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B&O Railroad Museum Announces the Opening of
“The War Came By Train”
Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of Civil War Railroading

The Civil War was the first major conflict where railroads played a prominent role, and the B&O was the major line that straddled a divided country. Between April 19, 1861 (The Baltimore Riot of 1861) and April 21, 1865 (Lincoln’s funeral train leaving Baltimore for Illinois), the B&O stood as witness and participant in the greatest conflict the United States has ever faced. The story that the B&O Railroad Museum can tell better than any other organization on earth is the story of how railroads and railroaders shaped the course of American history during at pivotal moments of the conflict. Prominent Maryland historian and author Daniel Carroll Toomey (The Civil War in Maryland, Baltimore During the Civil War, et al) has been retained by the Museum as Guest Curator for the exhibition.

The War Came By Train opens at the B&O Railroad Museum on Friday, April 15, 2011. This five-year commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War will feature:

- **The National Landmark Roundhouse**: The largest assemblage of Civil War railroad equipment in the world including eight locomotives and cars that served during the war, interpretive signage, video presentations, and life-size historic dioramas. Locomotives to be presented include The William Mason (1858), The Thatcher Perkins (1863), The Atlantic (1832), The Memnon (1848), The John Hancock (1835), and the Pioneer (1851) on loan from the Smithsonian Institution. Kid-friendly interactive exhibits will engage children in learning about Civil War railroads.

- **The Alex. Brown & Sons Gallery**: An exhibition space that will change annually to correspond with a war year (i.e. 2011 will focus on 1861). The exhibits will feature significant artifacts from the Smithsonian’s collection, the museum’s collection, and the collections of other institutions and private collectors in the region. Many of these artifacts will be on public exhibit for the first time.

- **Train Ride**: A narrated train ride to and from the museum’s Whistle-stop Gateway terminal, located in front of the 18th century Mount Clare Mansion and the site of Camp Carroll, the largest Union soldier encampment in Baltimore.

- **B&O TV Network and Website**: During The War Came By Train, these media will create online access to schedules of events, school-oriented curricula, and programming content directly related to the exhibits at the B&O. The website, which receives more than 3.5 million hits per year, will provide distance access to educational materials, archival images, schedules, and program news. The B&O TV Network, hosted by TV’s Michael Gross, will produce episodes about different ways the railroad impacted the war.

- **Ellicott City Station**: The program will include a major exhibit in the museum’s main gallery, monthly scholarly presentations related to railroading during the war, living history interpreters providing educational interactions, special events featuring Civil War period music and Civil War re-enactors, and a HO scale model layout that demonstrates the connection between Ellicott City Station, Baltimore, and strategically important transportation fixtures in the surrounding area.
About the B&O Railroad Museum:
The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture, and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most important and comprehensive collection of American railroad artifacts in the world including an unparalleled roster of 19th and 20th century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse, and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. For further information on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit www.borail.org

About the B&O Railroad Museum Ellicott City Station:
The B&O Railroad Museum Ellicott City Station is the oldest railroad station in America! Completed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in 1831, this National Historic Landmark is the perfect complement to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum’s Baltimore campus. Ellicott City Station showcases the people who built and operated America’s first railroad, tells stories of soldiers and citizens caught in the turmoil of Civil War and highlights the clash of technology that transformed America’s transportation systems from Roads to Rails.

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