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Steam Locomotives Train Show!

As the final event for our celebration of the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the railroad in Charlevoix, the Northern Michigan Railroad Club will be taking over **the Depot** Friday through Sunday, July 28-30 for a model railroad show titled **“Steam Era Locomotives: The Railroads of Charlevoix 1892-1982.”**

Hours of the show are:

Friday, July 28: noon to 6 p.m.
Saturday, July 29: 10 a.m to 4 p.m.
Sunday, July 30: noon to 4 p.m.

The club will set up three layouts—O-gauge, HO-gauge, and N-gauge. Three to four members will be present each day to answer questions and provide information on the Chicago & West Michigan Railway, the company that brought the railroad to Charlevoix in 1892, the Pere Marquette Railroad, which absorbed the C. & W. M. in 1899, and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, which took in the Pere Marquette in 1929. The C. & O. carried its last passengers out of Charlevoix in 1962, and closed down the freight operation in 1982. The club will also have knowledgeable members on site during the show who can answer any questions pertaining to model railroading. It will also bring antique model trains and other memorabilia.

So plan on being at the Depot on one or all three of the days to completely immerse yourself in the fun and lore of the railroad. Check our website events page for further details. Depot 125 merchandise will also be for sale.

MUSEUM HOURS FOR SUMMER

Museum hours through Labor Day weekend will be Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. As always, the side doors open at 11 a.m. for those who need to conduct Society business, make a store purchase, or do research before regular hours.

REMINDERS FOR THE REMAINDER OF OUR SUMMER:

Friday, July 21: Venetian Festival Fireworks Potluck and Volunteer Recognition at the Depot. 7:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, serving utensils, tableware. We supply hot dogs, buns, lemonade, and ice cream. Society members and their guests only.

Tuesday, August 8: Encore Presentation of your editor's program "The Coming of the Railroad & Its Impact on Charlevoix" at the Charlevoix Public Library Community Room, 6:30 p.m.

Friday-Monday August 11-14: Charlevoix Photography Club 9th Annual Fine Art Photography Exhibition at the Depot. Friday, August 11: Opening Reception 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Exhibitions—Saturday: 1 to 6:00 p.m.; Sunday: 1 to 6:00 p.m.; Monday: 1 to 5:00 p.m.

New 142-pp. paperbound book available at Harsha House or online: "Charlevoix the Beautiful, the City on Three Lakes," \$21.95 (tax and shipping extra). Over 200 images with supporting texts.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are totally thrilled with the success of Depot 125: An 1892 Experience Family Gala and Proclamation Ceremony on June 25. I hope it lived up to expectations for all of you who attended. Our Cultural Corridor Launch Party on July 5th certainly exceeded our expectations! We had visitors through the museum up until 8:00 in the evening. Members came, local residents who had never been to the museum came, and families with their children came! We couldn't have asked for more. Gail de Meyere from Circle of Arts and Linda Adams from the Library were also pleased with their turnouts. So - we are off and running, and now presented with new, interesting opportunities to collaborate on promotions and events for our cultural offerings!

I am pleased to announce that the Historical Society was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Great Lakes Energy People Fund. These monies will be used to purchase a new server and workstation to allow us to increase capacity and accessibility for our growing digital collection. If you do not already do so, and are eligible, please consider signing up for GLE's Round Up program, which provides funding to enhance the quality of life for people in our communities.

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Notice: We would appreciate the help of docents to help out greeting and showing visitors around the museum between noon and 4 during the summer, particularly on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Saturdays. This would not entail handling merchandise and payments in the museum store. Contact Dave or Trevor at the Harsha House, 547-0373, if you would be interested.

The Society welcomes new members: *Marcia Baird (Ralph Hamilton Circle), Don Monteith, Larry & Dorothea Smith, Kermit & Jenny Sutton (Life), Mark & Valerie Snyder, Trevor & Lindsey Dotson*
The Society welcomes new Patrons: *Tina Heugh, Grey Gables Restaurant & Catering*