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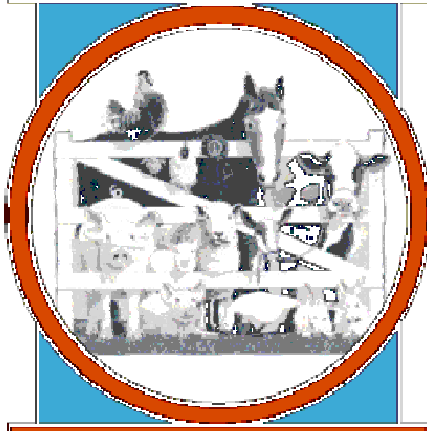
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## Changes coming to the 2011 County Fair

The Washington County Fair has made some changes to their schedule and we need to revise our operation to try to accommodate those changes. **The biggest change will be the picking up of passengers at McClane Loop beginning at 10:00 AM each day rather than 5:00 PM as in previous years.** Tickets (actually wrist bands) for those passengers will be sold on the cars until our ticket tent goes into operation around 5:00 PM each day. Once the ticket tent opens, they will sell the wrist bands. Full-fare tickets will be sold in the store for regular museum visitors

The original sign-up schedule that was posted was done well in advance of the fair announcing its changes. And to everyone's credit, a vast majority of the shifts have already been filled.

Some of the changes we are making this year include running two cars during the daylight shift, picking up riders at McClane but not going into the TDB yard. The usual 15 minute TDB tour will still be done for full-fare passengers, but the docent will walk their group from Allison to the TDB, give the tour and then walk them back to Allison to board the next available car.

At night, we are going to experiment with three scheduled cars, with a car or two on standby as needed. **If we just run the normal operating speed and make the meets at Fairgrounds and County Home,** we can run a trip every 10 minutes. No more lengthy waits at the platforms! Instead of tickets, wrist bands will be issued to the \$2 riders.

Weather and equipment permitting, we hope to use the Open Car from 10:00AM to about 7:00 or 7:30 PM every day.

So, here's the problem. On some nights we need to trim back the level of service we thought would be needed because fair events were changed. We have added two shifts each day that run from 2:30 PM to 10:30 PM and will be the "glue" that holds the operation together.

Operators who work the mid-day shifts will have a wide variety of assignments – including but not limited to – helping to shuttle cars when required, doing a little platform work assisting passengers on and off the cars, operating the regular fair service to provide lunch breaks for crews, and running the "extra" cars to help meet "rush hour" demands. These are probably the most important of all of the jobs that are available.

## Changes coming to the 2011 County Fair continued

There are also a number of daylight jobs still left to fill as well. The revised signup sheet on the Operations Website has those shown as an **ORANGE** block.

Matt Campbell, the educator and volunteer coordinator, is currently scheduling crews. To sign up for any shift, call him: 724-228-9256 at the museum, email him: [educator@pa-trolley.org](mailto:educator@pa-trolley.org) or sign up for your shift electronically through the <http://myptm.info/> website.

A number of dispatcher shifts remain to be filled. For those of you who are qualified to dispatch, please consider giving us a shift or two. If you are a little hesitant about your abilities, the daylight shifts would be a great place to gain more experience. You will also serve as the lunch break operator for the crews

Chris Walker and Rick Hannegan are “in charge” of this year’s county fair operation and would welcome your questions.

***Work the day shift and stay for an evening of fun and entertainment!***

Washington County Fair  
<http://www.washingtonfair.org/index.html>

***Operators in uniform get into the Fair for free!***



## Motel Deals for Volunteers

To get these rates you must make your reservations by calling these numbers directly, not the 1-800 numbers. Make sure you tell them you want the Trolley Museum Volunteer Rate. Also, rooms book fast, you should book 2-3 weeks in advance.

### [Comfort Inn Meadowlands](#)

237 Meadowlands Blvd, Washington, PA, US, 15301-8902  
Phone: (724) 746-9700

Comfort Inn Meadow Lands: \$82 (rather than \$104 regular rate)

### [Hampton Inn Washington](#)

119 Murland Ave, Washington, PA 15301  
Phone: (724) 228-4100

Hampton Inn Murtland Avenue: \$86 (rather than \$122 regular rate)

## Punches for Sale

Rick Hannegan has some ticket punches that he would like to sell for \$10.00 each. Contact him directly. This a great deal and a price you cannot match on E-Bay.

## Changes

Lisa Stout-Bashioum, our visitor services manager, worked her final event as a museum employee on July 17, 2011 - Frank the Cat Day. Lisa will continue to volunteer and help us with special events. Her work here has been greatly appreciated and she will be missed.

A continuing change includes the operations website. Walt continues to provide assistance as we transition from PTMOPS to MyPTM. We ask for your indulgence as we work out some kinks in the technical areas. Please check the website listed on the front page of this Two Bells. If you forgot the log-in, send me a note.  
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**See you at the fair!**