

Rockhill Trolley Museum Granted \$10,000 from John Emery Rail Heritage Trust  
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The Rockhill Trolley Museum, located at 430 Meadow St., Rockhill Furnace, PA 17249, has been granted \$10,000 from the John Emery Rail Heritage Trust in Illinois. It is towards the restoration of one of their unique cars, the Chicago, Aurora & Elgin wooden interurban electric trolley Car 315, built by the Kuhlman Car Company in Cleveland OH in 1909. Ornately decorated with stained glass windows and fine woodwork, it was built to reach 80 miles an hour. The Rockhill Trolley Museum acquired it in 1961 and it has been one of their most popular operating cars. Interurban car 315 is currently being restored to the condition it was built in 1909 through the 1920's. Museum President, Joel Salomon, explained that Car 315 is an excellent example of the grand splendor of interurban travel experienced at the beginning of this century for everyday people.

Ring the bells, sound the horns and whistles, listen to the clickety-clack of the wheels on the track. They have grown from one man's dream, no track and 1 trolley in 1960 to 23 different antique trolleys and streetcars including a Liberty Liner 4-part articulated train trolley and a light rail vehicle with almost 2 miles of track today. About a dozen of the cars can operate on their own and half a dozen cars are unique, one-of-a-kinds in the world. Why not take a ride back into time on antique electric trolleys, weekends only, from Memorial Day Weekend through the end of October, plus special holidays! Reservations are required for other times. Check [www.RockhillTrolley.org](http://www.RockhillTrolley.org) or Facebook for details! Visitors, members and volunteers are welcome!

Additional Information: Everything Railways to Yesterday, Inc., DBA Rockhill Trolley Museum does includes fund raising for the preserving, restoring, operating and educating about the almost forgotten history of the electric trolleys and streetcars and their role in America's progress. The trolley companies were largely responsible for electrifying the nation, from the 1800's until 1960, when the last rural city to have an electric trolley system in the US, Johnstown, PA, shut down its service leaving only 7 major cities in North America with their trolley/streetcar systems running continuously. Today many cities in the United

States that had trolley systems at one time and abandoned them in favor of motorbusses, are bringing back the trolleys with new tracks and power collection systems. The Rockhill Trolley Museum has an example of this type of trolley all the way from San Diego, CA.

We hope that you will let people know about this award, its purpose and from whom we received it. There will be a brief presentation ceremony while the grantors are here from Illinois on Friday, June 1st at 3:30PM.

Saturday morning, June 2nd is also the annual Aughwick Creek Antique Tractor Club Ride and Show. They (weather determines how many make it) actually drive their tractors the back roads from Shirleysburg through the countryside to the Rockhill Trolley Museum, across from the old East Broad Top Railroad's Orbisonia Station, take a ride, show their tractors to whoever is interested and bring their "pot luck-covered dish" lunch before returning right after lunch on their tractors to Shirleysburg. It is a morning activity! Trolley rides are all day, 11 AM or earlier if ready with the tractor folks, until last departure at 4:15 PM.

Check our website: [http://rockhilltrolley.org/events\\_calendar/category/special-events/aughwick-antique-tractor-ride/](http://rockhilltrolley.org/events_calendar/category/special-events/aughwick-antique-tractor-ride/)

Aughwick Creek Antique Tractor Club' website:  
<http://www.aughwicktractorshow.com/ride.html>

John Emery Rail Heritage Trust website:  
<http://emeryrailheritagetrust.com>