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Model Train Display Day

Saturday, August 5, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

All Aboard for Great Family Fun!

It's time again for Model Train Display Day at the Sanford Centennial Museum's 1870s Depot! Come see exhibits and model trains by the Roscommon Historic Model Train Club experts along with local area enthusiasts.



See more about Model Train Display Day on page 3.



Founders Day 2017

September 9th & 10th

More Great Family Fun in Sanford!

The Founders Day Celebration event goal is to bring people, families, and especially children to the museum grounds for outdoor fun and an educational experience. The event has kept growing each year since its beginnings in the 1970s with estimated attendees now numbering in the thousands mostly from Midland County. It's a high quality outdoor family event.



See more about Founders Day on page 4.



Letter from the President

We are halfway through the summer and numerous events have taken place in the last several months. The poster contest for the Log Cabin was held and all the posters are now displayed in the Log Cabin for viewing with ribbons for the top five posters. Opening day was a success with a large crowd participating in the Veterans Memorial service. Log Cabin Day was held and participation was good with around 43 people in attendance. Photo Day was held several weeks ago; if you missed this session, feel free to bring in your photographs to be scanned during normal open hours.

The museum and buildings survived the flood. A few of the manikins in the basement of the main museum had wet feet but they were rescued by Charles Dinsmore and moved to higher ground. Some of the old newspapers and other articles were at the Sanford Village Office Building for sorting and became soaked when the flood waters reached this building. Thanks to many volunteers the papers were brought back to the museum where they were dried out. Most of the papers made it through this process although some have new wrinkles.



All of the waterlogged newspaper clippings and other paperwork were spread out on tables and even the floor for drying.

buildings by the Sites Committee volunteers. And a special thanks to Bill Lackie who has been mowing the lawn this season.

The upcoming months include Model Train Day on August 5, and Founders Day on September 9 and 10, 2017. If you would like to volunteer to help at either of these events, please contact a board member or leave a message on the museum telephone at (989) 687-9048.

The photo archives section on the museum web site has many new photographs as many of the school photographs have been scanned and added to the collection. Be sure and check them out at www.sanfordhist.org/photos.htm.

Mary



Work continues on improving the exhibits by the Library/Museum committee volunteers and improvements have been made to several of the other

Save These Dates

Model Train Day	Aug. 5 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Founders Day	Sept. 9 & 10 "Early" to 6 p.m.
Santa Express	Dec. 12, 13 & 14 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

2017 Membership and Board Meeting Dates

	Membership Meetings	Board Meetings
August	16th	1st
September	20th	5th
October	18th	10th
November	15th	8th
December	na	5th

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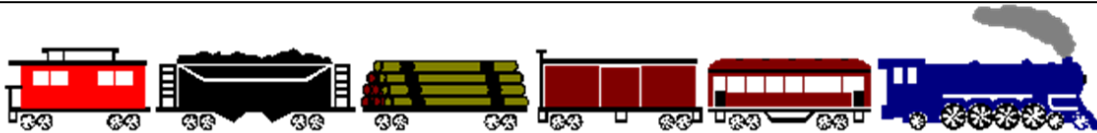


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Model trains will be running and on display in the historic depot sitting next to the Sanford Centennial Museum's full-size track and railroad cars featuring two cabooses, switch engine and box car. Adults and children are welcome to tour the inside of the cabooses and switch engine.

Train buffs if you have train items or trains to display for the day please call the museum at 989-687-9048.

The Train Display and the entire museum are completely free along with free parking and the rest of the Sanford Centennial Museum will also be open. To learn more about the museum and event, you can go to www.sanfordhist.org.



Model Train Day Event

At The Sanford Museum 1870s Depot

2222 Smith Street in Sanford Michigan

Saturday, August 5th , 2017 -- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featuring:

- **Roscommon Historic Model Train Club**
- **"Railroad Sal" Music 1-3 p.m.**
- **Depot G scale elevated train**
- **Displays & More model trains!**
- **Local Area Enthusiasts...Much More**

Save the date!



Free Admission & Parking

For Questions Call 989-687-9048

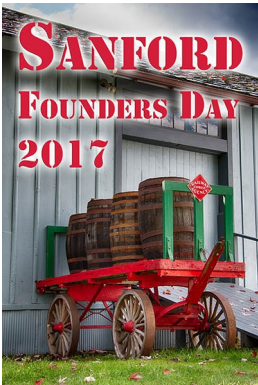


Founders Day — September 9th & 10th, 2017



A Sanford Area Tradition

Founders Day Celebration is a great annual family focused community event and is the most important annual fund raiser for the museum.



The T-shirt program helps support Founders Day as do the remainder of the business and personal donations. The 2017 T-shirt features the Railway Express Agency Wagon. Small, Med, Large, XL \$12.00. 2XL \$14.00, and 3XL \$15.00.

If you would like to help by becoming a Founders Day sponsor, please mail your contribution to Sanford Historical Society, PO Box 243, Sanford, MI 48657. Please indicate on your check that it is for Founders Day. All 2017 sponsors' names (or "anonymous") are listed on a large signboard. No donation is too small, and the amount of your donation is not posted on the signboard.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed for Wood Branding, Food Service, Face Painting, plus setup and take down of the event. Volunteers for setup can work as long or short as they want to work. They will not be asked to do something out of their comfort zone, such as lifting heavy items or climbing ladders, etc.



There are opportunities for volunteers to help on almost every day of the week before and during Founders Day.

On Monday and Tuesday we try to stage things like putting the booths out where they can be assembled, and moving the dance floor into place.

The official big setup is on Wednesday, September 6th, with adults being at the museum at about 5:00 p.m. The Meridian High School team shows up at about 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and are 60-70 strong.

On Thursday and Friday there are other items to work on such as putting down the plywood floors for the booths, helping carry in the food items, cleaning the grills and testing, cleaning the ticket booth, putting out parking cones, working on a numerous list of items that are needed each year to put on a good show.

Volunteers are needed to help with assorted tasks throughout the event on Saturday and Sunday.

Take down of the event is on Sunday, September 10th at 5:00 p.m. The high school team shows up plus adults, and we get it all put away in about 1.5 to 2 hours.

The Sites Committee is planning a series of "spruce up the museum" work days throughout the month of August. *Many hands make light work.*

Presenting Founders Day is a big job and it would be wonderful if even more members could lend a hand for a short time.

Volunteers can call Nick Kraemer at 989 687-7168 or the museum 989 687-9048, and leave a message.

Artifact Corner

By Mary Hughes

This month's artifact corner highlights the Victrola that sits on the north wall of the parlor, in the main building.



This elegant piece of furniture, and once sole entertainment for a family, was made by the Victor Talking Machine Company, Camden, N. J. It's a VV-80 No. 140546. The VV80 models first came out in 1921 and its original selling price was \$100.00. The cabinet in the earliest days of its production had no record storage shelving. That would be a feature added later the same year, 1921, and one that ours does have. The cabinets were available in mahogany, oak or walnut and the most popular was the mahogany with a dark stain applied. The model we have in the museum is mahogany and has lots of record storage. From its model number we can determine that it was manufactured in 1924. This model would only be available for one more year since it was a crank model and Victor had already introduced an electric version, the VE-80 in 1924. To use you would lift the top "lid"

and put a record on the table, crank the handle on the side of the cabinet as far as it would crank, then put the needle on the record and enjoy. The power lasts just as long as the record and not much more, so when you wanted to listen to another record you would crank the handle again. Interestingly, crank radios and other devices that do not use battery or electric power are touted as energy efficient and cutting edge now. It's estimated that 185,5000 Victrola 80s were produced in total.



We have a large selection of records to play, and sometimes you may hear music coming from the parlor when the museum is open.

Recent Donations to the SHS

Linda and Jack Geiger — Clover Seed wind roller and a wooden tongue for horse drawn equipment.

Dorothy Thornton — Booklet

Dennis Brushaber — 44 Insulators

Cathy Samdal — Wedding dress, newspaper clippings, photos, books.

Margaret Daniels — 2 glass oil bottles with metal spouts.

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The Sanford Historical Society meets on the third Wednesday of the month from April through November at 7:00 PM at the Sanford Village Hall, 106 Lincoln Street or in the Historic Depot on the grounds of the Museum. Members and visitors are always welcome.

Annual membership dues are \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family. Dues may be paid on our web site, by mail, or in person at the museum during the season, at any meeting, or at Founders Day.

MEMBERSHIP — DONATION — VOLUNTEER

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