



MSM OPERATES SPECIAL HALLOWEEN TROLLEYS AT CHSL AND ESL

The special events that our Museum operates each year at both demonstration railways have become significant sources of revenue. Both the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line and the Excelsior Streetcar Line operate special halloween trolleys—CHSL since 1999 and ESL since 2004. The Como-Harriet “Ghost Trolley” is a self-contained operation with Museum volunteers in scary costumes and make-up doing their best to provide a good show for the riders on the Ghost Trolley. New to CHSL this year was the Farmer Ken’s Pumpkin Patch trolley. This was the first time we operated the pumpkin patch trolley and it turned out to be a huge success.

The ESL Halloween Trolley is a different story. ESL’s Halloween Trolley is an extravaganza that is organized by the local Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society and features dozens of volunteers all dressed-up with the intent to scare those who deign to ride the Museum’s two trolleys down the haunted Excelsior tracks. The photos on these pages offer a brief glimpse of these very important special operations.



(Above) Three-hundred pumpkins came up from North Mankato in **Jim Willmore’s** truck. Here we see some of the Tuesday Crew transferring the pumpkins to flat cars so they can head north to the site of Farmer Ken’s pumpkin patch. (*Jim Vaitkunas photo*)



(Above) Here’s Farmer Ken’s pumpkin patch at CHSL’s northern terminus at Lake Calhoun (seen in the background). A carload of passengers just alighted from the streetcar and are picking out their pumpkins. (*Jim Vaitkunas photo*)



(Above) Between arrivals of the streetcar some passengers got paint-on tattoos. Here’s **Angela Frerichs** doing just that. (*Jim Vaitkunas photo*)



(Above) This photo shows farmer **Ken Albrecht**, who made a personal appearance at the pumpkin patch on Saturday, 10/25/08. Ken is chatting with some happy passengers. (*Jim Vaitkunas photo*)



(Above left) Now, is this a happy passenger or what? This little fellow had a hard time holding onto his big pumpkin. We got very positive comments about the pumpkin trolley from kids and their parents alike and we hope to do it again next year.

(Above right) As reported by **Rod Eaton** in the November-December issue of the *Streetcar Currents* we sold all 300 pumpkins we had on hand, despite the cold and rainy day on Sunday. Saturday, however, was cool but sunny—perfect pumpkin trolley weather! You can just see **Aaron Isaacs'** hat on the left as he assists with boarding a large and happy bunch of passengers. (Both photos by *Jim Vaitkunas*)



(Above left) The stars of this year's ghost trolley at CHSL were **Dave French** and **Mike Helde**. Here we see Mike going about his work of scaring those passengers who dared to ride the ghost trolley. (*Liz Rolfsmeier photo*)

(Above right) And here's **Dave French** examining a passenger's brain that he just removed. Dave: we need those passengers! (*Liz Rolfsmeier photo*)

(Left) This photo shows "The Count", better known as **Karl Jones**, hamming it up for the photographer. As you can see, the waiting passengers are really scared of Karl. (*Photo by Liz Rolfsmeier*)



EXCELSIOR STREETCAR LINE HALLOWEEN TROLLEY

ESL's Halloween trolley is a great event featuring multiple scenes and actors scattered along ESL's one-half mile line. This series of photos really doesn't do justice to the great scenes and the hard work by the actors. This year's ESL Halloween Trolley saw just over 1,300 passengers take a ride to the dark side. This was the first year we used both streetcars for ESL's Halloween Trolley and Boo-seum. *(All photos by Denn Evans)*



(Above) Here's **Bruce Kobs** with two of the lovely ladies of Excelsior who dressed up for the Halloween Trolley and Boo-seum.

(Above) And here's **Denn Evans** surrounded by other lovely ladies all dressed up and ready to scare(?) our passengers.