

## BILL WIMMER:

### *Legendary Railroad Engineer and Collector*

- 50-year career with Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Chicago & Northwestern Railway.
- 2007 Railraoder of the Year
- As VP of Engineering at UPRR, he oversaw all aspects of the engineering process including design, construction, maintenance, signals, track programs, and structure.


### Engineering Accomplishments

- Leading initiatives to standardize track materials.
- Spearheading triple track construction in Nebraska.
- Directing construction of the Alameda Corridor trench, the Reno Trench project, the Marysville, KS bypass, and the double-tracking of the Sunset Corridor.
- Helping develop high-performance track laying machines, unloading systems, ballast distribution systems, tamping machings, & high-speed geometry cars.

### The Collector

- Throughout his career, Bill and his wife Judy collected historic railroad artifacts from across the country.
- Their skillful eye for preservation has created a remarkable museum in their home, showcasing treasures of railroad history that otherwise would be forgotten.



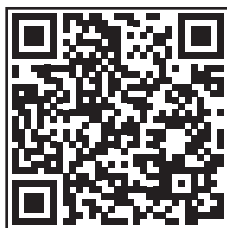
 The first train depot in Nebraska was built for the Omaha and Southern Railroad and later served as the Burlington Railroad Depot.



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## Do you know About One of the Nation's Preeminent Railroad Collections?




### Collection Highlights

- Electric Train Model City
- Union Pacific Plymouth Industrial Locomotive
- Historic 100-year-old handcars
- Union Pacific section maintenance car
- Telephone operator's switchboard
- Railroad communication signals
- Dining sets of railroad china
- Engineering tools
- Railroad safety materials
- Switcher diesel engine



 Bill Wimmer climbing on board an EC-1, Union Pacific's first track geometry car.

**In order to house this vast collection,** the Sarpy County Museum plans to expand into a new building that will better highlight the railroad's impact on the county, region, and nation. Blending history, engineering, science, technology, and art, the Wimmer Collection will tell the story of how the railroad enabled the growth of a nation.

 Railroad artifacts from the Wimmer Collection

Bill Wimmer in 2007 working for Union Pacific Railroad. 

**"Accepting the Wimmer Railroad Collection and expanding the museum into a true educational center is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."**

— Fred Uhe  
Sarpy County Tourism Director



## Museum Features

- Professionally curated display of one of the country's top private railroad collections
- Restored historic train depot and railroad cars
- Expanded military history exhibits
- Improved educational displays and activities
- Featured exhibits on Sarpy County heritage
- Capacity for traveling/rotating exhibitions
- Enhanced outdoor space for programs, activities, and parking

**To preserve this preeminent collection, we ask for your support.** You understand the importance of the railroads in the building of this country, and in its continued vitality. Supporting this project will ensure future generations learn about the accomplishments of the railroad industry. A Railroader's Fund was established to recognize generous donors who make early gifts.

### Details

- Both cash gifts and pledges count toward the Railroader's Fund. Pledges can be made over three years.
- All Railroader's Fund donors will be recognized at the new museum, in print and online.
- All donations are eligible for naming recognitions and can be increased with additional contributions.

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