

The Ghost Train Journal



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Governor Jodi Rell gives museum member Dick Arnold some needed assistance while demonstrating the Armstrong turntable with the 25 ton locomotive on the turntable. The governor spent some quality time meeting with members and working on the railroads. (Robert A. LaMay Photo) See more photos inside.



Members of the Hartford Division RRE look on as the Maine Central rail bus moves onto the turntable to demonstrate how an Armstrong turntable works. Approximately thirty people attended the Hartford Div. 2008 Annual Picnic. (Robert A. LaMay Photo) See story inside.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
 8/3/08 - Monthly business meeting at Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
 8/9/08 - Concert - Tara's Thistle - Irish/Celtic/Folk music - 4:30PM
 8/17/08 - Monthly membership meeting at Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM - Slide show by Tom Ninos
 8/23/08 - Concert - Patty Tuttle and the Boilermakers - Country/Folk music - 4:30PM
 10/4, 10/5 & 10/11 - Williamantic Heritage Walking Tours - See next GTJ for details
 10/11 & 10/12 - Williamantic Airline & Neighborhood Williamantic Walking Tours - See next GTJ

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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, Aug. 17, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

Please note business meeting on Sunday Aug. 3, 2008 at the Windham Memorial Hospital at 7:00 PM. Tom Nanos will be presenting one of his great slide shows. Please stop by.

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

From the Editor's Desk

July 2008 has turned out to be quite an eventful month. On the 15th Governor Jodi Rell visited the museum and spent just over an hour getting an abbreviated tour. She also operated the Armstrong turntable and took a short pump car ride. Aside from the GTJ editor the Chronicle was present to photograph and report on the event. On Friday 30 people from the Hartford Div. RRE held their 2008 Annual Picnic at the museum. Another great evening hosted by Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum proved to be enjoyable to the Hartford Div. RRE.



President Mark Granville talks about the museum during Governor Rell's visit. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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Our CV center cupola caboose no. 4052 is pushed by the 25T onto pit 2 track at Columbia Junction, CT. (Carolyn Stanich Photo) Note – since I messed up the photo credit I decided to run this photo again with correct photo credit.

New For Saturdays

There will be a demonstration of the Armstrong turntable each Saturday of the museum's operating season between 1:00 and 2:00. Please stop by and see how a locomotive is turned. Also see what it's like to turn the turntable with a 25 ton locomotive sitting on the turntable.

Governor Rell Operates turntable



Governor Jodi Rell demonstrates how to operate an Armstrong turntable during her visit to the museum on 7/15/08. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



President Mark Granville discusses more about the museum with Connecticut Governor Jodi Rell during her visit to our museum. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Make Connecticut your Staycation destination. This is Governor Rells newest promotion idea for Connecticut and we at Connecticut Eastern are participating in this program. The main theme behind this promotion is to offer Connecticut residents to become

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reacquainted with the wealth of treasures within our own backyard and hope they will share their newly gained appreciation and enthusiasm with their family and friends. On Sundays the museum offers a \$1.00 discount on adult admissions.



Stephen Holthausen and Rosemary Bove from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism host their Staycation promotion table at the museum during the Governors' visit. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Governor Jodi Rell bids farewell as she prepares to leave after a great visit and had a very enjoyable evening. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Members of the Hartford Div. RRE wait for their turn in the rail bus outside Pit no. 6. (R.A. LaMay Photo)



Rail bus moves along Air Line as it passes the remains of the old ash pit track. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Carolyn Stanich explains the art of operating a hand pump car to Governor Jodi Rell as Mark Granville, Bob Hassett, and Howard Raphaelson look on. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Walt Dumas and RRE member Peter Furness operate the Armstrong turntable. (Robert .A. LaMay Photo)



Mark welcomes the Hartford Div. RRE members to the museum. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Carolyn Stanich shares the handle with Governor Jodi Rell, while Bob Hassett controls the foot brake and Mark Granville has the other handle. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



The MEC rail bus moves off the turntable and heads east along the Air Line. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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Remember When.....



This photo was taken at Willimantic, CT on October 1, 19637 of a pair of Central Vermont Ry Geeps with a northbound passenger train. Does anyone know anything about this train? Please contact the editor. (Unknown photographer – R.A. LaMay Collection)



Posing for photo are engineer trainees Duke York (right), Bill Bouchelle (center) were getting instructions from Rolf Johnson (far left) (R.A. LaMay Photo)



Bob Hassett is moving some old ties so they can be inventoried for future track work projects at the museum. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



During the training session the 25 ton locomotives posed for a photo while sitting on turntable. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Trackwork is an on-going project as shown above. Ties are being replaced along certain sections along the eastern section of the Air Line. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



25 Ton locomotives sits on track no. 6 inside roundhouse. (R.A. LaMay Photo)



During the grilling and set up at the RRE picnic the northbound New England Central freight past by. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Another view of the 25 tonner being turned as members of museum and RRE looked on. (R.A. LaMay Photo)



Engineer Dick Arnold poses during the RRE picnic. Below Rolf Johnson operates locomotive. (R.A. LaMay Photo)

