

The Ghost Train Journal



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Gold Spike Award at Annual Banquet



President Mark Granville presents member Jean Lambert with Golden Spike Award. (Details inside) (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Special Guest at Annual Banquet



Doris Johnson of Manchester, CT with Charlie M. Billmyer, PE on left discuss a project she funded, the Gallows Signal. Seated with her are Bill Kronis (Far right) and to his right is Ray Axelrod. A special dedication ceremony is being planned. It is scheduled to take place after the museum opens in May 2011. Watch for the announcement. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 2/6/11 - Monthly business meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
- 2/20/11 - Monthly membership meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
- 3/5/11 - Night Photo Shoot - Shooters Gallery Photography Group - 6:00PM
- 3/6/11 - Monthly business meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
- 3/20/11 - Monthly membership meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
- 3/17/11 - Spring Reain Show - Windham High School - Watch for details

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A membership meeting of the Connecticut Eastern Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will be held at Windham Memorial Hospital on **Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011 @ 7:00 PM**

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

Happy New Year 2011

Currently we are getting more snow than we've seen in some time. Just think before you know it we will be knee deep in track-work, lawn mowing, building maintenance, greeting the public, and firing up for another blacksmith demonstration, and a special Gallows Signal Dedication. 2011 offers more new challenges as there will be a lot going on at Columbia Jct. Look for key dates in future issues of the GTJ. Also check out our web-site.

Annual Banquet

This year's Annual Banquet was once again happily attended by numerous members. A delicious meal was had by all after which Famed author and railroad historian Jack Swanberg gave a very interesting slide presentation. Along with photos of our locomotives in service he also showed a number of slides of other railroads and some very interesting stories.

President Mark Granville presented his infamous slides presentation high lighting the year 2010 at the museum. Also two Golden Spike Awards were presented. One to Jean Lambert and the other to Bob Hassett.

Winter 2010-11

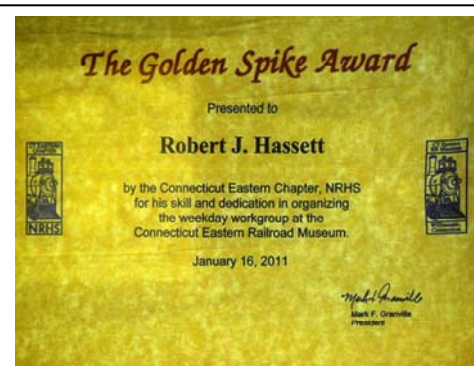
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Copy of the Golden Spike Award that Bob Hassett will receive once he returns after an extended visit out west. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Copy of Golden Spike Award given to Jean Lambert during the annual banquet. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Author Historian Jack W. Swanberg presents an excellent slide show at the banquet. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

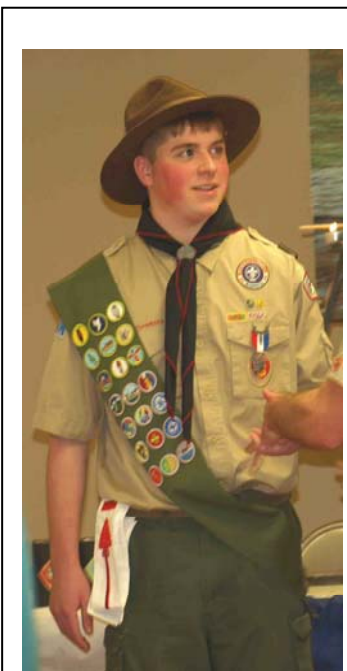


President Mark Granville gets set-up to present his infamous Review of the Previous Year. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



We've had a historic amount of snow here in January 2011. Here we see a NECR crewman sweeping snow away from the switch points. This photo was taken looking east at bridge St. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Owen Pender Receives Eagle Scout Award



Owen Pender of Mansfield Center receives his Eagle Scout Award for the successful completion of the Chaplin Crossing Shanty for CERM. (Photo by Jim Pender)

When Owen was in the process of restoring the Chaplin Crossing Shanty there were numerous pieces of scrap wood and broken window pane left over in the process. These items were used to build a frame to hold Owen's Eagle Scout Award and the frame ended up being painted the same colors as the crossing shanty located at the museum. The frame was built Owen's Dad, Jim Pender who gave the frame to Owen as a surprise.

Photo Club Night Shoot

The Shooters Gallery Photography Group will be holding a night photo shoot. This will be very similar to the one held last September. The date will be Saturday March 5, 2011. This will depend upon the amount of snow or mud that has accumulated around the museum grounds. The donation will be set at \$25.00 per person with a limit of 15-20 people. Steve Barry, Editor of Railfan & Railroad Magazine will be doing the lights. To minimize walking around in the dark, the scene set-ups will be fixed so to eliminate excessive equipment moves. Between now and then Tom Nanos and I will work on the scene layouts. So pray for good weather and hopefully the snow and or mud will be kept at a minimum.



Rich Cizik does some metal work on Steam #10. Lights supplied by Steve Barry. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This is a photo of the special frame built by Jim Pender for his son's Eagle Scout Award. (Jim Pender Photo)



Visitors to the 2011 Amherst Railway Soc. Train Show visits the Chapter/Museum display tables. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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Gerry Roy, on left waits for visitors, while Pieter Roos on right looks on. Chapter/Museum displays at 2011 Amherst Train Show. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



A faint whiff of snow and a few weeks before the Snow Gods turned ugly I got this photo from the Rte 66 overpass of an empty ethanol extra passing the museum going north. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This is the view looking down the main line at the museum showing the placement of the Gallows Signal. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Before we got buried Walt Dumas had an easy time scrapping the frost off the turntable bridge. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Note! I would have included some photos of the museum now. However, have been unable to get near the museum! Enough is Enough!

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Dick Arnold (L) and Bill Bouchelle (R) talk with others who are on the ground. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



David Oyanadel, Willimantic Lions Club Treasurer presents Mark Granville with a check. The museum was the Lion's Club designated charity of the year. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)