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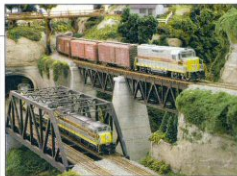
MODEL RAILROADERS HIGHLIGHT 2011 RAIL FEST MAY 13 & 14

The Davieiss County Rail Fest, an annual event sponsored by the Society and the City of Washington, will kick off at 10 a.m. Friday, May 13. Featured will be model train clubs in the former McDonald's Chevrolet building opposite the old train depot. Local individuals will also have displays. Anyone interested should contact the Museum or Dave Klehm to participate.

We thank the Clifton's at Service Master for agreeing to donate the building for those days. Their business, **County Wide Construction**, is a specialist in fire and water damage restoration. Call 254 7272 and thank them for helping us with this project.

Thomas the Tank Engine train is scheduled to be here and will be operating around the block at the Service Master building. Several vendors have agreed to be on hand. The City will be providing the city train for rides from the Museum to the Depot. The train at the park will also be operating that weekend. While in the area stop at 311 NE 20th Street and see the Rev. Lou Showers' railroad display.

The RR Depot on Depot Street and Meridian next to the old B&O tracks will be open with some railroad photos and artifacts on display. The Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitor's Bureau operate out of the Depot. Charlie Selby, Director, is



The Rev. Lou Showers will host an open house for his rail display during Rail Fest at 311 NE 20th St. in Washington. Don't miss it!

working with the DCHS to create a railroad display in the west room of the facility. Persons wishing to donate for the display should contact Charlie or Director of the DCHS Vince Sellers about the donation.

The Museum will be open during the Rail Fest and we will feature our RR display in the Davieiss Room and be showing railroad history movies Friday and Saturday afternoons. We are

raffling a model train again this year so be sure to stop in and get your tickets. (a photo is on page 4)

The Rail Fest will begin at 10 a.m. each day and run into the evening to 6 p.m. Watch for future announcements for music entertainment and other featured items at the Fest.

Railroad heritage has been an important part of Davieiss County history since 1857.

GAHAN KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Daniel Gahan, head of the University of Evansville's history department, will be the keynote speaker at the DCHS' annual meeting on April 30. His topic is the history of the Irish in Davieiss County. Dr. Gahan is a native of Ireland and stumbled on the

peculiar history of the Irish in Davieiss County while on an Amish tour. His research has shed great light on the origins of many of the early settlements of Davieiss County from Glencoe to Farlan. He is also asking for information on the particular family histo-

ries of the Irish descendants here in the County.

The annual meeting will be at noon in the Art Gallery for DCHS members only, then a dinner will follow at 12:30 p.m. with Dr. Gahan's address to follow the dinner at around 1:15 p.m. (see page

