

**Offerings and Activities**

**Dinner Trains, Sunday Brunch Trains and Burger Trains with Online Ticketing**

The museum now uses eTix to sell online tickets for the Dinner Trains, Brunch Trains and Special Event Trains, such as our annual Christmas Trains and Bunny Trains. This speeds the ticketing process, allows reservations months in advance, and has allowed for safer ticketing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

https://www.easttroyrr.org/dinner-trains

<https://www.easttroyrr.org/family-picnic-trains>

<https://www.easttroyrr.org/sunday-brunch-trains.html>

**Special Events - 2021 Calendar**

*Bunny Trains* - March 27, 28 and April 3 (Easter Bunny Theme for kids and families)

*Railfest/Railfan Day* - June 19 (All equipment on display and fun, family-friendly activities)

*Chicago & Military Day* - August 14 (Featuring Chicago Cars & Free Admission for Vets)

*Full Moon Ride* - September 20 (Enjoy the sunset and full moon rise aboard the train)

*Beer Tasting Train* - September 4 (Held in conjunction with Black Point Estate)

*Harvest Fest Trains* – September 10 - October 24 (Purchase tickets for these popular trains)

*Christmas Trains* - November 26, 27 & 28, December 3-4-5; 10-11-12; 17-18-19

**Website with Online Ticket Purchasing for Special Event Trains**

The museum’s website features schedules, news, dinner and specialty train ticketing, information for visitors and media, and links to multiple slideshows and videos featuring the railroad. The updated website also improves mobile device viewing. Learn more at:

<https://www.easttroyrr.org>

**See Us at Trainfest and the Mad City Model Railroad Show**

We participate at [Trainfest](http://www.trainfest.com) in Milwaukee, America’s Largest Model Railroad Show. We also have an informational table at the [Mad City Model Railroad Show](http://www.nmra-scwd.org/Rail_Show_Info.php) in February. This year we will also be at the Titletown Model Railroad Show in Green Bay.

**Memberships**

We have over 300 members and donors who help support the railroad and museum. An individual membership is $50 per year, a couples membership ins $75, and a family membership is $120. The family membership level now includes a National Association of Reciprocal Museums (NARM) membership, providing free or reduced-price access to over 1,100 museums in North America. Member benefits also include free rides on regularly scheduled trains all year, a regular newsletter, invitations to special events and a 10% discount in the gift shop. You can sign up to be a member on our website using this link: <https://www.easttroyrr.org/membership.html>

**Business and Corporate Sponsorships**

Become a sponsor of the East Troy Railroad Museum and receive multiple benefits in addition to helping to support a worthy non-profit seeking to preserve the railroad history of Wisconsin and America. Sponsors receive blocks of free tickets, advertising on our website, and recognition in our newsletters and brochures.

 

**Regular Schedules - 2021**

**Fridays, Sundays and Holidays**

 *April 25 to September 5*

Eastbound, Departs from the East Troy Depot:

 10:00 a.m.

 12:00 p.m.

 2:00 p.m.

Westbound, Departs from Indianhead Park in Mukwonago:

 10:40 a.m.

 12:40 p.m. (last round trip)

 2:40 p.m.

Westbound, Departs from the Elegant Farmer Depot:

 11:00 a.m.

 1:00 p.m. (last round trip)

 3:00 p.m.

**Saturdays**

 *April 24 to September 3*

Eastbound, Departs from the East Troy Depot:

 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

Westbound, Departs from Indianhead Park in Mukwonago:

10:40 a.m. 1:40 p.m. (last round trip)

11:40 a.m. 2:40 p.m.

 12:40 p.m. 3:40 p.m.

Westbound, Departs from the Elegant Farmer Depot:

 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. (last round trip)

12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.

 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.

*\*\* Note that tickets may be exchanged all day for unlimited rides, subject to availability of seating -- we do not sell one-way tickets\*\**

*Reservations* ***are******required*** *for special event trains, like the Dinner Trains, Beer Tasting Trains, Bunny Trains and Christmas Trains and Harvest-Fest Trains.*

*Because of the COVID-19 pandemic we now* ***encourage advanced reservations*** *for our regular weekend train rides.*

 

**Statistics and Improvements**

**2020 Ridership Statistics (less than 30% of normal due to the pandemic)**

* 4,552 regular fare tickets were sold
* 200 meals were served on the Dinner Trains, Picnic Trains and Special Trains
* The Bunny Trains had to be cancelled
* 1,643 people rode our Christmas Trains
* Overall ridership was 6,549.

**Track Maintenance and Improvements**

* The ETRM owns and maintains 7.5 miles of track between East Troy and Mukwonago
* Over 600 ties were replaced in 2020 and additional ballast was added in key spots
* The Byrnes Street crossing in East Troy was completely replaced
* Brush was cut along the line to improve views for riders and to offer better visibility
* We will be replacing the Church Street and Main Street crossings in 2021

**Restorations Completed and Underway**

* We recently completed the restoration of *Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Car 761* and will announce dedication plans in the summary of 2021. Restoration work on *Chicago, South Shore and South Bend Car 6* was delayed as we began looking for replacement wheels for the car.

**New Acquisition: Chicago Elevated Car 4439**

* We acquired Chicago Elevated Car 4439 in 2020 and have started work to restore this car to operating condition. This car joins sister cars 4420 and 4453 and will allow us to run a 3-car Chicago Elevated train when 4439 has been completed.
* If you would like to make a donation to support efforts to restore these cars -- or to support to operational expenses of the museum -- you may do so by sending a check to the East Troy Railroad Museum, P.O. Box 943, East Troy, WI 53120.
* Donations are also accepted on our website: <https://www.easttroyrr.org/donate.html>
* The East Troy Railroad Museum is a 401(c)(3) charitable organization.