



Milwaukee, WI enjoyed streetcar and trolley bus service until 1958 and 1965, respectively. Meeting at IRM's Electric Park waiting shelter are The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company streetcar No. 972 (St. Louis Car Company 1927), and Milwaukee and Suburban Transport electric trolley bus No. 441 (Marmon-Herrington 1948). The Milwaukee lines were unique in emphasizing "The" in their names including The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Company and later The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Transport Company. Photo By: James H. Lewnard

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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

2025

SPECIAL EVENT DAYS
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SPECIAL FARE DAYS
No passes honored for these
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2025 SCHEDULE

MUSEUM HOURS 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (last train 4:00 PM) on weekends and 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (last train 3:00 PM) on weekdays unless otherwise announced. Exhibits close after last train of the day departs.

ELECTRIC CARS operate Sundays in April, Saturdays and Sundays May to October, and weekdays Memorial Day to Labor Day.

STEAM AND/OR DIESEL TRAINS operate Saturdays and Sundays May 3 to October 5.

WEEKEND MAINLINE TRAINS operate on the hour from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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.

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 admission to the Museum, passage on the Museum's operating railway, and a discount on certain educational materials in the Museum Store. Members also receive the Museum's quarterly magazine, *Rail & Wire*. 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 between gate revenue and funds needed for general operations. Please visit www.irm.org/fundraising for more information.

IRM SIGNS WEB STORE

IRM sells authentic, obsolete 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.

2025 SPECIAL EVENTS

- ★ **BUNNY TROLLEY HOP** - Saturdays & Sunday - April 12, 13 & 19
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.**

PULLMAN WEEKEND - Saturday & Sunday - May 3 & 4
Celebrating Pullman passenger railcars throughout the weekend with many classic coaches open for inspection & rides along our mainline.

MOTHER'S DAY - Sunday - May 11 - All Moms admitted FREE when accompanied by at least one fare paying child or adult.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - Saturday through Monday - May 24, 25 & 26 - 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 7 & 8
See how railroads played an active role in handling the US Mail. Visit a railway post office & see mail transferred on/off a speeding train.

FATHER'S DAY - Sunday - June 15 - All Dads admitted FREE when accompanied by at least one fare paying child or adult.

TROLLEY WEEKEND - Saturday & Sunday - June 21 & 22
Vintage trolley equipment will operate with different cars featured each day. Great photo opportunities for the traction / trolley fans.

TRAINS & TUNES CONCERT - Saturday - June 28
Cap off a day at IRM by staying late for an evening concert.

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

- ★ **DAY OUT WITH THOMAS™** - Saturdays & Sundays - July 12, 13, 19 & 20 - 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 3
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 8, 9 & 10
Enjoy IRM's large variety of diesel locomotives with their unique color schemes. Extra-fare operational opportunities will be available!

LABOR DAY WEEKEND - Saturday, Sunday & Monday August 30, 31 & September 1 - Join us for three days and two evenings of fun including a Trains & Tunes evening concert on Saturday August 30. 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 6 - 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.

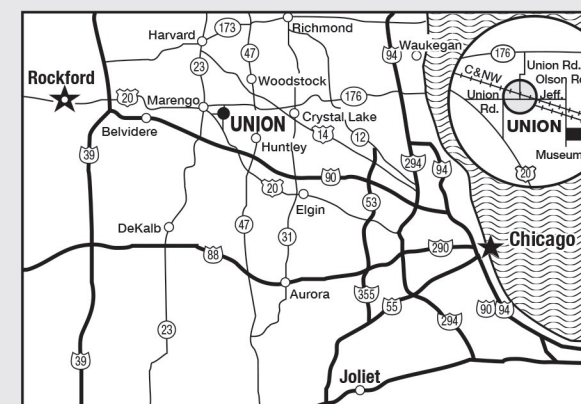
MUSEUM SHOWCASE WEEKEND - Saturday & Sunday September 20 & 21 - An opportunity to see and ride some of the less frequently run equipment at IRM as we honor the volunteers who make the Museum work. Great photo opportunities along with late operations on Saturday.

BUS DAY - Saturday - September 27 - Join us for trolley and motor bus operations along with other buses open and on display.

STEAM INTO FALL - Saturday & Sunday - October 4 & 5
Enjoy our steam locomotives operating throughout the weekend to leave you with warm memories over the cold months ahead.

- ★ **PUMPKIN TRAIN** - Saturdays & Sundays - October 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26 - Pick up your pumpkin by train and enjoy family-themed fall fun. **SPECIAL FARE DAYS — NO PASSES HONORED FOR THIS EVENT.**
- ★ **HAPPY HOLIDAY RAILWAY** - Friday November 28; Saturdays & Sundays - November 29, 30 December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21. 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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See www.irm.org/directions for more information.