Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many trolleys or other railroad cars do you have at the railroad and museum?
A: We have 28 electric railroad cars, trolleys and locomotives and one crane for repairs.

Q: Are all the cars and trolleys running?
A: Seventeen of the 28 pieces of railroad equipment are in service. We expect to complete restoration work on one more car in 2023 and have others awaiting restoration.

Q: What is the oldest trolley or railroad car that you have? When was it built?
A: Our oldest car is more than 125 years old. Car No. 17 was built in the 1880s as horse-drawn trolley car for the Milwaukee Street Railway.

Q: How old is the East Troy railroad line?
A: The railroad line to East Troy was completed on December 13th of 1907, making it almost 116 years old.

Q: How many volunteers do you have at the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum?
A: We have about 150 regular volunteers. They do everything from rebuilding the railroad cars to maintaining the electric lines that power the trains to serving drinks on a dinner train to cleaning the cars after each use. They also run the museum and gift shop.

Q: Is there any paid staff at the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum?
A: Yes, we now have two paid staff members, Jim Feyerherm, our Operations Manager and Joe McCarthy our Maintenance Mechanic. Everyone else is a volunteer. All proceeds from ticket sales, dinner trains, gift shop sales and donations go right back into maintaining the railroad.

Q: How many people ride on the East Troy Electric Railroad each year?
A: In 2022 just over 22,000 people rode our trains.

Q: Do you have a regular schedule for when your trains and trolleys run?
A: Yes. The railroad runs regularly scheduled trains every Saturday and Sunday from late April through late October. From early June to September trains run on Fridays too, departing East Troy at 10am, noon and 2pm.

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