



## Niantic Operator's Control House Arrives!



The truck carrying the lower portion of the Operator's House from the Niantic River Draw-bridge makes a tight turn onto Bridge St. on its way to the museum. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

## Banquet Guest Speaker Gives a Great Talk



Guest speaker, Frank Heppner, Chairman of the Board for the Friends of the Kingston Station accepts Chapter hat from Chapter president Mark Granville at the 2013 annual banquet. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

02/03/2013 – Monthly Business meeting – 7PM Windham Memorial Hospital  
02/17/2013 – Monthly Membership meeting – 7PM Windham Memorial Hospital  
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04/07/2013 – Monthly Business meeting – 7PM Windham Memorial Hospital  
04/21/2013 – Monthly Membership meeting – 7PM Windham Memorial Hospital  
04/28/2013 – Spring Train Show – Windham High School – Details Soon!  
05/04/2013 – Museum opens for 2013 season – Heritage Metal Fest – Details Soon  
05/11/2013 – Shooters Gallery Photo Group holds Night Photo Shoot

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

**Sunday, February 17, 2013 @ 7:00 PM**

**Windham Memorial Hospital**

**Please note! If you have photos, short articles, or just want to make a comment – please forward them to:**

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## Welcome 2013

Robert A. LaMay – Editor

Hope everyone had a Happy and Healthy start to the year 2013. Here at the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum there are numerous on-going projects and some new ones lined up. The on-going ones from 2012 are;

1 – Completion of the compressed air system in the roundhouse.

2 – Continued progress for the completion of the electrification system inside the roundhouse.

3 – Continued Restoration of the Central Vermont Center Cupola Caboose No. 4052

4 – Repairs to the car Mover – to make it operational

5 – Newest addition to the museum is the Niantic River Draw-bridge Operator's House – this arrived at the museum in two pieces which will have to be put together again and than restoration.

There are also other important projects to be worked on – these will be described in future issues of the GTJ.

Another important factor is **MANPOWER** – none of these projects would be possible without our membership or even new interested members. If you have any interest in railroading – please come to the museum

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and decide what you would like to be. No matter your talent we have a place for you!

## Planning Ahead for 2013 Season

By Jim Poor

During my spare time I've been reading through our rule book and I had a thought that it might be good to plan next year's rule classes to take place sometime in March 2013. Getting information out earlier would mean more people might be interested in attending these classes. So if anyone wants to express an interest please contact the Ghost Train Journal editor and I'll forward the information.

## Correction

The photo on the left side of the front page of the December GTJ contained an error. The photo was taken by resident **Anne Maxwell** and not Anne Wilcox.



Having a working stove in the section house has worked wonders over the cold and frigid days members work at the museum during the off season. It's a great place to warm up and discuss museum projects. (R. A. LaMay Photo)



Bob Hassett shows the antenna we received with the Niantic Railroad Bridge Control House. There was no TV with it! (R.A. LaMay Photo)



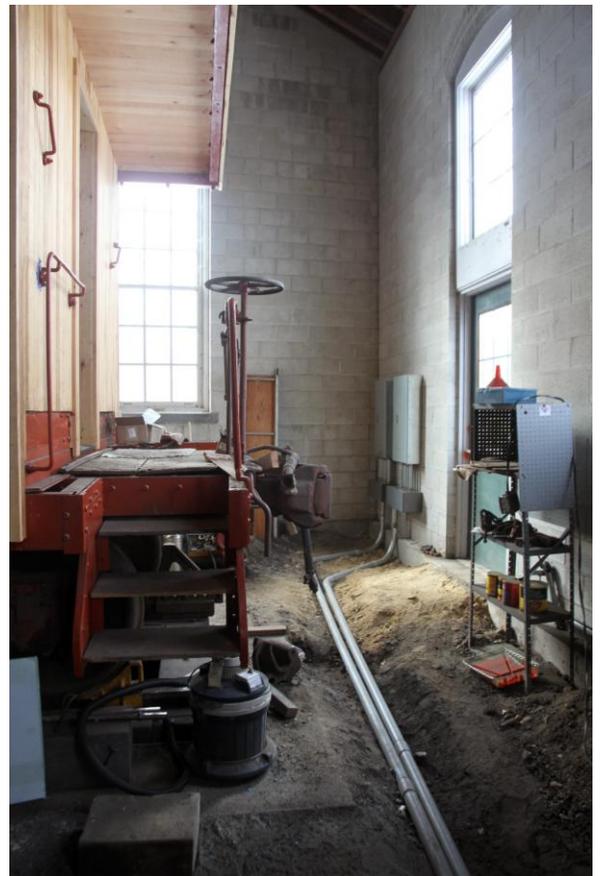
Crane lifts roof of Niantic Railroad Bridge Control House which is being placed on the building behind the crane. Seems we always pick to do these projects in sub-freezing weather. (R.A. LaMay Photo)



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Mark Granville and Adrian Atkins discuss the progress on both the compressed air system and the electrical system being added inside the roundhouse. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This recent photo shows the latest progress with the electrical system inside the roundhouse. The Central Vermont Caboose number 4052 can be seen on the left. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



The 2013 recipient of the Golden Spike Award is Arthur W. Hall, Jr. His invaluable service and skill as a Master Planner and dedication to the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum has proven and continues to be a big asset to the museum now and for years to come. (R.A. LaMay Photo)



Members of the museum work on securing the Niantic River Railroad Bridge Control House. Plans for its restoration are in the works and should continue soon. (R.A. LaMay Photo)

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This excellent photo taken from the Gallows shows the Niantic River Railroad bridge Control House after it was delivered and before the temporary roof was installed. (Carolyn Stanich Photo)



This photo also taken from the Gallows shows the roof being put back on the Control House. (R.A. LaMay Photo)



Changes coming to Willimantic – Effective 12/28/2012 the Genesee & Wyoming Railroad took control of Rail America. Included in the deal was the new England Central and the Connecticut Southern Railroads. Stay tuned for news on this in future Ghost Train Journals. Shown NECR Train 608 crosses Bridge St heading north to Palmer, MA. (R.A. LaMay Photo)



This photo shows that most of the exterior work has been completed except the steps. Restoration now continues on the interior. (R.A. LaMay Photo)

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