

Wheels O' Time Museum



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Mission

To provide an educational and historical attraction emphasizing central Illinois industry, agriculture and everyday life by maintaining a "warm" or "hands-on" environment that, while providing interesting and fun displays for young people and the young at heart, will at the same time stimulate an appreciation of our heritage and past accomplishments that have brought about our present way of life. To this purpose, we provide interpreters who bring attention to and explain our historical exhibits.

Admission

\$7 adults, \$3.50 ages 3 – 11

Group Rate: Available for 20 or more—call two weeks in advance of scheduling a group.

Cash and checks accepted. ADA accessible. Winter car storage is available during the six months the museum is closed (November through April).

How to Help

In addition to purchasing a season membership, there are opportunities to host visitors, serve as guides for children's groups, maintain and restore artifacts, and greet people in the gift shop. Call Marcia Johnson at (309) 243-9020 for more information.



Last season, visitors were welcomed from 21 countries and 45 states to tour our museum. Wheels O' Time Museum has displays showing the passage of time in history and manufacturing over the last 50 to 100 years in the Peoria area.

Our campus encompasses 30,000 square feet of exhibits in four buildings on four acres. The main building houses vintage cars, clock room, a Best tractor, large model airplanes, steam engines, grandma's kitchen, tools, music room, animated circus parade, model trains, "River and Rails exhibit" and other artifacts.

The second building displays farm equipment, including six Cat tractors, plus farm tractors, washing machines made in East Peoria, tools and other labor-saving devices for the housewife.

The firehouse features three fire trucks, including a restored 1855 hand pumper used in Peoria, cars, bicycles, toys, fashion including Princess Peggy, USDA Ag lab display, WMBD radio station with six audio programs about the Peoria area, ¾-scale model of Spirit of St. Louis airplane, and dioramas.

The newest building has the Early Ford V8 Club display, which changes monthly, and a workshop where the 1931 Ahrens Fox fire pumper is nearing completion of restoration.

On a 600-foot railroad track running beside the main building rests #886, a 130-ton Rock Island RR steam locomotive of early 1900 vintage. Behind the engine are the tender, a Milwaukee Road combine car and a TP&W caboose. Further along the track stand two 110 year-old Pullman cars being restored and a 1933 Plymouth switch engine.

Wheels O' Time Museum is open May 3, 2017 through October 29, 2017, Wednesdays through Sundays, and summer holidays, noon to 5pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Opening Day

May 3, 2017

Open at noon for 35th season, with ribbon cutting for Ahrens Fox restoration.

Blue Star Program Starts

May 29, 2017

Open for Memorial Day and start of Blue Star Program for active military personnel.

Spring to Summer Celebration

June 25, 2017

A variety of displays will be out for the day.

Tractor Display

July 17-21, 2017

Central Illinois Heritage Tractor Club display of tractors.

Tractor Drive

July 21, 2017

9am tractor drive from museum to Princeville Heritage Museum.

Blue Star Program: Last Day

September 4, 2017

Open for Labor Day and last day for Blue Star Program for active military personnel.

Fall Festival

October 8, 2017

Closing Day

October 29, 2017