



ON TRACK

JRM TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

1st EDITION

WELCOME

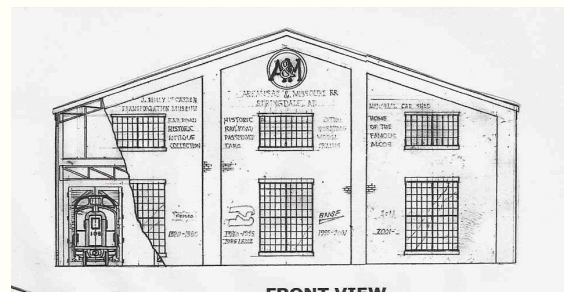
The J. Reilly McCarren Transportation Museum would like to welcome you to the first edition of ON TRACK. Our newsletter will be sent out periodically keeping everyone up to date on museum projects and special events. The JRM Transportation museum was founded in May 2014 with a focus on promoting rail safety, educating future generations, and preserving railroad history.

The museum is located at the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad Depot at 305 E. Emma Avenue in Downtown Springdale. Open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and during special events.

At the museum you can see railroad memorabilia, model trains, and rail related artwork.

1ST QUARTER RECAP

- Finished interior restoration of #1291 Exeter, a former FRISCO Caboose.
- Hosted the 21st Annual NWA Model Train Show at the Benton County Fairgrounds.
- Ron Zimmerman, one of our lead conductors, introduced a mock-up for an expansion of the museum that would help preserve 100 year old passenger cars and other static equipment.



2ND QUARTER RECAP

- Southbound maiden voyage of Exeter #1291 to Van Buren.
- May marked the 10th anniversary of the JRM Transportation Museum.

Congrats!

JETT JANDA

Recipient of 2024 Arkansas-Boston Mountain Chapter Rail Camp Scholarship

July 2024

EXCURSION CAR HISTORY

CAR #109 - THE SPIRIT OF ARKANSAS

This car was built by Budd in Philadelphia, PA in 1950 and entered service on the Southern Pacific's famous Sunset Limited streamliner that ran from Los Angeles to New Orleans. It was originally numbered SP 10409 and was one of five Coffee Shop-Lounge cars that were referred to as the "Pride of Texas" cars due to their decor.

In 1955, the car was converted to a Hamburger Grill-Lounge Car. Almost a decade after the conversion, the car was assigned to the San Joaquin Daylight (Oakland, CA to Los Angeles) in 1962 and was removed from that train within the year.

The car was returned to its original design as a Coffee Shop-Lounge car in 1967, and was in that configuration when Amtrak took over passenger service in 1971.

When the car was in Amtrak, it was number 8322. Upon retirement from Amtrak, the car was purchased by Hank Peterson and operated on the Ohio Central as RPCX 8233.

A&M Railroad acquired the car in 2014 and completely refurbished it to what it looks like today. The car remains in its Coffee Shop-Lounge configuration. A few of the changes that were made include a wallpaper of an A&M train in the hallway alongside the kitchen and wooden detailing in the passenger area.



Car #109 as Amtrak 8322



Current Interior of #109

2024 HERITAGE RAIL ALLIANCE CONFERENCE

The J. Reilly McCarren Transportation Museum is hosting the annual Heritage Rail Alliance Conference from September 25th to September 28th. Some of the trips included in this year's conference are **(9/24)** a Branson Scenic Railway ride, **(9/25)** an A&M Railroad excursion, and **(9/29)** a Rare Mileage A&M Railroad excursion from Springdale to Monett, MO with photo opportunities.

If you are interested, please visit <https://heritagerail.org/conferences/> for more information and pricing.

UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS

- August 10th - Henry Moore Ice Cream Social
 - Ice cream sundaes on the train, pony rides, touch-a-truck, antique motors, kids ID with activity books and stickers.
- October - Ghost Tours & Treats on the Train
 - Bring your kids to trick-or-treat at the museum and onboard stationary vintage cars.
- December - Breakfast with Santa
 - We will offer breakfast onboard the train with Santa before the departure of select Holiday Express rides. This will be a stationary event.



EXETER #1291
photo by David Hoge

FORMER FRISCO CABOOSE, EXETER #1291, MAKES ITS SOUTHBOUND MAIDEN VOYAGE

Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter of
NRHS helps get former FRISCO caboose
back on track

On April 27th, 2024 Exeter #1291, former FRISCO Caboose, was chartered by the Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter, NRHS. The maiden voyage departed the Springdale depot at 8:00 am with several members onboard for the southbound maiden voyage to Van Buren. Seats on the caboose were also opened to the general public to purchase.

Caboose #1291 is open to charters for the 2024 season.
If you are interested, please call the reservation office at
(479) 725-4017 or email admin@amrailroad.com.



FROM LEFT:
KEN EDDY,
MARK HARRIS,
HUGH HARRIS

photo by J.L. Gattis



WISHING A SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please keep Mitch Marmel, museum curator and model train enthusiast, in your prayers. He has recently been in the hospital and is currently recovering.

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THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Alex Covington donated \$1,000 to us in May 2023. Eric Fogg recently donated a collection of Frisco items to the museum, which we look forward to adding to our displays in the near future. Andre Nolewajka donated a collection of model trains and related items. We hope to make a new layout in our museum to show off some of his donated collection.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Thank you to our current members for joining the J. Reilly McCarren Transportation Museum in our efforts to preserve railroad history and to educate the future generations of railroaders.

JRM would like to welcome our new members::

- Malcolm & Lynn Cleaveland
- Alex Covington
- Heather & Douglas Cherry
- Hugh Harris

If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out form on the following page and mail it to *Friends of the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad, 306 E Emma Ave, Springdale, AR 72764.*

HELP US STAY ON TRACK

New Commemorative Items:

- Limited Edition Troy Ounce Silver Challenge Coin
 - Features former FRISCO caboose #1291
 - \$110 for nonmembers and \$100 for members
- Brass/Copper Challenge Coin
 - Features one of A&M's Alco locomotives
 - \$30 for nonmembers and \$25 for members
- Custom Bricks
 - Buy a brick to have a lasting memory as part of our museum's foundation.
 - \$125 for nonmembers (includes 1 year membership) and \$100 for members

Call our office today to reserve your coin and brick at (479) 725-4017!





JRM Transportation Museum

Friends of the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad

305 1/2 E. Emma Avenue
Springdale, AR 72764
479-725-4016

Safety
Education
Preservation

Thank you for choosing to become a member of the JRM Transportation Museum. Please check the level of membership you wish to join.

Annual Memberships

____ Individual \$25 ____ Family \$50 ____ Sustainer \$100
____ Silver Feather \$200 ____ Preservation \$300 ____ Railroader \$400

All members receive our quarterly newsletter by email and 5% off gift shop.

Chairmans Reserve Membership

Free admission to all museum sponsored events, JRM commemorative gift, complementary (tickets as noted *) onboard the A&M Excursion Train, Newsletter and 10% off gift shop items.

____ Iron Spike \$500 (2 *) ____ Silver Spike \$750 (4 *) ____ Golden Spike \$1,000 (6*)

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT (100% tax deductible) Please check project that applies

____ **Museum Expansion & New Car Storage Facility:**

Expand our museum collection, educational programing, and new indoor railcar storage

____ **Restoration Projects:** Restore the Frisco #1288 Caboose

____ **Rail Camp:** High School Railroad Educational Experience

Your Total Tax-Deductible Amount

\$ _____

Donation in Honor of _____ or Memory of _____

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Contact (First & Last Name): _____ Date: _____

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City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

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Account#: _____ Expiration: ____ / ____ Security Code: _____

The Museum is a 501c(3) Non-Profit Organization, your membership donations may be tax deductible

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In Memory of...



Henry Moore

Henry Moore was a volunteer conductor for the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad Excursion Train for 23 years. He was an active board member for the JRM Transportation Museum and was crucial for planning many of our special events, including the annual Ice Cream Social.



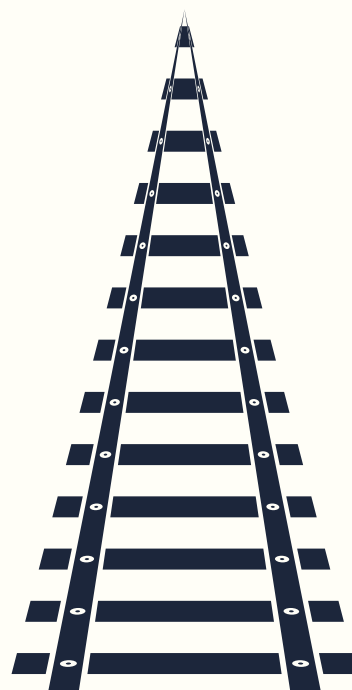
Gary McCullah

Gary McCullah was a member of the Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter of the NRHS and was the president prior to his passing. He was also a show conductor on the Springdale to Van Buren excursion train for over 20 years.



David McDonald

David McDonald was a volunteer conductor on the A&M Excursion Train. He was the owner of Cottage Florist and Golden Spike Hobby Shop in Fort Smith, AR.



HAPPENINGS ON THE MAIN LINE

JULY

- Every Saturday - Springdale to Van Buren and Van Buren to Winslow excursions
- 7/9 - Springdale to Winslow at 12:30 pm
- 7/17 - Springdale to Winslow at 11:00 am

AUGUST

- 8/3, 8/17, 8/24, & 8/31 - Regular excursions from Springdale to Van Buren and Van Buren to Winslow
- 8/10 - 3rd Annual back to school ICE CREAM SOCIAL Train rides from Springdale to Johnson at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm
- 3/20 - Springdale to Winslow at 10:30 am

SEPTEMBER

- Every Saturday Regular excursions from Springdale to Van Buren and Van Buren to Winslow
- Heritage Rail Conference from 9/25 - 9/29
- 9/29 - Rare Milage Northbound photo opt. Springdale, AR to Monett, MO

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