

SUMMER 2020

The Conductor



The Official Newsletter of Durand Union Station Inc.



STAN DUNGEROW
RAILROAD PERSON OF THE YEAR
2020-21

STAN DUNGEROW: RAILROAD PERSON OF THE YEAR

Stan Dungerow was a trainmaster for the Grand Trunk and Canadian National for 27 years.

A Vietnam Veteran, Stan hired into the clerks' office on March 16, 1970. By his own recollection, he trained and worked in every clerical job the railroad had at the time, some of which he cannot even remember!

In the mid-seventies he began work as an "extra" yardmaster, supervising all the car switching at a terminal like Durand or another in the region.

He was then promoted to Relief Assistant Trainmaster, filling in as needed in the supervision of all operations at the Durand terminal. He did this work in addition to his clerical position, occasionally working 16 to 24 hour shifts!

In the mid eighties he was promoted to Assistant Trainmaster and became the de-facto trainmaster at Durand until 1987. Stan retired in 1997.

He received two letters of commendation during his time on the railroad: once for sealing a cap on a leaking tank car from Dow Chemical, and once for stopping a runaway freight car in Durand, climbing aboard and applying the hand brake just inches from traffic on Oak Street!

Congratulations, Stan! We'll have a proper celebration for you at Railroad Days 2021!

ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS

Durand Union Station's Annual Meeting took place virtually over Zoom this year, recapping the events of 2019, discussing our vision for 2020 and beyond, and holding our board elections. The election for the board of directors resulted in the following: Mike Rexin as President, Dave Harrell as Secretary, and Denny McLane and Madeline Dietrich in At Large positions.

The meeting also served to celebrate our wonderful volunteers, who generously donate so much of their time, work, and expertise to the Depot and its programming. The board also awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award at this meeting.

In 2019, DUSI saw over 6,770 hours in volunteer time donated, which is valued at \$170,381.00!

JAN AND JERRY BECKER, VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

The Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019 went to Jan and Jerry Becker of DeWitt for their fantastic work in the Archives.

Jan worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation and now helps identify videotapes from the library collection that are worth digitizing.

Jerry worked for the New York/Penn Central Railroad as well as MDOT, and shares his expertise on any number of curious unknowns in the Archive.

Thank you to our 2020/21 Sustaining Members!

Andrew Messina
Dr. Rajiva Tirtha
Cliff Semple
Todd Acker
Mr. and Mrs. Peter
Hollinshead
Mr. and Mrs.
Martin Rowell
Indian Trails Inc
Shaw's Pharmacy
JW Lyon

Lifetime Member:
Mr. Stan Dungerow

**INTERESTED IN
BECOMING A
SUSTAINING
MEMBER?**

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OFFICE AT 989-
288-3561 TO FIND
OUT MORE!**

CN RAILROADERS IN THE COMMUNITY

THANK YOU FOR
DONATING YOUR
TIME AND GRANT
FUNDING.

SCOTT SMITH
JERRY MOWEN
DON GRAY
DAVE LEWIS
JIM VANDENDRIES
ROD BAKER



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AT DURAND UNION STATION

Are you interested in being a volunteer at DUSI? We are looking for individuals who would like to help in the archives, office, library, gift shop, information desk, groundskeeping or would like to be a docent! Please call the office at (989) 288-3561 for more information.

Become a member of Durand Union Station Inc. !

Members have the benefits of a 10% giftshop discount, voting privileges for board members, extra chances to win money at our annual fall raffle, and advance notice of Depot events.

Durand Farmers Market

**FARM FRESH LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE EVERY
WEDNESDAY 2PM TO 7PM**

New vendors welcome
call Mollie at 989-666-1051



The Durand Farmer's Market has a long standing history serving the Durand community for 38 years. Opening every summer at the end of May and running through mid October, the market hosted by Durand Union Station Inc brings a variety of vendors from across mid-Michigan. With this years change in market hours to afternoon & evening foot traffic has exceeded 300 people per week.

Thank you to Blight Propane, Wanda Lamphere, and Operation Life Saver for this year's sponsorship.

HEY, MIKE! TIM AND MIKE! WHAT DID YOU GUYS DO DURING COVID?

Following an idea originally pitched by Mackenzie Maxson, Tim and Mike spent two weeks during August selecting more than 75 pieces of artwork and photography from the Museum Archive to display on the walls of the Lobby and Museum Gallery.



DURAND UNION STATION, INC'S



ANNUAL FALL RAFFLE

*Thursday, October
15th at 6:00pm*

**MORE PRIZES!
MORE CHANCES TO
WIN!**

**GRAND PRIZE
\$2,500**

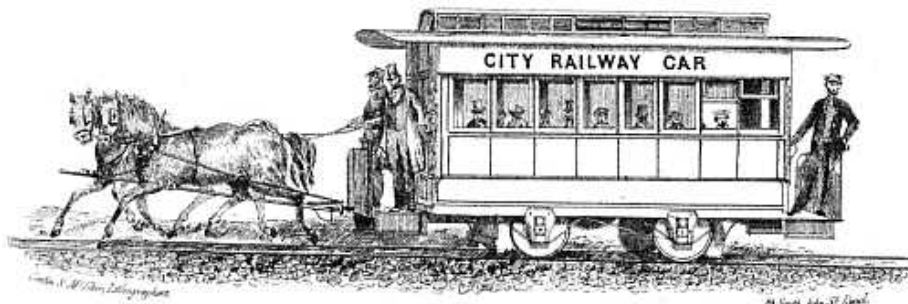
2ND PRIZE	\$1,500
3RD PRIZE	\$1,000
4TH PRIZE	\$750
5TH PRIZE	\$500
6TH PRIZE	\$350
7TH PRIZE	\$250
8TH PRIZE	\$150

Due to capacity restrictions, we will not be serving dinner this year. We will be drawing more cash & gift prizes throughout the night.

**AFFORDABLE AND FUN WAY TO SUPPORT
MICHIGAN RAILROAD HISTORY AND YOUR LOCAL
NONPROFIT! CALL 989-288-3561 TO GET YOUR
TICKET TODAY!**

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the first trains were horse-drawn?
Steam powered locomotives came shortly thereafter!



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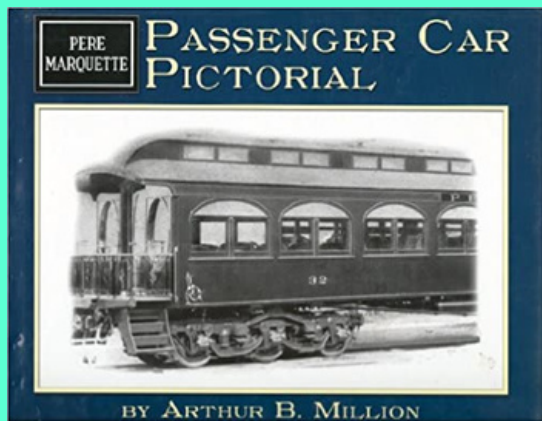
RECENT EPISODES

020: What is a Hobo?
018: Who is Elizabeth Wehman?
015: What is a Carferry?
014: What is the Orphan Train?
011: Wherein We Just Had a
Production Meeting and
Recorded It



DURAND UNION STATION BOOK CLUB

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ONLINE AT MKT.COM/DUSI



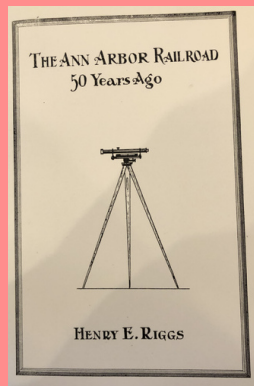
#1566
**Pere Marquette
Passenger Car Pictorial**
by Arthur B. Million
\$20.00

Celebrate the glory of the classic era with this curated look at PM's passenger cars. Half of the proceeds go to the Pere Marquette Historical Society.



#1516
"The Year the Stars Fell"
by Elizabeth Wehman
\$19.00

The start of a new historical fiction series, taking place in our county!



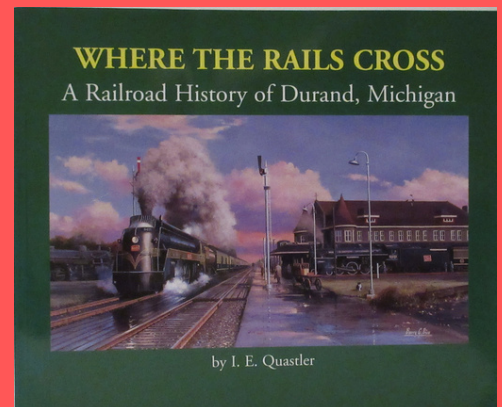
#1501
**"The Ann Arbor Railroad:
50 Years Ago"**
by Henry Earle Riggs
\$5.00

A history of the Ann Arbor, written by the namesake of our reference library!



#1518
"Just a Train Ride"
by Elizabeth Wehman
\$19.00

A tale of sorrow and reminiscence, told between Chicago and Lapeer.



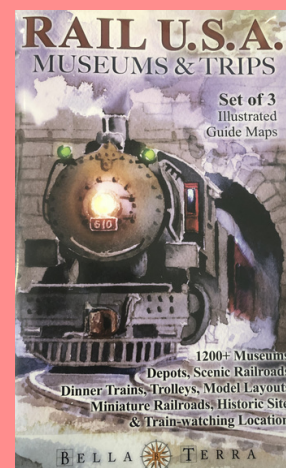
#1565
"Where the Rails Cross"
by I.E. Quastler
\$50.00

The definitive history of the railroad in Durand and of Durand in general, back in print!



#1502
**"The Great Wallace Show
Train Wreck"**
\$5.00

An account of what happened in August 1903, as told by compiled newspaper records from our Archive.



#1505
Rail USA Museums Map
\$25.60

Visit all the rail museums in the United States with this set of specially curated maps!



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