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Museum Hit Again!



Once again the museum was on the receiving end of more vandalism. Fortunately most of the damage was in the form of some very bad artwork on our FL9. (Photo by Adrian Atkins)

New Entrance Sign Installed



Rolf Johnson and Bob Hassett work on putting the museum's new sign at the Bridge St. entrance. See complete story and more photos inside. (RA LaMay Photo)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
5/1/2010 - Museum Opens for 2010 Season with Heritage Metal Fest 9:00AM - 4:00PM
5/2/2010 - Monthly business meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
5/16/2010 - Monthly membership meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
5/30/2010 - Mass Bay Railroad Enthusiasts visit museum
6/6/2010 - Monthly business meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
6/27/2010 - Monthly membership meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM

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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, May 16, 2010 @ 7:00 PM**

Please note! If you have photos, short articles, or just want to make a comment – please forward them to:
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From the Editor's Desk...

Robert A. LaMay - Editor

There's a lot going on at the museum. A group of college students recently visited the museum and helped with the parking lot garden project and also helped clean-up the museum grounds in anticipation of opening May 1st. The Governor will visit the museum April 30th to show her support because of all the recent vandalism. Many long hours were spent by a select few of our membership in the clean-up to make our opening more positive. Kudos go out to all who helped. We now have a new brighter sign at the bridge St. entrance. See full story in this issue. Numerous projects are on-going and require all sorts of skills. So **no matter** what your skill level is – please come down and work on one of these projects.

An open invite – anyone wishing to have their photos published in the newsletter please feel free to come down and take a few newsworthy photos. Forward your digital photos to me for inclusion in future newsletters.

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New Signage for Museum Entrance

By Adrian Atkins

At a meeting last fall the question was brought up as to what could we do to improve our entrance off Bridge St. We considered putting a caboose in the area to attract attention. It's a great idea but unfortunately there wasn't enough land area. Janet Atkins volunteered to get a new sign made.

Ideas were discussed with Jan McCollum, a member and professional sign painter. A design was developed in the mode of a 1900's locomotive. Decisions were made, a piece of steel plate was located, and the design was transferred and cut by Paul Shamonis II and Steve Melady. In the winter months Jan located some wood pieces for the 'Railroad' and 'Museum' portions of the sign and the painting was started.

When the sign was ready to be installed, the weekday work crew completed the job. Bob Hassett, Rolf Johnson, Adrian Atkins, and Walt Dumas hoisted, climbed, and drilled to place the sign on the former posts. There is still a little more painting to be done on the posts which now hold a significant sign to high light the museum entrance. As you'll see the sign looks great – come on down and take a look. Thanks Janet for moving this project along.

New Museum Sign



Steve Melady grinds the rough edges of the sign's locomotive outline. (Adrian Atkins Photo)



Jan McCollum puts the colors on the new entrance sign for the museum. (Adrian Atkins Photo)

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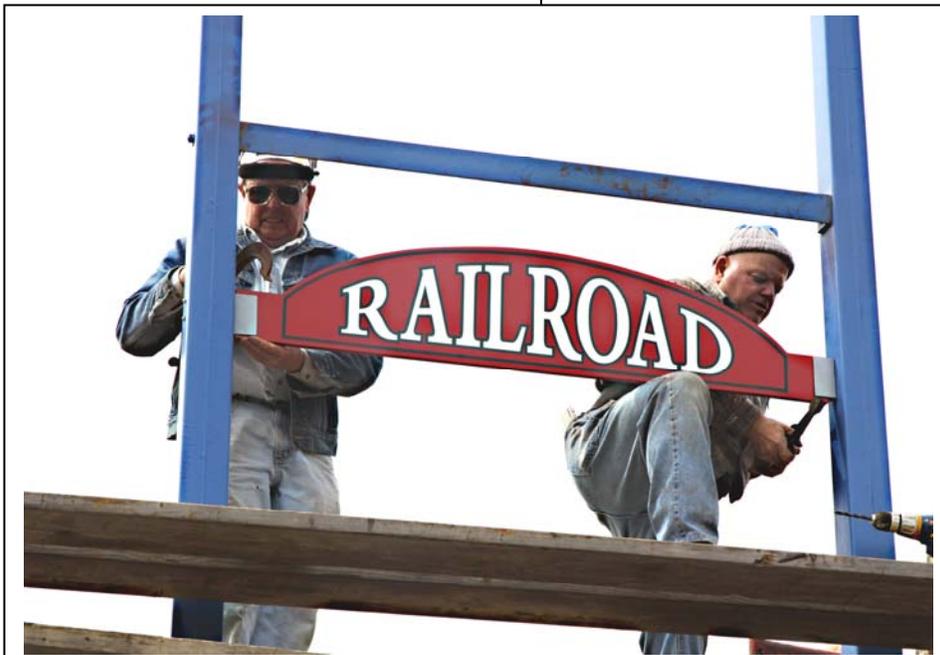
Bob Hassett, Adrian Atkins, Rolf Johnson, and Walt Dumas work on the putting new brackets on the posts so the new sign can be installed. (RA LaMay Photo)



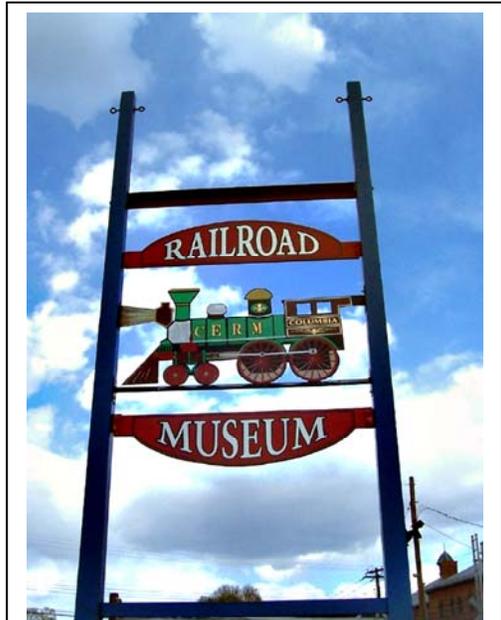
Bob Hassett works on the installation of the new sign brackets. (RA LaMay Photo)



Making sure everything lines up before the final 'Museum' section of the sign is installed. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Rolf Johnson (L) and Adrian Atkins secure the 'Railroad' section of the new sign at the Bridge Street entrance to the museum. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



The finished sign which now stands at the Bridge Street entrance of the museum. (Adrian Atkins Photo)

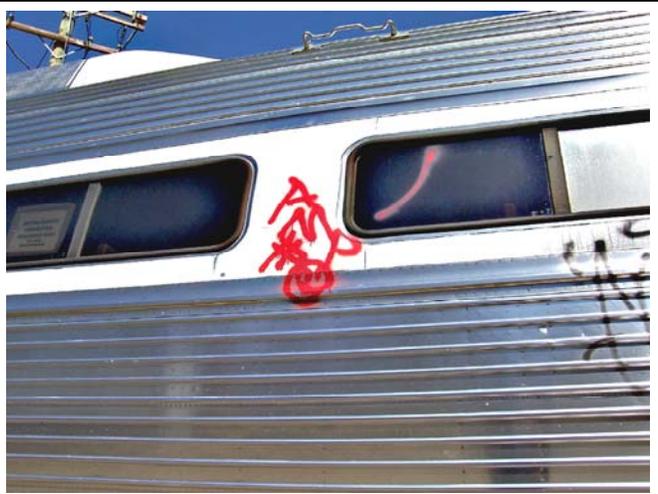
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Adrian Atkins works in smoothing the new concrete being poured during the rebuilding and reconstruction of Pit no. 2. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Our SPV 2000 received its share of graffiti during the latest vandalism to hit the museum. (Adrian Atkins Photo)



Steve Melady does some welding on the battery boxes of our SW8 diesel switcher. (Adrian Atkins Photo)

Photo at the right shows Dick Arnold (L) and Duke York (R) discussing the next stage of the restoration of the Central Vermont No. 4052 caboose. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



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