



Celebrating 70 years of railway preservation, IRM displays and operates diesel, steam and electric powered trains including Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy 9911A 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

2023

SPECIAL EVENT DAYS
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SPECIAL FARE DAYS
No passes honored for these
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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 weekdays 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:

\$50 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

IRM sells obsolete historic Chicago 'L' signs. Your purchase will help historic sign restorations across the Museum. Go to www.irmsigns.org for more information.

IRM USED BOOKSTORE

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.

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 & Sunday - 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 Sunday 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.).

SPECIAL FARE DAYS — NO PASSES HONORED FOR THIS EVENT.

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!

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.

SCOUT DAY - Saturday - September 9 - 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.

"NON-STOP" MUSEUM SHOWCASE WEEKEND

Saturday & Sunday - September 16 & 17 - In recognition of IRM's 70th anniversary and the volunteers who make the Museum work, IRM will be open continuously from 10:00 AM Saturday to 6:00 PM Sunday with unique trains operating all weekend including through the night. Great photo opportunities!

BUS DAY - Saturday - September 30 - Join us for trolley and motor bus operations this weekend along with other buses open and on display.

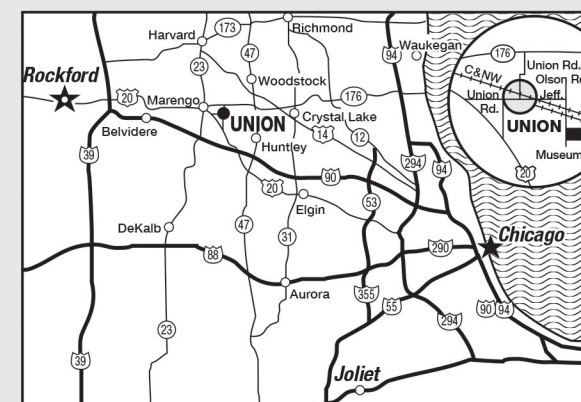
STEAM INTO FALL - Saturday & Sunday - October 7 & 8
Enjoy our steam locomotives operating throughout the weekend to leave you with warm memories over the cold months ahead.

PUMPKIN TRAIN - Saturdays & Sundays - October 14, 15, 21 & 22
Pick up your pumpkin by train and enjoy family themed fall fun.

★ **HAPPY HOLIDAY RAILWAY** - Friday November 24 - Saturdays & Sundays - November 25, 26, December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 & 17.
Embark on a magical train ride through the winter countryside with Santa Claus himself! Treats will be served, along with a special gift for kids on Santa's "good list." Tickets available after August 1st on our website, www.irm.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 www.irm.org for information and updates regarding open days, hours, fares and special events.



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See www.irm.org/directions for more information.