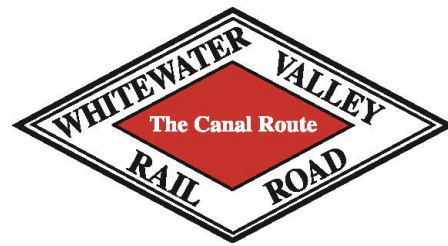


Whitewater Valley Railroad
P. O. Box 406
Connersville, Indiana 47331
(765) 825-2054
www.whitewatervalleyrr.org



WHITEWATER VALLEY RAILROAD MAY EXCURSION SCHEDULE

From History to Entertainment, the Whitewater Valley Railroad Offers the Best

For Immediate Release – Monday April 20, 2015

Connersville, Indiana – Travel Through Time On Indiana's Most Scenic Railroad. The Whitewater Valley Railroad (WVRR), an authentic, historic train offering recreational train excursions and events for its 42th operating season in 2015. Established in 1972, the WVRR is a nonprofit 501c3 railroad history organization. It is an operating railroad museum dedicated to the preservation of a historic branch line railroad, the restoration of railroad equipment, and to the conduct of railroad educational programs. The railroad is operated by trained volunteers and all proceeds are used to further the organization's mission.

Ride the Whitewater Limited or Valley Flyer from Connersville to Metamora, Indiana, a restored canal town. Visit the working grist mill, restored canal and lock, operating replica horse drawn canal boat, historic covered aqueduct, and over 40 shops and restaurants. Trains consisting of vintage equipment depart Connersville's Grand Central Station at 10:01 am on Thursdays and Friday's and 12:01 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and major holidays, during the month of May. The Valley Flyer also operates each Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday May through October.

To celebrate National Train Day on May 9, 2015, Abraham Lincoln will be riding the Whitewater Valley Railroad between Connersville and Historic Metamora. President Abraham Lincoln, in July of 1862, signed the Pacific Railroad Bill that put the federal government behind the building of the Transcontinental Railroad project. The Transcontinental Railroad was completed on May 10, 1869. Travel through time on The Statesman as you spend the day with the 16th President Abraham Lincoln on a relaxing train excursion through the Whitewater Valley. Ask the former president questions and have your photos taken to preserve the memories. Listen to Mr. Lincoln as he delivers a memorable speech before the train departs Metamora for the return to Connersville and during the trip Mr. Lincoln will be speaking about the railroads and their effects on his election. Festivities with Abraham Lincoln re-enactor Dean Dorrell will begin at 10:00 AM at Connersville's Grand Central Station. The Statesman also operates August 8, September 12, and October 10, 2015

All Aboard with a western twist and join the Circle D Rangers as they protect the Metamora bound Overland Limited on Saturday May 16, 2015. Come and see Bandits, Marshals, Robber Barons, Fancy and some Not So Fancy Women as you roll through the scenic countryside. Trains depart Connersville's Grand Central Station at 12:01 pm. All donations during the train robbery benefit St. Jude's and Riley Children Hospitals. The Overland Limited also operates July 18, August 15, September 12, and October 17 & 18, 2015.

Cost for the above listed 33-mile round trip excursions is \$22 for adults and \$14 for children ages 2 to 12. Groups are welcome with group rates of 30 or more. Special school rates are also available.

The popular Twilight Limited Train To Dinner will return Friday in May 1 at 6 pm. This train takes riders from Connersville to the Laurel Hotel Restaurant for a delicious pan-fried chicken dinner and other home-cooked meals. The Train To Dinner operates on the first and third Fridays at 6 pm from May through October. Total cost for the train ride, meal, tax and tip is \$32 for adults and \$17 for children ages 2 to 12. Reservations are required for the Twilight Limited Train To Dinner.

Also returning in 2015 is the popular Wild West Train To Dinner, a special Wild West-themed Twilight Limited Train to Dinner excursion. Come and see Bandits, Marshals, Robber Barons, Fancy and some Not So Fancy Women as you roll through the scenic countryside. The Wild West entertainment is being provided by the Circle D Rangers. This excursion departs on Friday May 29, 2015 at 6pm from Connersville's Grand Central Station. Fares are \$39 per person and include the round trip train ride, the meal, tax and tip. Train operates rain or shine. Seating is limited and reservations are required for this exciting evening trip. Other dates for the Wild West Train To Dinner include July 31, August 28, and October 30, 2015

Call (765) 825-2054 for more information and reservations or visit the Whitewater Valley Railroad's web site at www.whitewatervalleyrr.org and follow us on Facebook. Connersville's Grand Central Station is located across from the Fayette County Courthouse at 455 Market Street, Connersville, Indiana 46331.

About the WVRR

Travel through time on Indiana's most scenic railroad, voted Indiana's Best Scenic Railway in 2011 and 2013 by The Official Best Of at <http://www.officialbestof.com>. Established in 1972, the Whitewater Valley Railroad is a non profit 501c3 railroad history organization. It is an operating railroad museum dedicated to the preservation of a historic branch line railroad, the restoration of railroad equipment, and to the conduct of railroad educational programs. The railroad is operated by trained volunteers and all proceeds are used to further the organization's mission.

Come to Connersville, Indiana and return to a time when the railroad moved the nation and the short line railroad was a small town's best friend. The WVRR attracts passengers and railroad enthusiasts from all across the United States and Canada. Connersville is situated 65 miles from Cincinnati, Dayton, and Indianapolis, conveniently located in between the three metro areas.

About Metamora, Indiana

Metamora is Indiana's treasured 1838 canal town. Nestled in southeastern Indiana's beautiful countryside, Metamora is steeped in history and famous for its preservation of Indiana's oldest and still operating water-powered grist mill. Located 60 miles east of Indianapolis and 35 miles west of Cincinnati, A must see town that retains all of its traditional charm and languid atmosphere. Shop in stores housed in buildings dated back to the early 1800s, eat and above all else... Enjoy the slow relaxing pace of the past! For more information on Historic Metamora, visit Metamora online at www.metamoraindiana.com.

####

William W. Gray, WVRR Publicity Officer