



# **FORT SMITH TROLLEY MUSEUM TROLLEY REPORT**

**Summer 2010**

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## **Upcoming Events**

**July 10 and 11, 2010**

### **Summer Dinner Train**

The Trolley Museum will host a dinner train to Winslow, Arkansas, on Saturday, July 10, 2010. Boarding will begin at 4:45 pm at the Trolley Museum, located at 100 South 4th St. in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and the train will depart at 5:00 pm. The Trolley Museum is celebrating another eventful and productive year, and we would like to thank you for your support and ask you to join us for an enjoyable meal and casual train ride to Winslow and back. Since our departure will be from the museum, we will cross the Arkansas River by train. This is an opportunity many have not had the pleasure to experience.

First Class accommodations in the Arkansas & Missouri Parlor/Business Car #107 include an appetizer, dinner consisting of Prime Rib, seasoned mashed potatoes and bread, with cheese cake for dessert. Tea, water and wine will be available. Tickets for First Class are \$150 per person.

Coach Class accommodations in the Arkansas & Missouri coach car #105 and #106 include a boxed dinner including fresh vegetables with ranch dip, thin sliced Prime Rib on a hoagie roll and pasta salad, with cobbler for dessert. Soda and water will be provided. Tickets for Coach Class are \$40 for adults and \$25 for children.

Caboose Class provides a ride in an Arkansas & Missouri caboose. The

meal will be the same as Coach Class, but wine will also be available for adults. Tickets for these unique accommodations are \$75 for adults and \$50 for children. Seating in the Caboose is limited to twelve passengers.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Fort Smith Trolley Museum at 479-783-0205, Bradley Martin at 479-650-5456, or Henry Moore at 479-650-0103. Corporate sponsorships are available. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover. We hope to see you there!

### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House**

The Fort Smith Trolley Museum, 100 South 4<sup>th</sup> street, Fort Smith, Arkansas, will hold its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House on Sunday, July 11, 2010, from 10 am till 5 pm.

Trolleys on display will include the restored Hot Springs Street Railway 50 and the in progress Cooperativa de Transportes Urbanos y Sub-Urbanos #9 open trolley from Veracruz, Mexico. The Frisco 4003 steam engine will have stairs available to safely view the cab and ring the bell. Many other items will be displayed including antique cars and radios. The new Charles Winters Library will be open for viewing. This is the perfect opportunity to see the latest museum additions and acquisitions.

The Fort Smith Amateur Radio Club will have a station set up in the reading room of the Charles Winters Library and will be making contacts around the world. A special QSL card will be sent to stations they contact.

The Arkansas & Missouri RR will run a special excursion train from the Trolley Museum to the Arkansas River Bridge during the open house. Departure times are 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm and 4 pm. Fares are \$15 for children and \$20 for adults.

From 1-3 pm Sondance the clown will entertain children of all ages. The Heartland Choo Choo, a rubber tired miniature train, and the Heartland fire truck, a miniature fire truck, will offer rides during the open house. There will also be face painting for the children.

All trolley rides and refreshments are free. Contact Bradley Martin 479-650-5456 for more information.

### **Trolley Track Extension**

The 2009 Omnibus Appropriation Bill provided \$237,500 to extend the trolley tracks. The city is holding \$214,000 in a fund for trolley track extension. In order to spend the federal money, several plans had to be modified. With those modifications complete, design work on the new track should begin soon.

The track extension will go down 7<sup>th</sup> street from the end of the current track by the Convention Center past the Holiday Inn to Rogers Ave. The track will then run across to the north side of Rogers Ave., head east in front of the city parking deck then go north through the parking lot next to the parking deck to extend to Garrison Ave. next to the Town Club Building.

The amount of the planned track extension completed at this time will be determined by cost.

## **20<sup>th</sup> Century Electric Railway Foundation \$10,000 Matching Grant**

The Trolley Museum has a chance to receive a \$10,000 matching grant from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Electric Railway Foundation of La Canada, California. In order to receive this grant the Museum must raise \$10,000 in donations designated toward the match. Donations must be designated specifically to this grant to receive the matching funds.

It is estimated that \$20,000 will be required to refurbish the two Westinghouse 92A motors on the Cooperativa de Transportes Urbanos y Sub-Urbanos de Veracruz 9 open car. The grant gives the museum an opportunity to raise the necessary funds to complete the motor work for this car. Volunteers are restoring the car cosmetically; however, the motor work is one item in the car's restoration that we can not do in house at the museum.

This grant means that every \$1 donation you designate to the matching grant fund will provide a \$2 benefit. If you would like to participate in this fantastic opportunity, send your donation to the museum designated for the matching grant fund.

## **Arkansas Railroad Club Grant for Capital Transportation Company 305 Restoration**

On National Train Day, May 8, 2010, a delegation of members of the Arkansas Railroad Club visited the museum. Doug Harley presented a check to the museum for \$500. These funds will be used in the restoration of the Capital Transportation Company 305, a 1926 single ended Birney Safety Car with both doors on the same side that ran in Little Rock, AR.

This car, along with the CTC310, was donated to the museum by the Hillcrest Merchants Association in 2009. The grant will be used to repair the roof and replace the canvas on the roof of the CTC305.

The 305 has had all the wood except the roof and floor removed and

the metal repaired. Many parts from the 305 and 310 were restored by the Merchants Association prior to the donation. The 305 will be restored using the best parts from the 310 and 305. For example, the usable window guards (bars) from both cars provides a complete set for one car. The bars were repaired, cleaned and painted last winter and are now ready to install.

## **Cooperativa de Transportes Urbanos y Suburbanos (Veracruz) Open Car 9**

The Cooperativa de Transportes Urbanos y Suburbanos(Veracruz) open car 9 was moved inside the building and is currently undergoing restoration of the body. Hundreds of hours have been spent stripping paint and sanding the wood. Much of the labor required for this project and other museum projects is accomplished by Community Service workers assigned to the museum by the Fort Smith District Court and the Arkansas Department of Community Corrections. We appreciate these workers who bring many different skills to the museum workforce.

Tack trim that installs around the top of the car has been fabricated. This is a strip of ½ inch by 2 ¼ inch popular lumber that provides a surface to tack the roof canvases to. In order to bend the trim around the corners of the roof without breaking, we built a steam box and steam generator then bent the wood around a form.

Our immediate goal is to restore the body to its appearance in the late 1940s and early 1950s after the roof was changed from a deck roof ,as built in 1907, to an arched roof. That would be when the car was in the best condition with the least "Making Do". The system in Veracruz was notorious for their poor maintenance.

We have carefully sanded paint away to find the original colors of paint and styles of lettering used on the car. We have discovered the roof was a tile red before it was given many coats of roofing tar and another canvas tacked on over the old and painted gray. The interior was light green. The exterior

color was Federal Yellow; lettering and metal seat trim, red; running board and floor, gray.

The truck, motors and axels require considerable work before the car will be operable. This will have to wait until funds are raised to meet the \$10,000 matching grant from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Electric Railway Foundation.

When the 9 is restored to operation, Fort Smith will be the only US city with a historic open car running inside the city.

## **Library and Archives Benefits from Fort Smith Area Community Foundation Grant**

The Fort Smith Trolley Museum is the recipient of a grant from the Fort Smith Area Community Foundation, a local office of the Arkansas Community Foundation. This grant will be used to purchase an automatic slide scanner for the library.

The museum has many 35mm slides in its collection. The scanners will allow us to make digital files of these slides. Unfortunately all films are not equal in their ability to resist deterioration. Colors fade and funguses grow. This scanner will allow use to preserve the slides and make them easily available to researchers both now and in the future.

In 2009, the museum received a grant from this foundation to purchase Past Perfect museum software to catalog our collection. Thanks to many volunteer hours, the majority of our books and serial publications have already been entered into the database.

## **Hot Springs Street Railway 50**

The cast iron resistor grids that help control the speed of the motors are now installed on the HSSRR50. These grids were acquired with our share of the parts from the Lake Shore Electric Railway Museum in Cleveland, Ohio. Lack of suitable grids delayed this project.

The wiring from the trolley pole to the controllers must be installed, then the car will move under its own power.

# Support Your Trolley Museum

Your continuing support of the *Fort Smith Trolley Museum* is appreciated. Your tax deductible contribution insures the continued operation and development of the museum.

## MEMBERSHIP CARD SERVES AS AN ANNUAL PASS

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___ Family	\$15.00	___ 224 Club	\$224 (Receive Plaque & Lifetime Pass)
___ Sponsor	\$25.00	___ Benefactor	\$500 (receive 224 plaque & Lifetime pass)
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## Special Gifts

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**Fort Smith Trolley Museum**

**100 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

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## Discussion Group

The museum has a Yahoo group to facilitate distribution of information and encourage discussion of equipment, events, and work at the museum. You are invited to join. Log on to <http://groups.yahoo.com> to join. Just type fortsmithtrolley in the search block and follow the directions.

## World Wide Web Page

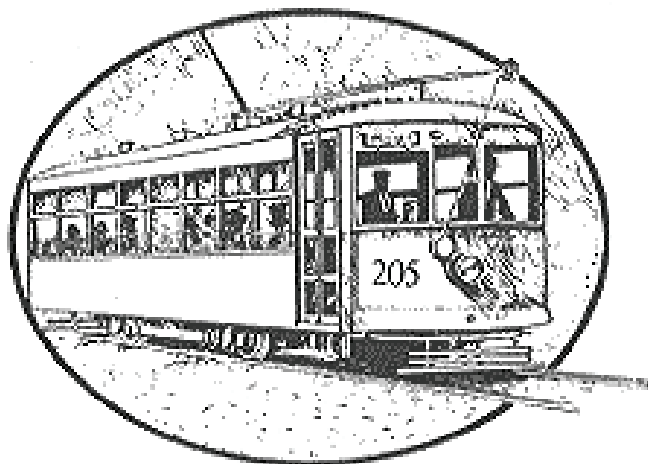
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## TV Donated - VCR and DVD Player Wanted

Dr. Joseph Chan recently donated a large rear projection TV to the museum. We are now in need of an additional VHS and DVD player. The museum has a large collection of VHS tapes and DVDs, and it would be nice to be able to convert VHS tapes to DVDs.

The collection has many commercial tapes and a large number taken by the late Mike Biggler of local railroads in the 70s, 80s and 90's.

## Reminder

The date on your mailing label is the date of your last monetary contribution to the Trolley Museum and serves to keep your membership up to date. A current membership card is your pass to ride.

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