

NEWS FROM THE LARGEST MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM IN THE COUNTRY*

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The Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum.

News from the VP corner



When you think of the Holiday Season, one vision that always springs to mind is that of a model train circling the base of a twinkling Christmas tree. This year, as in the past, or-

ganizations invited us to set up displays for their holiday events. At Wickliffe City Hall, (above) our trains added to the festive atmosphere during their November 28th Holiday Open House. We also contributed to the

Winter Show at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens, (below) where our model trains can be found beneath the 25-foot Christmas tree on display until January 3rd, 2010. As always, we will have trains and holiday

decorations at the museum and hope to see you at our own Holiday Open House, on December 5th and 6th. We thank you for your continued support of this organization and wish all of you a joyous Holiday Season.



We Are On The Move!



One Sunday afternoon, in late November, drivers in Mentor slowed to better observe the unusual sight of a mountain progressing slowly down Tyler Blvd. It was *our* mountain. To be more precise, it was the semi-circular end cap of the O-gauge layout, complete with mountain and trestle bridge, and on the move it did present a curious sight. Tilted into position on an open trailer, strapped in place, braced by two-by-fours, and pulled by a pick-up truck, the moun-

tain made its way to join the rest of the layout at its new home. We're glad it's over! For those who missed the excitement, a team of able-bodied volunteers moved our entire museum collection over the weekend of November 21 and 22. Separated into smaller, more manageable pieces, the layouts were relocated without mishap and since then we have been busy putting them all back together again. It was a huge undertaking for our staff and we wish to thank the many volunteers who made it all possible. We thank Board Mem-

ber Jim Wendorf, who pulled double duty by assisting with the move AND keeping all of us well nourished throughout the two days. We also send a very special thank you to L T Harnett Trucking Company, which graciously donated the use of a semi-trailer truck, and their employee and museum volunteer Mark Estvanko, who drove the vehicle and lent his expertise to the move; we could not have done it without him. Due to the work involved in getting settled into our new digs, we are keep-

ing the museum closed until December 5, when it will re-open for our Holiday Open House. We are now located at 7230 Justin Way, not far from where you last found us. Set back from the road, but facing Tyler Blvd, our new facility is one mile west of SR 615 in the Liberty Business Park between Vicon and Progressive Insurance. We have windows now, in front and in back, and an atmospheric view of the CSX tracks. Stop by and see us; we know you'll love our new home as much as we do!



Update: The Move to Mentor Project!

Now is threatening, the engine and cars are ready to move, and the present owner is anxious to have them gone. CSX is standing at the ready to bring them to Mentor, but

we have not yet reached our financial goal to make this a reality. We know that finding the funds to make it all possible is difficult at this particular time, but remember that the appearance of a steam engine, and a huge one at that, on the

horizon in Mentor will greatly benefit both the museum and area tourism. Hotels and restaurants, in particular, are sure to realize a financial gain, as railfans across the country will make the pilgrimage to view our

one-of-a-kind acquisition. As you plan for your 2009 income tax deductions, and make out those end-of-year, charitable donations, please consider making a contribution to the museum.

Christmas Holiday Open House!

The museum board and staff have been busy this fall. Our October open house was a great success! For the first time, we

sold hot food and beverages to our guests, and they seemed to enjoy the opportunity to sit and chat with us and each other. Now that we have a larger facility, and a

real kitchen, this will be easier to achieve. Our Christmas Village will be set up around both the O-gauge and the expanded S-gauge layouts. The HO, G,

and Interurban displays will also have seasonal touches, and we want to be sure you visit the trolley layout in the recreated 1918 Downtown Chardon.

Hours and activities are as follows:

Saturday, December 5: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 6: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Face Painting by Katie from 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m. both days.

Santa Claus from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days.

Van's Photography on hand to take photos of your child during Santa's hours.

Erie Heights Brass Ensemble from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday only.

Admission Free. Refreshments will be available for purchase both days.

Wish List for 2009.

Snow shovels – yep! We will now need to keep our sidewalks clear.

Large Screen Television – to show DVDs to the public and potential investors.

Holiday decorations – we have windows and a gift shop to decorate.

Coffee pot – at least 32-cup for our public events.

Kitchen supplies – trash bags, paper towels, plastic baggies, paper plates, napkins, etc.

WRMRRM Membership.

In 2008, in an effort to honor those who made financial donations to the museum, we began the Golden Spike Club. Yet, we also realize these are difficult economic times. Beginning January 1, 2010, we will be making some changes to our entire membership structure by adding a new level of support and membership perks, such as discounts on items in our new gift shop and reduced admission to ticketed events.