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CAR WASH at SEASHORE TROLLEY MUSEUM May 6, 2011

Kennebunkport – There will be a car wash at Seashore Trolley Museum on Friday, May 6th – a trolley car wash that is. From 9 a.m. until 1 p. m. Thornton Academy Middle School (TAMS) sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students and staff will be providing a community service for Seashore Trolley Museum.

The students and staff of TAMS will be preparing the Museum's campus and its collections for its 72nd season by rotating through several separate "stations" all the while learning to care for antique trolleys and buses that have played an important role in our country's transportation history. Stations include tours of the Museum campus as well as work areas such as washing, sweeping, and dusting historic transportation vehicles. Tours will include visits to the Restoration Shop, the exhibit, *History in Motion: Public Transportation Connecting Maine Communities*, and to the new developing Civil Rights exhibit, *A Seat for Everyone: Public Transportation Weaving the Fabric of Society*. All students will take a trolley ride on the Museum's railway.

The Museum's historic railway runs for 3 miles along the Arundel-Kennebunkport-Biddeford portion of the Atlantic Shore line Railway, which operated from 1904 to 1927. Throughout that time, the Atlantic Shore Line was an essential transportation link carrying residents and tourists to work, school, as well as recreation and shopping destinations.

Thornton Academy upper school students who are enrolled in the TATV program will be documenting the various activities as TAMS students move through the Museum campus. TATV is a program for students who have a passion for creative video work and for broadcast journalism.

TATV receives content for airing from the Art of Broadcasting and Advanced Art of Broadcasting classes, the City of Saco, and non-profit organizations that have educational content to share. As an extra-curricular activity, TATV currently produces 4 shows that are aired on channel 3 in Saco, Maine as well as tapings for the school sports games.

This Service-Learning experience is proudly sponsored by Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution with additional support provided by: Arundel Market, Poland Spring Water Company, and Hannaford Supermarket of Saco.

Thornton Academy Middle School or TAMS is a place where youngsters thrive in a close-knit and supportive community. TAMS serves students in grades 6-8 with 22 experienced teachers and staff, including an on-site guidance counselor. To learn more or to inquire about a school tour, call 207-282-3361, ext. 331. www.thorntonacademy.org

Trolley Museum hours: Starting May 7 – open weekends only through Memorial Day 10 AM to 5 PM.
Open Daily 10 AM to 5 PM from Memorial Day through Columbus Day and then weekends only until the end of October. Regular admission: Adults - \$8; Children 6 to 16 - \$5.50; Seniors - \$6; Children under 5 – Free. Admission includes unlimited railway rides. Last trolley ride leaves at 4:15 PM.

Seashore Trolley Museum is located at 195 Log Cabin Road in Kennebunkport (3 miles north of Dock Square). For more Information, call 207-967-2800 or go online to www.trolleymuseum.org.

Seashore Trolley Museum is the oldest and largest museum of its type in the world and has been in operation since 1939. The museum is owned and operated by New England Electric Railway Historical Society, a 501c3 non-profit educational institution.

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