

The Ghost Train Journal



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2nd Annual Railroad Day – Successful



This photo shows the many activities during our 2nd Annual Railroad Day (8/31/13). In the foreground people are having lunch, the railbus is doing a turntable demo, and people are lined up for the pump car which proved to be very popular. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Train Rides – A BIG Hit



This was what it was like trying to get a train ride. The train ran non-stop from the first run to its last run at the end of the day. Every train was loaded to its capacity and everyone left very happy. The train crews did an excellent job. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

09/15/2013 – Combined Business & General Membership Meeting – 7:00PM – Windham Memorial Hospital
10/6/2013 – Monthly Business Meeting – 7:00PM - Windham Memorial Hospital
10/12/2013 – Night Photo Shoot – Details Inside
10/13/2013 – Mass Bay RRE Willimantic Special Coming to Willimantic – Details Coming
09/28/2013 – 10/28/2013 Walktober 2013 – Please visit thelastgreenvalley.org
11/3/2013 - Monthly Business Meeting – 7:00PM – Windham Memorial Hospital
11/3/2013 – Fall Train Show – Details Coming



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Monthly Membership meeting of the Connecticut Eastern Chapter, National Railway Historical Society is scheduled

Sunday, September 15, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

Windham Memorial Hospital – Please join us at this meeting. Please note! If you have photos, short articles, or just want to make a comment – please forward them to: Robert A. LaMay - Editor @cermf19@comcast.net

**William E. Wood
12/12/30 – 08/09/13**



The above photo shows William Wood when he visited our museum for the Gallows Signal Dedication in 2011. (Photo by Andrew Fischer)

William was the former NRHS Regional Vice President for the New England Region. When NRHS changed Summer -2013

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its governing body he became the first Director for Region 1. William was also very much involved as member of the Connecticut Trolley Museum located at East Windsor, CT. I've known William for some time and have had many discussions involving the 'Good Old Trolley Days' of years passed. I attended William's funeral both as a friend of the family and a representative of the Conn. Eastern Chapter NRHS. As a final tribute William arrived and left on his final trolley ride. William will be missed by many and may his final journey have green signals all the way.



Connecticut Trolley Museum car number 16 takes William on his final trolley ride at East Windsor, CT. 08/20/2013

10th Annual Night Shoot Tom Nanos

It's that time of year folks, time for the 10th Annual Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum Night Photo Shoot. Yup, we've been lighting up the night in Willimantic for a decade!

As with the past 9 times we've held the shoot, there are limited spots available, so be sure to sign up early. Similar to last year, we'll be mixing things up a bit with the shots – using some tried and true scenes around the museum's Armstrong turntable, Columbia Junction Roundhouse and reconstructed Gallows Signal Tower, but also throw in some more unusual shots from the inside of some of the museum's buildings, featuring some of the museum volunteers along with the equipment.

Also to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the night shoot, we're knocking \$10 off last year's price of \$35, making it \$25 per person. So please if you want a spot please act fast!

As in the past the lighting will be graciously provided by Steve Barry, editor of Railroad & Railfan magazine. Here are the necessary details of the event:

- Saturday October 12, 2013
- 7PM to Mid-night
- Entrance 55 Bridge St at the railroad crossing.
- Rain or shine (dark actually) – we will consider cancellation if there are active thunderstorms/lightning in the area.
- \$25 donation per person (100% goes to the museum –

everyone volunteers their time to make this happen. Donation to the night shoot also includes admission to the museum during the day.

- Limited spots available – advanced reservations required.
- Museum website –
- www.cteastrrmuseum.org

Please contact Tom Nanos directly for reservations and payment information, or any questions you may have – send mail to tom@nanosphoto.com
Thanks – hope to see you there to celebrate our 10th!!

2nd Annual Railroad Day

Robert A. LaMay

Congratulations to everyone involved in making our 2nd Annual Railroad Day a ‘GREAT’ success. Music was provided by 5 different groups – sounded great!! Cameron Sutphin, Bandstand Barbershop Quartet, The Long River Band, Seldom Heard, and Bruce John provided music from Noon to 3PM. Every train that left the Groton Freight-house was filled to capacity and operated non-stop to 3:30PM. Everyone who came and paid for this ride went home very happy. Our pump car ran non-stop from the beginning to the end of the day. The food offered was very tasty and delicious. The P&W sent their hi-rail bridge crane, a very unusual piece of equipment. Even the Vermont Railway had a locomotive parked near Bridge St. On its way to a new paint job at P&W’s Plainfield shops. Total attendance for the came to 537 and if you were there, people were everywhere.

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Fall Train Show – 11/03/2013

Pieter Roos – Show Chairman

We are looking ahead to the Fall Train Show at Windham High School scheduled for 11/03/2013.

Unfortunately, the show has had its ups and downs over the past few years, with a definite downturn in turnout and sales for our vendors. Clearly we need some changes to attract interested folks from the community and elsewhere in the state. Thoughts have suggested a model display, popular vote contest, clinics on museum, model & local railroad history topics, hands-on switching on a layout, and an auction. We are open to suggestions for features, ideas, and other items to draw the general public or other more experienced railfans and modelers to the show as well as volunteers to staff the additional events. Please contact Pieter Roos or Jean Lambert if you any ideas or want to volunteer your time.



Parker Pomeranke with his mother, Mia celebrated his 3rd birthday at the museum. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



A photo board was constructed and painted by Jan McCollum. The first person photographed was – Chrystyanna Quarionex of Willimantic, CT. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Here is her sister Yanessa, who was the second person photographed. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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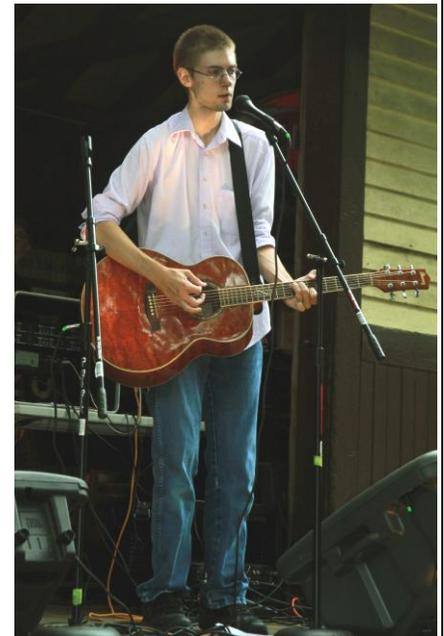
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This view from Gallows Signal shows train heading east to bridge St. Check out the parking lot. (R.A. LaMay Photo)



Quick way to turn a hand car – Left side Jim Poor (front) Andy Fischer (rear) Right side – Rolf Johnson front, and Paul Shamonis II rear. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Shown here Cameron Sutphin played some very nice songs for the crowd. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



The Bandstand Barbershop Quartet serenades people waiting to board the excursion train. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Bruce John plays for the crowd. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Many people toured the inside of our FL9 during the entire day. In fact all of our locomotives had many visitors. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Shown here Dick Arnold explains and demonstrates the workings of the Gallows Signal. (R.A. LaMay Photo)

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