ticket sales don’t quite cover basic operations. Donations to our General Fund are needed to bridge the gap and for basic upkeep. IRM depends on help from people like you to fulfill its preservation and educational mission especially during challenging times like these. Please visit wwwIRM.org/fundraising for more information.

IRM SIGNS WEB STORE
IRM sells obsolete historic Chicago ‘L’ signs. Your purchase will help historic sign restorations across the Museum. Go to wwwIRMsigns.org for more information.

IRM USED BOOKSTORE
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