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Restored Thatcher Perkins Steam Locomotive Returns to Historic Roundhouse of the B&O Railroad Museum

WHAT: February 17, 2010 marked the seventh anniversary of the historic Roundhouse roof collapse at the B&O Railroad Museum. One of America’s most loved steam engines, the Thatcher Perkins was one of the twenty-two locomotives that were severely damaged in the historic Baltimore snowfall of 2003. Today the B&O Railroad Museum is proud to announce the completion of the restoration of this historic locomotive and its return to the Roundhouse. The locomotive will be unveiled and commemorated by the museum’s executive director, Courtney Wilson and chief curator, David Shackelford on the morning of Saturday, March 13. To honor the efforts of the Museum’s restoration team, public programs on the engine’s restoration will take place throughout the day.

Thatcher Perkins, B&O’s Master of Machinery, designed this locomotive in 1863. It is one of eleven “Perkins Ten Wheelers” produced. During the Civil War it replaced engines that were damaged or stolen and hauled Union troops and war material during the last three years of the War. Most of its working life, #147 never carried the name, “Thatcher Perkins.” The name and the locomotive number 117 were applied for the B&O’s 1927 Centennial, The Fair of the Iron Horse, to honor its designer. It has been meticulously restored and presented as its original number #147.

WHEN: Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 8:30am – 10:00am
WHERE:    Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum
         901 West Pratt Street
         Baltimore, Maryland 21223
         410-752-2490
         FREE PARKING

NOTES:    The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, a full 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 comprehensive
collection of railroad artifacts in the Western Hemisphere 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
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