



Restoration of the Pere Marquette Railway
Steam Locomotive No. 1225, Owosso

Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation, Inc.

The restoration of Pere Marquette Railway Steam Locomotive No. 1225 brought together railroad enthusiasts from around the country—either as financial donors or as volunteers who contributed time to the project.

The Michigan State Trust for Railway Preservation raised more than a half a million dollars for the project, including a \$300,000 Transportation Enhancement Grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation. In addition, volunteers donated more than 20,000 hours working on the rebuilding of the engine, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Original factory blueprints from 1941 were used to replicate parts.

In November 2013 the restored locomotive took passengers on the first of many rides. The initial outings transported more than 5,000 youths and adults on weekend excursions. Locomotive No. 1225 served as the sound and image model for the train in the movie the *Polar Express*, but to the citizens of Owosso, it is more than a movie icon: it is a tourist destination and a source of pride for the community.