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Rocky Springs Carousel Association Signs Memorandum of Agreement with Choo Choo Barn Foundation

*Agreement establishes framework to bring the Rocky Springs Carousel
closer to operational status once again.*

Lancaster, PA – June 16, 2026 - The Rocky Springs Carousel Association (RSCA) is proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with Gary Russell and the Choo Choo Barn Foundation (CCBF), marking a significant milestone in the ongoing preservation and future restoration efforts of the historic Rocky Springs Dentzel Carousel.

The Memorandum of Agreement provides a path forward to fulfilling the Association's mission of finding a partner and location to restore and operate the historic carousel here in Lancaster County.

Now more than 125 years old, the Rocky Springs Dentzel Carousel aka the Stoner Carousel, represents a rare and irreplaceable piece of American carousel history. The carousel is one of the few remaining historic Dentzel carousels.

For years, RSCA has remained dedicated to preserving one of Lancaster County's treasured historic attractions and protecting the legacy of the Rocky Springs Carousel for future generations. Through the hard work of volunteers, board members, donors, and community supporters, the organization has achieved numerous accomplishments despite many challenges along the way.

"This agreement reflects years of perseverance, dedication, and belief in preserving this historic carousel," said Tracy Artus, President of RSCA. "We are incredibly grateful to Gary Russell and the Choo Choo Barn Foundation for their partnership, support, and shared vision for creating a future home where this treasured carousel can once again be appreciated by the public."

Gary Russell and the CCBF have worked alongside RSCA for more than 18 months to help provide support for preservation efforts, storage logistics, and future planning discussions regarding restoration and public display opportunities.

“This is not the end of the journey — it is the beginning of an exciting new chapter,” Artus added. “Together, we are building a path forward that honors the history of the Rocky Springs Carousel aka the Stoner Carousel, while creating opportunities for future generations to experience and enjoy this remarkable piece of Lancaster County history.”

Announcements regarding restoration, fundraising initiatives, volunteer opportunities, and future public events will be shared in the coming months.

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