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**ATTEND THE
NOVEMBER
MEMBERSHIP
MEETINGS AND YOU
WILL HAVE A
CHANCE TO WIN A
FREE LUNCH !**

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**CHECK OUT
MY MET !**

**A PICTURE OF MY
MET IS ON A
WEBSITE :**

**COOLCARSUNDER
THESTARS.COM /
COOLCARS**

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Guest Chapter President - Nancy Gnepper, Arizona Mets

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(I would like to) encourage everyone to attend the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the METROPOLITAN. Show your support for the Mitten Mets who have worked so very hard to put on an unforgettable meet with fun and information you will find nowhere else. Camaraderie is what it is all about and where else can you be with so many people who have the same interest and same cute car you do?

There is safety in numbers so why not get together and caravan to Detroit together and be there for each other in case of a breakdown . . . and just because it is more fun to travel together. But however you go . . . please plan on attending what should be one of the best meets ever and show your appreciation for all the work and time it takes to host a meet.

You won't regret it !

Nancy Gnepper

I would like to thank Nancy Gnepper for her thoughts and for her years of dedicated service and friendship to Metropolitan owners around the world. See ya in Detroit !

Editor

P.S. - ANYONE WHO WANTS TO CARAVAN TO DETROIT, CALL ME AND I'LL TRY TO COORDINATE WHO IS GOING WHEN. (630-325-2083)

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Congratulations Gary Bosselman !

Congratulations to Gary for his recent election to the office of President of the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America (MOCNA). He will be installed as President at the Detroit Meet in July. We wish him the best of luck in his endeavor and appreciate the time and effort it takes to fill the role of President of an international organization.

Editor

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updated events
schedules, maps and
pictures of previous
events

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*Due to insurance
concerns, you must
be a member of
MOCNA to be a
member of the local
Illini Met club.*

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Don't forget our Calendar of events for 2003 :

June 29, 2003 : Railroad Days Car Show, Railroad Museum, Galesburg
July 11-13, 2003 : MOCNA International Meet, Auburn Hills, MI
August 17, 2003 : Orphan Car Show, Aurora, IL
Sept. 7, 2003 : British Car Show, Palos Hills, IL
Oct. 11, 2003 : Fall Color Tour, Around Lake Geneva, WI
Nov. 8, 2003 : Membership Meeting, Winfield, IL
Dec. 6, 2003 : Christmas Party, Clocktower , Rockford, IL

It should be a fun time ! Hope to see ya there !

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Cruise Nites 2003 !

A number of Chicagoland area towns are sponsoring cruise nights this year. They are low-key, unjudged, FUN nights to get out, enjoy lots of cool cars, music and maybe an ice cream cone. Mets are always a hit. Some cruise nights are theme based and usually have more of a certain marque show up those nights - while all marques are welcome each week. (Most run from June thru August.)

Below are a few select weekly cruise nights FYI :

Tuesday Frosted Mug 6-10 pm 116th and Pulaski, Alsip

Wednesday Elmhurst 6-9 pm York Road
July 2nd - Red, White and Blue Night
July 23rd - 50's and 60's Night
August 6th - AMC Night

Thursday Frankfort 6-9 pm Downtown - Historic Village
Westmont 6-9 pm Downtown Westmont

Friday Downers Grove 6-9 pm Main Street
August 8th - British Cars and Other Imports
September 5th - Orphan Cars (Nash / AMC)

Saturday Lombard 6-10 pm St. Charles Rd & Park Avenue
Frosted Mug 6-10 pm 116th and Pulaski, Alsip

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MINUTES
ILLINI METS CHAPTER
MARCH 8, 2003

The membership meeting was held on Saturday, March 8, 2003, at the Oakfield Family Restaurant in Winfield, IL. Those members present were Gary Bosselman, Lowell & Karen St. Clair, Charles & Laila Potts, Bob & Marge Greenlee, Gail & Bob Brandys, Ken & Etta McDuffee, John & Claudia Teschky, and Ric Diehl. Ric is currently METLESS and would like to buy a convertible in good condition.

President Gary Bosselman thanked all of the members for coming out to the meeting and then had each member introduce themselves to our newest member, Ric Diehl.

Concerning Old Business:

- * The Teschky's were thanked for hosting the Xmas party in December.
- * Gary recapped the January E board meeting for the members and read the Schedule of Events for 2003.
- * MOCNA National elections are coming up in April and Gary urged everyone to take the time to vote. Gary has been nominated for MOCNA President.
- * Illini chapter elections are coming up this Spring. Anyone wishing to run for office must be nominated by April 1, 2003.
- * Karen read a Thank you from the Mitten Mets for the club's donation of \$100 to the National Meet.

Concerning New Business:

- * Gary showed the grille medallions for the Concours judging winners for the upcoming MOCNA National Meet in Michigan.
- * Lowell showed the members some items that the club might want to consider ordering to put into the goodie bags at the National Meet from the ILLINI METS chapter. One item was a swiss army knife and the other was a small calculator that once turned on, positioned itself for use. The items could be personalized with our club name on them. The members decided the knife would be the item to order.
- * Karen gave the Treasury report to the members and it was accepted by those present.
- * Gary reminded the members that the club was giving a Free year's dues to all current members as of 12-31-02. This is being done in order to align the dues to January of every year for all members.
- * The drawing for a FREE lunch was won by our newest member, Ric Diehl.
- * Marge Greenlee volunteered to organize a run to DelRay's on Rt. 66 in Willow Springs from their home. She would get the info out to the members just as soon as possible.

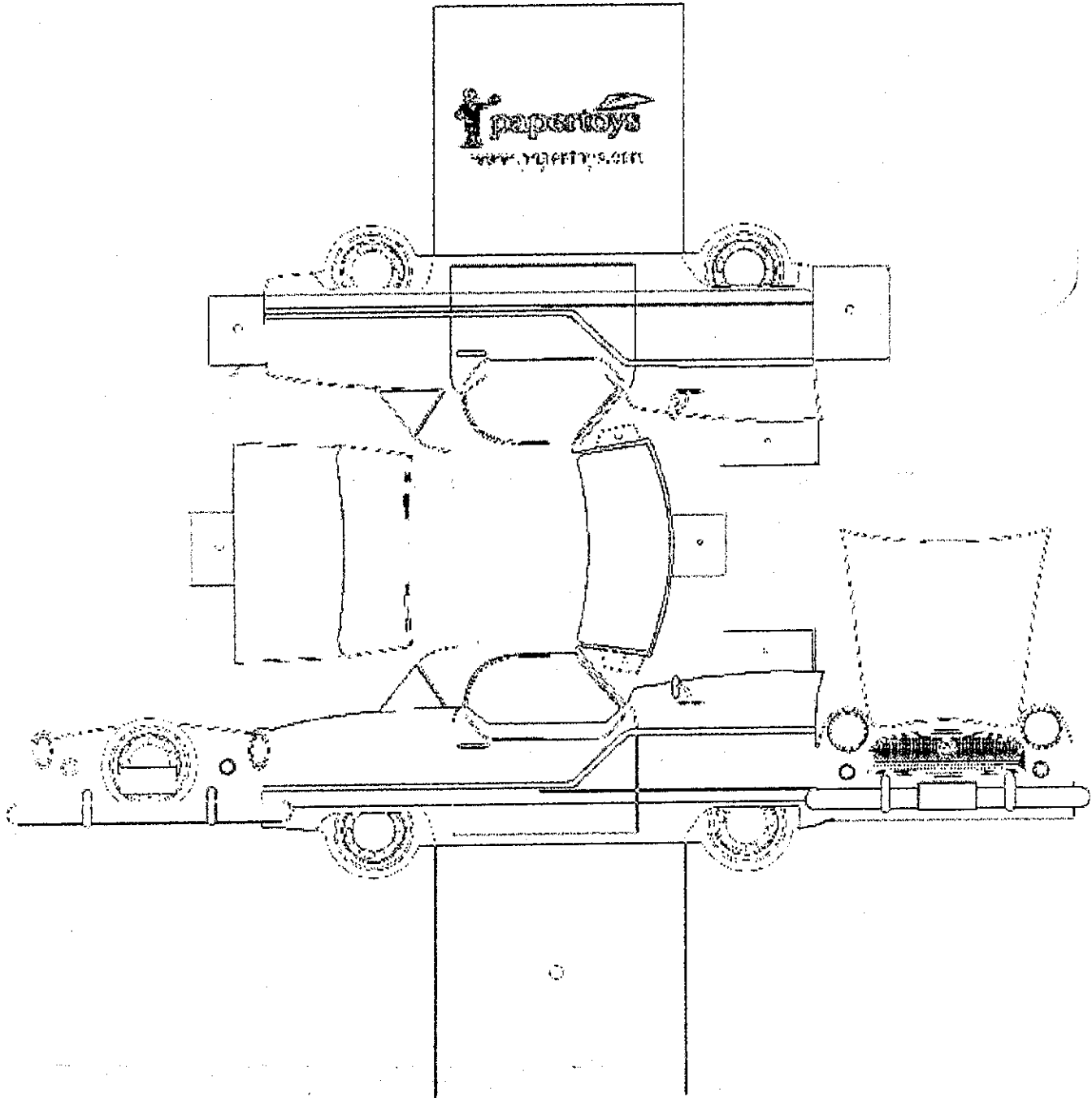
There was no further business for discussion so the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen St. Clair
Karen St. Clair/ Secretary

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INSTRUCTIONS: Print only 1 single page on your printer. You can make larger by using a photocopier to enlarge. Have fun!



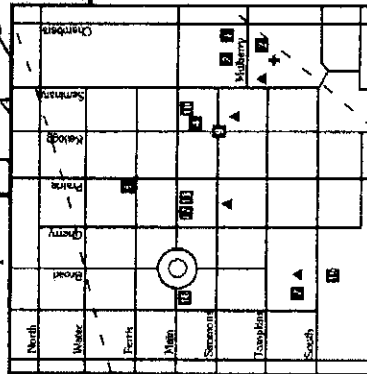
Nash Metropolitan Facts

The Metropolitan was designed and engineered by Nash (later merged with Hudson into American Motors) in 1950. The Metropolitan was built by Fisher & Ludlow Ltd. of Birmingham England. Two body styles were produced: a 2-door hardtop and a 2-door convertible. The engine was a 1500cc, 4-cylinder Austin A-30 manufactured by Austin Compny, Longbridge England. This was the same engine as in the original Austin Healey and MGB. The exterior of all models featured a two-tone paint job. The "Met" was manufactured from 1954 to 1962. The car was built for American tastes and all of the 94,986 produced were sold in the U.S. and Canada. This was the first time in automotive history that a car was designed in America and built in another country, England, for resale solely in the United States and Canada.



Be sure to notice the displays in the windows of downtown merchants in celebration of the 26th Annual Railroad Days!

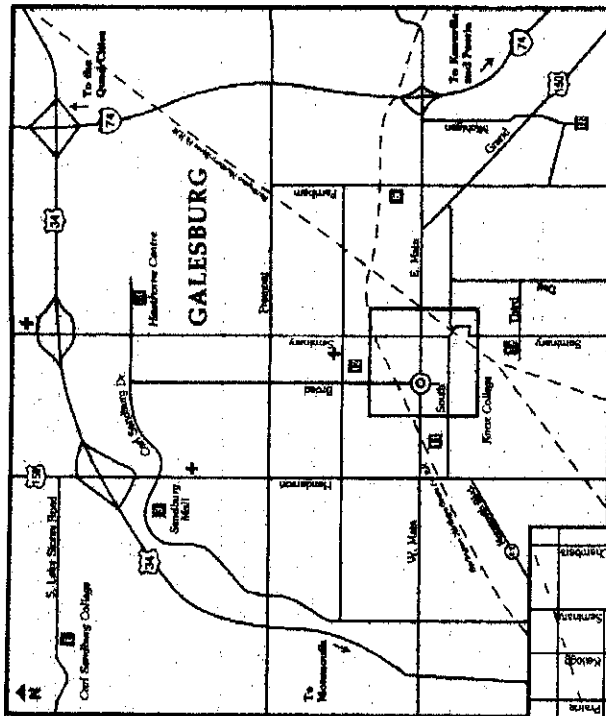
Downtown Detail Map



Free Bus Service
Ride the city buses free all day Saturday.

Shuttle Service

Sat. 9 am - 5 pm; Sun. 9 am - 5 pm Round-trip from the Amtrak Depot to Carl Sandburg College; departing every half hour from each location. Last pick-up at 5 pm both days. Sponsored by Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center.



Just in case ...
 + Galesburg College Hospital 3331 N. Sandburg Street 343-8131
 + Prompt Care 1707 N. Hendman Street 343-1000
 + OSF St. Mary Medical Center 3331 N. Sandburg Street 343-3161
 + St. Mary Cottage/Prompt Care Term. BNSF Depot

Information Centers

Fri. noon - 5 pm Sat. 7 am - 5 pm
 Sun. 9 am - 5 pm BNSF Amtrak Depot
 Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 5 pm Corner of Kellogg & Simmons, and at Carl Sandburg College.

First Aid Tent

Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 4:30 pm BNSF Amtrak Depot
 First aid, ice, ice water, shade, cots & information.
 Staffed by OSF St. Mary Medical Center, Galesburg Clinic, Prompt Care, and Galesburg College Hospital.
 Emergency Police Mobile Unit
 Corner of Simmons & Kellogg.

Lodging

- Best Western Prairie Inn 309-343-7151
- Comfort Inn of Galesburg..... 309-344-5445
- Country Inn & Suites..... 309-344-4444
- Days Inn Suites 309-344-1111
- Econo Inn..... 309-344-2401
- Fairfield Inn..... 309-344-1911
- Holiday Inn Express 309-343-7100
- Ramada Inn..... 309-343-9161
- Super 8 Motel - Galesburg 309-342-5174
- Super 8 Motel - Knoxville 309-289-2100
- Travelers Rest Inn..... 309-343-3191

Bed & Breakfasts

- The Barn, Dahinda 309-639-4408
- The Farnstock House 309-344-0270
- The Great House 309-342-8683
- Knox Station Bed & Rails, Knoxville 309-289-4047
- Seacord House 309-342-4107

Camping

- Lake Storey Allison Campground 309-344-1534
- Best Holiday Trav-L-Park 309-289-2267
- Shady Lakes 309-667-2709
- Whispering Oaks..... 309-876-2306



For visitor information, contact:

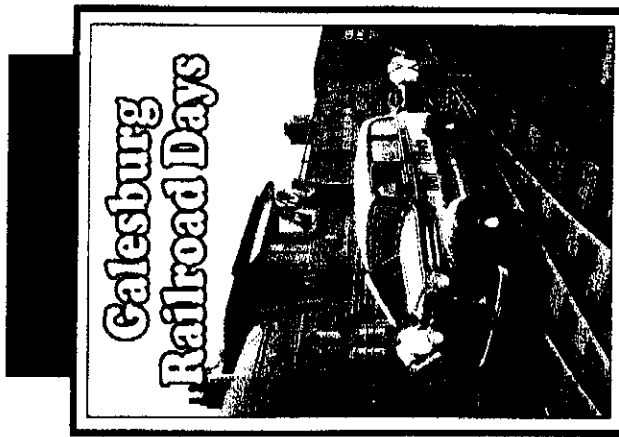
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Get Away To
GALESBURG
 ILLINOIS
 26th Annual
Railroad Days
 June 28-29, 2003



Galesburg Railroad Days

Thursday, June 26

Carnival
Thurs. 6:30 - 11 pm; Fri. 6 - 11 pm; Sat. 10 am - midnight Sun. noon - 5 pm. Located in downtown Galesburg. Enjoy rides, games, food.

Discovery Depot Children's Museum
Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 10 am - 3 pm; Sun. 1 - 4 pm
Corner of Chambers and Mulberry. Interactive exhibits and special make-and-take activities for children and adults. Caboose #12534 will be open for exploration.

Friday, June 27

Discovery Depot Children's Museum
Fri. 10 am - 3 pm
Corner of Chambers and Mulberry. See *Thursday's* description.

Galesburg Railroad Museum
Fri. 10 am - 5 pm
Colton Park, Mulberry St.
Meath Pullman car featuring displays of railroad memorabilia as well as a collection of rolling stock (engine, RPO baggage car & waycar) across the street. Retired railroaders and volunteers will be on hand to provide site interpretation. Activities also include an operating telegrapher's office and railroad items for sale under a tent.

Opening Ceremonies
Fri. 6 pm
Center Court, Sandburg Mall, 1150 W. Carl Sandburg Dr. Family fun and activities inside the Mall, including a balloon drop in center court. HO-scale model railroad operates continuously in the Mall's center court area.

"Strangers on a Train"
Fri. 7 pm
Orpheum Theatre. View this Hitchcock classic of two men who meet on a train and exchange murders to avoid motive and suspicion. Starring Robert Walker and Farley Granger, black and white film from 1951.

Prairie Players Beer Garden
Fri. & Sat. 8 pm - 12 am
Corner of Ferris & Prairie Streets. Live rock & roll bands all evening; featuring "Concrete" on Friday and "Second Mortgage" on Saturday. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, brats.

Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29

OAKS Flea Market & Dinner
Sat. & Sun. 8 am - 5 pm
176 North Farmham St.
Flea market, bake sale, crafts of all kinds; homemade chicken & noodle dinner (11 am - 5 pm) in our air-conditioned dining room.
Sponsored by the Older Americans of Knox, Inc.

Galesburg Historical Society Flea Market
Sat. 9 am - 3 pm
Standish Park. Flea market and sale. From antiques to collectibles and various other what-nots. Refreshments. *Sponsored by the Galesburg Historical Society.*

Galesburg Railroad Museum
Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 5 pm
Colton Park.
See *Friday's* description.

Model Train and Railroadiana Show

at Carl Sandburg College
Sat. 9 am - 5 pm; Sun. 10 am - 4 pm
Carl Sandburg College campus, S. Lake Shore Road.
This MUST SEE attraction has grown to become the largest event of its type in the Midwest during summer months. 30 model railroad layouts and exhibits and 80 dealers offering more than 250 tables of railroad-related items including antiques, apparel, art, books, collectibles, models & modeling supplies, photos & slides, videos & more. Lectures and video shows throughout both days. 900 free paved parking spaces and free shuttle bus service to the depot/museum area. Adult 2-day admission \$5, under 14 free.
All proceeds to Carl Sandburg College Foundation.

Street Fair
Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 5 pm
One block south of Main St., between Prairie and Seminary Streets. The area will be closed to traffic for the weekend and filled with a variety of booths and displays.

DGBA Sports Zone & Beer Garden
Sat. & Sun. 10 am - 5 pm
First Midwest Bank parking lot, 302 E. Main St. Food and Beer Garden, adult putting green with a chance to win \$10,000, basketball shootout contest with different age divisions, kiddie parade Sat. at 11 am, kiddie games. *Sponsored by Downtown Galesburg Business Association.*

Railroad Museum Commemorative Walkway
Sat. 11 am
Galesburg Railroad Museum, Colton Park. Unveiling of second phase of the Commemorative Walkway.

Car Show

Youth Art Exhibition

Sat. 11 am - 4 pm; Sun. 12 am - 3 pm
Orpheum Theatre. Exhibition of artwork created by local middle school and high school students.

Cemetery Walk

Sat. & Sun. 1 - 3 pm
Hope Cemetery, Academy & Main Streets. A historical walk as the former people of Galesburg give a brief history of their lives and that of the city and railroad. \$5—*Sponsored by Galesburg Christian School.*

Historical Tour of Homes

Sat. 1 - 4 pm
Tour historical century-old homes on Prairie Street in Galesburg. Tour begins at the Woman's Club, 516 N. Prairie and ends at the Club for refreshments. \$5—*Sponsored by Illinois Power Co., Gallatin River Communications, and Galesburg Woman's Club.*

Outdoor Music Concert

Sat. 7 - 11 pm
Park Plaza.
Featuring "The Mint," a contemporary rock band from Philadelphia. *Sponsored by Nieu West Coffee House.*

Children's Fun Run

Sat. 7 pm
Hawthorne Centre, N. Seminary St.
200 yard run/walk for children eight years of age and under; \$5 entry fee; must be registered to participate. *Sponsored by Dick Blick Co. in cooperation with the Galesburg Road Runners Club.*

Dick Blick Railroad Days Run/Walk

Sat. 7:15 pm, 1 mile run; 7:45 pm 5K and 10K run and 5K walk
Hawthorne Centre, N. Seminary St. Over-all and age group trophies awarded. Drawing for door prizes following the run (for registered participants). *Sponsored by the Dick Blick Co. and the Galesburg Road Runners Club.*

Prairie Players Beer Garden

Sat. 8 pm - 12 am
Corner of Ferris & Prairie Streets. See *Friday's* description.

18th Annual Showcase of Cars

Sat. 7:30 am - 5 pm
Standish Park
Western Illinois Antique Auto Club Car Show with cars and trucks from the 1930s to the present. *Sponsored by the Western Illinois Antique Car Club and OSF St. Mary Medical Center.*

Lit Hoop Contest

Sun. TBA
Orpheum Theatre.
Contest and prizes for age categories 3-6 years and 7-10 years. Call 345-4563 for more information. *Sponsored by Discovery Depot and Galesburg Cottage Hospital.*

Scenic & Historic Attractions Open for the Weekend

Carl Sandburg State Historic Site
Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 5 pm
331 East Third St.
Birthplace and museum of the poet's letters, books, and photographs. Enjoy the gift shop, park, folk singing, and refreshments.

Central Congregational Church

Sat. 10 am - 4 pm; Sun. 1 - 3 pm
Public Square.
Enjoy a guided tour of this 1896 church; emphasis on stained glass windows and historical leaders. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Discovery Depot Children's Museum

Fri.-Sat. 10 am - 3 pm; Sun. 1 - 4 pm
128 S. Chambers St.
Offering a variety of special make-and-take activities for children and adults.

Galesburg Civic Art Center

Sat. 10:30 am - 3 pm
114 East Main St.
"Exhibition Landscape: East Coast, West Coast" works depicting landscapes from both coasts. Fine arts and crafts gift gallery open.

Galesburg Railroad Museum

Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 5 pm
Colton Park.
Meath Pullman Car featuring displays of railroad memorabilia as well as a collection of rolling stock (engine, RPO baggage car & waycar) across the street.

Hope Cemetery

Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 4 pm
Academy & Main Streets.
"Walking Tour Map" available which includes early history, biographies and pictures of monuments for 130 city founders, early settlers, businessmen, civic leaders and people of fame.

Shackdale Soldier Citizen Museum

Sat. 9 am - 4 pm
1001 Michigan Ave.
Located in the Robert Dunlap Room of the Admiral James Stockdale Building, the museum has artifacts from the War of 1812 through Desert Storm.

"Old Main" Knox College

Sat. & Sun. 9 am - 1 pm
1 E. South St.
Take a tour of this national historic landmark, the only remaining site of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates.

Orpheum Theatre National Historic Site

Tours noon - 3pm, every 15 minutes. Step back into 1916 as you enter the opulent Orpheum Theatre. Constructed by theatre architects C.W. and George Kapp, Galesburg's Orpheum is one of only a handful of vaudeville theatres still in operation. Our fully guided tours take you from the dressing rooms to the projection booth in air-conditioned comfort. Enjoy a cold refreshment at our concession stand.

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Hi,

Just thought I'd remind everyone that the next get together of our ILLINI METS is in Galesburg, Illinois, for Railroad Days on June 29, 2003. The free car show is from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. It is held in Standish Park which is next to the Court house. Take Main Street to S. Cherry Street. Standish Park is 2 blocks from Main Street. Main street is an exit off I-74.

Railroad Days is actually a 4 day event in Galesburg. You can check out the activities on their website www.visitgalesburg.com

Hope to see some of you there!

Karen & Lowell

(Also see enclosed flyer on pages 5 & 6.)

Thanks for the directions to the park, Lowell!

Editor