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### **East Troy Railroad Museum Publishes New Book**

EAST TROY, WI - A new book called the "East Troy Railroad Museum Guide" will be available for purchase in the museum's gift shop in East Troy, Wis. starting on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The book is intended to provide visitors with a brief history of the original Milwaukee Electric line to East Troy and an overview of the current operations. The 28-page soft-cover book features more than 30 full color photos, plus several historical black & white images of the railroad in the early 1900s.

The book was written and designed by Evan Richards and edited by Steve Thomas. Both men volunteer at the museum, where Richards is the Charter Manager and Thomas is the Marketing Chair. The price of the book is \$8.95.

Readers will find a description of the route, a copy of the 1929 timetable showing the train schedules between Milwaukee and East Troy, key historical dates and images, photos and descriptions of the railroad's facilities, plus photos and historical information about our operating equipment. A map of the line is on the back cover.

Richards wanted to develop the book because he noticed that the railroad didn't have anything like it.

"We really didn't have much information about the railroad that was readily available, where we gave people some of the basics about our history and operations," said Richards. "Our conductors give people some of the history when they are riding the trains, and provide details about the car in which they are riding. But there wasn't a lot about the railroad that we offered if people wanted to take something away with photos and information about all our operations and equipment."

Richards is retired from the University of Wisconsin's Space Science and Engineering Center, where he worked for more than 35 years managing projects involving instruments designed for NASA space flights, including instruments used on the Orbiting Solar Observatory and the Hubble Space Telescope. He lives in McFarland, Wis.

The new book may be purchased in the East Troy Railroad Museum's Gift Shop, at 2002 Church Street in East Troy, during regular operating season hours. The Museum is open from 10am to 5pm Saturdays and Sundays from April 7<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup> and Fridays from June through October.

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You may also request a copy of the book by sending your name, address and a check for \$10.95 made out to the East Troy Railroad Museum, P.O. Box 943, East Troy, WI 53120.

The East Troy Railroad Museum is a living history museum that lets people see and experience what it was like to ride an electric trolley, streetcar or interurban car 90 to 100 years ago. With more than 30 historic railroad cars, including 15 that currently operate, the railroad features Chicago, South Shore & South Bend interurban cars, a Sheboygan interurban car, and streetcars from Milwaukee and Minneapolis. The museum is run entirely by volunteers.

**More About Us:** The East Troy Railroad Museum operates 14-mile round trip excursions from its historic East Troy depot and museum to Indianhead Park in Mukwonago, with a stop at the popular Elegant Farmer store and deli. This year the museum is celebrating 111 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 140 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.

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