



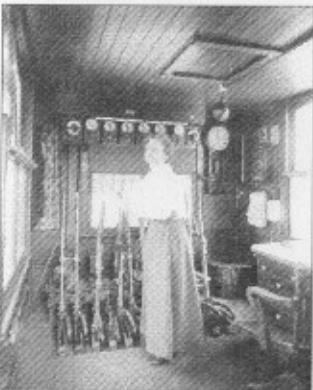
North Judson Tower – Gone..



Knox Tower – Gone..



Hamlet Tower – Gone..



Grasselli Tower

Inside Grasselli
Lever Bed ▶



Could you help us?

Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum in North Judson is given an opportunity by the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Co., of Hammond, Indiana to acquire a very unique piece of railroad history... One of the very last in northern Indiana.

Its called a mechanical interlocking tower – its name is Grasselli Tower.

It contains late nineteenth century technology, based upon the Saxby and Farmer interlocking machine of 1874. An interlocking tower's purpose was to safely control the movements of trains through the junction of intersecting railroad lines. Many small towns in rural America had railroad towers where two railroads or more, would have crossed each other. Women as well as men worked the towers and were called operators or levermen.

Grasselli Tower was recently decommissioned and offered to HVRM. The IHB Railroad has put a deadline to remove the tower from the property. It's too large to move in one piece and will require the expertise of a qualified experienced firm to dismantle, transport and re-erect the tower back at HVRM in North Judson. The cost to do this project is \$50,000. Funds we just don't have, and neither the timeframe available to do the long-term fundraising that would normally be employed for such a project. We've decided to ask the help of our friends, neighbors, supporters, railroad fans, and fellow citizens of our region of Indiana - if you would like to contribute towards this unique project?

Below is a cut-out form if you should choose to make a contribution towards this project. HVRM is a non-profit organization and operates under the stewardship of many dedicated volunteers. We thank you for taking the time to read about this project and considering helping out with a financial gift.



LaCrosse Tower – Gone..



Wellsboro Tower – Gone..



DeLong Tower – Gone..

Mark Knebel, Sec.

Grasselli Tower Project

Yes, I would like to help...

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