



TWO BELLS

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Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

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Washington County Fair

<http://www.washingtonfair.org/index.html>

Friday, August 12

4:00 p.m. Judging the Halls
6:00 p.m. Antique Tractor Pull

Saturday, August 13 - EQT Day

9:00 a.m. Lawn and Garden Tractor Pull
9:00 a.m. Spam Contest
10:00 a.m. Hershey Cocoa Cookie Contest
10:30 a.m. Hershey Cocoa Cake Contest
11:00 a.m. Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest
11:45 a.m. Angel Food Cake Contest
12:30 p.m. Fleischmann Yeast - Bake for the Cure
3:00 p.m. Quad Pulls
3:00 p.m. Pedal Pull
4:00 p.m. South Hills Keystone Barbershop Chorus
5:00 p.m. Music - George Suhon
5:30 p.m. Opening of the 2011 Fair
7:00 p.m. Fair Queen Contest
7:00 p.m. Hay Hauling Contest
7:00 p.m. THE CLARKS

Sunday, August 14 - Special Discount Admission - \$6.00

8:00 a.m. Draft Horse Halter Classes
10:00 a.m. Stockman Contest
11:00 a.m. Church Service
11:00 a.m. Boer Goat Show
Noon Classic Car Show
Noon Hitch Classes & Matched Team
3:00 p.m. Pets on Parade
3:00 p.m. Meet the 2011 Fair Queen
3:00 p.m. Washington's Got Talent Winner
5:00 p.m. Market Goat Show
6:00 p.m. Band - Girlz in Black Hats
6:00 p.m. Horse Pulls
8:00 p.m. Pony Pulls
8:00 p.m. Country Band - Kiger Band
9:45 p.m. Zambelli Fireworks

Monday, August 15 - UPMC for Life - "62" & Over Free Till 4 p.m.

9:00 a.m. Tractor Driving Contest
9:00 a.m. Open Rabbit Show
10:00 a.m. Harness Racing
11:00 a.m. Spinning Contest in Wool Room
11:00 a.m. Senior Citizens Activities
Noon Breeding Hog Show
1:00 p.m. Kitchen Band
2:00 p.m. Donnie Cameron
3:00 p.m. Dance Extensions PAC
4:00 p.m. Market Hog Show
5:00 p.m. Mon Valley Cloggers
7:00 p.m. Pro Stock Tractors / Hot Semis
7:00 p.m. Donnie Cameron

Come to the fair during the day and work the night shift!

Tuesday, August 16 - Log Cabin Fence Day - Special Discount Admission - \$6.00

8:30 a.m.	Junior Rabbit Show
9:00 a.m.	4-H Meat Rabbit Pens
9:00 a.m.	Poultry Show & Showmanship
9:00 a.m.	Beef Cattle Open & Junior
10:00 a.m.	Harness Racing
2:00 p.m.	Prospect Steer & Heifer Show
6:00 p.m.	Market Steer Show
7:00 p.m.	Monster Trucks
8:00 p.m.	Karaoke - Dave McMurdy

Wednesday, August 17

8:00 a.m.	Light Horse & Pony Halter Classes
9:30 a.m.	Junior Dairy Clipping
10:00 a.m.	4-H Modeling Contest
11:00 a.m.	4-H & FFA Dairy Showmanship & Fitting
1:00 p.m.	Under 8 Kiddie Dairy Showmanship
4:00 p.m.	Cheerleading
5:00 p.m.	Market Lambs
6:00 p.m.	Senior High Bands
8:00 p.m.	School Bus Demolition Derby
8:00 p.m.	Classic Rock Band - Refuge

Thursday, August 18

8:00 a.m.	Breeding Sheep Open & Junior
9:00 a.m.	4-H Horse & Pony Show
9:00 a.m.	Dairy Show
2:00 p.m.	Lead Line Contest
6:00 p.m.	4-H Benefit Auction
7:00 p.m.	Painted Pony Rodeo - Laser Show
7:00 p.m.	Farmers Madness & Milk Chugging
8:00 p.m.	Karaoke - Dave McMurdy

Friday, August 19 - Children - 12 & Under Free Till 4 p.m.

9:00 a.m.	4-H Horse & Pony Show
9:00 a.m.	Dairy Goat Show
1:00 p.m.	Animals on Hoof Dressing Contest
3:00 p.m.	Grace Christian Dance
4:00 p.m.	North Star Kids
5:00 p.m.	Radio Disney
7:00 p.m.	Tap N Toes and All That Jazz
7:00 p.m.	Market Livestock Sale - Rabbits & Goats
7:00 p.m.	Street Stock Truck & Mini Modified Tractors
8:30 p.m.	Magician Bill Horner

Saturday, August 20 - Waste Management Day

9:00 a.m.	Farm Tractor Pull
10:00 a.m.	Market Livestock Sale - Hogs, Lambs & Steers
11:00 a.m.	Artisans in Action
Noon	Backroads Bluegrass
1:00 p.m.	Mid-Life Crisis
2:00 p.m.	Bits n' Pieces
6:00 p.m.	Demolition Derby - Outhouse Races Between Heats
7:00 p.m.	Amanda Stoneking
8:00 p.m.	Country Band - Saddle Up

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

[Comfort Inn Meadowlands](#)

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Patty, the manager at the Comfort Inn Meadow Lands is very familiar with us and our volunteers coming to stay there. Her normal rate is \$104 per night and she will extend to our volunteers a special rate of \$82 per night (over a 20% discount). All they need to do is say they are with the Museum.

Crossing Main Street

As to horn blowing, some operators are starting too early as they approach Main Street crossing. All the advance warning needed (providing they're going under 10 mph) is about 200 feet -- or about the distance between 3 line poles. Also remember that you have an obligation to yield if the highway vehicle fails to stop. Vigilance is called for!!!

Changes

Another mid-course correction has been necessitated by the departure of David Vago. Dave was presented with an offer in Orlando that was simply too good to refuse. Although he'll no longer be here in body, he's expressed a willingness to continue helping with graphics projects as needed.

The new volunteer coordinator is **Matt Campbell**. Some of you may recall him as the recently-hired store clerk. Please work with Matt as he becomes familiar with each of you and his new duties.

We're currently running the Operations Department by committee--almost! [Dave Carpenter](#) remains the head instructor and the person you need to see about getting qualified. [Matt Campbell](#) is in charge of operator scheduling, crew calling and docent training. He is assisted by [Jack Samuels](#) in this final task. [Bruce Wells](#) and [Dennis Cramer](#) are now sharing our Operator-for-an-Hour program and since Bruce lives near the Museum, you might expect to see him when there's an operational problem that requires immediate remediation. (You can click on the names to send emails.)

Another 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 TwoBells. If you forgot the log-in, send me a note.

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Operators in uniform get into the Fair for free!

Operation Reminders

Make sure to use timetable #13. Punch in as usual and get a radio. Check the bulletin board and chalk board for notices. Put up the flags (weather permitting). **KEEP THE DOOR TO THE SUBSTATION CLOSED WHEN NO ONE IS ON THE PLATFORM.** Open the carbarn from the door in the middle of the new section of the building. There is an alarm keypad inside the door. Turn on the lights for the public area, unlock the door to the carbarn, select a car from the barn, open the big doors, turn on the power and get the control handles, pull the car out and close the big doors to the carbarn. If you turned on the lights inside the carbarn, turn them off at this time. Do not leave those lights on all day long. Lock the man-door between the carbarn and the public restroom area.

Do your inspection run. Be aware the default setting for the switch at Redman Wye is to the TDB. You should arrive at the TDB on Track 35. Always observe switch settings and wire everywhere on the railroad all day long.

For most cars you will load from the carbarn side of Richfol Platform, PCC's and 4398 must load from the store side of the upper Richfol Platform. Regular service is from the upper platform of Richfol to Arden Loop and return. **DO NOT STOP AT ARDEN LOOP.** Use the extra time for loading at Richfol half-way through the trip. If the store has extra passengers, they will alert you. **DO NOT CALL THE STORE.** Pick up those passengers from the lower platform of Richfol. It is the responsibility of the store to get them to that position in time. Proceed to the TDB, do your tour there (4 cars and Volunteer Opportunities), proceed out of the yard to McClane Loop (no stop) and then back to Richfol upper platform.

Wheel chair customers will require a third person to go to the TDB in advance to set up the lift. Make arrangements through the store and or paid staff for that occasion.

At the end of the day make sure to complete the carbarn check list. Secure your car, turn out lights and secure all building doors. Set the alarm to the building. If it is a weekend, get someone to secure the TDB for you. Make sure to fill out your timecard with the date and times. We are having problems with people not securing cars, lights and buildings. Please help preserve your collection.

Always be courteous and engaging with the guests. Tell them what they are going to experience and what you expect of them. The conductor is the last on and the first off. Do not do customer bell ringing while loading or unloading the car.

The paving of the carhouse will hopefully begin within the next month, be alert for changes in operations!