Celebrating 70 years of railway preservation, IRM displays and operates diesel, steam and electric powered trains including Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy 9911 A E5 Silver Pilot (Electro-Motive Company, 1940), St. Louis-San Francisco (Frisco) 1630 2-10-0 (Baldwin, 1918), and Chicago Rapid Transit 1268 'L' car (American Car & Foundry, 1907). Photo by Rob Schreiner.

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MUSEUM IS CLOSED.
ELECTRIC CARS MONDAY – FRIDAY 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
ELECTRIC CARS AND STEAM OR DIESEL TRAINS 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT DAYS Visit wwwIRM.org for more details.
SPECIAL FARE DAYS No passes honored for these events. Visit wwwIRM.org for more details.

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2023 SCHEDULE
ELECTRIC CARS will operate Sundays beginning April 16th, Saturdays and Sundays May 6 until the end of October and weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. STEAM AND/OR DIESEL TRAINS will operate weekends in May through the first weekend in October. WEEKEND MAINLINE TRAINS operate on the hour from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (or later on special days), more often as 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.

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 allowing passage on the Museum’s operating railway and a discount on certain educational materials in the Museum Store. Members also receive the Museum newsletter, Rail & Wire, which is published several times a year. A Sustaining Member has the same membership benefits but provides additional (tax deductible) financial support to the Museum.

Membership Rates:
$60 Individual Associate $100 Family Associate
$100 Individual Sustaining $200 Family Sustaining
Annual memberships run from January through December. Sign up today at www.IRM.org/membership

DONATIONS
The Illinois Railway Museum’s success is due to the support of its members and patrons. 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. Please visit www.irm.org/fundraising for more information.

IRM SIGNS WEB STORE

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Visit IRM’s used bookstore dedicated to classic railroad publications. Now online at www.irm.org/usedbookstore

2023 SPECIAL EVENTS
NORTH SHORE LINE DAY - Saturday - January 21
Commemorating the last day of service 60 years ago on the Chicago North Shore and Milwaukee Railroad. A variety of NSL equipment will be on display and in operation.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND - Friday through Monday - September 1, 2, 3 & 4 - Join us for four 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.

CABIN FEVER DAY - Sunday - January 22 - Join us for this special mid-winter event when a variety of diesel and electric trains will run.

CHICAGO TROLLEY COACH DAY - Saturday - March 25
IRM will honor 50 years since the end of trolley coach service in Chicago. A variety of buses from Chicago will be on display and in operation.

BUNNY TROLLEY HOP - Saturdays & Sundays - April 1, 2 & 8
Help bring in spring with a festive train ride with the Easter Bunny, egg hunts and more!

SPECIAL FARE DAYS — NO PASSES HONORED FOR THIS EVENT.
MOTHER’S DAY - Sunday - May 14 - All Moms admitted FREE when accompanied by at least one fare paying child or adult.

STEAM KICKOFF - Saturday & Sunday - May 20 & 21
Join us as we kick off the summer season with the first weekend of steam locomotives in operation.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - Saturday through Monday - May 27, 28 & 29
Join us for expanded steam, diesel and electric train operation during the first long summer weekend. Active-duty military personnel and their families admitted free with military ID.

RAILWAY POST OFFICE DAYS - Saturday & Sunday - June 3 & 4
See how railroads played an active role in handling the US Mail. Visit a railway post office and see mail transferred on and off a speeding train.

50’S DAY - Saturday - June 10 - Celebrate the 1950’s at IRM with live music, a greasers vs. preps costume contest, summertime carnival games and period automobiles along with buses and trains from the time when rock ‘n roll was king.

FATHER’S DAY - Sunday - June 18 - All Dads admitted FREE when accompanied by at least one fare paying child or adult.

4th OF JULY WEEKEND - Saturday through Tuesday - July 1, 2, 3 & 4
Join IRM on Saturday for the 70 for 70 Trolley Pageant, a parade of 70 electric pieces to celebrate the Museum’s 70th anniversary and for extra train operations Saturday through Tuesday.

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS™ - Saturdays & Sundays - July 15, 16, 22 & 23 - Thomas the Tank Engine and Percy return to IRM. Event licensed by Gullane (Thomas Ltd. / Hit Entertainment Ltd.)

VINTAGE TRANSPORT EXTRAVAGANZA - Sunday - August 6
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 11, 12 & 13
Enjoy IRM’s large variety of diesel locomotives along with their unique color schemes. Extra Fare operational opportunities will be available!

NOTE: Operation of all trains is subject to safety, mechanical and weather conditions. All schedules are subject to change without notice. Visit www.irm.org for information and updates regarding open days, hours, fares and special events.

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