

# The Ghost Train Journal



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## School Visits Museum



President Mark Granville explains the working of a locomotive to the students of St Mary's and St Joseph's Grade School located in Willimantic. (Jean Lambert Photo)

## NR4X Comes to Town



With NR4 now being an extra, its anybody's guess when it shows up in Willimantic. However, on 7/17/09 as I was leaving the museum I noticed it was sitting just west of Bridge St. Just as it heading east I snpped this photo by the museum gate. (RA LaMay Photo)

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 8/2/09 – Monthly business meeting – Windham memorial Hospital – 7PM
- 8/16/09 – Monthly membership meeting – Windham memorial Hospital 7PM
- 9/20/06 - Combined Business and Membership meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM
- 11/15/09 – Fall Train Show at Windham High School – more details forthcoming

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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 16, 2009 @ 7:00 PM**

Come see slide show of BNSF – Action on the Needles Sub – by Bob LaMay

The next scheduled business meeting will be Sunday August 2, 2009 at 7PM – Windham Memorial Hospital

**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**

## Museum's Garden's Working



The Bee Balm is attracting humming birds as seen in this photo. (RA LaMay)

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James Key works on the wiring inside the museum's Alco S4 locomotive. A tedious job indeed. Anybody seen my wire cutters? (RA LaMay)



Adrian Adkins unloads more ballast. This is one commodity that will always be needed as long as we continue our track expansion program. (RA LaMay Photo)



The Bee Balm is also attracting all sorts of bees as shown in this photo. If anyone enjoys nature photography at its best – come on down and take your best shot. (RA LaMay)

## Newsletter by E-mail?

Interested in getting your newsletter by e-mail? If so please contact the museum's website with your e-mail address and let us know you're interested. We are considering doing this as the question was asked at a recent business meeting. I have had only one response on this, so I am running it again to see if maybe some of our readers didn't see it the first time

## Nature Comes Alive!

By Janet Atkins

Rain + Blooms = Hummingbirds + Bees. Together this all adds up a museum parking lot coming to life... The wet spring combined with the cooler than usual summer has produced a sea of colors in the parking lot. We have found that the deer like the black-eyed susan and the phlox both of which would have brought more insect and bird activity. Some of the museum members have

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taken some colorful and excellent photos of the bee balm in full bloom and hummingbirds having a feast.

However, fall is approaching and we must put the beds to rest for the winter. There will be one more **planting day on September 26, 2009** with the **rain back-up date of October 3rd**. We could use some yarrow, perennial asters, butterfly bush, and, coreopsis. Please check to see if you have some extra plants in your garden, or perhaps you have friends who would like to thin out some plants.

On September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10AM we will check the mulch, trim out the dead blooms and (maybe) remove the mature junipers which didn't survive from the hasty planting last fall. Please bring your own garden tools and equipment.

Please save the date(s) and set aside an hour or two to make a difference at the museum. It's paying off in giving us an attractive approach to the museum. If you can't lay rail, or pound spikes – you can plant! See you there. Any questions please call Janet at 860-423-5930.



Here some of the students gather around Mark Granville who will introduce Rolf Johnson, who will explain the workings and demonstrate how it'll be turned on the turntable. (Jean Lambert Photo)



Mark Granville and Howard Raphaelson show the 'Armstrong' turntable operates. (Jean Lambert Photo)



Mark Granville overlooks the proceedings of the fine art of Track laying by Art Hall, Jr. and Andy Fischer. (Jean Lambert Photo)

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The Model T Club of Rhode Island made a visit to our museum. They loved the setting and hopefully will be back another visit soon. There were about 8 vehicles in the group who visited the museum. (Jean Lambert Photo)



Well, the long awaited move of the Yankee Silver Smith has finally begun. Shown here the car is being loaded onto a special trailer for its eventual move to Willimantic. (Robert Hassett Photo)



RJ & the on the Spot Jug Band performed for the crowd as members of the audience prepared to join the music. The large inflatable Moon Bounce in the background was provided by the Windham Recreation Dept. Another concert is scheduled in August 2009. Columbia Jct. had the sounds of music and children filling the air. (Jean Lambert Photo)



A number of odd and yet important jobs were completed this summer by the Summer Youth program of EASTCONN. A number of young individuals spent many hours at the museum. The team was led by Dan Mullins, President of the Willimantic White Water Alliance. The above photo shows one of the members looking down on co-workers who were painting the insides of the turntable bridge. A more complete article will appear in the next issue of the GTJ. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)