



Newsletter

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Editor's Note

This special newsletter is to inform you about three special happenings for the museum.

Museum Vice President and Founding Member Tom Parker Memorial



Tom Parker lost his long fight with cancer in August. Tom was one of the most passionate members on the museum board. He believed in the immense importance the museum has in sharing the Memphis Railroad History Story to the community.

The museum will be hosting a memorial for Tom on Sunday September 18, 2016 at 5:00 PM. We invite you to attend and come as early as 4:00 PM to be able to view Tom's work here in the museum.

MRTM Participating in the Big River Crossing Grand Opening

The Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum will be a featured part of the grand opening of the Big River Crossing walkway across the Harahan Railroad Bridge on Saturday October 22. Another feature for the grand opening will be a visit from Union Pacific 844 pictured on the left with Tom Parker. This will be the first visit of an operating steam locomotive to Memphis in about 30 years.

MRTM is Gearing Up for Expansion in 2017

With the Central Station redevelopment, we will be able to do our phase 2 expansion. We need to raise \$200,000 by the end of the year to be able to start construction once repairs are made by the developer. We have created a Razoo fundraising page that details the expansion. Please check out the details of our plans on that page and consider a donation to help us expand. Every dollar gets us closer to a bigger and better museum. This was a project that Tom Parker was looking forward to doing.

Here's the link:

<https://www.razoo.com/us/story/Museum-Expansion>