

J. Neils Lumber Co. No. 5, a three-truck Shay geared locomotive built by Lima in 1929, and St. Louis - San Francisco (Frisco) No. 1630, a 2-10-0 Decapod (Baldwin, 1918), are steamed up and prepared for service. Shay No. 5 operated in the Pacific Northwest logging industry and was the first steam locomotive to operate at IRM in 1966. Decapod No. 1630 was built for export to Russia but remained in service in the U.S. until it came to IRM, where it has operated since 1972. Photo by David Zeman.

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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

2024

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SPECIAL FARE DAYS No passes honored for these events. Visit www.irm.org for more details.

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2024 SCHEDULE

ELECTRIC CARS Electric Cars will operate Sundays in April, Saturdays and Sundays May 4 to October 27, and weekdays from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

STEAM AND/OR DIESEL TRAINS will operate Saturdays and Sundays May 4 to October 6.

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. Online at www.irm.org/usedbookstore

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS

★ BUNNY TROLLEY HOP - Saturdays & Sunday - March 23, 24 & 30 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 12 - All Moms admitted FREE when accompanied by at least one fare paying child or adult.

CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN WEEKEND - Saturday & Sunday May 18 & 19 – Celebrate memories of the CNW with members of the Chicago & North Western Historical Society as IRM rolls out our fleet of yellow and green favorites.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - Saturday through Monday - May 25, 26 & 27 - 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 1 & 2 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.

FATHER'S DAY - Sunday - June 16 - All Dads admitted FREE when accompanied by at least one fare paying child or adult.

TROLLEY WEEKEND - Saturday & Sunday - June 22 & 23 Vintage trolley equipment will operate with different cars featured each day. Great photo opportunities for the traction / trolley fans.

4TH OF JULY WEEKEND – Thursday through Sunday- July 4, 5, 6 & 7 - Join IRM for an expanded schedule of train operations throughout the long holiday weekend.

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS™ - Saturdays & Sundays - July 13, 14, 20 & 21 - 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 4 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 9, 10 & 11 Enjoy IRM's large variety of diesel locomotives along with their unique color schemes. Extra Fare operational opportunities will be available!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND – Saturday, Sunday & Monday August 31, September 1 & 2 - 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.

SCOUT DAY - Saturday - September 7 - Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops participate in a daylong event. The day includes a flag ceremony, awarding of badges, touring the Museum and participating in various projects.

MUSEUM SHOWCASE WEEKEND - Saturday & Sunday September 14 & 15 – An opportunity to see and ride some of the less frequently run equipment at IRM as we honor the volunteers who make the museum work. Great photo opportunities along with late evening operations.

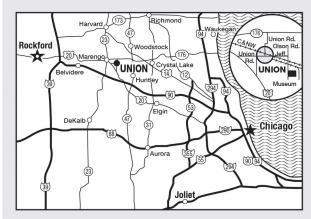
BUS DAY - Saturday - September 21 - Join us for trolley and motor bus operations along with other buses open and on display.

STEAM INTO FALL - Saturday & Sunday - October 5 & 6 Enjoy our steam locomotives operating throughout the weekend to leave you with warm memories over the cold months ahead.

PUMPKIN TRAIN - Saturdays & Sundays - October 19, 20, 26 & 27 - Pick up your pumpkin by train and enjoy family-themed fall fun.

★ HAPPY HOLIDAY RAILWAY - Friday November 29; Saturdays & Sundays - November 30, December 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22. Embark on a magical train ride featuring a spectacular light and music show as you carol 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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