

# Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.



## DONATION FORM

Print out this form and include it with your check. Make checks payable to *Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society* and mail to:

Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society  
P.O. Box 358  
North Freedom, WI 53951-0358

**YES!** I want to help Mid-Continent keep the “Golden Age of Railroading” alive in Wisconsin. My gift(s) will be applied to the projects as indicated below.

<b>General Fund:</b> Sometimes the most powerful gift is the one that is made without restriction. The General Fund was established to allow museum management the discretion to use its unrestricted gifts where they are most needed. Your gifts to this fund will help us meet the most pressing need.	\$
<b>C&amp;NW No. 1385 Steam Locomotive:</b> Gifts to this fund will benefit the restoration of the former Chicago & North Western No. 1385 to full working order. When complete you will be able to enjoy a train ride powered by this 1907 built ten-wheeler, famous for its goodwill tours of the 1980s.	\$
<b>Steam Fund:</b> Gifts to this fund benefit Mid-Continent's steam engine restoration program without limiting the gift to a particular locomotive.	\$
<b>Wood Car Restoration:</b> A tour through the Coach Shed is the best way to experience the stunning success achieved in restoring Mid-Continent's wooden car collection. There are many more pieces on our property in need of this same type of treatment and gifts to this fund help us to revitalize the marvelous craftsmanship hidden beneath the age and deterioration of these once marvelous relics.	\$
<b>Education:</b> Gifts to this fund help to care for our archival collection, maintain and create exhibits and improve our ability to reveal the wonders of the past at the highest quality possible.	\$
<b>Mechanical:</b> Whether it is applying a new coat of paint, buying new wheels for the coaches, or repairing the air conditioner units of our First Class cars, our shop forces are always busy. A donation to the Mechanical Department helps us keep these cars and locomotives in service and earning revenue, thereby helping the museum twice with a single donation.	\$
<b>Engineering:</b> Ownership of our own railroad line grants Mid-Continent great operational flexibility. However, ownership of the railway also involves significant costs including regular inspections and maintenance of rails, ties, roadbed, bridges, highway crossings, and signals. Gifts made to this fund will help us maintain and improve this critical asset.	\$
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds:</b> The least glamorous aspect of our work is the maintenance of a significant infrastructure consisting of buildings, lighting, sewer and water systems. These are things that are vital for a safe and comfortable visit for museum guests and volunteers as well as the protection of our key collection items. Gifts made to this fund will help us maintain the things we often take for granted but are vital to operating a museum.	\$
<b>Special Projects:</b> If you have a specific project in mind other than those mentioned, please list it below.	\$

All donations are tax deductible. Mid-Continent is a not-for-profit educational organization, incorporated in the state of Wisconsin. We are tax exempt as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. A receipt will be sent acknowledging your gift.

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**THANK YOU for your support of Mid-Continent!**