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2016 Thank You

Christopher Walker

Another operating season at the museum is winding down, hard as it is to believe. Time flies at the trolley farm!

As we prepare to enjoy this year's holiday season with our families and friends, I'd like to thank each and every member of our Operations Department team for their hard work and dedication to our organization. Our members travel from near and far to allow our guests the opportunity to step back in time, all the while helping to preserve an important chapter of our nation's history.

Of course, the end product - the visitor experience - is the culmination of the efforts of many, both behind the scenes and in the public eye. A big thank you to all of the departments we work with, as our collaborative efforts continue to allow our museum to be consistently ranked among the best in the country.

And of course, thanks to our staff who help us at each step along the way. From ticket sales to volunteer scheduling, from fundraising to organizing events, our friends in the office and in the store are such a big part of who we are and where our museum is going.

2017 is shaping up to be yet another interesting year at PTM, and Operations is looking forward to meeting the challenges and working toward our goals. We're excited to have all of you on board with us.

All the best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season to you and yours, and a safe and prosperous new year.

See you in springtime!

Sincerely,
Christopher Walker
Operations Manager

New York City Public Library

2017 Pa Trolley Museum Schedule

Regular Hours: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Last tour leaves at 3:00 PM

April, May (closed Easter, open Memorial Day) Open Saturday & Sunday
June, July & August - Open 7 days a week,
No tours or trolley operation on Mondays
Store and Visitor Education Center exhibits & film will be open.
Note: Trolley Rides and Tours available Monday July 3 and August 14
September-December 11 Open Saturday & Sunday & Monday Sept 4 Labor Day

Special Events - Hours: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Bunny Trolley
Friday- Sunday, April 7-9 & Friday, Saturday, April 14-15

Daniel Tiger's Weekend
Saturday-Sunday, May 13-14 Friday May12 POTENTIAL ADDED DAY
Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21 Friday May 19 POTENTIAL ADDED DAY

Mr. McFeely's Parade of Trolleys
Saturday, June 24

Anything on Wheels
Sunday, June 25

Washington County Fair – Trolley Park 'N' Ride
Saturday – Saturday, August 12-19 (Hours 10:00 AM – Midnight)

A Taste of New Orleans
Saturday, September 9 – Evening event

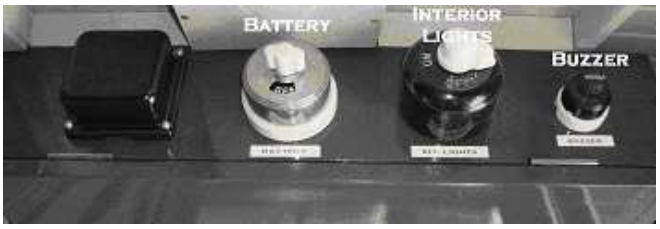
Pumpkin Patch Trolley
Friday – Sunday, October 13-15, 21-22, 28-29

Pennsylvania Arts & Crafts Christmas Festival-Trolley Park 'N' Ride
Friday – Sunday, October 13-15
Saturday – Sunday, October 20-22

Santa Trolley
Friday - Sunday, November 24-26
Saturday – Sunday December 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

Trolleys & Toy Trains
December 1, 8 & 15

Battery Switch



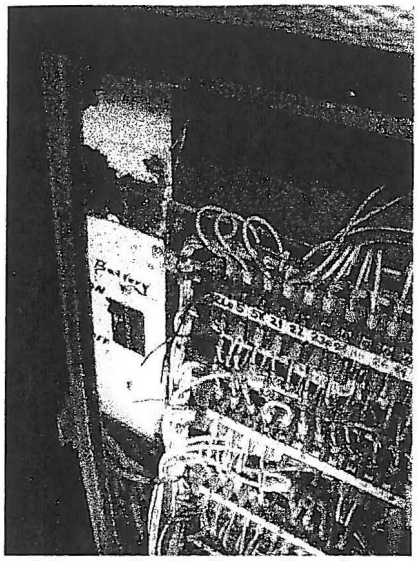


Figure 3 - Battery Breaker

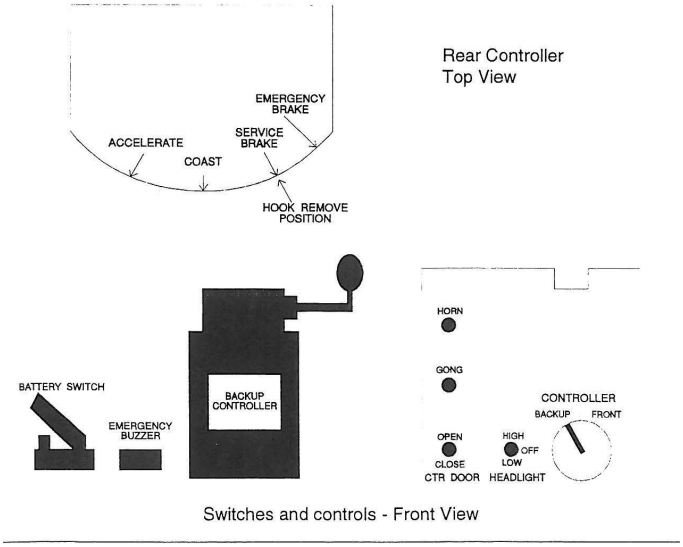
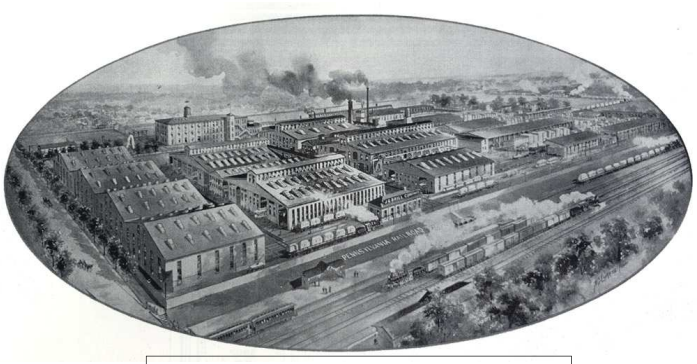


Figure 23. Pittsburgh Railways Company 1711 Rear Controls

Do you recognize some of these switches? Batteries are expensive and need to have a charge to be able to do their job. Please do your job and make sure all battery switches are off at the end of the day. All PCC's, 4398 and 14 require operator engagement at the beginning and end of car usage.

Unfortunately, we have been having issues with operators failing to turn off battery switches and the result is a useless car. Please make sure to review your Operator Manual before the next operating season. We all depend upon each of us being attentive to details.



JG Brill Complex 1895

JG Brill

We use the name regularly when discussing the history of our collection. After all, they were the largest manufacturer of streetcars in the world and they were located in Philadelphia. But where was the facility? Thanks to Ray Lonabaugh, I had the opportunity to see what is left of this corporation that helped change our cities. The factory was located along Woodland Avenue between 58th and 62nd Streets. Trolley production ended here in 1941. You can still ride streetcars past the location today.

Google Maps

DF Cramer photos

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

With much gratitude for your volunteerism in

2016

And Best Wishes for the New Year!

Lynne

PENNSYLVANIA TROLLEY MUSEUM
OPERATOR TRAINING 2017

Enrollment
February 1- March 25, 2017

Requalification for returning **revenue operators, maintenance,** and those **student operators** who are actively working toward revenue status will be conducted in March & April. All operators will pick a date, as well as a **second choice**. **Instructors** do not need to return this form, you will be contacted at a later date. Class size is limited to fifteen (15) operators. The cost is $10.00. Preference will be given to those living farthest away from the museum. If you turn 65 before May 1, you must submit a certificate of visual acuity and then every other year thereafter. (65-67-69-71-73-75-etc.)

Please identify your first and second date choice and your operating classification. You will receive confirmation from me once I have your form, but no sooner than February 1. If you pay at the museum or with credit card, please mail the form to finalize registration.

Mail to: **PTM Operator Training, Dennis Cramer, 147 Sherwood Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201**
Make checks payable to: Pennsylvania Trolley Museum
Contact educator@pa-trolley.org **to use a credit card or pay cash in person**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name_____Member Number_____

Address_____Phone_____

City_____State_____Zip_____ Cell Phone_____

Email_____

Birthday (M-D-Y)_____

RETURNING ($10) **Choice**

Fri March 24 9:00-4:00 _____

Sat March 25 9:00-4:00 _____

Sat April 1 9:00-4:00 _____

Sun April 2 9:00-4:00 _____

OPERATION CLASSIFICATION
Revenue Maintenance Student

THERE WILL BE A 30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

RETURNING OPERATORS
BRING YOUR RULEBOOK, TRAINING MANUAL &
TOUR GUIDE MATERIALS WITH YOU