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Come Celebrate the Lure of the Trains at Stonefield Railroad Days!

Railroad Days at Stonefield Historic Site in Cassville, WI - Saturday, August 20, and Sunday, August 21, 2011 from 10 AM to 4 PM each day.

At Railroad Days, you will be able to see displays and layouts from, Gordon, Jim and Corey Letheby from Monroe, and the Mineral Point Railroad Museum. There is even a hands-on layout that children of all ages can operate!

A special feature this year will be a display of a portion of the Adolph Vandertie Collection of Tramp and Hobo Art from the Ashwaubenon Historical Museum. Adolph Vandertie was know as “The Grand Duke of the Hobos” and his collections features cigar boxes which were carved or whittled with a pocket knife into intricate boxes and frames, ball-in-cage whimsies, long chains carved from a single piece of wood, and “crown-in-thorns’ that are fit without benefit of nails or glue.

You can continue your Railroad Days journey in the Stonefield Depot where you will find Dean Martin, one of the last telegraph operators in the country, tapping out Morse code messages and regaling visitors with his stories of working for the Chicago and Northwestern railroad as a telegrapher.

Check out the restored railroad equipment on the track next to the Depot. You can climb aboard a caboose and a box car and see section shanty boards carved by hobos riding the rails. At the other end of the tracks you will find an “End of the Line Hobo Camp” where you can sample some mulligan stew cooked over a camp fire. “Luther the Jet” National Hobo King 1995-1996, will be back once again to provide music and stories about hobo life on the road riding the rails across the country.

In addition to all of the railroad related activities there are a host of other activities around the site including Nelson Dewey house tours, historic games, beer and root beer served in the Saloon, horse and carriage rides, a blacksmith demonstration, a saw mill demonstration, and a bee keeping demonstration. Listen to some music by “LaBarge” with Roger LaBarge and his daughter Mandy and their music about the river, river folk, river towns, and river life in general.

For more information call (608) 725-5210 or go to stonefieldhistoricsite.org

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