



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many trolleys or other railroad cars do you have at the railroad and museum?

A: We have 25 electric railroad cars, trolleys and locomotives and one crane for repairs.

Q: Are all the cars and trolleys running?

A: Sixteen of the 26 pieces of railroad equipment are in service. We hope to begin restoration work on another car within the next year.

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 over 110 years old.

Q: How many volunteers do you have at the East Troy Electric Railroad Museum?

A: We have about 135 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: No, everyone is a volunteer. All the 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 2017 just under 25,000 people rode one of our regular or specialty 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 April through early November*. From early June to late October trains run on Fridays too, departing East Troy at 10am, noon and 2pm.

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