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## **East Troy Electric Railroad Celebrating 50 Years!**

### **Train Rides Start This Weekend – Dinner Trains Return on May 7th**

EAST TROY, WI – April 20, 2022 – The first electric tourist trolleys left from East Troy on May 27, 1972. Fifty years later, the first trains of the 2022 regular season are ready to roll in East Troy. The trains travel along a 7-mile railroad line between East Troy and Mukwonago, with a stop at the Elegant Farmer along the way.

“This year will be special for our volunteers and a great time for people to come out to ride our trains,” said Ryan Jonas, president of the East Troy Railroad Museum. “When you take a ride on our trains, you’ll hear about the history of the electric railroad line, which has been in continuous use since 1907. This year you’ll also hear about the hundreds of volunteers and what they have done to maintain this railroad and restore its trolleys, streetcars and interurban cars for 50 years. It really is an amazing story.”

Tickets for the regular trains are available in advance at <https://www.easttroyrr.org>. Walk-up tickets can be purchased on a space-available basis. Please arrive early and pick up your tickets in the depot before boarding. *Facemasks are optional at this time.*

The Dinner Train season starts rolling on May 7<sup>th</sup> with a special Kentucky Derby Train, followed by 16 more Dinner Train departures through the Fall. The popular Sunday Brunch Trains are back, with departures starting June 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to purchase dining event tickets, visit <https://www.easttroyrr.org/dining-service.html>

### **Special Events in 2022**

**June 22 – Railfan Day** (all equipment is on display, with a different train every hour)

**July 16 – Milwaukee Day** (Milwaukee Streetcar, North Shore Car, TMER&L Equipment)

**August 13 – Chicago Day** (1920s CTA Cars, South Shore Interurbans, NPS Rangers)

**September 17 – Beer Tasting Train** (an entertaining beer-tasting with Black Point Estate)

**October – NEW Halloween Trains** (Kids do their trick-or-treat along the line)

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## **East Troy Railroad 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, P2**

### **What's the Schedule?**

*Saturdays* from April 23 to September 3

Trains depart East Troy at 10am, 11am, noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm

*Sundays* from April 24 to September 4

Trains depart East Troy at 10am, noon, and 2pm

*Fridays* starting June 3 to September 2

Trains depart East Troy at 10am, noon, and 2pm

### **Harvest Fest**

Starting September 10<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate *Harvest Fest* in conjunction with The Elegant Farmer. Trains depart hourly on Saturdays and Sundays during Harvest Fest. See our website for more details.

### **Parking and Ticket Prices**

Free Parking is available in East Troy. Our railroad cars are heated and rest rooms are available at the East Troy depot and the Elegant Farmer. Children 3 through 14 are \$9.50. Adults are \$15.00. Children 2 and under are FREE. Seniors 65+ are \$12.50.

### **About Us**

The East Troy Railroad Museum operates 14-mile round trip train rides from its historic East Troy depot and museum to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago, with a stop at the popular Elegant Farmer store and deli. We are celebrating 50 years of riding the rails through Southeast Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine countryside. Our not-for-profit museum is operated, maintained and managed by over 130 volunteers dedicated to engaging visitors in the heritage of electric interurban railways and trolley systems through restoration, preservation and operation of historic Equipment.

For more information, visit [www.easttroyrr.org](http://www.easttroyrr.org) or call 262.642.3263.

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