



**FRIENDS OF THE RAILROAD MUSEUM**

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### **RAILROAD MUSEUM FRIENDS SCHEDULE 2008 RAMBLES**

Join the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania for four Rambles, currently scheduled during 2008—the organization’s 25th anniversary year—to wonderful locations of railroading, historical, scenic, cultural and general travel interest. All aboard for the:

- **Jim Thorpe Ramble**, Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Formerly named Mauch Chunk and nicknamed the “Switzerland of America,” the historic town of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania offers a mixture of Victorian architecture and unique businesses, set amid breathtaking scenery. Included in this Ramble are visits to the Old Mauch Chunk Train Station, the Old Mauch Chunk Model Railroad Display, St. Mark’s Church and the famed Asa Packer Mansion. Also included are lunch and a little free time to visit shops, as well as a round trip excursion on the Lehigh Valley Gorge Scenic Railway. There will be a stop on the way home at Cabela’s for a self-pay dinner and enjoyment of the store’s many wildlife and nature displays.

The cost for the Jim Thorpe Ramble is \$150 per person for Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania members and \$175 per person for non members. The registration deadline is May 1, 2008.

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## (2) RAILROAD MUSEUM FRIENDS SCHEDULE 2008 RAMBLES

- **Hershey Ramble**, Saturday, August 9, 2008.

This Ramble to the “sweetest place on earth” includes a round trip train excursion on the scenic Middletown & Hummelstown Railroad, a box lunch and a visit to the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum. The Railroad Museum Friends group also has been granted special access to a new storage facility at the Antique Auto Museum to see vehicles not on display to the general public. Also included is a ride on the Hershey Trolley Works through the town that Mr. Hershey built out of cornfields and chocolate. This guided tour is both educational and entertaining, an old-fashioned, one-of-a-kind ride featuring singing conductors.

The cost for the Hershey Ramble is \$99 per person for Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania members and \$115 per person for non members. The registration deadline is June 16, 2008.

- **Switzerland Ramble**, Friday, August 16 through Saturday, August 23, 2008.

This memorable nine-day journey features some of the world’s most spectacular scenery, as well as the excitement of riding trains and exploring towns in the majestic Swiss Alps. Travelers will visit Liechtenstein, the Sertig Valley, the lakeside town of Weggis, Appenzell, St. Gallen, the Engadine Valley and St. Moritz. A day trip on one of the most beautiful train rides in the world, the *Bernina Express*, and a lake cruise to Lucerne, are certain to be Ramble highlights. There will be free time to sightsee and to shop for everything from handmade Swiss lace to chocolate. Also included are breakfast daily, one lunch and dinner daily, seven nights’ lodging and round trip air fare from JFK to Zurich

The cost for the Switzerland Ramble begins at \$2,749 per person double occupancy, plus tax. The registration deadline is May 16, 2008.

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### (3) RAILROAD MUSEUM FRIENDS SCHEDULE 2008 RAMBLES

- **West Virginia Ramble**, Thursday, October 16 through Monday, October 20, 2008.

This customized Ramble through scenic wilderness during peak fall foliage season features three train rides in just one day, six trains total. Travelers will enjoy rides on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad, the New Tygart Flyer, the Cheat Mountain Salamander, the Durbin Rocket, Cass Scenic Railroad and the New River Train. Also included are four breakfasts, four lunches and three dinners and four nights' lodging, as well as a performance at the American Mountain Theatre and visits to the National Radio Observatory and the Huntington Railroad Museum.

The cost for the West Virginia Ramble begins at \$895 per person double occupancy for Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania members and \$930 per person double occupancy for non members. The registration deadline is April 16, 2008.

Travelers will be registered for all Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania Rambles on a first come basis. Please call after the deadline date to determine if seats are still available. Rates and features are based on a minimum number of participants and any of these trips could be cancelled due to insufficient and/or late registration.

Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania Ramble brochures and registration forms may be obtained on the web site, in person or by phoning the Museum. Friends memberships also are available, beginning at only \$30.00 for individuals and \$40.00 for families.

Home to a world-class collection of 117 historically significant locomotives and railroad cars—as well as railroad art, artifacts, an interactive education center, a working restoration shop and a museum store—the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, with the active support of the Friends of the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

#### (4) RAILROAD MUSEUM FRIENDS SCHEDULE 2008 RAMBLES

The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania is located along PA Route 741, Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. For more information on the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania's collections, special events, programs and activities, visit [www.rrmuseumpa.org](http://www.rrmuseumpa.org) or call (717)687-8628.