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## “Tales from the Rails” Sneak Peak Dates Marion Heritage Center

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Work continues on “Tales from the Rails,” an HO (1/87 scale) model railroad exhibit built to represent the Milwaukee Railroad in Marion during the mid-1960's. Known as the Milwaukee Road, it was the largest employer in the city during that era. Darren Ferreter, a professional model railroad builder, is crafting a miniature recreation of Marion which will include downtown businesses, residential areas, the bridge over Indian Creek, and three animated trains. The model, still under construction, features Milwaukee Road passenger and freight trains traversing scenes from the Highway 13 underpass through the city to Lindale Drive. The 7'x14' layout has scale models representing the Indian Creek Bridge, 7th Avenue underpass, city businesses, and the Marion depot.

“We want visitors looking at the model to recall memories from the past,” says Ferreter as he tests the eight-car passenger train with its' oscillating headlight around the double track line. “The area we have modeled is actually 6.5 miles in length which is longer than a football field in this scale. I had to selectively compress features to make it fit.” Ferreter plans to have the model completed by mid January.

The Heritage Center is offering “sneak peak” days when visitors will have an opportunity to meet the builder and ask construction questions, or share their stories. December dates are the 7th and 21st from 2 to 4 pm. The “From the Attic” exhibit also continues through spring of 2012 at the Center.

Hours are 1 to 4 pm Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for youth (5-18) and free for members of the Marion Historical Society. Annual memberships are \$30 for individuals, \$50 for families and \$100 for sustaining members. For more information contact Marna at the Marion Heritage Center, 590 10th Street, call 319.447.6376 or visit [www.marion-historical-society.org](http://www.marion-historical-society.org). They look forward to your visit!



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