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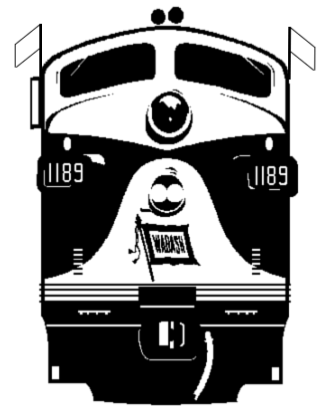
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RANKIN MOTORCAR SHED BUILT



To further expand the educational aspect of this organization as well as provide additional shelter for museum equipment, the Rankin Motorcar Shed has been erected near the north end of the display lead. Once placed in service, it will house the motorcar/track equipment collection and be open to the public during the operating

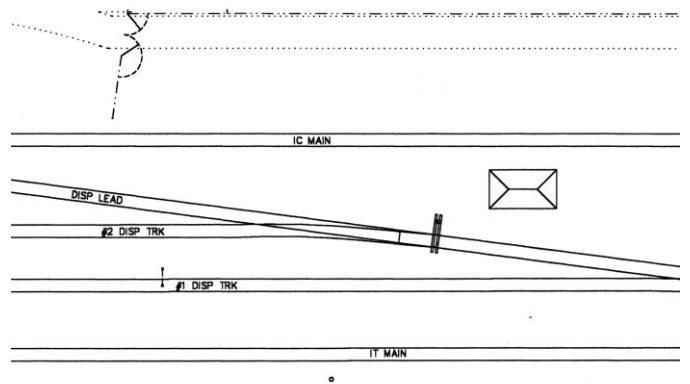
GHOST TRAIN HELP REQUESTED

It is once again the season of “terror on the rails” as the Monticello Railway Museum inaugurates the “Ghost Train Runs” at the museum site. Help is being solicited from the membership to participate in this labor-intensive project. Help is needed to operate the displays in the creek bottoms (hollow), car attendants, platform personnel, haunted boxcar and foot tent. Volunteers are on duty October 21, 22, 23, 29 and 30 between 6 PM and 9 PM and October 23 and 30 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM For further information please contact Donna McClure (217) 722-5437 or John Scitutto (309) 212-0052.

THE LAST RUN

John F. Jack Kelly of Champaign, Illinois passed away Saturday August 27, 2011, at Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana. Jack was active at Monticello Railway Museum primarily helping with the restoration of 401 with the Thursday Crew until his health deteriorated to the point of preventing him from coming out. He also big with some of our archiving projects in thre Museum archives, helping to catalog many drawers of Wabash Railroad blueprints, in the process creating an index to what we have. Memorials may be made to the Loda Lions, Monticello Railway Museum, or the charity of your choice. Oituary may be seen at: http://www.heathandvaughn.com/kelly,_jack.html His knowledge, help and good humor have been and will be missed. *Kent McClure CMO.*

STAIR TOWER PLANNED



Stair tower, named in memory of long-time member Richard Stair will represent an Illinois Central wood interlocking tower with the first floor housing e a signal maintainer's office and electric interlocking machine and the second floor will have operators desk and mechanical interlocking levers from the former Gibson City tower complete with period furnishings.

ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY

Recent visitors to MRM will have noted the track construction from the platform at Nelson to the new train shed. Our track volunteers received a manpower boost on this job on September 10th when MRM hosted 60+ University of Illinois engineering students for a hands-on experience in building track. These young folks acquitted themselves well, performing basic tasks such as spreading ties, moving rail, plating, setting and driving spikes, working ballast and raising track. There should be one track finished by winter to allow storing the excursion train indoors.

We have been slowly dismantling the switch near Buchanan Street in Monticello as the stub track has no use for our operation. The switch parts, timber, and some rail will be released for other service. Also at Buchanan Street, a new crossing will be installed with all work being done by a contractor.

To come into compliance with Illinois law that all crossing equipped with crossbucks only, must now also have a yield sign and a reflectorized strip on the supporting post. All MRM crossing covered by this mandate are now in compliance.

Regular track maintenance has been proceeding since spring with about 115 used ties placed in track, almost all in straight sections of the IC Main. Midsummer we received 125 new ties and of this writing, about 40 have been installed, mostly in IC curves. This tie work, and many other track jobs, would not have been accomplished had Dave Marshall not gotten A52 motorcar in operable condition over the winter. Thanks for keeping us in business Dave!! And a hearty thank you to all the track volunteers for their interest and hard work-the blocking and tackling of our operation. *Tom Hatchard Track Superintendent*

Won't you consider a donation to the museum to help facilitate these and the many other worthy projects currently underway at the Monticello Railway Museum?



REGULAR SCHEDULED EVENTS

Ghost Train
October 22nd - 23^d - 28th - 29th - 30th

The Polar Express
November 25th - 26th December 2nd - 3^d
Lunch With Santa
December 3^d - 4th



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RAILROAD DAY 2011



Bill Crisp Chairman



The Yard Hop



Visitors Pumping The Hand Pump Car



A Train In Full Illinois Central Regale