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ALL ABOARD THE WHITEWATER VALLEY RAILROAD TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAIN DAY AND MOTHER'S DAY

**TRAVELLING WITH HISTORY AND MUSIC THROUGH THE SCENIC
WHITEWATER VALLEY.**

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Connersville, Indiana – In conjunction with National Train Day on May 11, 2013 and Mother's Day on May 12, 2013, The Whitewater Valley Railroad is proud to host Dean Dorrell as Mr. Abraham Lincoln and local music group Old Truck Revival.

On May 10, 1869, in Promontory Summit, Utah, the "golden spike" was driven into the final tie that joined 1,776 miles of the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railways, ceremonially creating the nation's first transcontinental railroad. And America was transformed.

Now, 144 years after the "golden spike" connected east and west, there's never been a better time to take the train. That's why, in commemoration of the anniversary of the day the "golden spike" was driven, we a nation, celebrated the first-ever National Train Day on May 10th, 2008. This year the event will be even better. So mark Saturday, May 11th on your calendar for a coast-to-coast celebration of the way trains connect people and places.

In Connersville, Indiana, come and return to a time when the railroad moved the nation and the short line railroad was a small town's best friend. Celebrate National Train Day and Mother's Day by enjoying relaxing train rides with your family through the scenic Whitewater Valley. You can be on your way to the historic town of Metamora, Indiana. Visit the working grist mill, restored canal and lock, operating replica horse drawn canal boat, historic covered aqueduct, and over 100 shops and restaurants. Trains consisting of vintage equipment depart Connersville's Grand Central Station at 12:01 pm on Saturday May 11 & Sunday May 12, 2013. Enjoy a two hour layover before your return trip to Connersville.

To celebrate National Train Day on May 11, 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. Mr. Lincoln will be riding along as you travel along remnants of the Whitewater Canal to the historic town of Metamora. During the two hour layover, visit the working grist mill, restored canal and lock, operating replica horse drawn canal boat, historic covered aqueduct, and over 100 shops and restaurants. 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.

To celebrate Mother's Day on May 12th, 2013, Local bluegrass musicians John Bowyer and Mike Cal, known as OLD TRUCK REVIVAL, will be performing aboard the Valley Flyer Excursion Visit Historic

Metamora, Indiana without worrying about parking!! This train departs from Connersville's Grand Central Station at 12:01 pm. Old Truck Revival will be providing Live Music while onboard for Mom and her guests to enjoy. Platted in 1838, Metamora is a restored canal town. Visit the working grist mill, restored canal and lock, operating replica horse drawn canal boat, historic covered aqueduct, and over 100 shops and restaurants during the 2 hour layover. Trains consisting of vintage equipment departs Connersville's Grand Central Station at 12:01 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and major holidays, May through October. The Valley Flyer departs Metamora for the return to Connersville at 3:30 pm, arriving at the Connersville Station at 5:00 pm.

Come to Connersville, Indiana for this spectacular railroading event, and return to a time when the railroad moved the nation and the short line railroad was a small town's best friend. The round trip fares for these exciting train excursions are \$22 for adult and \$14 for children. Caboose tickets are also available on these excursions for \$25 adult and \$16 child. Tickets are on sale online at <http://tickets.whitewatervalleyrr.org> or by calling the Whitewater Valley Railroad's Grand Central Station at (765) 825-2054.

About National Train Day

Celebrate America's love for rail travel with events across the country during the Six Annual National Train Day on May 11, 2013. Marking 144 years of connecting travelers from coast to coast, National Train Day commemorates the day the first transcontinental railroad was created and looks toward the future of rail travel with large scale events in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles, and many more locally organized events in communities nationwide. For more information about National Train Day events, promotions and information about the opportunity to host a National Train Day event in your city, visit www.nationaltrainday.com.

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.

About the Whitewater Valley Railroad (WVRR)

Travel through time on Indiana's most scenic railroad. Established in 1972, the Whitewater Valley Railroad 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.

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.

Call (765) 825-2054 for more information and reservations. Visit the Whitewater Valley Railroad's online at www.whitewatervalleyrr.org and you can follow us on Facebook.

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