

# **ORHS Event Schedule - 2025**

## Please note that ORHS operates two locations:

All on-rail events such as train and speeder rides will be held at our ORHS Rail Yard located at 2174 S. Crown Hill Rd. in Orrville - between Scotts Miracle-Gro and Catrone Trucking. The Caboose Gift Shop will be open during all public events.

The Orrville Union Depot Museum is located at 145 Depot Street in downtown Orrville. Hours are restricted for 2025 due to construction of the new park adjacent to the Depot so call if you wish to arrange a time to visit.

Train rides are about 40 minutes long. Speeder rides are about 15 minutes long.

All proceeds go towards maintaining our 1868 Orrville Union Depot and our rail yard facility and equipment. Ticket prices are less online ticketing fees and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. ORHS is a nonprofit 501(c)3 educational organization.

### 2025 Train and Speeder Rides - April through December

Climb aboard our converted open air passenger car #501 and take a 40-minute ride throughout our rail facility and down to the bridge over North Fork Sugar Creek (the stream, not to be mistaken for the Village of Sugarcreek).

If the great outdoors is not to your liking, our 66 seat, open window coach #208 is also available for up to 66 guests.

Do you want to see how it's done? How about riding the jump seat in the locomotive cab? Limited to 16 years and up.

#### **Standard Pricing:**

Pricing is \$15 plus online ticketing fees per seat in open air car #501 (non-refundable) unless otherwise noted. This car holds a maximum of 32 guests. Pricing for the coach is \$25 plus online ticketing fees per seat (also non-refundable) unless otherwise noted. The coach #208 holds a maximum of 66 guests. Pricing for the locomotive jump seat is \$25 plus online ticketing fees. Some events have special pricing. Lap children 2 years and under ride free.

Call for group rates or corporate rate for a day not on our schedule.

Tickets for most events are available to be purchased online. Tickets for some events are available only on site. Please read the schedule carefully.

More information is available at orrvillerailroad.com/events



## March 2025

### Saturday, 3/15. Wooster Train & Toy Show. 10AM to 3PM.

Come see us at the Wooster Train and Toy Show at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 199 Vanover Street, Wooster, Ohio. Admission to the event is \$7.00. Children under 12 are free.

## April 2025

#### Saturday, 4/12. Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt! Noon to 4PM at the ORHS Rail Yard.

Come Visit the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs with Orrville Railroad Heritage Society!

Take a motorcar (aka "speeder") ride down to our Sugar Creek bridge to look for Easter eggs. The Easter Bunny will be there to meet you. There will be plenty of time for photo ops in a setting like no other! Our Caboose Gift Shop will also be open until 4PM that same day.

Tickets are available **on-site only** at the ORHS Rail Yard. Advance on-line sales are not available. Prices are \$5 per seat if paying by cash, \$6 by credit or debit card.

Your patronage is appreciated, supports our preservation efforts, and stays in the Orrville Area

### Saturday, 4/26. Speeder Rides. Noon to 4PM at the OHRS Rail Yard.

One of our most popular rides! Get up close and personal with the railroad on a motor car, also known as a "speeder", from the boarding area to the current end of track past the bridge over the North Fork Sugar Creek. Motor cars were once the main transportation for track workers and materials in remote areas. The ride lasts about 15 minutes.

Tickets can be purchased only at our rail yard during the event. Speeders will run as determined by demand. Pricing is \$5 per ticket, adult or child. \$6 per ticket if paying by credit/debit card. Lap children under two years are free. The Caboose Gift Shop will also be open.

## May 2025

### Saturday, 5/10. Mother's Day Special. ORHS Rail Yard.

Come ride the train in open air car #501 and coach #208. 11AM; 1PM; 2PM. Pricing is \$20 plus online ticketing fees per seat in open air car #501 and coach #208 is \$25 per seat plus online ticketing fees. Moms get a free gift while supplies last.

### Saturday, 5/24. Superhero Summer Kickoff Train Rides. ORHS Rail Yard.

Come ride the train in open air car #501 or coach #208. 10AM; 11AM; 1PM. Free snow cones and popcorn included. Pricing is \$15 plus online ticketing fees per seat in open air car #501 and coach #208 is \$25 per seat plus online ticketing fees. Tickets are available online via etix.



### June 2025

#### Saturday, 6/7. 10AM to 2PM. 2nd Annual Kids Day with ORHS. Orrville Branch YMCA.

Our biggest event for kids! And it's **FREE!** Due to construction of the new park adjacent to the Depot, this year's event will be held at the **Orrville Branch YMCA** located at 1801 Smucker Road in Orrville.

Featuring Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show. Check out the Wooster Society of Model Railroaders Club portable layout. Roving magician J.R. Grieco will perform magic tricks. Ride the Lions Club train. Get thrown in jail by Sheriff William B. Justice and hope someone bails you out (bail proceeds to benefit ongoing Depot renovations). Face painting by Katelin Fields. Compete in Pedal Tractor Races. Two bounce houses. Cool down with Lovable Crush Ice Cream Sandwiches. Snack on complimentary Original Orr Theater Popcorn.

We'll also have displays from the following organizations: Military units, Orrville Fire, Orrville Police, Medway Drug Enforcement Agency, Wayne County Sheriff and Ohio State Police.

#### Saturday, 6/14. Father's Day Special. ORHS Rail Yard.

Train rides in open air car #501 and coach #208. 10AM; 11AM; 1PM. Dads receive a free gift while supplies last. Pricing is **\$20** plus online ticketing fees per seat in open air car #501 and coach #208 is **\$25** per seat plus online ticketing fees. Tickets are available online via etix.

#### Saturday, 6/28. Pizza Train. ORHS Rail Yard.

Come get a slice of pizza, a soda and ride the train in open air car #501 or coach #208. 11AM; 1PM; 2PM. Pricing is \$20 plus online ticketing fees per seat in open air car #501 and coach #208 is \$25 per seat plus online ticketing fees. Tickets are available online via etix.

## July 2025

#### Saturday, 7/12. Train Rides. ORHS Rail Yard.

Come ride the train in open air car #501 or coach #208. 10AM; 11AM; 1PM. Pricing is \$15 plus online ticketing fees per seat in open air car #501 and coach #208 is \$25 per seat plus online ticketing fees. Tickets are available online via etix.

### Saturday, 7/26. Ice Cream Special. ORHS Rail Yard.

Cool off with an ice cream treat from our ice cream supplier and ride in open air car #501 or coach #208. 10AM; 11AM; 1PM. Pricing is \$20 plus online ticketing fees per seat in open air car #501 and coach #208 is \$25 per seat plus online ticketing fees. Tickets are available online via etix.

### August 2025

### Saturday, 8/9. Touch a Truck - Train - Critter. ORHS Rail Yard.

Back by popular demand. Come and check out trucks of all types, heavy equipment police and fire vehicles, railroad maintenance vehicles, see what's under the hood and in the cab of locomotive #471 and pet cool live animals. A food vendor will also be on-site. 10AM to 2PM. Ride the train in open air car #501 at 1PM or 2PM. Admission is free. Train rides in open air car #501 are a discounted \$10 per seat with tickets available on-site only.



#### Saturday, 8/23. Speeder Rides. ORHS Rail Yard.

One of our favorite rides: Take a speeder trip across the bridge and up the old main line. Tickets are available on-site only at the ORHS Rail Yard. Advance on-line sales are not available. Prices are \$5 per seat if paying by cash, \$6 by credit or debit card. Tickets are available **on-site only**.

## September 2025

#### Saturday, 9/13. Roar at the Rails Car Show & Sock Hop. ORHS Rail Yard

Come check out vintage hot rods and muscle cars of the '50s, '60s and '70s from 10AM to 1:30PM. Couples - dress up in period vintage clothing to dance at our sock hop 1:30PM to 3:30PM. Don't forget to enter our 50/50 raffle. Munsey Meats catering trailer will be on-site to keep you fueled up for the day.

Cash prizes awarded for best in show car at 1PM and best couples vintage costume at 3PM.

Entry fees are \$20 per car and \$15 per couple.

Tickets for train rides in open air car #501 are **\$10** per seat, available on-site only. The train will run at 10:30AM and 12:30PM only.

#### Saturday, 9/27. Horn Blast and Open House. ORHS Rail Yard

11AM to 3PM. Collectors - bring your own train horn and we'll blow it on the #471 between 11AM and 1:30PM as it travels the ORHS main line. Take a guided walking tour of our rail yard and learn the histories of our equipment. Walking tours of the rail yard will be available by demand. Train rides in open air car #501 only at 2PM. Seating is limited. Event admission is **\$10 on-site** (not available online) and includes a train ride. Blow your own horn for an extra **\$10**.

## October 2025 - Pumpkin Hayride Month

#### Saturday, 10/11 and Saturday 10/25. ORHS Rail Yard.

Train rides in open air car #501 and coach #208. 11AM; 1PM; 2PM. Kids get a free small pumpkin. Pricing is \$15 plus online ticketing fees per seat in open air car #501 and coach #208 is \$20 per seat plus online ticketing fees. Tickets are available online via etix.

### November 2025

### Saturday, 11/22. Route 30 Express. Orrville Union Depot.

10AM to 4PM. November is Model Railroad Month and the Depot will host a stop on the Route 30 Express tour. The Route 30 Express group of model railroaders promotes the hobby by inviting the public to visit their model railroads. All model railroads are located in northeastern Ohio, in close proximity to U.S. Route 30. hence the name "Route 30 Express." Admission is **free**.

#### Friday, 11/28. Home for the Holidays. Orrville Union Depot.

We are once again a participant in Orrville's Home for the Holidays. Stop by Orrville Union Depot to see the completely redone interior of both main rooms with "new" displays, revealed artifacts not seen by the public ever, or at least in decades. Wooster Society of Model Railroaders again will be displaying their portable layout. Treat yourself to some fresh, hot Orr Theatre popcorn, find unique gifts in our gift shop, and consider gifting yourself a membership to be a part of what we do! We can even help you with an experience-themed gift for the person who has everything!



#### Saturday, 11/29. Santa Trains. ORHS Rail Yard.

Back by popular demand! Come ride with jolly ol' Saint Nick at our rail yard. Bring the kids for a visit with Santa as he collects their wish lists while riding in our coach #208 to Winter Wonderland. The coach holds a maximum of 66 passengers so reserve your seats early. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served following the ride and kids get a goodie bag. Trains will run at 11AM; 1PM; 3PM; 3PM; and 7PM. Rides are approximately 40 minutes long. Tickets are \$30 per seat plus ticketing fees and are available online via etix. Lap children under 2 years ride free. Boarding begins 20 minutes prior to departure.

#### December 2025

### Tuesday, 12/2. 6PM. Annual Membership Dinner

All members are invited to the annual membership dinner at Schmid Hall located at 501 Hall Street in Orrville. Our annual elections for the Board of Directors officers will also be held. If you would like to run for an office or know of someone to nominate, please contact us.

#### Friday, 12/5. Santa Trains. ORHS Rail Yard.

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#### Saturday, 12/6. Santa Trains. ORHS Rail Yard.

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#### Friday, 12/12. Santa Trains. ORHS Rail Yard.

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### Saturday, 12/13. Santa Trains. ORHS Rail Yard.

Back by popular demand! Come ride with jolly ol' Saint Nick at our rail yard. Bring the kids for a visit with Santa as he collects their wish lists while riding in our coach #208 to Winter Wonderland. The coach holds a maximum of 66 passengers so reserve your seats early. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served following the ride and kids get a goodie bag. Trains will run at **11AM; 1PM; 3PM and 7PM**. Rides are approximately 40 minutes long. Tickets are \$30 per seat plus ticketing fees and are available online via etix. Lap children under 2 years ride free. Boarding begins 20 minutes prior to departure.

#### Friday, 12/19. Santa Trains. ORHS Rail Yard.

Back by popular demand! Come ride with jolly ol' Saint Nick at our rail yard. Bring the kids for a visit with Santa as he collects their wish lists while riding in our coach #208 to Winter Wonderland. The coach holds a maximum of 66 passengers so reserve your seats early. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served following the ride and kids get a goodie bag. Trains will run at **6PM and 7:30PM**. Rides are approximately 40 minutes long. Tickets are \$30 per seat plus ticketing fees and are available online via etix. Lap children under 2 years ride free. Boarding begins 20 minutes prior to departure.



# Saturday, 12/20. Santa Trains. ORHS Rail Yard.

Come ride with jolly ol' Saint Nick at our rail yard. Bring the kids for a visit with Santa while riding in our coach #208 which holds a maximum of 66 passengers. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served following the ride and kids get a goodie bag. Trains will run at **11AM**; **1PM**; **3PM** and **5PM**. Rides are approximately 40 minutes long. Tickets are **\$35** per seat plus ticketing fees and are available online via etix. Lap children under 2 years ride free. Boarding begins 20 minutes prior to departure.