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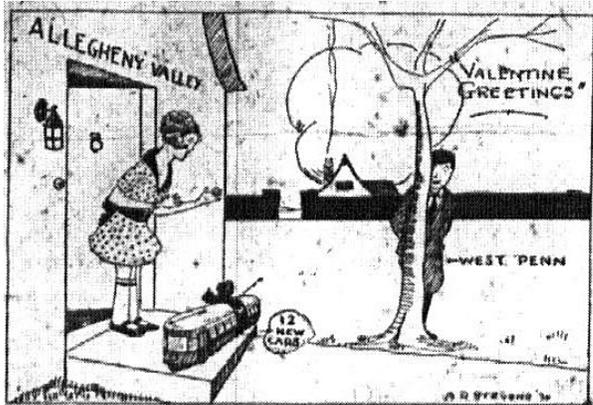
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## 2010 Events Schedule

It is time to mark your calendars.

Invite your friends and neighbors to participate in your museum.

Bunny Trolley	March 27, 28 & April 2, 3
Operator for an Hour	April 25
Boy Scout Merit Badge Workshop	May 8
Operator for an Hour	May 31 (Memorial Day)
Operator for an Hour	June 20 (Father's Day)
Anything on Wheels	June 27
Sunday Funday	July 11
Operator for an Hour	July 17
Operator for an Hour	August 1
Sunday Funday	August 8
Washington County Fair	August 14–21
Operator for an Hour	September 6 (Labor Day)
Antique Trucks & Trolleys	September 12
Operator for an Hour	October 2
Pumpkin Patch Trolley	October 8–10, 15–17, 22–24
PA Arts & Crafts Christmas Festival	October 15–17, 22–24
Trolley Rails and Spooky Tales	October 22–23, 29–30 (evening)
Veterans Ride Free	November 5–8
Operator for an Hour	November 7
Santa Trolley	November 26–28, December 4–5, 11–12
Trolleys & Toy Trains	December 17–20, 26–27

Keep track of events with the calendar located on the homepage of the museum website.

You will be notified of other special events and training.

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## Operator for an Hour



Have you ever wanted to have your friends and family experience the thrill of operating an antique streetcar over a four mile electric trolley line? Have you ever wanted to give a unique gift that benefits both the receiver and the trolley museum? Have you ever wondered how the museum can attract more members?

This is where you come in. The Operator for an Hour program is priced to make all of the above a reality. Compared to many rail museum that offer similar programs, ours' is a bargain. As you can see by the calendar on page two of this issue, we are running the program the same way as last year. It is a great deal. Here are the fees involved:

**\$70 for membership/Operator for an Hour**

**\$90 with family membership/Operator for an Hour**

**\$40 to upgrade associate membership/Operator for an Hour**

**\$30 to run the car for current regular members**

**\$30 for an additional session**

The year 2009 was the first that we went with a full season of the Operator for an Hour program. We had a total of 24 slots filled out of a possible of 40 and offered the program once a month from April through November. Most of those participants were new to the museum and several were members who just never went through operator training and always wanted to operate a trolley.

Not only has the museum gained membership, but we have also gained new operators. Tell your friends, co-workers and relatives about the program, or better yet, give them the gift that benefits them and the museum.

Scheduling is done through the museum.

Contact Lisa Stout-Bashioum, 724-228-9256 or [vsm@pa-trolley.org](mailto:vsm@pa-trolley.org)

## Where Can I Go For Help?

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Booksellers, such as Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Borders and more, offer many out of print books, often for free or low price. A little searching will give you a wealth of information and opportunities.

All you have to do is a simple search using terms such as trolley, street railway, interurban or streetcar. If you are interested in a particular locale, try typing in that name. I found a great book called "A Textbook on Electric Street-Car Running" from the International Correspondence School dated 1901 in Google Books and there are many wonderful books and movies in The Internet Archive.

As always, take note of the publication date when reading or viewing anything, ideas and opinions change over the years. Just because it is in print does not make it true.

The more you read, the better you will become at the docent portion of your responsibilities and the better experience you will give our guests.

