

The Ghost Train Journal



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As long as the weather is nice



On any of those nice sunny days we get restoration work and welding will continue to be done outside of the round house. (Robert A LaMay Photo)

Happiness is a Train Show



Anthony DiCocco looks on as a steam powered model train passes by. Many kids watched many trains that day. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
1/3/2010 - Monthly Business Meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
1/17/2010 - Annual Banquet - Levent's Restaurant - Columbia, CT - 2:00PM - Peter McLachlan Speaker
1/30 & 1/31/2010 - Visit us at the Big Amherst Train Show - West Springfield, MA.
2/3/2010 - Monthly Business Meeting - Windham Memorial at 7:00PM
2/21/2010 - Monthly Membership Meeting - Windham memorial - 7:00PM
3/28/2010 - Model Train Show - 10:00AM - 3:00PM - Windham High School
5/1/2010 - Museum Opens for 2010 Season with Heritage Metal Fest 9:00AM - 4:00PM

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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, Dec 20, 2009 @ 7:00 PM**

The next scheduled business meeting will be held Sunday January 3, 2010 at 7:00PM.

Please note! If you have photos, short articles, or just want to make a comment – please forward them to: Robert A. LaMay - Editor @cermfl9@comcast.net

Election of Officers held

At the last membership meeting held November 22, 2009 the election of officers took place. The slate that was presented and voted by the attending membership appears in the table entitled **'Chapter Leadership'** on the top of the next column.



Here's a motley crew heading for the check point. New England Central RR is doing major tie-replacing program on the siding that runs from Bridge St. to the museum. We have permission to get useable ties and spikes. (LaMay Photo)

Fall 2009

Chapter Leadership

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Museum members walk along the siding near Bridge St. looking for any loose usable spikes. (LaMay Photo)



In the previous photo by Tom Nanos, a blacksmiths hammer is about to come down on a piece of molten steel. The blacksmith (better known as a smithy) forms various tools by bending and manipulating the hot steel.

Peter McLachlan to Speak at Banquet

By Robert A. LaMay

If you want to hear an interesting talk about what it's like to work for the railroad, this is one show you won't want to miss. Plus hear first hand some great humor and see an excellent slide show. Please remember this date - January 17, 2010. Peter McLachlan is an active member of the Danbury Railway Museum located in Danbury, CT.

He has always had a strong and serious love of railroading. He always took his camera to work and nobody ever complained. He took his first black & White photo in 1949 and his first color slide in June 1954. Peter hired on to the new haven Railroad in June 1956 as an engine preparer at the Cedar Hill Motor Storage. He transferred to the Danbury Engine-house in December 1957. Here he took on the additional duties of turntable operator. In July 1959 he became a fireman and in September 1965 was promoted to engineer.

Peter worked primarily out of Danbury, CT. His area covered Maybrook, NY and Pittsfield, MA. He also covered and operated on most of the new haven Railroad's western end of the line. He retired October 1968 after a career that encompassed 42 years. He performs slide shows at the Danbury Railway Museum and is active in the New Haven Railroad Historical & Technical Soc. His shows are well known by those who attend them. The shows are full of history, facts, and humor from his 40 plus years of working for the railroad. His talk will cover primarily Central Vermont and will include some New Haven Railroad.

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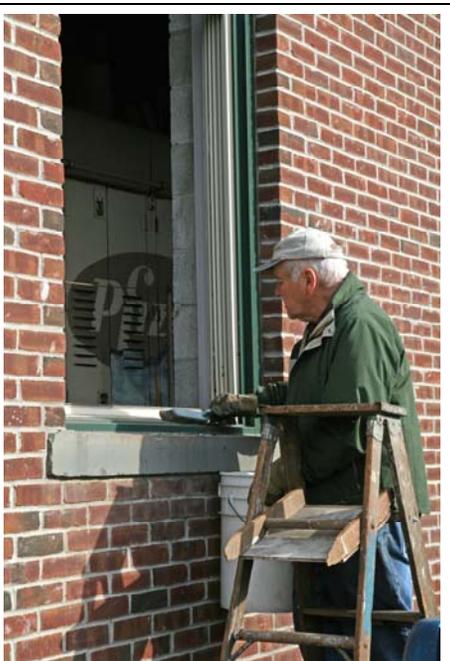
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Bill Voorvaart welds a structural piece to the frame of the Central Vermont No. 4052 caboose. (LaMay Photo)



This photo taken during the post vandalism open house shows various individuals operating the 'Armstrong' turntable at the museum. (Tom Nanos Photo)

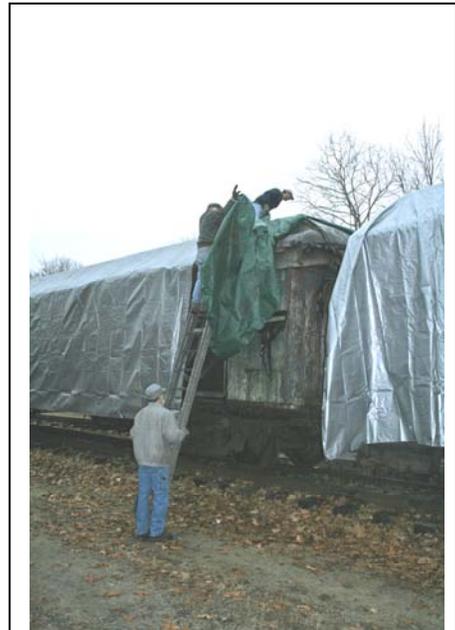


Walt Dumas cleans debris from custom round-house window. (LaMay Photo)



A pair of model railfans looks on as a switch engine with train rolls by, Ben West (L) and Ben Purvis (R). (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Happy New Year 2010



Getting ready for winter 2009-2010 – Andy Fischer and Art Hall, Jr. up on the roof prepare to set tarp in position while Mark Granville instructs from below. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



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Annual Banquet

By Adrian Atkinson

The Connecticut eastern Chapter's Annual Banquet will be held once again at Laventi's located in the Columbia Shopping Center at the junctions of routes 6 and 66 in Columbia, CT...

We have a very special and talented speaker this year – please read separate article located on page 2 of this issue of GTJ.

We are going to try something different this year regarding the pricing of the meal. Our choices are;

Baked Boston Scrod - \$26.00

Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast - \$26.00

And for those who want a week's ration of beef – English Cut Prime Rib - \$33.00.

Reservations should be made by sending your check payable to CERM. We need to receive the checks by **1/10/2010**. Please indicate meal choice and mark checks 'Annual Banquet', so as not to confuse our treasurer, since there are many checks still coming in for the vandalism fund. Mail banquet checks to –

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If you are concerned about the weather or plans change and you won't know this by the 10th – please call Jeff Laverty at 860-429-7961. However, your choices will be limited to Baked Scrod or Prime Rib.

Sometime during the afternoon Mark Granville will be presenting his terrific slide show entitled – **What we've accomplished in 2009**. This always something worth seeing. So please try to attend this and we look forward in seeing you there.



Andy Fischer, Art Hall, Jr. and Mark Granville prepare to cover the last exposed sections of the museum's wooden cars, namely the Baggage Car and the Coach. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Christopher Lopez looks on a Conrail model train moves past him. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum Presents

**The Spring 2010
Model Train
And
Die Cast
Toy Show**

Windham High School
355 High Street - Willimantic, CT
**March 28, 2010
10:00 AM - 3:00 pm**

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Operating
Layouts

Model
Exhibits

Dealer
Tables

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**Free Parking - Wide Aisles
Handicapped Accessible**

Admission:
Adults - \$6
Children (8-12) - \$1
Children Under 8 **FREE**
DOOR PRIZE

**Please mark your calendars
now!**