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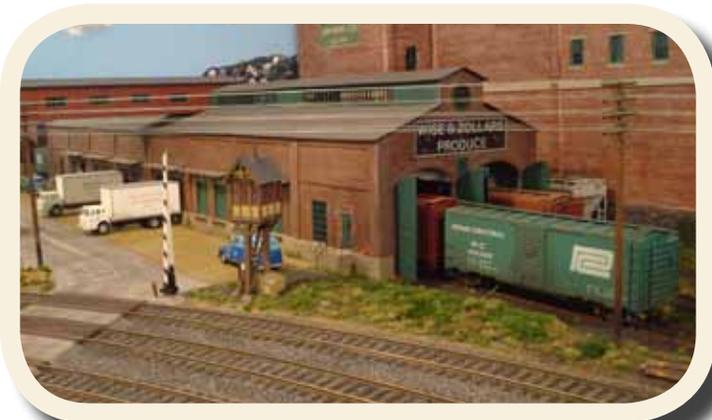
Free Museum Day



Six of the Ligonier Valley's historical and cultural landmarks have again collaborated to offer "Free Museum Day – Art and History Through the Valley."

Free admission will be

provided to all visitors at Antiochian Heritage Museum, Compass Inn Museum, Fort Ligonier, Ligonier Valley Rail Road Museum, Lincoln Highway Experience, and Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art on Sunday, May 3, 2015. The Ligonier Valley Rail Road Museum, located in the restored Darlington Station at 3032 Idlewild Hill Lane, will be open from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Take time to tour the Museum and the 1905 Bobber Caboose. Artifacts on display include lanterns, marker lamps, and an interactive map of the Ligonier Valley Rail Road. The trackless train will be available for rides for only \$1.00.



7TH ANNUAL MODEL RAILROAD HOME TOUR

Sponsored by

The Ligonier Valley Rail Road Association

Saturday, May 2, 2015

9 AM until 4 PM

The tour will visit multiple layouts & displays in Westmoreland County.

Ticket Prices:

\$15 Adults • \$5 under 16

Tickets are advance sale only and only 300 will be sold. No tickets will be sold after April 25.

Make checks payable to: LVRRRA
Send your check along with your return information including your phone number and e-mail address to:

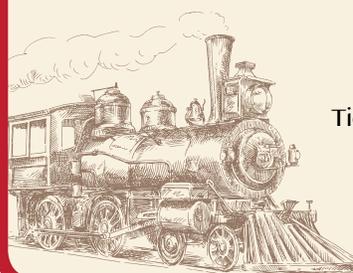
**LVRRRA
PO Box 21
Ligonier, PA 15658**

Tickets and maps will be mailed starting in late March.

For further details:

www.lvrrra.org

Phone: 724-238-7819



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Recent Contributions

Thanks to all contributors for the following items that have been donated to the LVRRA since the last Liggie publication.

SUZANNE MCGONIGLE ~ Railroad tool grinder, Keystone Grinder Mfg Co.

SANDY DODDS ~ Black and white photo of sawmill at unknown site.

PATRICK PURCELL ~ 4 LVRR baggage tags. 26 LVRR employee timetables. 2 Letter books (1887, 1892). 2 Transport census reports (1880-1889). 4 Annual reports to ICC (1888, 1889, 1891, 1947). 1 Railroad Magazine (1952). 2 Books: "Stemwinders in the Laurel Highlands" by Benjamin F. G. Kline, Jr., 1973. Vanderbilt's Folly - A History of the Pennsylvania Turnpike" by William H. Shank, P.E. Copr. 1973. 4 Photos - LVRR Eng. # 19, Eng. # 15 and Eng # 807 (2). Newspapers pertaining to the Last Run of the LVRR (1952). Misc. passes, train orders, timetables, tickets, correspondence, newspaper articles and railroad information.

LIGONIER VALLEY LIBRARY ~ Book titled A Scrap Book of I Remember... by John E. Clifford.

LIGONIER VALLEY RAILROAD ASSOCIATION ~ DVD of Bill Pribisco photos taken at the Ligonier Valley Railroad Museum during the Plains, Trains, and Automobiles. A Daytrip Through Transportation History event.

DICK FLOCK ~ Enlarged 1950's photo of big wheel at "Nick Gallo's" Ligonier Valley Beach.

RAY KINSEY ~ 1 PRR shovel. 1 LVRR metal stamp. 1 Book - Ice Harvesting In Early America, 1977. 1 Thermometer - Consolidated Ice Company. 1 Tag - Adams Express Company. 1 Wooden ruler Consolidated Ice Co. 1 Album containing information, photos, newspaper articles and postcards related to ice harvesting.

CHARLES HILL ~ Postcard Showing photo of engine - R. S. S. Co.

BETTY WELTY DIVINE ~ 4 Pages of Souvenir Edition of Ligonier Echo with headline - Abandonment of the Ligonier Valley Railroad. Newspaper article on the LVRR Wilpen Wreck of July 5, 1912 - Tribune Review Neighborhoods, June 25, 2006.

LEONARD DAUGHERTY ~ Boy Scouts of America Railroading Merit Badge book to be used through the Ligonier Valley Railroad Museum to help any boy scout obtain a Railroading Merit Badge. Forms for counselors also included.

With our thanks . . .

In January, Art McMullen retired from the board of directors.

For many years, Art served as Treasure for the LVRRA.

Thank you, Art, for your years of service and for all the contributions you have made to ensure the continuation of the museum.

New Board Member

During January's Board meeting, Bob Stutzman agreed to return to the Board serving as Treasurer.

Welcome Back, Bob.



Preserving the Legacy

Of the approximately 20 locomotives purchased by the Ligonier Valley Rail Road, eight of them were bought new from Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia. Jim Aldridge recently pointed out the existence of a website listing the manufacturing specifications of the locomotives built by Baldwin, including Ligonier's engines and tenders. The DeGolyer Library of the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas has the specifications from Baldwin and digitized the entire collection comprising more than 51 volumes. Much of the data is of a technical nature such as the diameter of the boiler, type of steel to use in the various applications, what size bolts to use, etcetera, all the details required to build a locomotive. Of more interest to a layman, the color scheme for Ligonier equipment is listed as olive green with yellow lettering. Additionally in 1907, when Engine #12 was purchased, the road name as painted on the tender was "Ligonier Valley," as seen in the attached photograph. When No. 12 was refurbished some time later, the road name was changed to the more familiar, "Ligonier." Cypress was used to build the cab, whereas the pilot, or cow catcher, was constructed of an unspecified wood. Additionally, a 92 pound bell was itemized. With these locomotive specifications, the LVRRA continues to gather pieces of the puzzle toward preserving the legacy of the Ligonier Valley Rail Road. Thank you, Jim.



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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer at the museum, stop in or give us a call at **(724) 238 - 7819** to discuss available opportunities.



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THE MISSION of the LVRRA

Ligonier Valley Rail Road Association

Organized in 2004:

To Preserve the legacy of the LVRR

To Conserve vestiges of the LVRR

To Collect memorabilia of the LVRR

To Educate the public about the history of

railroading in Ligonier Valley



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