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Operations Department of the
Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

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June 22-23

50th Anniversary Weekend

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PENNSYLVANIA TROLLEY MUSEUM



"All the Streetcars You Desire"

Saturday June 22

A variety of trolley parades showcasing the historic streetcars of the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum



Classic Car Show

Sunday June 23

Entire Weekend

Trolley Rides

Tours of our Display Building and Restoration Shop

Food Vendors

Children's Area

Historical Displays



PENNSYLVANIA TROLLEY MUSEUM
1 MUSEUM ROAD
WASHINGTON, PA 15301
724-228-9256 www.patrolley.org

Sponsored by



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Advanced ticket sales for this Event available through our web site www.patrolley.org

Admission— Adults \$10 Seniors- \$9 Children- \$7

No Such Thing as a Free Lunch?

There may not be a free lunch, but Giant Eagle has decided to honor your volunteer efforts with a free dinner on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM. A tent is being provided for the dinner which is open to any PTM member. Please RSVP to Bill Beleno vsm@pa-trolley.org by June 19 if you plan on attending the dinner.

Volunteer's Needed for Golden Spike Weekend

Fifty years of public operation is a fantastic milestone and many folks have been working very hard to put together an exiting weekend for both the visiting public and you, the volunteer. However, it takes more than a few dedicated members to pull off an event such as this. Your help is needed to assist in parking cars, giving tours, directing guests around the museum, operating streetcars, being conductors, or just being there to fill in when asked. Contact Lynne Thompson as soon as possible. educator@pa-trolley.org

Meet and Greet

Do you have a neighbor, friend or family member interested in us? Lynne Thompson has provided this press release.

The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum is celebrating its 50th season this year and is also searching for more volunteers. The Museum will hold an informational Volunteer "Meet & Greet" event on Saturday, June 8 beginning at 9:30 AM for those interested in getting involved.

Volunteers play a key role at PTM, with over 30,000 hours contributed in 2012, filling many different roles at the museum. Volunteers are needed in the areas of: marketing, museum store, guided tours, archives, maintenance and restoration, administration, mobile equipment, buildings and grounds, special events and even trolley operations! The museum is always looking for new people to become involved, and this volunteer recruiting event will provide an opportunity for people to come see the museum in a relaxed, informal session. Visitors can speak with current volunteers and get an orientation of our museum.

Please RSVP to Lynne Thompson at educator@pa-trolley.org or 724-228-9256.

SCHEDULE
GRAND OPENING DAY
ARDEN TROLLEY MUSEUM
June 23, 1963

SAFETY FIRSTSAFETY FIRST

12 Noon to 2:00 PM Tours of the Museum.

2:00 PM Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Ribbon will be cut by the Washington County Commissioners.

2:20 PM First trip on car 3487. (Holders of buff tickets only.)

2:40 PM Car 3487 makes second trip

3:00 PM Car 5326 (or 4398) makes first trip.

Cars will make trips every twenty minutes thereafter,
alternating cars each run.

Schedule: Four minutes northbound to end of line.
Five minutes to change ends.
Six minutes southbound to barn area.
Five minutes to unload and prepare next car.

2:20 PM Tours of the Museum Resume

WELCOME

Pennsylvania Railway Museum Association, Inc., owner and operator of the Arden Trolley Museum, is proud to welcome you to the Grand Opening of Pennsylvania's first operating trolley museum, and America's only broad guage trolley museum. (Most trolley lines were standard railroad guage of 4' 8", but our guage of 5' 2½" was quite common in Pennsylvania and a few other cities.)

If you are interested in learning more about our Museum and Association, you may write us at: P. O. Box 832, Pittsburgh 30, Penna.

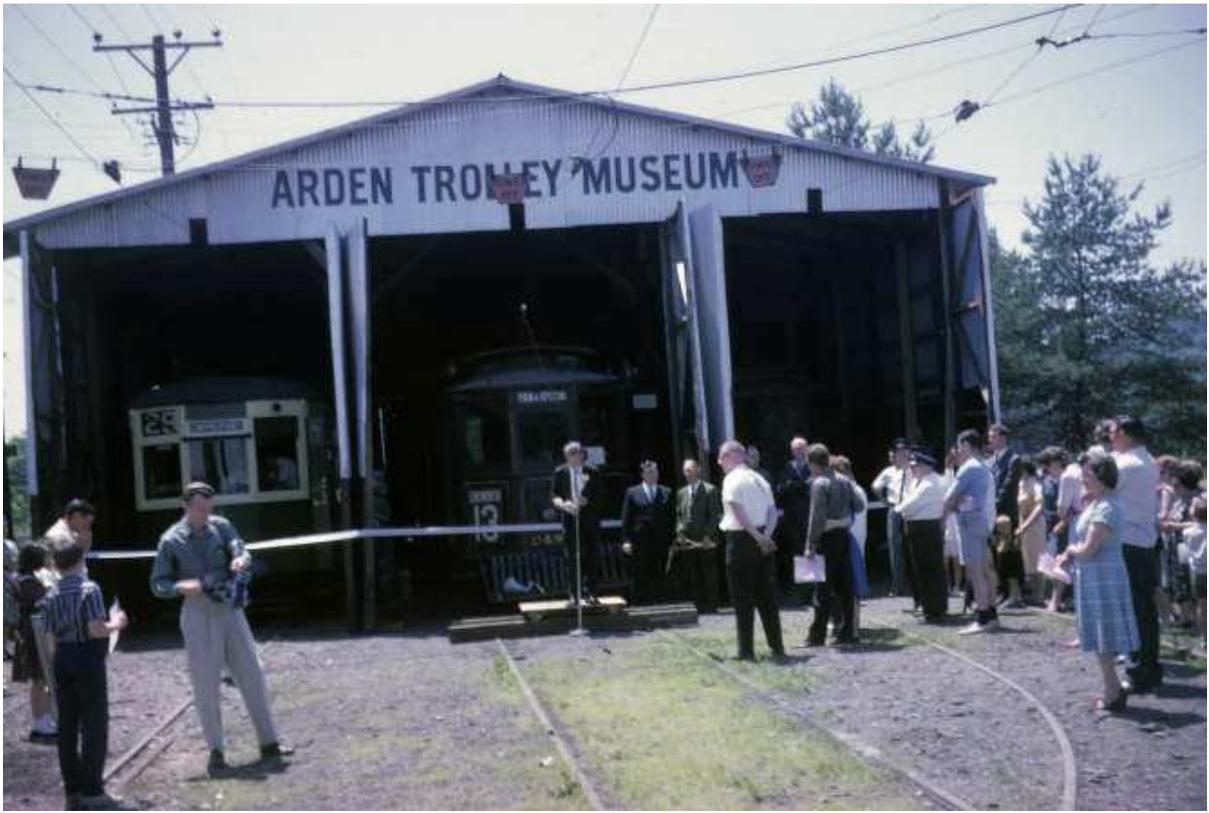
SAFETY

As you tour our Museum and ride the cars, we request that safety be utmost in your mind. Look before crossing any tracks; step over and not on the rails; and watch your step when boarding and leaving the cars. Your cooperation will make this a very enjoyable opening day for all of us.

Our appreciation and thanks go to the following companies and organizations without whose cooperation this project would not have been a success:

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Thank You

It has taken a wide variety of individuals many years to develop PTM into what we are today and the job is not finished. However, it is you, the volunteer who sustains us with your efforts in restoration, maintenance, track-work, overhead, signals, education, publications and archives, building and grounds, fund raising, Board of Directors, museum store, publicity, operations, engineering, mobile equipment, and more.

Come help us celebrate your contributions on June 22nd.

50th Anniversary Press Release - Bill Beleno

WASHINGTON—Come to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum for its 50th Anniversary Weekend June 22-23. Saturday June 22 will be “All the Streetcars You Desire” followed by our *Classic Car Show* on Sunday, June 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday’s event will include trolley parades, food vendors, tours of the Trib Total Media Trolley Display Building and the Museum Restoration Shop. Family fun will include a children’s activity area, unlimited trolley rides. Linda Barnicott, famous Pittsburgh artist, is scheduled to appear on Saturday, June 22. On Sunday, view over 50 fabulous classic cars in the park-like setting of the museum grounds while enjoying “oldies” by DJs Fritz and Judy.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors (62+), \$7 for children (ages 3-15), and children under age 3 are free. Advance purchase tickets, including two-day passes, can be purchased on line at the Museum’s website beginning May 15, 2013. www.pa-trolley.org

On June 23, 1963, the Washington County Commissioners cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of Pennsylvania’s first operating trolley museum. This was the culmination of an effort by a dedicated group of trolley enthusiasts to preserve the Trolley Era for future generations. They had witnessed the decline of street railway many years earlier and formed the Pittsburgh Electric Railway Club finally realizing their goal of opening what was then known as the Arden Trolley Museum in Washington, Pa. The site, now the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, is situated on the interurban trolley line that connected Pittsburgh to Washington. Those enthusiasts would be pleased to know about the streetcar comeback as cities like Pittsburgh invest in clean, electric powered transit, such as the very successful debut of the North Shore Connector in Pittsburgh last year.

The Trolley Museum didn’t just open.....it helped open a new era of tourism in Washington County, Pa that is now one of its biggest industries. The Meadows followed the Trolley Museum later in 1963 and in those five decades we have seen the evolution of the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Museum, The Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Tanger Outlets, the LeMoyne and Bradford Houses, the Southpointe Golf Club (which hosts annually the nationally televised Mylan Classic) and many other attractions.

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum had a record 30,000 visits in 2012, matched by its fine record of 150 volunteers who contributed that same number, 30,000, in donated hours of service last year. Special events will be held the weekend of June 21-23 to mark this 50th Anniversary which is being sponsored by Bombardier Transportation, Giant Eagle and Wabtec, Inc.