



## **Jackson Street Roundhouse**

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### **Sesquicentennial Celebration at Historic St. Paul Railroad Facility**

**April 19-20, 26-27, 2008**

**St. Paul, MN**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Celebrate Minnesota's Sesquicentennial at one of the nation's last fully functioning railroad steam engine maintenance facilities – the Jackson Street Roundhouse in St. Paul, MN!

“We Came By Train” is the brand new interactive exhibit which explores Minnesota's immigrant movement westward in 1858. Experience how European immigrants traveled by rail to the plains of Minnesota and the Dakotas, and the hardships they faced settling the area. Gibbs Farm Museum will showcase period agriculture and farm life equipment. The Swedish Institute will demonstrate their traveling immigrant trunk. Plus, kids can experience school as it was in a 19th century classroom...don't worry kids, its fun! Enjoy, period musical entertainment by the South of the River Band, the Roundhouse 4, and Mendota Bridge Band. Train rides to all ages, with paid museum entrance fee. Period food will be available for purchase on the grounds.

Conveniently located one exit north of downtown St. Paul, west on the Pennsylvania Avenue exit of 35E (193 Pennsylvania Ave E), join the Jackson Street Roundhouse as we kick off Minnesota's 150th anniversary of statehood with this special event, “We Came By Train”, April 19, 20, 26, & 27, 2008.

In addition to “We Came By Train” special event activities, experience interactive railroading and transportation exhibits year-round, including steam engine and rolling stock restoration. Plus, witness daily railroad operations which include one of the nation's last fully functioning roundhouse turntables.

Sesquicentennial celebration, April 19-20, 26-27, 2008; 10am-4pm

Adults, \$10; Children, \$8 Includes admission, unlimited train rides, exhibit exploration and more.

Open regular hours year-round, Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10am-4pm

For specific daily, group or charter opportunities and special event information, directions, sponsorship opportunities, and more information visit [www.trainride.org](http://www.trainride.org), or call 651.228.0263

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The Minnesota Transportation Museum's mission is to educate the public about the surface transportation history of Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. The museum is comprised of four operating units: Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway, Jackson Street Roundhouse, Classic Buses, and the Minnehaha Depot.

The Osceola & St. Croix Valley Railway operates a leisure / tourist railway including fully functional historic equipment on a genuine railroad spur line from the historic Osceola, WI depot and receives thousands of visitors each year during its May-October operations, which includes tourist excursions, special dinner, pizza, and brunch trains. The Jackson Street Roundhouse in downtown St. Paul, MN, maintains and houses the museum's collection of antique railroad rolling stock, engines, and exhibits. It is one of the few remaining operational roundhouses in the United States where the public can see daily railroad yard and equipment repair operations. It celebrated its 100th Anniversary during 2007. The roundhouse receives thousands of visitors annually during its year-round operations. The museum also owns and operates vintage and classic buses from the former Twin Cities Rapid Transit system. These buses offer a unique glimpse into the glory days of buses' integration in the Twin Cities transit system. Finally, the museum staffs the Minnehaha Depot just east of highway 55 near Minnehaha Falls Park. Open Sundays throughout the summer.