

# Wheels O' Time Museum



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## Mission

To provide an educational and historical attraction emphasizing central Illinois industry, agriculture and everyday life by maintaining a "warm" or "hands-on" environment that, while providing interesting and fun displays for young people and the young at heart, will at the same time stimulate an appreciation of our heritage and past accomplishments that have brought about our present way of life. To this purpose, we provide interpreters who bring attention to and explain our historical exhibits.

*Wheels O' Time Museum is open May 2, 2018, through October 31, 2018, Wednesdays through Sundays and summer holidays, noon to 5pm.*

## Admission

\$7 adults, \$3.50 ages 3 – 11

**Group Rate:** Available for 20 or more—call two weeks in advance of scheduling a group.

Cash and checks accepted. ADA accessible. Winter car storage is available during the six months the museum is closed (November through April).



Wheels O' Time Museum has displays showing the passage of time in history and manufacturing over the last 50 to over 100 years in the Peoria Area. Last season, visitors were welcomed from 20 countries and 48 states to tour the museum.

Our campus encompasses 30,000 square feet of exhibits in five buildings on four acres. A new exhibit is a 24'x24' LeTourneau steel house built in 1938 that stayed at the factory until it was moved out to the museum this past fall after renovation. RG LeTourneau built numerous steel homes in response to the severe housing shortage at the time.

The main building houses vintage cars, clock room, a Best tractor, large model airplanes, steam engines, grandma's kitchen, tools, music room, animated circus parade, model trains, "River and Rails" exhibit and other artifacts.

The second building displays farm equipment including six Cat tractors plus a Holt, farm tractors, washing machines made in East Peoria, tools and other labor-saving devices for the housewife.

The firehouse features three fire trucks including an 1855 hand pumper used in Peoria, bicycles, toys, cars, fashion including Princess Peggy, USDA Ag Lab display, WMBD radio station with six programs about Peoria area, ¾-scale model of Spirit of St. Louis airplane and diorama.

The Early Ford V8 Club display changes during the season and a workshop including

the 1931 restored Ahrens Fox Fire Truck that was used in Peoria.

On a 600-foot-long rail bed beside the main building rests #886, a 130-ton Rock Island RR steam locomotive of the early 1900s. Behind the steam engine is a tender, Milwaukee Road combine car and a TP&W caboose, two 110-year-old Pullman cars being restored and a 1933 Plymouth switch engine.

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

### Opening Day

*May 2, 2018*

Open at noon for the 36th season

### Blue Star Program

*May 28, 2018*

Open for Memorial Day and start of Blue Star Program for active military personnel.

### Open July 4th

### Tractor Display

*July 22-26, 2018*

Central Illinois Heritage Tractor Club display of tractors

### Blue Star Program Last Day

*September 3, 2018*

Open for Labor Day and last day for Blue Star Program for active military personnel.

### Fall Festival

*October 14, 2018*

### Closing Day

*October 31, 2018*