**Mid-Continent Railway Museum**

**Mother’s Day Weekend 2017 Press Release**

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**For Immediate Release.**

Mother’s Day is a very special holiday and Mid-Continent Railway Museum is pleased to announce the return of its special Mother’s Day train service. This unique experience on the rails will let Mom know how special she. The Dining Service Department is pleased to offer a Pizza Train, Elegant Dinner Train, and a Special Brunch train experience in historic dining cars at the Railway Museum. Come join in the fun and see what others mean when they say “It is a fun and elegant time. The food and drink is excellent!” Everyone at the museum will be getting together to help provide a special day for Mom at the Museum.

On Saturday, May 14, in addition to regularly scheduled daytime coach service, the 11:00 am and 1:00 pm trains will also offer the very popular Pizza Train service. On Saturday evening a special Elegant Dinner train will depart at 5:30 PM. On Sunday, May 14 Brunch Trains will run at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm. The Brunch Train round-trip journey lasts approximately 1-1/2 hours.

“Our department offers the most variety on this weekend. We have brought the popular Pizza Train to this weekend so families can enjoy a meal on the train for the holiday. The Elegant Dinner train is always popular on this weekend and Mother’s Day Brunch Service is a staple for many returning patrons. If you have not been on one of these trains, you are definitely missing out!” Says Chris Laabs Dining Services Superintendent. Because of these special offerings, this weekend is one of the busiest weekends for the Dining Services Department at the Railroad. Chris goes on to say that “We may serve food and drinks to over 200 patrons if all the tickets are sold. It keeps everybody on their toes.”

The Pizza Train features specially prepared pizza from the Pizza Ranch in Baraboo. The Elegant Dinner Train and Brunch Trains each feature custom menu items prepared by Elite Catering of Baraboo. Diners will enjoy being waited on by uniformed staff members that provide services similar to the way that the Pullman coaches of yesteryear. The Brunch, Pizza, and Dinner Train services are held in the Museum’s special dining services fleet. This consists of the Soo Line 2017, a diner-lounge car built in 1914, and in the Chicago and Northwestern 440, a business car built in 1929. Both of these cars are climate controlled.

On Saturday, Pizza Train passengers will enjoy a 9-inch Pepperoni, Sausage Pizza, Cheese Pizza, or Prairie Pizza (Cheese, mushrooms, black olives, green olives, green peppers, and onions). All Pizza Train customers also enjoy beverage service which includes soda and beer as well as a special desert item.

Saturday evening the Elegant Dinner Train will feature the recipes from railroads around the world. Our Beef selection is from England's BritRail - Sir William’s Roast Rib of Beef. The fish selection comes from Russia's Trans Siberian RR - Baked filet of Salmon Kulebiaka. The chicken selection hails from Turkey's Turkish Republic RR - Turkish-Spiced Chicken with Pomegranate Relish and Tahini Yogurt. The vegetarian selection will be a culmination of of all the accompaniments for the entrée selections. All entrées are preceded by generous courses of appetizers, salad and soup from Germany, France and Italy. The main entrée is followed by Kirschworsher Streusel Kucken with honey glaze.

 The Elegant Dinner Train lasts approximately two hours. Diners can choose to purchase their dinner tickets with or without alcoholic beverage included. These include beer, wine and a selection of mixed drinks. Both options will come with coffee and soda. “Our Elegant Dinner Train is always very popular. The food is out of this world, our bar service is excellent, and the ride is a unique experience that must be experienced.” Chris Laabs explained about the evening dining event.

On Sunday, Mother's Day Brunch passengers will be served a fresh fruit plate with honey yogurt to start. This will be followed by Traditional Eggs “Fromage” with Honey-Glazed Ham over a Toasted English muffin Topped with a Medium Poached Egg and a Creamy Four Cheese Sauce and Shredded Aged Cheddar. The third course will be Fresh Berries and Crème. The fourth course will be Tender Tips of Beef in Mushroom gravy set in flakey Puff Pastry with Oven browned Red Potatoes. The Finale is Red Velvet Cheese Cake with Black Raspberry Sauce, Whipping Cream and White Chocolate Lattice. We guarantee that Mom will enjoy this menu!

All Mother’s Day Brunch customers also get to enjoy beverage service, including coffee, soda, beer, wine and a selection of mixed drinks. This is the only time Brunch service is offered and those that dine have a truly wonderful time. It is perfect for a mother daughter outing.

**Reservations are required** for all Dining Services events. Entrée selections for Elegant Dinner Train must be made at the time of ticket purchase. Please call the Museum office or look at our website’s online reservation system for more information. Special dietary needs such as gluten free can be arranged for by contacting the Museum Office at least 7 days prior to the event weekend.

Mid-Continent Railway Museum is an outdoor living history museum and operating railroad. It strives to recreate the small town or short line railroad experience during the "Golden Age of Railroading”. The museum is located at E8948 Museum Road, North Freedom, WI. Call the museum office for additional details: 608-522-4261, or toll free: 800-930-1385. Reservations can also be made online at <http://www.midcontinent.org>.

**Resources and High Resolution Pictures:**

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