



# The Roundhouse Reporter

November 2017

## Eerie and Exciting News from the Railroad Museum!

October was a busy month at the Sioux City Railroad Museum. Preparations began early for the Halloween at the Roundhouse Event, work continued on the Grand Scale Train, and a long time project for the volunteers and staff nears it's close. Read on to see updates from the month of October at the Sioux City Railroad Museum.



Our Grand Scale Train conductors Bill Bade and Corey Vondrak) and engineer (Ken Brown) pose for a photo.

### A Scary Good Time Was Had By All!

Halloween at the Roundhouse has always been a lot of fun. This year was not different. On October 28th and 29th, nearly 14,000 visitors took advantage of this fantastic family event and braved the brisk fall weather to attend.

There was something to do for the entire family. As usual the haunted house was a spooky favorite of many guests. If the haunted house was a little too spooky, visitors could listen to ghost stories from the hobos.

The debut of the new Grand Scale Train Ride was a huge success as guests lined up to be among the first to ride. Our the brand new costume contest brought out lots of participants in dramatic costume to take part. Everyone was able to find something they enjoyed!

This year, in addition to the new Grand Scale Train ride and costume contest, we also added a new concession stand. This was a fantastic option for visitors who took advantage of a light meals and warm drinks while waiting for the haunted house, or returning from the Grand Scale Train ride.

Guests were so appreciative of the efforts that went into making this event a success, one wrote

"My family and I go every year for Halloween. It was nice to have some additions this year along with the scream contest and hobo stories. My kids really love coming every year. See you at Xmas!"



We cannot wait for our upcoming events. We hope to see you there!



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## National Register Nomination Move Forward to U.S. Department of Interior

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On October 13, 2017 Members of the State Nominations Review Committee, an advisory board of the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office, voted to recommend that the nomination for listing the Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for his consideration.

The committee's recommendation was made on Friday, October 13, 2017, during a proposal review meeting and discussion held at the State Historical Society of Iowa Museum in Des Moines. The case for listing the Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District was presented by Larry Obermeyer, author of the nomination, and Matt Merk, Sioux City Railroad Museum, executive director. Several museum staff members and volunteers also attended the meeting to show support.

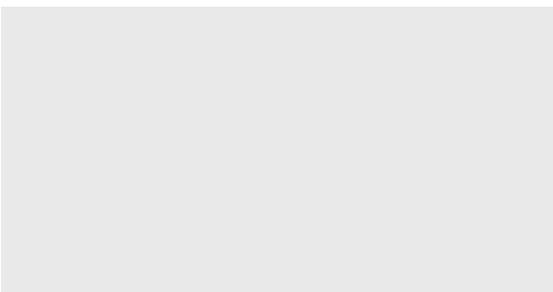
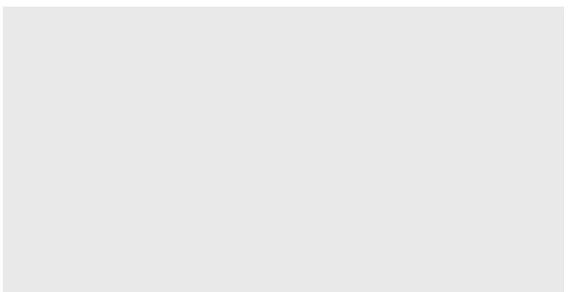


As a result of the board's action, the nomination will be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, who directs the program for the U.S. Department of the Interior. If the Keeper agrees that the Milwaukee Railroad Shops Historic District meets the criteria for listing, the historic railroad repair shop terminal will be added to the National Register of Historic Place. A decision from the Keeper is expected in about 90 days.

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## Upcoming Events

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Dr. Rudy Daniels



Talks on Railroad History

World War II:

Lessons Learned Well

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017  
2:00 p.m. \ Free Admission

Car Shops Learning Center  
Sioux City Railroad Museum  
3400 Sioux River Road - State Highway 12 N. - Sioux City, IA

Saturday, November 11 at 2 pm

Dr Rudy Daniels Presents  
WWII: Lessons Learned Well.

Come and Enjoy his final Railhouse Shop  
Talk from his WWI Railroad History Book and  
an afternoon of education!  
This is a free will donation event.



December 2nd & 9th 10-4 pm

Santa's Whistle-Stop Tour.

Come enjoy the magic of the holidays at the  
Sioux City Railroad Museum. Make Crafts,  
sip hot cocoa with the elves, and tell Santa  
what is on your wish list!

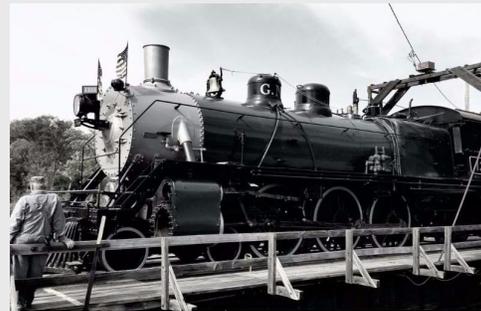
Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 28, 2017

Giving Tuesday November 28th

The Sioux City Railroad Museum will be  
taking part in the Giving Tuesday initiative.  
All proceeds will go to the Museum's general  
fund and will be used to improve museum  
experiences for guest. If you would like to give  
please [click here](#).



Last Day of the Season

December 16th 10-4 pm

The Sioux City Railroad Museum will open to  
the public for the final day in 2017. The  
Museum will be closed to the public until  
March 1, 2018. During this time the Museum  
work on new exhibits and ways to improve  
visitor experience.

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