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L-202 heading south from Castlemuir Track 2 with a caboose load of excited families during the Fox River Trolley Museum's annual Trolley Fest
Photo by Andy Roth

Locomotive L-202— The little yellow engine that can and will!

What's short, yellow, looks like a church steeple, and has two birth years? It's locomotive L-202! One of the favorites in our collection, the Museum's only electric engine came to us in 1979.

L-202 was built in 1908 as locomotive C50 for the Chicago City Railways. That makes it 100-years old in 2008. But Wait—there's more. L-202 was rebuilt in 1958 by the Chicago Transit Authority for use on the Chicago "L" System. That makes it 50-years old in 2008!
Wow—Two Birth Years!

L-202 does a lot of jobs at the Museum, but by far its most important job is pulling the Museum's popular Caboose Trains during the Spring, South Elgin River Fest and in the Fall.

Those two Birthdays are catching up with L-202, though. L-202 has 4-heavy electric motors to make it run, but only two of the motors are working, and they may not be working for long.

What happened to L-202?

- One motor failed—it has a grounded armature and needs to be rewind
- One motor, which is still in use on the engine has a very low insulation resistance test value and needs cleanup and re-varnishing

What does the Museum need to do to repair L-202?

- Jack up the engine
- Remove both Wheel Trucks from each end
- While the Wheel Trucks are out, weld and repair various steel braces beneath the locomotive that are broken
- Remove the broken motors from the Wheel Trucks
- Send L-202's broken motors out to a large motor repair shop in Wisconsin. This shop, which has done work for other trolley museums, has agreed to perform the motor repairs AT COST!
- Get the repaired motors back from Wisconsin, put them back in to the Wheel Trucks, and push the Wheel Trucks back under L-202.
- Jack Down the engine
- And away we go!

How can the Museum Get L-202 running again?

- All the work of disassembly, and reassembly will be done by Museum Volunteers
- The BIG JOB is the Motor Repair, which is estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000
- The Museum needs to raise the Motor Repair Money so that L-202 can be up and running for the 2009 season.

How can I help Get L-202 running again?

We need your help to purchase the motor repairs for L-202 so that the engine can be running for the 2009 season. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Fox River Trolley Association's Locomotive L-202 Fund so that we can keep get this project going, just like L-202 on a caboose train to Coleman.

Who do I talk to about Volunteering to work on L-202?

Contact L-202 Project Manager:
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General Fund

Our General Fund consists of contributions from people like you who give generously to support the Museum Experience—Education through Demonstration. The General Fund helps pay for everything-- from electricity to insurance. General Fund donations support close to 40% of the Museum's Annual Operations. That's why a donation to the General Fund will help guarantee that the trolleys keep running smoothly way into the 21st Century.

Track Fund

Our Track Fund consists of contributions to support our Track Projects. In 2007, our Museum invested over 1000-volunteer hours and \$14,600 in acquiring equipment, materials, and services for the maintenance and support of our demonstration railroad. However, our investment has left the Track Fund empty for 2008! Please help us keep the Track Team Volunteers going so they can work on these exciting projects planned for 2008:

- Changing Ties on our 1896 Demonstration Railroad!
- Rebuilding the original 1964 Museum Storage Track!
- Installing Castlemuir Switch 20 completing the South End of Castlemuir Track Zero!
- Purchasing 150 new 6x8 Railroad Ties for Mainline Tie Replacement!



Some of the Museum's Track Team Volunteers-- Seen here from left to right are Ed Konecki, Greg Runion, Jim Minerly, Matt DelGuidice, and Chris Nelson.

Your Track Fund Gift will improve the experience of riding our demonstration railroad for generations to come!

TO MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION, FILL IN THE HANDY TEAR OFF BELOW AND SEND IT WITH YOUR CHECK TODAY.

Yes, I will help the Museum, here is My Donation to the:

___ L-202 Fund..... \$ _____
___ General Fund..... \$ _____
___ Track Fund..... \$ _____
___ Total Donation..... \$ _____

Donors to the L-202 fund may select from the following:

\$250 level _____ A Fox River Trolley Museum DVD or VHS Tape

\$500 level _____ A piece of L-202's Motor Armature Winding

\$1000+ level _____ Complimentary Dinner at the L-202 Completion Ceremony and Framed Certificate of Appreciation

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