



The WHISTLE POST



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NEXT DIVISION MEETING

TIME:
2PM: TRAIN RIDE
3PM: ICE CREAM

DATE:
JULY 10, 2011

LOCATION:
WHIPPANY RAILWAY MUSEUM
1 RAILROAD PLAZA
WHIPPANY, NJ 07981
(973) 887-8177
WWW.WHIPPANYRAILWAYMUSEUM.NET

DIRECTIONS:
FOR DRIVING DIRECTIONS, VISIT THE MUSEUM WEBSITE OR CLICK ON THE GOOGLE LOGO, BELOW:



COST:
\$3: ICE CREAM SOCIAL
\$1: MUSEUM (OPTIONAL)
\$13-16: TRAIN RIDE (OPTIONAL)



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WWW.NERGSD.COM

GSD Members are invited to an:

ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

A visit to the Whippany Railway Museum in Whippany, NJ on July 10 will be the Garden State Division's summer meet. Everyone loves ice cream and we know you already love trains. So, your Garden State Division officers thought it was about time that these two passions be put together in one event!



▲Morristown and Erie FL-9 number 488 meets the Morris County Central number 4039, an 0-6-0 Alco steam locomotive, at the Whippany Railway Museum.


The Whippany Railway Museum can trace its roots back to 1965, when a steam tourist railroad was formed: The Morris County Central. In 1985, the museum relocated to its current location and has been preserving New Jersey's railroad history, ever since.

To see some of this history, the museum houses a collection in a freight house. The collection is open to visitors for a \$1 nominal fee. There is also a collection of equipment on the museum grounds for visitors to explore, at no cost.

But, before you get to the ice cream, you may want to take a ride on an excursion train. Since the ice cream and soda will begin to be served at 3PM, it is suggested that visitors ride the 2PM train. If that train is sold out, consider taking the 1PM train as a backup. If you are planning to attend

the social and would also like to take the train ride, we encourage you to make your reservation on the museum's website, listed in the sidebar to the left. The train's consist is of cabooses and a Jersey Central club car. The cost of the train ride is \$13 for a seat in a caboose and \$16 for a seat in the club car.

Visiting the collection in the freight house or taking the train are both optional to visitors. The cost of both are the responsibility of all visitors. And, since the train rides are extremely popular, we encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible. The train rides always sell out early!

At 3PM, it will be time to satisfy that other passion by serving ice cream and soda! Ice cream, trains, friends and family. This promises to be a fun Garden State Division meet for all! 



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THE CAB

by President Norman Frowley, MMR


New Things

Why are we so fascinated by trains and the environment in which they operate? Maybe it's because of childhood memories. Or perhaps our passion for trains and modeling them is grounded in the type of work we do, or did, to earn a living (e.g. train engineer, signal maintainer or conductor). But we do love trains, don't we?

What struck me after all these years of involvement with the Garden State Division is that we do little as an organization with real trains. That's why I'm so excited about our upcoming summer event at the Whippany Train Museum. We have the opportunity this summer to share good times on actual trains and enjoy a fun ice cream social afterwards. The event will also provide a great modeling opportunity. Why not bring a camera and take photos of the various rolling stock and then model one or more of the cars you find there. It will turn the meet into a rail-fanning/social

activity and modeling opportunity rolled into one.

As promised, we are trying new things to keep you interested and involved. However, if members don't participate, the effort will come to naught. The Whippany event is the perfect time to get the family out and to share in your passion for trains with them.

I'm pleased to report that our spring meet at the Model railroad club was an unequivocal success. Not only was it extremely well attended, but our mini clinics were very well received by the crowd. We had several models there for judging and display and a large selection of items at the White Elephant table. A number of members, in addition, participated in the operating session graciously hosted by the MRR club. The food, of course, was top notch. In short, we're off to a strong start this year and need your support to keep it going. ALL ABOARD!!! 

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