

MUSEUM OFFICIALLY OPENS

"All Aboard" was the call officially opening the Frisco Railroad Museum Inc. on June 1, 1986. After ten years of dreaming, collecting, and planning, and over 1,000 man-hours of construction and renovation the first and only exclusively Frisco museum opened its doors to over 200 visitors. Many in attendance heard a passing freight train blow its horn at approximately the same time the ribbon was cut, as though the modern giant of the rails was adding its confirmation to the historic proceedings.

It was truly a memorable day of catching a glimpse of railroading history, and there was an abundance of story telling and reminiscing about the "good ole days" on the Frisco. It was interesting to note that few, if any, of the Frisco veterans in attendance had less than thirty years service, thus reaffirming the strong family atmosphere that was so characteristic of the Frisco Railway.

Following are excerpts from the dedication remarks given by Alan Schmitt, President of the Museum. "We have gathered here today to dedicate a dream... It is appropriate that the dedication of a railroad museum should be called the dedication of a dream because dreaming and railroading have always had a unique partnership... Think of all the young boys in early America who dreamed of being the next Casey Jones as they watched with intrigue those steam puffing monsters called locomotives rumble down the track... In 1876 the dream of another chapter in America's railroading history became a reality when the St. Louis - San Francisco Railway Co, better known as the Frisco, was born... Over a century later, when the Frisco fell victim to the necessity of corporate merger, many folks believed that the memory and heritage of the familiar coonskin railroad would be lost... I am pleased to declare that as of today, they are mistaken! Those memories, that heritage, that coonskin railroad will live on, and why? Because of a dream... We are also here to dedicate a memorial... A living memorial to all those dedicated men and women who through the years have proudly been a part of that special family known as the Frisco folks!"

Souvenir programs of the grand opening celebration are still available and individual laundry tags from the ribbon will be given to those becoming members of the Frisco Folks on a while-they-last basis. To all those who participated in the opening celebration, thank you for making the dream of a Frisco museum become a reality!

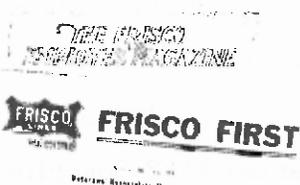


All About the All Aboard

For many years the primary means of keeping the Frisco family informed about the people and progress of the railroad were the various company publications beginning first with the printing of The Frisco Man magazine in 1906. It was followed by The Frisco Employee's Magazine which first appeared in late 1922. In November 1935, the Frisco First newspaper appeared and remained in various formats as the primary system-wide publication until 1947 when the familiar All Aboard publication went into service. The All Aboard was published in a newspaper format until the middle 1950's, when it was redesigned as a colorful magazine. In February 1963, it returned to a newspaper and remained in that form until January 1967, when it returned to a magazine. In the October 1969 issue, it was reported that the publication had been judged "The Outstanding 1969 Railroad Publication" by receiving the Association of Railroad Editors Distinguished Achievement Award. The last All Aboard publication was one of a series of four "BN Springfield Region All Aboard" magazines published in August, 1981.

The Frisco Railroad Museum Inc. is continuing in the longstanding tradition of the All Aboard by publishing, for its Frisco Folks, a monthly newsletter with information and articles about the museum and the folks who support it. The masthead for the museum publication is taken from the May 1952 All Aboard newspaper.

The museum is attempting to compile a complete collection of Frisco company publications. If you have any you would like to donate, please write or call the museum office.



THE FRISCO FAMILY

As a regular monthly feature, the All Aboard will publish a brief history of the predecessor railroads of the Frisco Family. The information is taken from "The Interstate Commerce Commission Valuation Docket No. 400, November 1, 1924.

PACIFIC RAILROAD

The Pacific Railroad was created by an act of the Legislature of Missouri on March 12, 1849. It was authorized to locate, construct, manage, and use a railroad from St. Louis, Mo., to some point on the western boundary of Van Buren County, Mo. Under the provisions of an act of the Legislature of Missouri on December 25, 1852, the Pacific Railroad was authorized to construct a branch line in Missouri from any point on its main line east of the Osage River to any point on the western boundary of the state south of the Osage River. The Pacific Railroad constructed a standard gauge branch line railroad in Missouri from Franklin (now Pacific), to Rolla, about 77 miles, and graded a roadbed from Rolla to Arlington, about 12 miles. That property was known as the Southwest Branch of the Pacific Railroad. On March 1, 1866, the State of Missouri seized the Southwest Branch for failure to pay interest on certain bonds. After advertising such property for sale, the state accepted a bid submitted by John C. Fremont, of New York, and conveyed the Southwest Branch to him on June 14, 1866. Fremont organized the Southwest Pacific Railroad on September 12, 1866. The Pacific Railroad is now the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company and the Southwest Branch is now property of the Frisco.

Next month...The Southwest Pacific Railroad Company

PACIFIC RAILROAD

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Frisco Folks

The Museum is pleased to welcome the following new members of the FRISCO FOLKS:

Mary Gregg	Switchman
Lana Grantham	Switchman
James O. Elliott	Switchman
Ed & Lillian Heiss	Switchman

Please tell your Frisco friends about the museum and the Frisco Folks. Please remember that the museum is dependent upon your support!

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HOURS OF OPERATION

June 1 to August 31

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday through Saturday

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday

The museum is closed Monday & Tuesday

September 1 to May 31

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday

Other times available by appointment

ADMISSION

"Admission FREE-Donations APPRECIATED"

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