

The Ghost Train Journal



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Photo taken March 22nd shows the latest progress with rail on the turntable bridge. Rail from the turntable to the roundhouse should begin soon. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Bruce Clouette presents an electronic slide show on the Norwich & Westerly Railway. Very interesting talk along with some great historic images. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 4/13/08 - Model Train & Die Cast Show - Windham High 10:00AM - 3:00PM
- 4/20/08 - Monthly membership meeting at Windham Memorial Hospital - 7PM
- 5/3/08 - Museum Opens with Heritage Metal Fest 9:00AM
- 5/4/08 - Monthly business meeting at Windham Memorial Hospital - 7PM
- 5/17/08 - 5th Annual R/W Fest - see info inside
- 5/18/08 - Monthly membership meeting at Windham Memorial Hospital - 7PM
- 6/8/08 - Turntable Dedication Ceremony Sunday 1:30PM - More details in future issues GTJ
- 6/14/08 - Photo Night Shoot - Look for more details in future issues of GTJ

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The next scheduled meeting of the Connecticut Eastern Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will be held at Windham Memorial Hospital on

Sunday, Apr. 20, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

Turn of the Century

The date has been set for our next major event. It's a special ceremony to dedicate the completion of the turntable. A special committee is currently planning the day's events and a schedule will be published in the next GTJ. The ceremony is scheduled to take place at 1:30PM on Sunday June 8, 2008. The restored standard gauge Armstrong turntable and associated roundhouse at our museum will become one of only a few such working combinations in the United States.



A pretty heavy discussion takes place regarding the workings of the rocker mechanism. Mark Granville is taking a closer look. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Special Sunday Workdays Announced

In order to get all of the tasks necessary on the turntable bridge and the roundhouse special workdays have been announced which will take place on Sundays as follows;

April 20, 2008, May 4, 2008, and May 18, 2008.

Spring 2008

Any questions please contact Mark Granville

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5th Annual RiverFest

The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce and the Willimantic Whitewater Partnership will be holding their 5th annual event on Saturday, May 17, 2008. The RiverFest will take place at the Railroad Museum on bridge St. in Willimantic, CT., with some events taking place at 'The Future Home of the Whitewater Park' on Bridge St. The RiverFest will be from 9:30AM – 4:00PM with most Aevents starting and ending at the Railroad Museum. The RiverFest's main events will be from 12:00 noon to 4:00PM.

Train Show – Items Wanted

There will be a White Elephant Table at the Train Show. Numerous railroad related items are needed, such as,

- 1 – railroad magazines
- 2- model train sets
- 3 – loose rolling stock, track, etc.
- 4- old insulators

Please leave items at museum before Train Show or bring to Train Show on April 13, 2008. Deadline for drop off at Museum will be April 6, 2008.

Do You Remember the last Time a Steam Engine Passed through Willimantic?



On January 22, 1992 the Valley Railroad's Chinese built steam engine renumbered 142 made a brief water stop at Bridge St. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Around the Museum



This view from inside the roundhouse shows the rail on the turntable bridge. Soon we will be able to see equipment move in and out of the roundhouse. Come see June 8th at 1:30PM. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This photo shows Bill Bouchelle, Andy Fischer, and Mark Granville working on the rail on turntable bridge. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Don't Forget Metal Fest Sat. – May 3, 2008 9AM – Sharp!



Jeff Laverty, Mark Granville, and Bill Bouchelle continue to align the rails on the turntable bridge. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Rolf Johnson makes sure the museum's band saw works correctly in the machine shop section of the roundhouse. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Bob Hassett with 'Big Blue' moves timber into Pit No. 4 for eventual placement. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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Here is an unusual view of the finished rail on the turntable bridge. (Andy Fischer Photo)



Mark Granville and Bill Bouchelle work on tying rail down to turntable bridge. (Andy Fischer Photo)



Bob Hassett moves another timber into Pit No. 4 as Dick Arnold looks on. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Walt Dumas and Duke York get ready to move timbers into position in Pit No. 4. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



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Track Work Continues Along the Air Line



Mark Granville spreads ballast as Art Hall, Jr. tamps around one of the museum's switches. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

More Rail Cutting



The sparks fly as our rail saw cuts through a piece of rail on turntable bridge. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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The 25 Tonner Basks In the Spring Sun



The Museum's 25 ton locomotives basks in the Spring sun about six weeks before the museum opens for its 2008 season. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Time Capsule - ??????



This undated photo shows New Haven No. 1371 sitting at the end of line at Colchester, CT.



This undated photo shows a New Haven freight train moving through the center of Rockville, CT. (Charles Palmer Photo)

Boston & Maine Budd Cars at New London, CT.



A Boston & Maine Railroad Budd Car excursion sits near turntable pit at New London, CT. during Oct. 1972

Latest on Rail Bus On the inside



The seats inside railbus are just about completed as shown in this photo. (Robert A. LaMayPhoto)