

# A transportation tradition enters third year

OcTrolleyFest, now in its third year, celebrates the transportation heritage of Darby, Yeadon, Colwyn and neighboring Southwest Philadelphia.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., a 1947 vintage PCCII will make a circuit around a loop between Yeadon and the Elmwood depot, with events taking place at various venues around the loop. Riding the trolley is free, space permitting, and tickets are not needed.

Sites around the loop include the Blue Bell Inn on Cobbs Creek, scene of a Revolutionary War battle and site of Pennsylvania's first water powered mill built by Swedes before 1646, Darby Library, America's oldest public library chartered in 1743, Darby Fire Company No. 1, established in 1775 and home to the antique "Darby Ram" and the "Shiffler."

Stars of the Negro Baseball League will sign autographs in Yeadon at the site of Hilldale Park, home of the 1925 World

Champion Hilldales at noon, and people can enter to win a rain barrel and other prizes at the Darby Village Green Fair at 8th and Main in Darby from 10:30 to 3 p.m. People are encouraged to dress as their favorite historical person.

At 12:15, kids can make Superhero Scarecrows at the Darby Resource Center at 9th and Main in Darby and participate in the Pumpkin Promenade

at 2 p.m. Also offered is a flea market at BVM Church, pictures with Pumpkin Man, and a mini-train ride for a \$1.

A highlight this year will be van tours at 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. from the Darby Library to the graves of trolley desegregation activists William Still and Octavius V. Catto.

Call 610-583-0788 or visit [www.octolleyfest.org](http://www.octolleyfest.org) for information.

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