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ACTUAL RAILROAD TRAIN TO COLLECT TOYS FOR TOTS IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY DECEMBER 12-13

On December 12-13, 2009, the Military Transport Association will run a special train in Northern New Jersey to collect donated toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation. Along the route, the train will stop at ten locations where members of the public can drop off toys, board the train to see Santa Claus, experience a variety of working railroad equipment, and meet members of the Marine Corps and MTA.

Four railroads are loaning engines, rolling stock, and use of their tracks to Operation Toy Train. They are the Morristown & Erie, New York, Susquehanna & Western, Norfolk Southern, and New Jersey Transit. In addition to the Marines Corps Reserve and Military Transport Association, volunteers from the Volunteer Railroaders Association will help run the event.

Members of the public are encouraged to drop off new, unwrapped toys at various collection points along the route in the first two weeks of December. At each stop, one or more businesses or organizations has a large collection box. The web site lists all the toy drop-off locations. Go to swapmeetsdave.com/Toytrain/

On Saturday, December 12, the train will stop in Flanders, Ledgewood, Dover, and Rockaway. On Sunday, December 13, the train will stop in Maywood, Hawthorne, Wharton Dike, Wycoff, Franklin Lakes, Pompton Lakes, and Butler. The schedule of stops is on the web site.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community where the campaign is conducted.