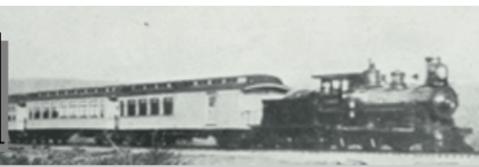


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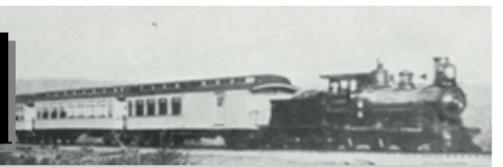
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More RRE Picnic Photos

Photos by Bob LaMay



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Turntable Bridge Painting

Before installing the turntable bridge, we'll be painting it, and before painting it we need to strip off the loose paint and rust. It doesn't have to be down to bare metal, just the loose stuff removed. Once that's done, then the rust inhibiting paint can be applied. We need people to help out with these tasks. Contact Bob Hassett at 860-742-1640 to find out more information.

Attention Compressor Users!

Short note from Duke York - if you use the compressor at the museum, please drain the air from it when you're finished with it. If you don't, this will lead to the compressors' eventual failure. Draining the air will also drain the condensed moisture in the air, preventing it from rusting the inside of the tank. Thanks!!

Weekend of September 11/12

The weekend of September 11th and 12th is shaping up to be an extremely busy weekend! First off, it is the dates of the Hebron Harvest Fair, which we have a booth at. Second, we have a tentative group of about 50 people from Massachusetts coming down to the museum for a tour. And finally, on Sunday September 12th, we'll have a booth at the train show at the Vernon Quality Inn. Contact Mark Granville if you want to help out with any of these events.

2005 Calendars

Jeff Laverty reported that the 2005 calendar is at the printers, and he's waiting for the final proof to approve! There's also a surprise cover photo on there - it's a photo by Bob LaMay taken at our first Night Photo Shoot! The calendars should be in by mid August, and ready to distribute. Contact Jeff if you want to help out with the distribution and sales of the calendars.

Freight House Carpentry

Duke York and his crew have made more progress on the Freight House. He's also contemplating the design of the Freight House Platform. If you'd like to help out with this project, just come on down to the museum and lend a hand!

Thanks for reading & enjoy the photos!
-Tom Nanos & Bob LaMay

Gateways, The Railroad Stations of Southern New England

Article By Laura Smith

The exhibit, "Gateways: Railroad Stations of Southern New England" will be available at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs from August 23 to October 8. Dodd Research Center hours are Mondays, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Tuesdays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, noon to 4:00.

The exhibit will display photographs, architectural drawings, and memorabilia from the Railroad History Archive, showing stations and other structures on the New Haven Railroad and other southern New England railroad lines. On loan in the exhibit will be station models of the Sharon, Chatham, and Winslows, Massachusetts, stations, as well as the Buzzard's Bay signal tower and Boston Switch interlocking tower.

For more information contact exhibit and collection curator, Laura Smith, at laura.katz.smith@uconn.edu, (860)486-2516, or <http://railroads.uconn.edu>.

Calendar of Events

- Aug 14** Special Work Day at the museum
Finishing Roundhouse Windows
- Aug 15** Membership Meeting
- Aug 21** Work Day at the museum
- Aug 28** Work Day at the museum
- Sep 4** Work Day at the museum
- Sep 5** Business Meeting
- Sep 11** Hebron Harvest Fair
- Sep 12** Hebron Harvest Fair
- Sep 12** Train Show at Vernon Quality Inn
- Sep 18** Work Day at the museum
- Sep 25** Work Day at the museum

From The Editor's Desk

Busy times are ahead for the museum - not only at the museum, but around the area. And what that means is that we need some help! Here's the lowdown on when and where we need the help.

Special Work Day - August 14th

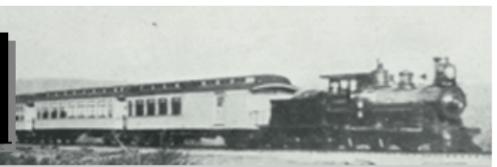
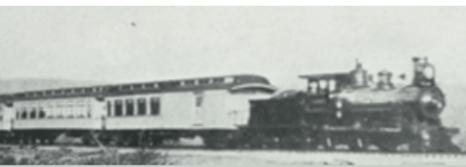
Saturday August 14th will be a Special Work Day at the museum. The task we're trying to wrap up with this special day is finishing the trim work on the insides of the Roundhouse windows. Now, you don't need to have carpentry or painting skills to help out with this - there's many tasks from moving scaffolding, to running parts from one end of the roundhouse to the other, and many, many more tasks. We need as many volunteers on the 14th as possible since there's 11 windows to finish up. Dick Arnold and his crew have done great thus far, but need the additional hands to help finish this up. Finishing the trim work will enable us to mount the plaques below each window honoring each donor. Also, once the plaques are mounted, we will have a formal ceremony to dedicate the windows. Any help we can get in finishing up this project would be appreciated!

Tuesday Work Sessions

For those members who have free time during the week, and would rather help out instead of over the weekend, Bob Hassett is coordinating a weekly Tuesday work session. Contact Bob directly to arrange a time to meet at the gate and to discuss what projects are being worked on. Bob can be reached at 860-742-1640.

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Hartford Division RRE held 2004 picnic at Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum

Photos & Text By Robert A. LaMay

The Hartford Division Railroad Enthusiasts held their 2004 Annual Picnic at the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum in Willimantic, Conn. on Friday July 16, 2004. Approximately 30 people consisting of RRE members and family gathered. There were eight museum members present to answer numerous questions and also assist with the various equipment moves that took place that evening. Museum members were Ray Axelrod, Rich Cizik, Mark Granville, Jerry Griffin, Bob LaMay, Jeff Laverty, Jean Lambert, and Bill Mihancki.

After a very sumptuous cookout with all the fixings possible everyone was treated to some special equipment moves that operated from the Groton freight house switch westward to the site known as Adrian's Landing. All attending had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's picnic.



Htfd Div RRE and CERM members gather for picnic.



Children of various Htfd Div. RRE members pose for photo with 'Old No. 94'



Htfd Div. RRE members get a great view from inside the SW8 locomotive



Htfd Div RRE members Skip McKay (center) and Art Norwood (right) show off the cooking talents



Jerry Griffin shows off pump car to a couple of our visitors



Jeff Laverty, Ray Axelrod, and Jerry Griffin pose for photo with Pump car #94.

Misc Photos

Photos By Bob LaMay



Work progressing on the Freight House Siding



Work continuing on the Groton Freight House's sill and back wall.



Roundhouse Pit restoration is moving along



The next scheduled meeting of the Connecticut Eastern Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will be at Windham Community Memorial Hospital 112 Mansfield Ave., Willimantic, CT on Sunday, August 15th @ 7:00 PM. Please note: The monthly business meeting will be held on Aug 1st at the same location. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

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