



Friends of L&N Depot Newsletter

Uncle Sam Wants You to Save the Depot!



Recently, we announced our “Save the Depot” campaign in an effort to secure the future of the L&N Depot. The campaign is accompanied by a 12-poster series of nostalgic propaganda posters (reminiscent of WWII). This theme was chosen because it embodies the spirit of coming together and fighting for what we believe. Just as America came together over 70 years ago, we are calling on our community to come to the aid of the L&N Depot.

The nostalgic WWII theme will carry through our fundraising events throughout the year! We will be unveiling one poster each month and talking about ways to help save this historic landmark for years to come. If you would like to take part in this effort, become a member, sponsor or attend an event, or consider donating to one of our ongoing projects.



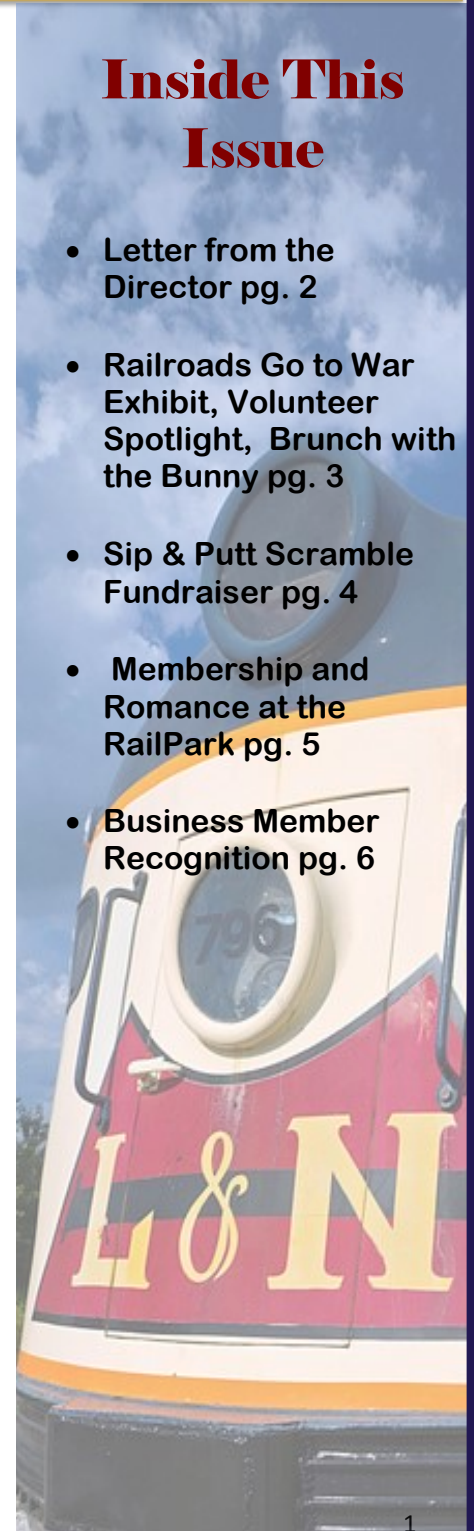
These collectible posters are available for purchase in our gift shop for \$24.95. All proceeds benefit our SAVE THE DEPOT campaign initiatives.

We hope you join us at the museum for our March poster unveiling.

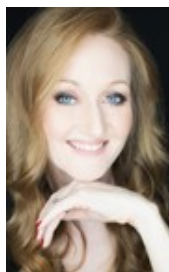


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From the Director



This is a pivotal time in the future of the Historic RailPark & Train Museum.

It was just four short years ago when I embarked on a new career and became Executive Director for the nonprofit tourist attraction. I can even remember my very first train tour with volunteer docent Jake Gibson. I was in awe of the vintage rail cars. I had never seen the inside of a real train car. So you can imagine that the bar had been set high for my expectations of all rail cars.

I was so moved by the history of the cars and of the story of how this place had risen again like a Phoenix. To say I was excited for the opportunity to be at the helm, was an understatement. I was ready to jump right in!

We now host many annual events and take pride in our offerings. February's initiative of our SAVE THE DEPOT campaign is to bring awareness to our events. I want to invite you to attend, volunteer, or even sponsor one of our events. In this newsletter you will find more information about some of our upcoming events.

Our SAVE THE DEPOT campaign is all about keeping this place open for future generations. Each year, we are forced to dip into our savings to fund operations. Our savings continue to dwindle and we need community support to secure our financial future.

Soon, we will make a very tough decision concerning the ownership of our building. Our goal is to be able to afford to own the building. An endowment fund has been established with The Community Foundation of South Central Kentucky. The fund is necessary for our future.

We are meeting this challenge head on and are excited about our efforts. We do not know what the future holds for this historic gem. But, we do know that we will work hard every day to make sure this place survives. I hope you will join us and SAVE THE DEPOT!

Jamie Johnson,
Executive Director



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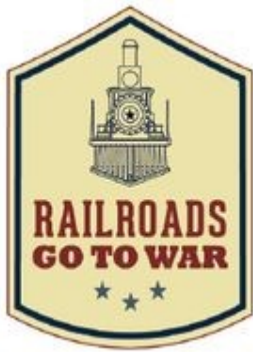
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Railroads Go to War Exhibit



Thanks to a Western Kentucky University (WKU) Advanced Graphic Design class, the RailPark has models for a brand new “Railroads Go to War” exhibit! The students worked hard to create engaging, themed exhibits that will come to life once the project is funded.

The project will require \$35,000 to complete, will add a great deal of value to the museum, and provide a way to attract new and returning visitors.

Consider donating to bring this exhibit to life!



Volunteer Spotlight

The RailPark is blessed with amazing volunteers. Our efforts would not be possible without them giving us the gift of their time! Let us introduce Bob Barnes.



Bob has been volunteering with us for nine years. When asked about why he chose to spend his time with us Bob said, “I enjoy it. I look forward to being here. I’ve always loved history, and I get to talk about the L&N Railroad and the depot here.”

Bob and his wife, Carolyn, recently celebrated their 54th year of marriage! They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Bob is proud of his grandchildren. His eldest grandson is a sophomore at Tennessee Tech. He has two grandkids in high school, and a precious 4-year-old.

Before coming aboard the RailPark, Bob pursued his calling as a pastor for 50 years. He served churches in both Texas and Kentucky, before retiring in Bowling Green.

Bob volunteers with us in many capacities. He is currently a weekly docent, giving historic railcar tours every Tuesday. “I get to meet people from all over the world! And work with a great staff.” He enjoys helping with field trips and special events as well. “Polar Express is probably my favorite time because I enjoy playing Santa Claus!”

We love having Bob with us. He brings such unique, special qualities and always demonstrates his belief in the RailPark's mission.

Brunch with the bunny

at the
Historic RailPark & Train Museum

April 20, 2019

Brunch. Photos. Crafts.
Story time. Easter Egg Hunt.

Morning Brunch:
9:00-11:30am

Afternoon Brunch:
12:00-2:30pm

Call 270.745.7317
to reserve your tickets
March 2019!

*RailPark members will receive early ticket purchase and a discount.
Sign up anytime to become a member.*



Join us for our 2nd Annual Sip & Putt Scramble—Mini Golf Tournament hosted at the L&N Depot!
Play putt putt golf in our museum and train cars!

Tournament Information:

♦ Time & Place

Doors will open at 5:15pm, Putting begins at 6:15pm at the Historic RailPark & Train Museum. Enter as a 4-person team or as a Corporate Challenge team.

♦ Ticket Includes

Your individual ticket includes 9-holes of mini golf, unlimited food and beverages.

March 21st, 2019

Sponsor Opportunities:

Support the RailPark by becoming a sponsor of the

Sip & Putt Scramble!

Proceeds fund the efforts of the Friends of the L&N Depot.

Titleist Sponsor

Prominent logo placement at the event and on print materials, event advertising and media.

Social Media Promotion

Hole sponsorship included

2 Teams in the Event

Eagle Sponsor—\$1500

Logo placement at the event and on print materials, and event media.

Social Media Promotion

1 Team in the Event

Birdie Event Sponsor—\$500

Logo placement at the event

Social Media Promotion

1 Team in the Event

Hole Sponsor—\$250

Hole sponsor sign and option to advertise product or service

Program Recognition

Team registration fee discount

Team Registration

Please fill out all of the following information.

Team Captain/Player 1:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you are entering in the Corporate Challenge please include the following:

Company Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Player 2:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Player 3:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Player 4:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Check-Out

Player Entry Fee (\$35 per player)

\$35X _____ = _____

Return registration cards to the RailPark: 401 Kentucky Street, Bowling Green KY, 42101 or teams can register by calling 270-745-7317!

Email us at Director@historicroailpark.com

Annual Membership

*Thank you for being a
Friend of the L&N Depot!*

\$35 Train Master

- Admission to railcars and museum for one person, for one year
- Free quarterly newsletter
- 10% gift shop discount

\$65 Yard Master

- Admission to railcars and museum for four people, for one year
- Free quarterly newsletter
- Early invitation to special events, including Polar Express
- 20% gift shop discount

\$100 Engineer

- Admission to railcars and museum for eight people, for one year
- Free quarterly newsletter
- Early invitation to special events, including Polar Express
- 20% gift shop discount

\$150 Conductor

- Admission to railcars and museum for eight people, for one year
- Free quarterly newsletter
- Early invitation to special events, including Polar Express
- 20% gift shop discount
- 10% rental space discount
- Admission to over 680 NARM museums (North American Reciprocal Museum Association) for one year

Member Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

☐ New Membership ☐ Membership Renewal

Please make check out to **Historic Railpark** and mail to:
401 Kentucky St. Suite B. Bowling Green, KY 42101
You can also purchase a membership on our website!



Romance at the RailPark was a success!

We hosted our 5th annual Romance at the RailPark this past Valentine's Day weekend. Again this year, the event was sold out. This event has become a very important fundraiser and has played a vital role in the continued operations of the RailPark.

Guests had the option of five seating dates and times. The evening began in the Grand Lobby with a wine tasting hosted by Reid's Livery Winery. Attendees enjoyed live music by volunteers and were treated to a keepsake photo.

Once aboard the Duncan Hines Dining Car, a meal catered by Cambridge Market and Café was served by volunteers and staff members.

This fundraiser was a success because of the many volunteers and staff that worked so hard. As well as the event sponsors: WNKY TV, Waxing the City of Bowling Green, Reid's Livery and Cambridge Market & Café.

Event Sponsored by:

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