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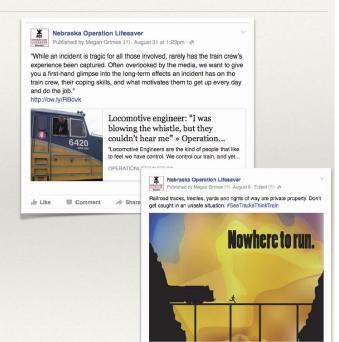
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Meeting with Nebraska City Public Officials - 9/9/2015

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Above: Harold Jones drives the scale-model train in the Crete Chamber of Commerce Children's Halloween parade in 2010. Below, left to right (Courtesy Photos/Tom Parker): A crowd begins to gather in Milford for train rides on Saturday. Jones and his daughter Terrie Brown stand with the train on its final run. Jones' crew has included Ed Howard (left) since the beginning and Tom Parker (center) has

Jones' railroad makes final run

K.C. Jones Memorial Railroad created lasting memories for three decades

It would be hard to find was its final run under Jones' any Crete native under 30 years old who has never ridden on the K.C. Jones Memorial Railroad.

For 29 years, Harold Jones, of Crete, has operated his scale-model Burlington Northern locomotive and accompanying cars for local festivals, school and community events. He's taken it around the country, too - all in the mission to bring joy to children.

Jones has sold the train to SMART Transportation Division in Omaha. SMART stands for the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers. The train's appearance in Milford on Saturday

ownership.

The train was built by Burlington Northern in 1976 at the Havelock shop in Lincoln and used for promotional events. Jones acquired the train in 1986 and since then it has been a staple of local and regional parades as well as making important appearances at children's events and camps.

Jones moved to Crete in 1960 as a missile tracking radar operator at the missile base east of Crete. He then worked for Appleby Chevrolet until 1964 when he began employment at the Sheldon Station power plant in Hallam. He retired in 1990.

Jones first took his min-

iature train to Camp Quality, a camp for children with cancer in Missouri in 1991. Then began a long campaign to help raise funds and bring a similar camp to Nebraska.

Friend Tom Parker, a Crete native who moved back about six years ago, has helped Jones transport the train to events and also driven the vehicle in recent

"I drove the train for two and a half hours straight on Saturday," Parker said.
"There were just more and more children lined up to

This was typical and fitting for Jones' train, which tends to attract children and raise the level of excitement

wherever it goes. Standard events for Crete area children in recent years were the Chamber Halloween parade and Crete Area Medical Center community picnic.

Parker said Jones never charged for rides and at most was probably only given a stipend for his fuel costs. In Milford, the train was sponsored by Jones Bank.

"He's been to Amarillo, Chicago and everywhere in between." Parker said.

(The Crete News is looking for readers with local memories of Jones' train and events it took part in during his 29 years of operation. Please contact our office, or email newsdesl@cretenews.net with information.)





