MMRM News Letter

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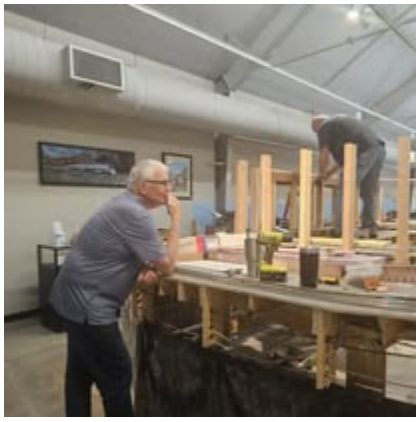
Message from the President



These last few months have been so busy and exciting. The Caboose has received a new home with us, we have an exciting event planned for National Train Day and the main layout is steaming ahead! We are continuing to welcome new volunteers and members to the Museum each week.

It is so exciting to see everything come together and the outpouring of public support is amazing.

Thank you
Dale Shipman, President

Construction News

The construction of the layout has been moving along at lightning speed. Our volunteers have been working tirelessly to connect the different parts of the cities represented in the layout. The areas in Missouri being represented are Independence, Kansas City, Lexington, St. Joseph, Warrenburg, Sedalia, Jefferson City, Herman, Washington, Kirkwood, St. Louis, Knob Noster, and California.

The Caboose

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You may have noticed that we have something new in front of the museum - the Missouri Pacific Screaming Eagle Caboose #13506. It was moved from the Truman Depot / Amtrak Station. We want to thank the City of Independence and Belger Cartage Service for their generosity and care in moving such a great piece of history. Be sure to stop by and check it out.

Kids Depot

Conductor Katy has been having fun in the Kids Depot with a beautiful new rug for our Little Conductors to play on. She has also made sure that we have more seating and a wonderful coloring area where our Little Conductors can create some Rail Art.

MMRM Gift Shop

Please be sure to come in and visit our gift shop as some exciting items have been added. We have new tumblers with the MMRM logo etched into them, they are only $18.00 and have already been flying off the shelf. We can even have them engraved for you for an additional charge.

We also have cute seasonal items, puzzles, for the kids and so much more.

Remember, with your MMRM membership you are qualified for %10 off regular priced merchandise - so be sure to show your membership card to receive your discount!

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Events

Mark Your Calendar!
Saturday, May 10, 2025
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
National Train Day

Join us for a fun filled day celebrating the one year anniversary of the Missouri Model Railroad Museum's opening and National Train Day.

We will be featuring The Harvey Girls Story Telling, Augiemagic Magic Show, Uncle Buck will be giving a demonstration of Scenic Sculpting and Topography, American Western Heritage Artist Don Dane and Balloon Artistry with Janna.

We will also have a hands-on DIY project for the children, painting Flower Pots for Mom for a fee.

Strong Cakes Food Truck was such a hit at the Spring Train show that they will be back with us during National Train Day.

Volunteer News & Spotlight

Volunteers make our world go round! We have so many wonderful and dedicated volunteers here at the Museum. Last month alone the volunteers put in 1077 hours. Is that not amazing?

If you want to join this great crew, please feel free to fill out a Volunteer Form as we can always use your talents!

Next month we will be spotlighting some of our amazing volunteers.

Membership

Joining the Museum is a great way to support the museum and enjoy the benefits of membership all year.

You receive free admission throughout the duration of your membership, free entry to guests lectures, special events and 10% discount in the Gift Shop (*some exclusions apply.) You can even give a Gift Membership to someone who loves trains!

Your membership is tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) Not for Profit Museum.

Spring Train Show Recap

Our first ever train show was a huge success and we want to thank everyone who attended the show, the vendors who participated and all the amazing volunteers who made it possible.

Our theatre was packed with vendors and spilled out into the main gallery area. We had a steady stream of visitors all day and everyone really enjoyed the show and seeing the progress in the main museum area.

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We are already planning Spring Train Show 2026 and if you would to inquire about being a vendor please contact gina@showmerails.org

Meet the Board of Directors

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Visitor News

Can you believe it is already April? We can't either. However, it is exciting that from January to the end of March we have had 1032 visitors to the museum! These are exciting times for us!

Starting May 1, 2025 we will start charging admission:

Children 2 years to 7 years	$2.00
Adults 8 years and up	$5.00
MMRM Members	FREE

If you have a large group and are interested in a Private Tour, let us know and we can schedule a time and make sure you have a private tour guide.

The Newsletter will start being published 6 times a year. You can find all of the Newsletters on our website at https://showmerails.org/home/newsletters/

Auditorium/Theatre

Did you know that you can rent our Auditorium/Theatre? You can!

Visit us at the front desk for details.