

N.C. Transportation Museum **News Release**

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Make Dad an Engineer for an Hour at the N.C. Transportation Museum

SPENCER, N.C. — This Father’s Day, don’t buy Dad another necktie or coffee mug; instead, make him one of the first to become an engineer for an hour at the N.C. Transportation Museum (NCTM). The NCTM is introducing “Tracks of an Engineer,” a program that will give ordinary dads and rail fans the opportunity to be an engineer and operate a diesel locomotive.

The engineer-to-be will attend a 45-minute training session on how to safely operate a diesel locomotive. Instructors will guide the trainee through proper locomotive handling and crew communications. During Dad’s engineering debut, he will operate either a GP-9 road switcher or a Fairbanks-Morse switch engine around the NCTM tracks.

The NCTM offers a one-hour “Tracks of an Engineer” operating package for \$225 or a two-hour package for \$300. All packages include a free, one-year membership to the NCTM (a \$35 value), cab ride photo session, engineer’s hat, official certificate signed by the NCTM Road Foreman of Engines, and a life-time of bragging rites. “Tracks of an Engineer” operators must be 18 years old, have a valid driver’s license and sign a release form.

Don’t make Dad suffer through another boring Father’s Day. This year, give him the ticket to follow the “Tracks of an Engineer.” For more information call 704-636-2889 ext. 232, or visit www.nctrans.org. The N.C. Transportation Museum is part of the Division of State Historic Sites, Department of Cultural Resources, a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina’s arts, history and culture. For more information about the Department of Cultural Resources visit www.ncculture.com.

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The North Carolina Transportation Museum, located in historic Spencer Shops, the former Southern Railway repair facility for steam locomotives, is part of the Division of

State Historic Sites, Department of Cultural Resources. The museum offers free admission and is conveniently located just a few minutes off Exit 79 from I-85 in Spencer, N.C., and about an hour from Charlotte, Greensboro or Winston-Salem.

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