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Annual Appeal

Museum Members and Friends-

We have had a very successful year overall. Operations for the year have increased despite the weather and the economy, and the Rails to the Darkside and Pumpkin Patch events were successful.

We have a lot we would like to accomplish in the coming year, and our main constraints are of course money and time.

We are starting our first annual year-end fundraising drive. All monies would go into the general fund for use in meeting our regular financial obligations (utilities, mortgage, etc.) along with such costs as trolley car maintenance, track and signal maintenance, and the myriad of projects occurring at the museum.

We have a lot of ambitions this year to make the museum better than ever.

My goals for the coming year include launching a docent program that will help the museum continue to educate the public on the history of the trolley car and the era. As part of this program we want to expand the exhibits within the Visitor Center.

I would also like to see more cars under cover. We are close to finishing the work on the Northern Barn track which will allow three more cars to go under cover. We also expect to install some of the outer tracks in the train shed to get up to five more cars under cover in the train shed.

We hope that you will consider donating to the general fund in order to help us move these and other projects forward. Of course if you prefer, you can donate to a specific project of your choosing.

Other specific projects that we hope to move forward this year include the following:

New Orleans Car 836: We are in need of additional monies for this car. Car 836 was removed from service due to excessively sharp flanges on a number of the wheels. We have the wheels on the museum property to replace, we only need the money to pay for the pressing and other incidentals such as bearing work. Total estimated cost is \$5,000.00. Car 836 was missed during Rails to the Darkside and Winterfest due to her large carrying capacity.

Connecticut Company Car 1326: We are presently operating 1326 on 2 motors since re-introducing 1326 back into service. We hope to be able to have the motors serviced by Westinghouse professionally which will provide for a much longer service life than if serviced in the museum's own shop. We would also like to get a new canvas roof of 1326. Estimated cost to have Westinghouse service two motors and the new canvas roof is \$6,000.00

Illinois Terminal Car 451: 451 is in need of some attention including a paint job and replacement of doors on one end of the car. There is also some cracked glass in the car. Estimated cost for all work is \$2,500.00. We hope to be able to get Car 451 looking good and hopefully under cover.

Rio de Janeiro Car 1850: We are planning on getting some painting done on 1850 this year to help spruce her up. Estimated cost for paint is \$500.00

You may notice that we are not specifically requesting funds for 840. Due to the generosity of a number of members, we have already raised \$1123.12 for 840. This coupled with the funds previously in the restricted account for 840 will allow us to do the work necessary to put 840 back in service in 2010. The eventual desire



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is to restore 840, but since the re-introduction of 355, we are in good shape with open cars, and will be concentrating on the closed car fleet this coming year.

We appreciate the generosity of our members and museum friends, and with your support, we look forward to a very successful year for the museum.

Donations may be made by Cash (In Person Only), Check, or Credit Card. Thank you for your generosity.

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| Annual Appeal (General Fund) | \$ _____ | |
| Illinois Terminal Car 451* | \$ _____ | Goal: \$2,500.00 |
| New Orleans Car 836* | \$ _____ | Goal: \$5,000.00 |
| Connecticut Company Car 1326* | \$ _____ | Goal: \$6,000.00 |
| Rio de Janeiro Car 1850* | \$ _____ | Goal: \$ 500.00 |
| Other Project: _____ | \$ _____ | |

Name _____

Address _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____ Security Code _____

All donations are tax deductible.

Do you want your donation to remain anonymous? _____ (We plan on providing recognition to everyone who donates in the next newsletter)

*Once the project is completed, the museum reserves the right to apply the remainder of the money collected to the restoration shop fund to be used in future car restorations.