

Model trains, talks, tours on tap

Clamshell Railroad Days set in Ilwaco

ILWACO, Wash. — Join the fun as the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum celebrates Clamshell Railroad Days on Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17 with expanded events and old favorites.

The \$5 admission fee includes a souvenir pin and museum entrance for two days; kids under 12 are free.

On Saturday, doors open at 10 a.m. with model train layouts hosted by the Peninsula Model Railroad Club. Guests will include the Mount Rainer N-Scale Club, the Portland Cascade

Z-Scale Club, and Dean and Donna Mead's fantastic Lego train, among others. Kids will love the Kids Craft Caboose.

Train Talks, a series of historic railroad lectures, will be presented by local railroad historians. Harry Bell will give the talk "The Car Builders Art: Uncovering a Pullman Treasure" at 11 a.m. Saturday. Mark Clemmens will give the talk "The Railroad that Ran by the Tides" at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Sunday's Train Talk by Gary Kobes, "Jetty Railroads" will take place at 1 p.m.

The railcar Nahcotta



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The railcar Nahcotta will be open for touring both Saturday and Sunday of the Clamshell Railroad Days.

will be open for touring both days. Members of

the Nahcotta Preservation Committee will be onsite to



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Learn about the Ilwaco wharf collapse at Clamshell Railroad Days.

talk about new findings and the ongoing preservation of the railcar.

The Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum is located

at 115 Lake St. S.E. For more information, call 360-642-3446 or visit columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org

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