

# THE MAGIC AGE OF STEAM

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- \* Operating Steam Museum
- \* Auburn Valley Miniature Steam Railroad
- \* Old-Time Amusements
- \* Largest Collection of Stanley Steam Cars in the World

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## SIXTH ANNUAL "OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS" TO BE BETTER THAN EVER

In addition to the regular dates for this popular annual event during Christmas week, December 26 through December 30, the MAGIC AGE OF STEAM will also be open for an additional Sunday this year, January 2, 1977.

Located 2 miles from Hockessin on Route 82 in Yorklyn at the Pennsylvania-Delaware Line, the fun-filled facilities will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. on Sundays (Dec. 26 and Jan. 2), and from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday (Dec. 27 through Dec. 30).

The tiny steam train ride through the frosty air is always a winter delight for young and old alike. The route goes around the grounds of the old Victorian mansion, every window of which is lit by an electric candle (70 windows!), past lighted lawn displays and Christmas trees, over trestles, through the long tunnel, along the tiny lake, and past the passenger stations of Lakeside Park and West Yorklyn, bringing yuletide joy to all happy passengers. This train claims to run on the smallest commercial railroad in the world, the AUBURN VALLEY, with a track gauge only 7½" wide, its miniature coal-burning locomotives capable of pulling 25 to 30 people at one time.

The Museum, as usual, will be the center of attention, and again will be a holiday treat. A completely-rebuilt standard-gauge Lionel electric train lay-out, larger than ever, with 16 electric switches, will be the main feature. Nothing in this lay-out is less than 37 years old, as this old "tin plate" gauge was discontinued before 1940. There are also operating "0" gauge trains, including the one-of-a-kind circular railway to the sky, with eight laps over each other as the 1929-vintage train climbs to the top. Old-time toys, mechanical banks, dolls, steam engines actually operating on steam, and the now-famous steam-powered Christmas tree, are some of the other special holiday exhibits in the Museum. And, yes, the CARS are still there- the largest collection of steam-powered automobiles in the world, with 15 Stanleys, a White, a Toledo, and a Doble Steam Car all on view.

With your Christmas visit to the Magic Age of Steam is included free steam-made popcorn from a 50-year-old Cretors popper, and hot chocolate to take off that winter chill. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 2 to 12 years of age. For details call (302) 239-4410.