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Museum Closed



Sign of the times – We are now closed but please come back we want to see you at the 2014 Metal Fest on the first Saturday in May when the museum opens for its 2014 season. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Salvaging Rail at Danielson



Shown here Adrian Atkins pulls up rail that has been donated to the museum. Well over 500 feet of rail was gathered. See other photos inside. See story inside. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

01/05/2014 – Monthly Business Meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM
01/19/2014 – Annual Banquet – Details inside.
01/25 & 25/2014 – Amherst Railway Soc. BIG Train Show – Visit Museum Table
02/02/2014 - Business Meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM



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Annual Banquet is scheduled
Sunday, January 19, 2014 @ 1:00 PM

**Please join us at a new place -
Georgina's Restaurant in Bolton,
CT. Please read details inside this
issue of GTJ.**

**Please note! If you have photos,
short articles, or just want to make a
comment – please forward them to:
Robert A. LaMay - Editor
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**Annual Banquet
Sunday – Jan 19, 2014
2:00PM
Cash Bar & Appetizers
Available 1:00PM-2:00PM**

The 2014 Annual Banquet is being held at Georgina's in Bolton, CT. The restaurant is located just west of Bolton Notch at 275 Boston Tpke (Routes 44 & Route 6). This restaurant is noted for food quality and presentation.

We will be having a buffet style meal this year. The main selections will be;

- 1 - Beef with Mushroom Sauce
- 2 -Chicken Marsalis
- 3 - Stuffed Sole.

The price of \$30.00 per person includes appetizer, meal, rolls, salad, dessert, coffee and tea.

Reservations should be made by sending your check payable to CERM. **We need to receive checks by Jan 12, 2014.**
PLEASE MAIL CHECKS TO -

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Any problems or issues should be worked out with Treasurer, Jeff Laverty at 860-429-7961.

Directions:

From the East – Routes 44 and 6 merge at Bolton Notch forming I-384. After merging take 1st exit on right onto Routes 6 & 44. Go approx 1 mile and Georgina's is on your left.

From the West – Take I-84 East to I-384 and go to exit 5 (Route 85). Get off exit 5 and turn left, at traffic light (Routes 6 & 44) turn right and go up hill approx 1 mile and Georgina's will be on your right.

Special Presentation

On Sunday, January 19, 2014 after we have our Annual Banquet meal, Robert J. Belletzkie will give a narrated video presentation entitled '*Connecticut's Southern Central Vermont Railroad Stations, 1849-1960*'. The focus will be on the part of the line between Willimantic and New London, CT. Images and information were drawn from research visits to the National Archives, Harvard's Baker Library, the Connecticut State Library, the Dodd Research Center at UCONN, and numerous other repositories and collections.

Mr. Belletzkie, a retired reference librarian, has been doing research for over 40 years and has given a number of presentations to illustrate the railroad infrastructure that once existed in the state and how the Iron Horse brought change to every community therein. His largest single effort is Tyler City Station (www.tylercitystation.info), a website that debuted in 2008. With its use of photos, maps, historical newspaper articles, documents, and other primary source material, it has been recognized as a uniquely original and valuable source of information on state railroad history.

The speaker is a member of the Connecticut Historical Society, The New Haven Railroad Historical & Technical Assn., and is actively involved with other

local societies to which he belongs. From 2008 to 2011, he processed the papers of the Board of Railroad Commissioners at the Connecticut State Library, unwrapping materials that had been sealed for over 150 years, organizing them and making them accessible to researchers for the first time. A Question & Answer will follow the talk.

Mark's Annual Review

Everyone looks forward to this part of the program. Mark will present his annual review of what took place at the museum and within the Chapter. Many surprises and there will be a number of laughs also.

Danielson Siding Donated to Railroad Museum

Adrian Atkins

Several years ago Ken Sigfridson told me about some sidings in Danielson, CT. However, the sidings crossed Commerce St. at a long angle. Digging up a city street wasn't too appealing to from a cost standpoint. So nothing was done. Recently Ray Axelrod noticed a contractor was doing some water and sewer work in the street and had taken out the rails. Ray described the rails as having 'slight bends in them. My assessment after viewing them at the site would more closely described them as alphabet soup.

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We were able to obtain the remaining untouched sidings. Our volunteer lead headed by 'Torch' Hassett has since removed the rails leaving the junk ties in place. We were able to get most of the rail out just prior to the weather turning bad. Half of the rail is at the museum and hopefully we can get the rest at a later date. I am still working with the contractor to get the alphabet soup rail – good for scrap. This rail salvage trip netted 762 feet of 80 lb. rail and 348 feet of 100 lb. rail. Good job Ken and Ray. Excellent job Bob, Steve, Mark, Howard, and Cliff.



'Cleaner' Raphaelson removes dirt and debris from the nuts so they can be burned off safely. (R.A.LaMay Photo)



Shown here 'Torch' Hassett burns off the rusted and corroded nuts so the bolts can be safely removed. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



'Buster' Lund removes the pieces of burnt nuts so the bolts can be removed. (R. A. LaMay Photo)

The Ghost Train Journal



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Gerald Roy takes some 'Railfan Time' to watch G&W (NECR) Train 610 head north as it passes the museum. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Work has begun in cleaning out the compound. Walt Dumas is removing the brush and debris so the heavier items can be removed at a later date. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

1990

Looking Back in Time



This photo taken by Howard Pincus shows what Columbia Jct. looked like late 1990. Submitted by Art Hall, Jr.



Photo taken 12/04/2013 shows approximately the same area some 23 years later. It's hard to realize so many changes took place during this period. (R.A.LaMay Photo)

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