

The Wabash Valley Railroaders Museum

Founded as an extension of the Haley Tower Historical & Technical Society, the Wabash Valley Railroaders Museum is an ongoing tribute to the men and women of the railroad industry ... past, present, and future.



Yesterday's, today's and tomorrow's railroaders all meet at the WVRM.

Railroading Throughout History

Whether your interests lie in the past or the present, the WVRM has functional displays that will interest you. Get a feeling for railroading in the 1880s as you visit our vintage TH&I freight depot, or take a look at modern mainline operations from our elevated train watching platform.

Bringing up the markers ...

is Pennsylvania Railroad #981741, an N6b caboose built in the Terre Haute shops of PRR subsidiary Vandalia Railroad.

Wabash Valley Railroader's Museum
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Welcome To The Wabash Valley Railroaders Museum



*Dedicated to the preservation
and exhibition of
railroad history in the
greater Wabash Valley.*

**1316 Plum Street
Terre Haute, Indiana
www.wvrrm.org**

The Two Towers

The true centerpieces of the WVRM are our two preserved interlocking towers, a feat duplicated nowhere else. Our towers compliment each other ideally, as each tower represents a different design and operating principle.



The WVRM as seen from Spring Hill tower.

Haley Tower

Haley Tower guarded the crossing of the C&EI and New York Central mainlines a mere 50 feet from its present location. In service continuously for nearly 100 years, Haley was saved from destruction in October of 1999. Preserved fully intact, the vintage GRS interlocking machine has been restored to operation.

Spring Hill Tower

Spring Hill Tower controlled the interlocking between the C&EI, Milwaukee Road, and New York Central railroads in southern Vigo county. In May of 2001, the tower was moved 9.5 miles to its present location on the WVRM grounds. Spring Hill Tower is centered around a massive Saxby & Farmer "armstrong" interlocking machine.

Hands-on History

The WVRM is a place where railroad history comes alive. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged to roll up their sleeves and see what it was like to work on the railroad for themselves.



Learn how to line up a train in one of the towers. Sit at the operator's desk and fill out a train order. If you're feeling bold, you can even brush up on your Morse code! At the WVRM, we understand that trying things for yourself is half the fun! And for the historian, our museum includes original documents, rare photographs, and authentic railroad hardware.

Hours Of Operation

The WVRM is open on weekends from May to October, 11am to 4pm. Suggested admission is \$3.00 for ages 5 and up. Other times, and special arrangements for groups are available by appointment. To schedule a visit or for more information please call us at (812) 238-9958.

Who We Are

The Wabash Valley Railroaders Museum is operated by the **Haley Tower Historical & Technical Society**, an accredited 501c3 organization. The society started off in the early 90s as an informal group of railfans and railroad employees. However, when it became apparent that drastic action would need to be taken to save Haley Tower, the group incorporated and became a legal entity capable of entering into negotiations with the railroads, local government, and charitable organizations.

We Need You!

Membership in the Haley Tower H&TS is open to anyone who shares our goal of preserving railroad history. Join us!

Annual memberships are \$35, and provide a personalized membership card and a subscription to *The Order Board*, the society's newsletter. Memberships and contributions can be mailed to:

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Your contributions may be tax deductible. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone, and an email address so we can keep in touch with you! More information, forms, and contacts can be found at our web site:

www.wvrrm.org