



Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Two Big Events!

National Train Day
May 10, 2014

National Train Day 2013 at the Memphis Railway and Trolley was a huge success and we are working to make it an even bigger event for 2014. Amtrak has committed to a display of their equipment which visitors will be able to examine both inside and out.

The MRTM is in contact with the railroads serving Memphis and should also have some of their equipment on display. Last year the CN and BNSF both had freight locomotives on display. Visitors were allowed to board the CN locomotive and check out the cab. We hope we can repeat the experience this year.

May 10th is just around the corner. Watch our web site, Facebook page and blog for more details.

AMTRAK EXHIBIT TRAIN
COMING TO MEMPHIS
OCTOBER 4, 2014

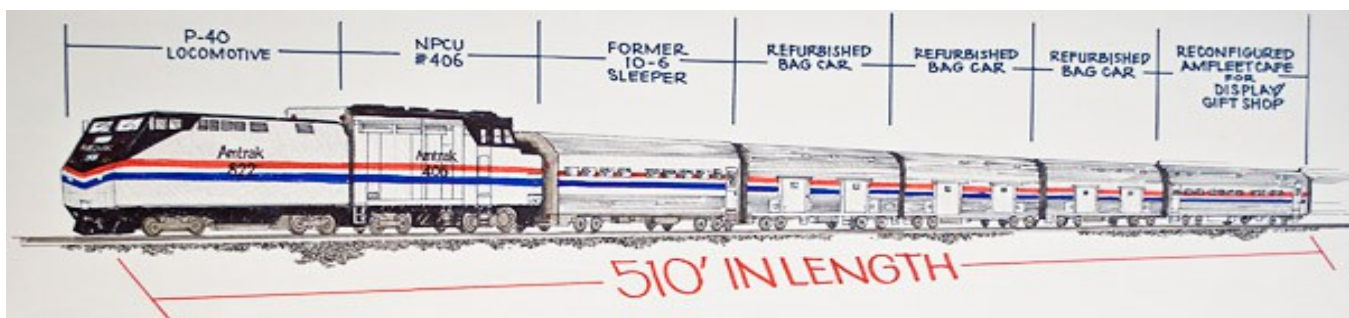


National Train Day 2013



In celebration of Memphis Central Station's 100th anniversary, Amtrak has announced that the Amtrak Exhibit Train will come to town on Saturday, October 4th. Originally created to celebrate Amtrak's 40th anniversary in 2011, the train consists of a locomotive and three display cars painted in a historic paint scheme. Inside the cars are displays portraying events and achievements during the first forty years of Amtrak. In the last car of the train, a reconfigured Amfleet Cafe' Car, a gift shop offers for sale many items for sale as mementos of the trains visit.

The celebration of Central Station's anniversary are in the early stages, but in addition to the Amtrak Exhibit Train it is anticipated that equipment of Memphis' railroads will also be on display.



Amtrak's Exhibit Train

Hugh Teafor

Resigns as MRTM President



Hugh Teafor outlines plans for the museum on January 10, 2010, over two years before the door were opened.

Hugh Teafor, the president of the Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum, surprised some if not all members at the January MRTM board meeting by tendering his resignation effective immediately. Hugh is among a handful of individuals who worked for years for the creation of the museum. Teafor retired from the Memphis City Engineers office on December 31st and wants to devote his time to re-establishing his consulting business that has been dormant for a few years. This doesn't mean that Hugh won't be involved in the museum, it just means that his focus will be elsewhere for a while.



New President Mike Fleming

Vice President Mike Fleming was elected President to succeed Hugh at the February board meeting. Like Hugh, Mike was also one of the original group involved in establishing the museum.

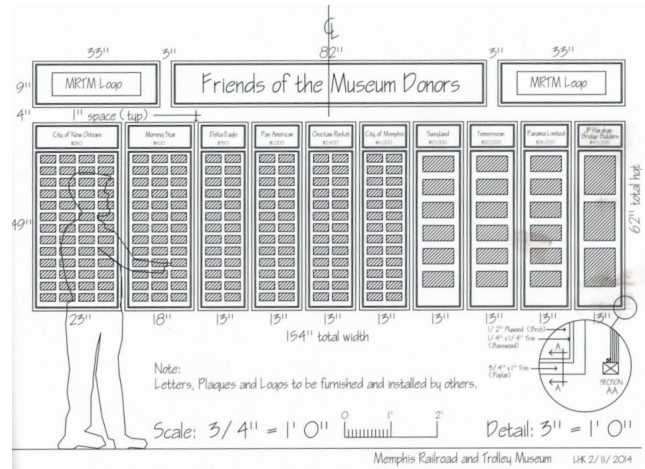
Tom Parker was elected Vice President.

Projects on the Drawing Board

The museum has several projects on the drawing board which are hoped to be completed in the near future.

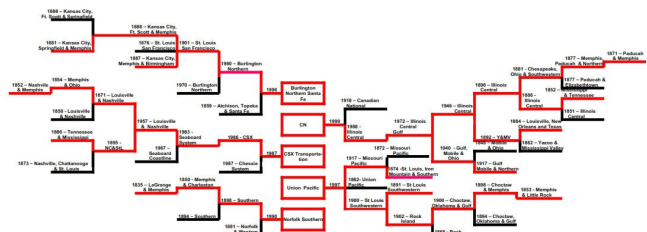
To recognize the people who make donations to the museum under our "Friends of the Museum"

program. A donors board is under development which will be mounted on the wall opposite the front door of the museum. More information on the program can be found at <http://mrtm.org/donate>.



Drawing of the Donor Board

Another project underway is the "Memphis Railroad Family Tree", a graphical representation of the history of each railroad serving Memphis. Measuring 16' X 6", it will be mounted on the wall above the Bridge Mural on the south wall of the museum.



Memphis Railroads Family Tree

A third initiative underway is installation of an "O" gauge dual loop track on the wall of the party room. Trains featuring cars from the various historical Memphis railroads will circle the room at a height of about seven feet above the floor.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Effective June 1, 2014 the new hours of the MRTM will be from 10:00 AM 'til 5:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays. The Sunday Hours will remain unchanged, from Noon 'til 5:00 PM. The hours were changed to conform with the hours of most museums in Memphis and the hours of merchants in our neighborhood. They will also let our volunteers sleep a little bit later. The change is being made after a four month survey that found a relatively few number of museum visitors before 10:00 AM.