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## **East Troy Electric Railroad to Feature Historic South Shore Cars**

**Chicago Day Event is July 13th**

EAST TROY, WIS: The East Troy Railroad Museum, Indiana Dunes National Park, and the Pullman National Monument are hosting a joint interpretative program featuring historic Chicago, South Shore & South Bend Railroad Cars on Saturday, July 13, during the Museum's annual "Chicago Day" event in East Troy, Wisconsin.

The National Park Service donated eight historic South Shore Railroad Cars to the museum in East Troy in 2010. The Chicago, South Shore, & South Bend Railroad had conveyed the cars to the National Park Service in 1984. The East Troy Railroad Museum was one of a number of museums to receive the historic cars in the hope that they could be restored and operated so that visitors could experience what electric interurban travel was like in the early 20th century.

Several of the restored South Shore Cars will be in operation during the event, departing from the Museum hourly from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. National Park Rangers and volunteers will ride in each car to answer questions about Indiana Dunes National Park, Pullman National Monument, and the history of the South Shore Railroad.

The East Troy Electric Railroad operates on 7.5 miles of track that has been in continuous operation for over 100 years. The Museum has been in operation since 1972 and is the only museum in the country that regularly operates historic South Shore Railroad Cars on an electric interurban line. The 2019 operating season extends from April through October.

The East Troy Railroad Museum is located at 2002 Church Street in East Troy, Wisconsin, approximately 15 miles north of Lake Geneva and 35 miles southwest of Milwaukee. To learn more, visit <https://www.easttroyrr.org/chicago-day-2019.html>.

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**About Indiana Dunes National Park:** Indiana Dunes National Park is one of 419 units of the National Park System ranging from Yellowstone to the Statue of Liberty. Located in Northwest Indiana, the park includes 15 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and 15,000 acres of biodiverse beaches, woods, prairies, and marshes. Up to 3 million visitors come to the Indiana Dunes each year.

**About the East Troy Railroad Museum:** East Troy Railroad Museum offers 14-mile round trip rides each weekend from our East Troy depot and museum to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago, with a stop at the popular Elegant Farmer store and deli. This year the railroad is celebrating 112 years of electric railroading through Southeast Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine countryside. This 501(c)(3) not-for-profit railroad museum is operated and managed by over 130 volunteers committed to the operation and preservation of historic trolleys and interurban railcars. For more information, visit [www.easttroyrr.org](http://www.easttroyrr.org) or call 262.642.3263.

**Suggested Photo Caption:** From left, Ryan Jonas, President of the East Troy Railroad Museum, and National Park Rangers Bruce Rowe, Cliff Goins and Judy Collins, pose with a graphic explaining how eight historic South Shore cars came to East Troy. Photo by Tom Fleming.