

Yes, I want to help preserve and restore The La Crosse Short Line Railroad.

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Membership

- Annual \$10.00
- * Lifetime \$100.00
- Donation \$ _____
- Yes, I would like to volunteer for restoration and fund raising activities and events.

As a member, you will receive:

- Membership card
- Newsletter containing news and information about our restoration efforts
- Invitation to annual meeting and dinner
- Free access to the La Crosse Short Line Display during fund raising events

LIFETIME members receive:

- An Engineers cap
- Lifetime membership pin
- Lifetime membership card
- * Lifetime membership can also be attained by maintaining your annual membership for ten years

We are a non-profit organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

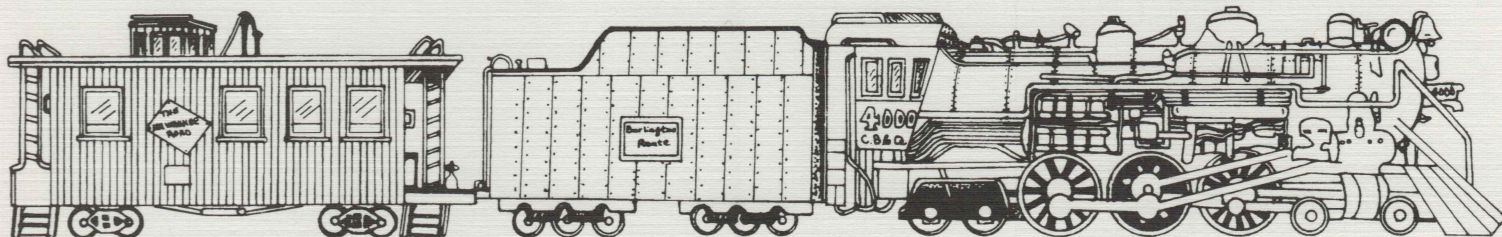
Due to the civic nature of our activities, The IRS has declared that your donations, and your membership dues, whether annual or lifetime, are fully deductible.

Please make your check payable to:

The 4000 Foundation, Limited, and mail to:

The 4000 Foundation, Limited
P.O. Box 3411
La Crosse, WI 54602

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Preserving La Crosse's Railroad Heritage.

Aeolus

Locomotive No. 4000 was built in 1930 by the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia, for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. Originally numbered 3002, the locomotive was one of twelve S-4 Hudson-type (4-6-4) engines on the Burlington.

In 1937, the locomotive was upgraded with roller bearings, light weight side and main rods, and other improvements, streamlined to look like a diesel engine, and reclassified as an S-4A. The locomotive was renumbered 4000 and named *Aeolus* - "Keeper of the Winds," from Greek mythology. The 4000 served as a backup for the newly-introduced Burlington *Zephyr* passenger trains, often powering trains through La Crosse.

Railroad crews nicknamed the 4000 "Big Alice the Goon," after the character of the same name in the then-popular "Popeye" comic strip.

The stainless steel outer shroud was removed in 1942. Looking much as "she" does now, the 4000 ran in regular service until 1955. After one last special run in 1956, "Big Alice" was placed back in storage — and nearly scrapped. Desiring to preserve a piece of railroad history, a group of La Crosse area railroaders and enthusiasts organized as The La Crosse Short Line Railroad Company. They asked The CB&Q to donate The 4000 to the city of La Crosse. After a two year fund raising campaign, the locomotive and Milwaukee Road caboose were placed on display at Copeland Park in 1963.

Caboose 0359

Donated by the CMStP&P (Milwaukee Road), caboose 0359 was built in 1883 at the railroad's Dubuque, Iowa shops, and last served as a "drover's caboose" (for attendants accompanying livestock shipments). When retired, in 1961, the 0359 was one of only three wooden cabooses still in service on The Milwaukee Road.

Grand Crossing Tower

In 1991, with the support of the Preservation Alliance of La Crosse and The La Crosse County Historical Society, The 4000 Foundation lead the "Save the Tower" fund raising campaign to secure and remove the Grand Crossing interlocking tower to Copeland Park to become part of The La Crosse Short Line display. Protecting the "grand crossing" of four railroads — The Milwaukee, The Burlington, The Green Bay, and The North Western — the current tower was built in 1928 to replace the original structure, which was destroyed in a train wreck.

When closed in January 1991, Grand Crossing tower was the last *manually* operated "strong arm" interlocking tower in Wisconsin. Replaced by modern centralized traffic control technology, the two-story wooden tower was donated for preservation by the Soo Line Railroad, successor to The Milwaukee Road.

The 4000 Foundation

In November, 1989 a group of concerned citizens and railroad enthusiasts formed The 4000 Foundation, Limited, a non-profit foundation dedicated to preserving and restoring the La Crosse Short Line Railroad display in Copeland Park. The 4000 Foundation is also responsible for publication of the book "Grand Crossings" Railroad-ing and people in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Rail Fair

Rail Fair, held annually in July at Copeland Park, is our most visible and entertaining fund raising event. For that one day each year, The La Crosse Short Line comes to life! The display is open for tours, The 4000's whistle blows. Telegraphers pound out Morse code train orders and messages. Railroaders and enthusiasts relive the golden age of railroading in the locomotive cab, caboose cupola and tower office. In the shelter a railroad show and sale features model and toy trains, memorabilia, railroad exhibits and displays, along with food and entertainment. Plan to attend!

*Join The 4000 Foundation, Limited
And Help Us Maintain and Restore
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