



McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA - 2024

The Park

- ▶ 40 acres
- ▶ 3 relocated stations
- ▶ Railroad Museum
- ▶ Trains of all sizes
 - ▶ Z
 - ▶ N
 - ▶ HO / HOn3
 - ▶ O
 - ▶ G
 - ▶ 7.5" gauge
 - ▶ 15" gauge
 - ▶ 1:1

Roald Amundsen Pullman Car

Scottsdale Railroad Museum

Model Railroad Pavilion (10,000 SF)

Arizona's Merci Car

15" gauge railroad

7.5" gauge railroad (not shown)



1:1 Scale – 2-6-0



1:1 Scale – Santa Fe Baggage



1:1 Scale – Roald Amundsen Pullman



1:1 Scale Roald Amundsen Pullman

- ▶ Presidential rail car
 - ▶ Hoover
 - ▶ F. D. Roosevelt
 - ▶ Truman
 - ▶ Eisenhower
- ▶ What became NORAD agreement was signed on this car in 1940
- ▶ Built 1928
- ▶ National register of historic places - 2009



1:1 Scale – Roald Amundsen Pullman



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Merci Train



Merci Train

- ▶ 1947 – Drew Pearson article describing European post-war hardships
- ▶ US “Friendship Train”
 - ▶ 250 (700) railroad cars of food and aid to France & Italy
- ▶ Italian response
 - ▶ Film “Thanks, America”
 - ▶ Four statues
- ▶ French response in 1949
 - ▶ Merci Train – 49 WWI era surplus boxcars – 40 x 8's – one for each state
 - ▶ Filled with gifts and signs of gratitude



Arizona's Merci Train Gifts

- ▶ Peugeot bicycle
- ▶ Military helmets
- ▶ Elegant silk wedding gown
- ▶ 60 windup toy Renault cars
- ▶ Handmade lace bonnet
- ▶ Mother of pearl fan
- ▶ Many accompanied by emotional notes

- ▶ North Dakota's State Historical Society has photos of 100's of gifts



Arizona's Merci Train Gifts

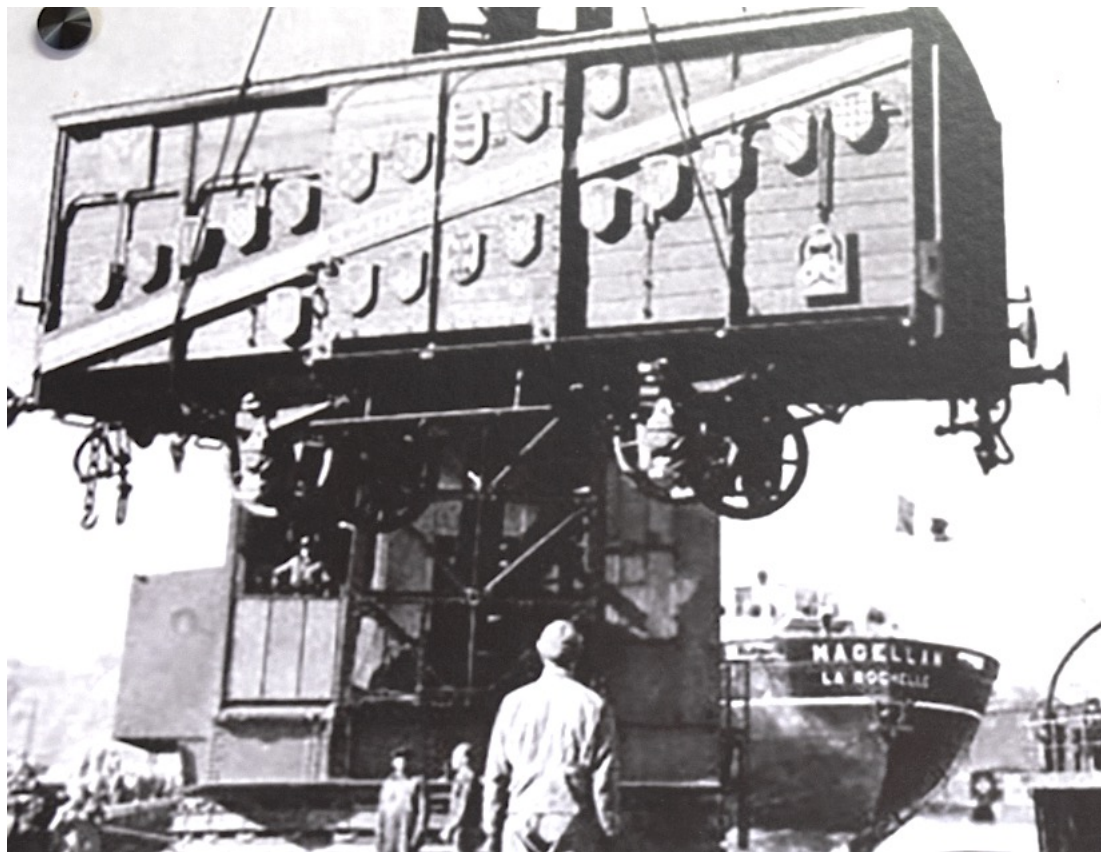
- ▶ Note dated November 13, 1948 – attached to small gold-framed portrait of a nun
- ▶ “I offer this gladly to our savior, America. The Nun was, in Napoleon’s Day, Mother Superior at the Convent of Rheims. She was my mother’s great aunt & the attached picture was given to the nun by her nephew on his return from a campaign under the great Napoleon ... My best wishes and friendship to the American people from an old Parisian lady.”

“Long live the Friendship Train!”

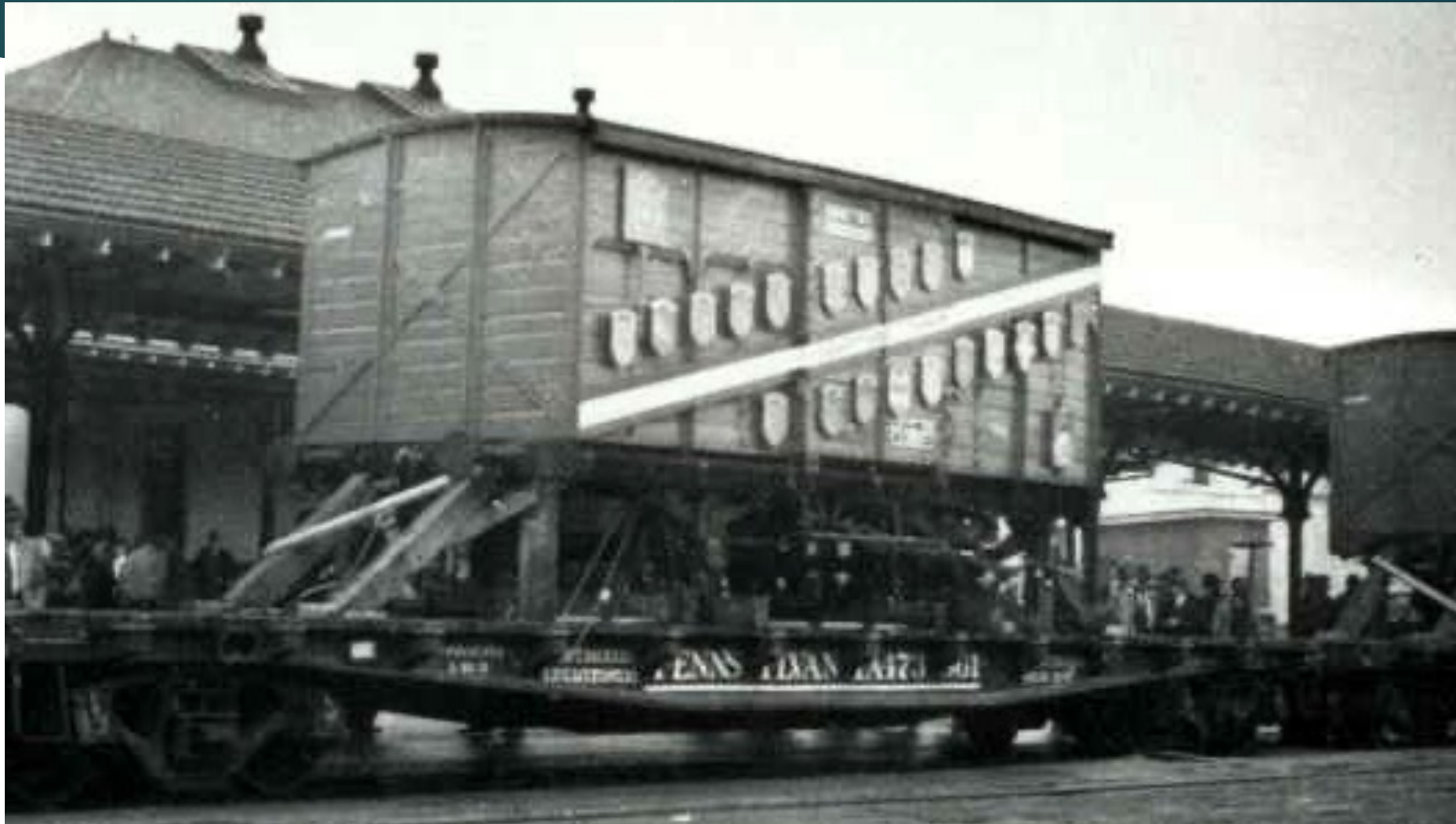
- ▶ Moved to park in 1987
- ▶ 1989 restored



Unloading



Transport (Different Guage from US)



South Carolina's Merci Train Car

► Bishopville, SC



Model Railroads

- ▶ 3 main layouts
 - ▶ N, HO, O
 - ▶ 1280 S.F. each
- ▶ 50 S.F. Z-scale
- ▶ Small overhead G-scale
- ▶ 4 model railroad clubs



Model Railroads



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Scottsdale Live Steamers

- ▶ 1/8 Scale
- ▶ 7.5" Gauge
- ▶ 5,000 Feet
- ▶ Tunnel
- ▶ Trestle
- ▶ Reversing Loop



5:12 Narrow Gauge (15")



More Info

- ▶ <https://www.therailroadpark.com>
- ▶ mercitrain.org
- ▶ <https://www.history.nd.gov/fgt/index.html>
 - ▶ Click “Launch Interactive Exhibit”