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## Visitors view Museum Display at Amherst Show



Jean Lambert talks about the museum with many visitors at the Amherst train Show at West Springfield, MA. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

## Annual Banquet Speaker Wows Audience



Robert J. Belletzkic gave an awesome presentation entitled Central Vermont Railway stations in Southern Connecticut. An excellent turnout for this very impressive show. (LaMay Photo)

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

02/02/2014 - Business Meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM

# The Ghost Train Journal



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**Monthly Membership Meetings  
Held 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month.**

**Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
Windham Memorial Hospital**  
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This view from the Gallows Signal shows Central Vermont S4 number 8081 during the photo shoot held October 2012. Lighting by Steve Berrv. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Duke York works on the cupola section of the Central Vermont Caboose #4052 during its complete restoration. (RA LaMay Photo)

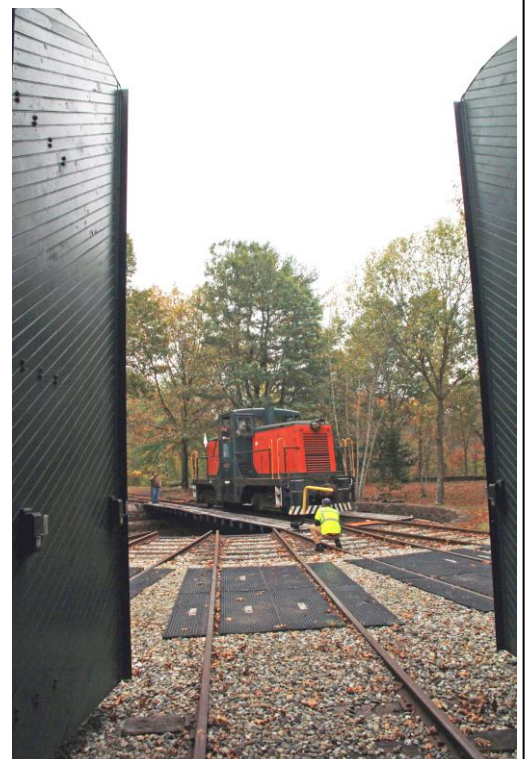
## SAVE A DATE

**Museum Opens May 3, 2014 –  
Please plan on volunteering  
some time – We NEED your  
help!**

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Walt Dumas helps during the clean out of the storage compound located near Bridge St. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Tom Schubert inspects 44 ton while on turntable. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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Steve Melady left with Rolf Johnson enter a foggy roundhouse to start work on the 45 ton locomotive. (Robert A. LaMayPhoto)



One of the hazards of winter is the ice that forms inside the journal boxes of the Central Vermont Alco S4 locomotive. Shown here Rolf Johnson removes a chunk of ice from the journal box. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

The bottom left photo shows Bob Hassett using a new tool to drill holes in the metal roundhouse door frames. (RA LaMay Photo)



Here is another photo from the night photo shoot. Flagman Tom Schubert waits for the next train to arrive so he flags the nearby crossing at Columbia Junction. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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President Mark Granville presents Golden Spike Award to Janet Atkins. Robert A. LaMay Photo)

## HELP NEEDED

During the museum's 2013 season it became quite clear that some serious help is and will be needed, especially on Sundays. Please everyone please check your schedules, especially on Sundays. So please dig deep and check your schedules and volunteer to help YOUR museum in this time of need. We will open Saturday May 3, 2014. Please contact the Chapter leadership to set up time when you can volunteer.

## Clean Up Continues on Museum Grounds

Adrian Atkins

Bob Hassett's on-going cleanup efforts have received some assistance. Steve Melady pulled the remains of an old Tommy Gate Tailgate lift out from under the Mayflower trailer and sold it for \$50.00. Adrian Atkins obtained a \$50.00 deposit on the sale of a Jacobsen 7 gang mower. This \$300.00 sale will hopefully will be consummated in the spring. Depending upon weather conditions the two sand bodies behind the roundhouse will be going to the junk yard along with scrap aluminum received from the air sports structure destroyed during a tornado last summer. Negotiations are continuing on the surplus material from the Niantic River railroad bridge.

## CERM Endowment Fund

### Endowment Fund Reaches \$32,000

BY Adrian Atkins

Back in 2010 when we started the endowment fund our thought was that this was a long term operation, but it was something to do even though we get a few dollars. Our vision was that this

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would grow substantially over the years. This is now starting to happen.

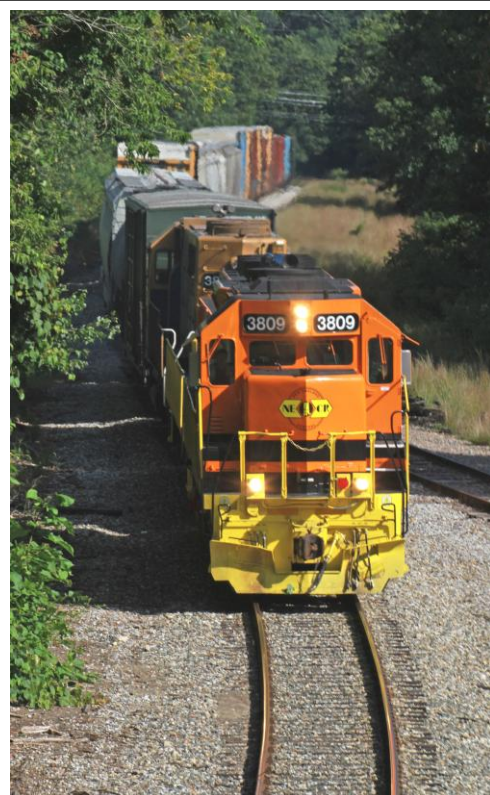
Originally, the endowment fund committee, composed of Cliff Lund, Howard Raphaelson, and Adrian Atkins, felt that there was not sufficient funds to start a separate investment account, so the funds were left as an item within our regular treasury. The balances showed up as a dedicated expense fund heading as 'Holding - Endowments'.

With a recent donation in memory of the late Joe Sokol and a generous bequest from the estate of David hall the endowment funds grew in size. The amount is now large enough to invest in an equity and bond fund with the potential to produce interest income for the museum's many projects. This investment is long term and only the interest can be distributed and that is at the discretion of the endowment fund committee. This is per the by-laws. The committee decided to place the money in the Vanguard Star Fund. This fund can be added to as occasions arise and we can change funds within Vanguard at any time with no penalty.

If anyone has the opportunity to promote our endowment fund or would like more information please feel free to do so. A group such as ours needs to plan for the future and that may well lie in this fund



Winter at the Museum - R. Hassett Photo



Location is everything - from Columbia Jct. you see trains like this pass each week day. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)