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1880s:



This great photo, provided by direct descendents of David Chidester, shows a pair of binoculars, the engineer's bell, and the pilot's compass used aboard the sidewheeler "Keystone" through the 1880s. The binocs and compass' use are obvious. The bell, perhaps less so. The pilot would signal

his intention to the engineer by ringing his bell. The engineer would then signal back that he understood the message by ringing back. I'd guess that it saved a lot of shouting over the course of the summer. Photo © and courtesy of Murray and Edward Chidester.

1900s:



Authur Lowrie Sr. at the Park - 1904 [Frank Miklos](#) sent in this beautiful picture of his Grandfather sitting on a steam train at Exposition Park. The date? Why, 2 days after his 6th birthday - July 27, 1904. The little fellow sure is smiling and who the heck can blame him, being an engineer on a train and all. Look closely and you can see smoke rising from the stack of this *real* steam engine which was, without a

doubt, fairly warm to the touch.

Located in the grassy area just to the north of the Hotel Conneaut - or Park Hotel as it was likely known then, the little, circular railway and roller coaster that can be seen in the background were taken down around 1911 or so.

1920s:



Family and a Steam Powered Outing - about 1925. *Photo marked (in at least 3 different hands) "Mother and Bert, Mrs. Leslie, Outing Coal Fired Steam Boiler.* This