



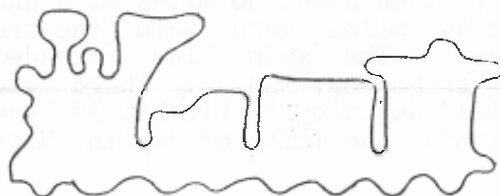
## Christmas Open House

The Frisco Railroad Museum Inc. is pleased to announce its first annual Christmas Open House. The three weekends prior to Christmas, December 6-7, 13-14, and 20-21, the museum's Ash Grove facility will be open extended hours: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday and 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

During the Open House the museum will feature a collection of train and train related Christmas decorations. The exhibit, to be displayed throughout the museum, numbers in excess of one hundred pieces and includes such items as tree ornaments, candles, music boxes, Christmas cards, and novelty items.

Each family visiting the museum during the Christmas Open House will receive a hand-made wooden train ornament crafted especially for the occasion. A special Christmas train cut-out will be given to all the children.

We invite all members and friends of the museum to share in this special celebration of a special holiday season.



## MAINTENANCE OF WAY

According to the "Frisco Organization Manual," July 1965, the Maintenance of Way Department responsibilities include "design and construct all tracks and structures including yards, terminals, bridges and buildings. Maintain all fixed properties except signals and communication.

Operate roadway shops to salvage materials, repair roadway equipment, reclaim second hand materials, and manufacture frogs, switches, and miscellaneous items that cannot be readily purchased." The one division of the Maintenance of Way Department that had the success of the railroad "riding" on it was the one responsible for building and maintaining the tracks.

Due to recent acquisitions, the museum is pleased to announce a new Maintenance of Way track display. Included in the exhibit are various examples of rail hardware such as tie plates and rail anchors, joints, and bolts. The display also has an assortment of rail tools including three types of claw bars, two styles of spike mauls, a mundy maul, rail punch, track wrench, tie saw, adze, and a selection of track shovels. Additional items on display include a collection of date nails and various types and weights of rail including a rare section of 90lb to 60lb tapered rail. NOTE: Rail is classified by weight per three foot section. The most unique item on display is a hand operated rail drill, referred to by those who used them as a "man killer." The drill was used by the Frisco on the Sherman sub-division in Oklahoma.

# THE FRISCO FAMILY

## JOPLIN RAILWAY COMPANY

The Joplin Railway Company was formed under the laws of Missouri and Kansas by the consolidation of the Joplin Railroad Company and two other companies, each having the name of Joplin and Galena Railway Company, one incorporated in Missouri and the other in Kansas. Articles of consolidation, dated December 28, 1881, were filed in Missouri on February 25, 1882, and in Kansas on February 23, 1882.

The Joplin and Galena Railway Company (Kansas) was incorporated September 28, 1880. On the date of consolidation, the company owned about two miles of standard gauge, single track railroad, extending from a point on the boundary line between Kansas and Missouri in a southwesterly direction to Galena, Kansas.

The Joplin and Galena Railway Company (Missouri) was incorporated September 28, 1880. On the date of consolidation, the company owned about six miles of standard gauge, single track railroad extending from Joplin to a point on the Missouri-Kansas state line.

The Joplin Railroad Company was formed by the consolidation of the Joplin Railroad and the Joplin Railroad Company of Kansas. Articles of consolidation, dated February 22, 1876, were filed in Missouri on February 23, 1876, and in Kansas on February 25, 1876.

The Joplin Railroad Company (Kansas) was incorporated December 22, 1875. On the date of consolidation, no physical property had been constructed.

The Joplin Railroad was incorporated July 25, 1874. On the date of consolidation, no physical property had been constructed.

On March 17, 1882, and March 27, 1882, the consolidated Joplin Railway Company executed deeds conveying its property, rights and franchise in Missouri and Kansas respectively to the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company. At that time it owned about 50 miles of standard gauge, single track railroad, of which about 44 miles were main line tracks and about six miles were branch line tracks. The main line extended from Girard, Kansas to Joplin, Missouri, thence to Galena, Kansas. There were two branch lines, one extending from Litchfield Junction to Litchfield, Kansas, about three miles, the other a belt line within the city of Joplin, Missouri, about three miles in length.

Next month... 1) St. Louis, Wichita and Western Railway Company  
2) Springfield and Northern Railway Company  
3) Springfield and Southern Railway Company

## ALL ABOARD 1987



While we are encouraged about what we have accomplished since our June 1st opening, we are even more excited about what the future has in store. Plans are now being made to expand the display area of the museum, add to existing displays, and begin working toward the goal of a new facility that will provide room for the possible acquisition of freight and passenger cars. Plans are also underway to have an "Excess Baggage" sale in the Spring and to begin a mail-order service for items in the Excess Baggage program. We are especially pleased to report that the January or February issue of Springfield Magazine will feature a cover story about the museum.

The new year will also include three new regular features in the All Aboard newsletter: A brief history of Frisco Business Cars, profiles of Frisco engines, passenger, and freight cars, and "Recipes from Friscoland."

All aboard for the Frisco Railroad Museum Inc. on track for 1987!

## Steam Locomotives of the Frisco Line



The museum has recently learned that Pruett Publishing Co. is not going to reprint several of its popular train books. Among its list of soon to be out-of-print titles is Steam Locomotives of the Frisco Line, by Lloyd E. Stagner. We are pleased to announce that the museum has acquired a limited number of this colorful and informative book and is currently offering them for sale on a first come basis. They may be purchased at the museum or ordered by mail. The cost is \$15.00 plus \$1.50 postage for mail orders. Orders should be addressed to The Frisco Railroad Museum Inc., P.O. Box 276, Ash Grove, MO 65604. Copies may be reserved by phone by calling 417-672-3110.

## Frisco Folks

The Museum is pleased to welcome the following new member of the FRISCO FOLKS:

Kenneth Wulfert  
St. Louis

Brakeman

Looking for a special Christmas gift for that special Frisco friend! Why not give a gift that will help preserve the rich heritage of the Frisco. Why not give a FRISCO FOLKS membership! Gift memberships are now available and may be purchased by writing or calling the museum office.



## All Aboard

The All Aboard newsletter is published monthly for members of the Frisco Folks, a support organization of The Frisco Railroad Museum Inc., a not for profit corporation organized for the purpose of establishing The Frisco Railroad Museum in order to preserve, display, and educate citizens about, the history and memorabilia of the Frisco Railway. The museum facility is located at 500 Walker St. in Ash Grove, MO. Any correspondence should be mailed to P.O. Box 276, Ash Grove, MO 65604. The museum phone number is 417-672-3110. All material contained in the newsletter is copyrighted by the Frisco Railroad Museum Inc. and may not be reproduced in any manner without the expressed written consent of the museum President.

# NEW LOW fares

**One Way Tickets**

**2 CENTS**  
**A MILE**  
Good in chair cars and coaches.

**3 CENTS**  
**A MILE**  
Good in sleeping or parlor cars  
(seat or berth charge additional).

**Round Trip Tickets**

**2 CENTS**  
**A MILE** (Each Way)  
Short limit tickets good in all cars  
including sleeping or parlor cars  
(seats or berth charge additional).

**2 1/2 CENTS**  
**A MILE** (Each Way)  
Long limit tickets, good in all cars  
including sleeping or parlor cars  
(seat or berth charge additional).

**Sleeping &  
parlor car  
charges  
reduced**

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During this holiday celebration of giving, we would be amiss if we did not thank and publicly acknowledge those members and friends of the museum whose contributions have made 1986 a joyous time for the Frisco Railroad Museum.

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"From our crew to yours..."

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy new year!"

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