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ALL ABOARD!

Grab your engineer's hat, gloves, and kids. Celebrate the days of the Baltimore Annapolis Short Line Railroad in West Annapolis. Special events to help you explore, shop, and dine as in the days of old.

West Annapolis is celebrating Maryland Day 2014 with a weekend full of activities tied to a railroad theme. The historic Baltimore and Annapolis Short Line Railroad ran from Bladen Street through West Annapolis and over the Severn River to Baltimore from 1887 until 1968. Activities organized by the West Annapolis Heritage Partnership and the West Annapolis Business Affiliation will start Friday night, March 21st and run through the weekend.

Friday, March 21, 2014 at 7:30 PM at West Annapolis Elementary School, 201 Annapolis Street. "Riding the Rails" a talk by Ken Rucker, National Capital Trolley Museum, on trains that once served Annapolis with a special focus on the B & A whose tracks still run through West Annapolis..

Saturday, March 22, 2014 (all stores open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM)

Special Events:

- Pick up your copy of the new *Walk the Village of West Annapolis: A Scavenger Hunt for History* at Wimsey Cove Maps & Art, 103 Annapolis St.
- 10:45-3:45: Ride the free Annapolis Trolley to and from West Annapolis, greeted each hour by a model from Retropolitan clothed in fashions from different decades – 1910-1960.
- 11:00-4:00: See the three models (dioramas) of the Bladen Street Station, Train on the Severn River Bridge, and the Severna Park Railroad Station, hand crafted by the Severna Park Railroad Club. Ask railroad questions of Mike Zitzmann, Hal Olson and Sam Shepherd (at Green Pedals, Wimsey Cove Maps & Art, and Cottonseed Glory on Annapolis St.).
- 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00. Re-live a day on the B&A with a talk by Sam Shepherd, historian of the B&A Trail at Cottonseed Glory, 104 Annapolis Street Lower Level.

Shop: Visit every store in West Annapolis and discover something to make your railroading day special, from everything to wear for travel (Wrayban, Retropolitan), gifts from around the world (Tiger's Eye), antiques and railroad china (Bon Vivant Antiques, West Annapolis Antiques), travel outfits for kids (The Giant Peach) and travel toys and activities (Tara's Gifts, Art Things). See the exhibit at West Annapolis Fine Works & Framing. Bring your bicycle to Green Pedals. Pick up a railroad map at Wimsey Cove Maps & Art.

Dine: Pack a picnic from the local produce at Graul's Market, grab a cookie or loaf of bread at Great Harvest, munch on a B&A Turkey Ruben at Regina's, or enjoy an exotic treat at the Mexican Café or Canton Restaurant.

Many stores will also be open on Sunday from 12 noon until 4 pm. Get a complete listing of the activities at www.westannapolisbusiness.com or at www.westannapolis/heritagepartnership.org or stop in at 103 Annapolis Street.