

# **MENASHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND-RAISING APPEAL**

Please let me re-introduce myself to you,

I was born in 1921 in Michigan City, IN after working for almost 50 years, I was allowed to retire gracefully. I wasn't given a gold watch then, but rather a fresh coat of paint by the Wisconsin Central Railroad in 1973 to commemorate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary before finding me a retirement home in Smith Park in Menasha.

## **I AM YOUR LITTLE RED CABOOSE.**

I was very fortunate to be chosen for this honor as one of the last of an extinct breed and given a home in this jewel of Menasha parks. I hope I may have added a bit more sparkle to that jewel. Most of my sisters have disappeared because of obsolescence, never to be seen again, but thanks to the Wisconsin Central Railroad and the City of Menasha I am a lone survivor.

Unfortunately, I don't look as good as I once did and that is the reason for this letter. I have stood outdoors in the sun and the elements for over 40 years and they have taken their toll. My bright work isn't bright anymore, my paint is badly faded and cracked, my metal has gotten rusty and vandals have done their worst. This old blue-collar worker needs help and I hope that you can aid in my recovery. The **Menasha Historical Society** has taken on the responsibility for my care but they have very limited resources and need your help. My face-lift requires approximately \$14,000 in repairs and restoration, which will begin prior to the completion of our fund raising efforts.

Please look into your hearts and pocketbooks and see if you can help me feel fresh and proud again. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope in which to send your donation to:

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These photos show some of the exterior paint and surface deterioration that needs to be restored.



**Grab Rails**



**Entry to Living Quarters**



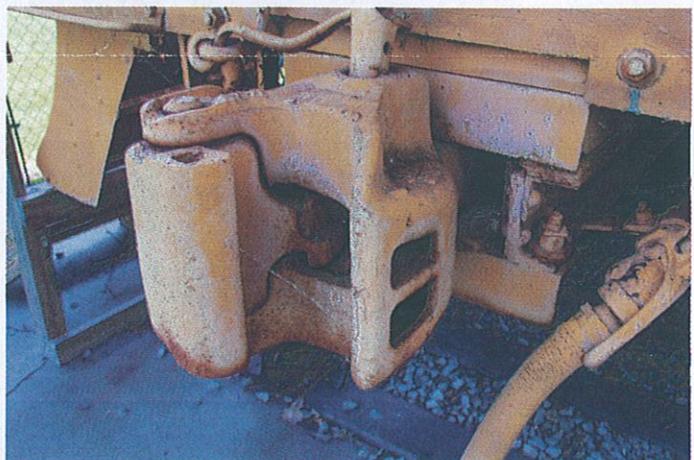
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