

June Speaker for the Friends of Fort Trumbull Evokes a Nostalgic Era in Travel

The Trolley

**Folks with picnic baskets gaily climbed aboard
Carfare was a nickel, which pleasure could afford:
Nothing for the young-ones, half for those half-grown;
Fastest ride and breeziest a child had ever known.**

Who does not remember Judy Garland and the incomparable “The Trolley Song”?

**“Buzz, buzz, buzz went the buzzer
Plop, plop, plop went the wheels...
Ding, ding, ding went the bell.”**



On June 27, 2019, the Friends of Fort Trumbull will welcome Tom Laurenson the Head of the Speakers Bureau at the Shore Line Trolley Museum in East Haven, Connecticut.

Mr. Laurenson, a native of Scotland, moved to the U.S. in 2001. After a stint on the West Coast, he eventually settled in Branford, Ct, becoming a conductor at the Shore Line Trolley Museum. Mr. Laurenson’s specialties are public speaking and radio program production.

Founded in 1945, the Shore Line Trolley Museum was established to preserve the history of the trolley car. Operating as the Branford Electric Railway, the museum boasts a collection of nearly 100 vintage vehicles as well as artifacts and documents from the trolley era. From the late 1800s through the mid-20th century, trolleys provided an affordable, convenient way to travel around town and between towns. They provided clean, fast, and reliable public transportation.

In addition to tours of the museum and a ride on a vintage trolley, groups can also reserve a “Party” trolley car for special events such as birthday parties and special events throughout the year. These educational trips help both children and adults develop an understanding of this Golden Age of Transportation.

The public is welcome to attend this free presentation, at 7 p.m., at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center. New members are always welcome. Come early as seating is limited. Bring a friend, stay for refreshments, and get to know us. More information about the Fort and the Friends of Fort Trumbull is available on Facebook at Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park.