

NEWS RELEASE

East Windsor, CT – The Connecticut Trolley Museum will celebrate its 65th Anniversary in May with a special ceremony marking the dedication of the Teresalee Bertinuson Visitors Center. The building is being dedicated to Teresalee Bertinuson, a former State Representative from East Windsor.

"This organization celebrates its 65th Anniversary this year," said Louis Grimaldi, President of the Association. "By formally dedicating the building to Teresalee we want to recognize her tireless efforts on behalf of the Trolley Museum and our expansion program. This celebration is open to the public and it is our hope that many will come out and celebrate this momentous occasion with us," added Mr. Grimaldi.

In 1940 a group of trolley enthusiasts incorporated The Connecticut Electric Railway Association, the organization which operates the Connecticut Trolley Museum. The Museum has become the oldest Incorporated Museum dedicated to electric transportation in the USA. Its' mission is to preserve trolleys in operating condition for the historical benefit of future generations. Over 30,000 riders each year come to East Windsor to enjoy a ride in an antique streetcar and learn about life 100 years ago during the time of the trolleys.

The formal dedication of the Visitor's Center Building will be on May 22, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Invited guests include Mrs. Bertinuson and her family as well as other government officials and individuals who have helped the Connecticut Trolley Museum over the years. A plaque will be formally unveiled dedicating the building and other awards will be given out at the ceremony. Entertainment from a live singing group is planned as well. After the ceremony Ms. Bertinuson and friends will be taken on a commemorative trolley ride in one of the Museum's 80-year-old trolley cars. Special 65th Anniversary Tokens have been minted to commemorate the special occasion.

Visitors to the Museum that day will also be able to tour the grounds and learn how antique trolley cars are restored and operated. Volunteers will explain how trolleys and trains are operated. On display will be some of the oldest trolley cars still in existence, which date back in time from over 110 years ago.

The Connecticut Trolley Museum is located at 58 North Road, East Windsor Connecticut. The organization which runs the Museum, The Connecticut Electric Railway Association is the oldest incorporated museum of electric transport in the USA.

The Connecticut Fire Museum is also located on the same property. Both Museums are open on weekends during May, and then after Memorial Day will be open every day except Tuesday. The telephone number of the Museum is 860-627-6540. The website address is www.CT-Trolley.org.