Steam Whistle Expo Planned Sept. 28-29

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The mission of the Great Stone Viaduct Historical Education Society in Bellaire is to preserve the viaduct and, in turn, Bellaire’s rail history.

Next month, the society plans the first of what members hope will be an annual event — the 2013 Celebration and Steam Whistle Exposition. It will be held Sept. 28-29 at the Mellott Memorial Library and on the grounds of Belmont Community Health Center.

The steam whistle expo portion of the two-day event will be held 1-6 p.m. Sept. 28 and noon to 3 p.m. Sept. 29. Whistles of all shapes and sizes will be available for viewing and will be joined by a traveling musical Horn Assemblage from Pittsburgh. Both live and compressed air demonstrations will be featured.

Two local scale train modelers will be on hand to demonstrate their building techniques and show off some of their prior creations. Lawrence “Yogi” Wallace of Bellaire and Wheeling’s John Bowman will feature their work.

On Sept. 28, Music at the Arches will be held from 6-8 p.m. to close out the first day’s festivities. It will be conducted by the Shadyside Community Band. Also that day, from 1-4 p.m. a car show will be held in the upper parking lots of Bellaire Community Health Center.

Admission is free.