

# The Ghost Train Journal



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## Come to Railroad Day – 8/31/13



Saturday August 31, 2013 – Railroad Day at the Museum. Come one and Come All – to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Railroad Day. From 11AM to 4PM – Train rides (Extra Cost), Gallows Signal and Turntable Demos, Blacksmith Demos, Food & Beverage can be purchased, and live music. Save this Date! (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

## Gathering Covering Material



East Windsor, CT - Left to Right – Andy Fischer, Adrian Atkins, and Rolf Johnson survey the material to see how to cut seams to salvage material to cover museum rolling stock. See story inside. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

08/18/2013 – Monthly General Membership Meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM  
08/31/2013 – Railroad Day at the Museum – Details Inside  
09/15/2013 – Combined Business & general Membership Meeting – 7:00PM  
10/6/2013 – Monthly Business Meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital  
10/12/2013 – Night Photo Shoot – Details Coming  
10/13/2013 – Mass Bay RRE Willimantic Special Coming to Willimantic – Details Coming







## Quick Thinking = Covers for Rolling Stock Adrian Atkins

Recently a tornado touched down in the Town of Warehouse Point, CT. Extensive damage was incurred at Sports World, an air supported fabric structure that housed many indoor athletic fields. An alert news watcher, Howard Raphaelson, called me and asked if there was anything we could use. We discussed covers for some of our older rolling stock to keep the water out. I thought this could be a possibility. Three hours later Howard showed up with fabric samples and permission to get whatever we wanted.

This led to mobilization phone calls to get a field team together. End result – working several very hot days to gather material. We ended up getting many large pieces of material, some as large as 20' x 80'. Enough to cover our wooded passenger cars, baggage car, and the Yankee Silversmith car. These covers were quite heavy and may last 20 years.

Along with many pieces of tarp material we also salvaged aluminum doors, electric extension cords, wire rope and numerous fittings. 1 and 25 hp electric fan motors, and a Honda City gas powered engine. We hope to convert this engine over to propane and use it to run the hydraulic pump on the new ballast car we are constructing.

For Howard's quick thinking he just might qualify for the 'Scrounge of the Month Award'. Thank you everyone who suffered through the heat to retrieve the materials and brought them back to the museum.

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This photo shows Rolf Johnson moving the 20 hp electric motor onto his trailer. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Shown here on left William Bouchelle along with Rolf Johnson are weaving the steel wire from the numerous nets that were destroyed during the tornado. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This photo shows Gerry getting his hands dirty working on Vanguard 18 hp motor. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



A lighter moment on those hot days. Paul S. Shamonis II decides to get a tan using some of the reflective material salvaged. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



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Paul Shamonis II, Jim Poor, Bob Hassett, and Gerry Roy work during the pre-lube of the FL9 to turn the prime-mover over. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



From left to right, Rich Cizik, Howard Raphaelson, Walt Dumas, Paul Shamonis II, and Rolf Johnson are spreading the material so it can be cut into the right size pieces. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Master Inventor at work – Rolf Johnson poses during the pre-lube of the FL9, which hopefully will make it easier to start. (Robert A. LaMay)

## RAILROAD DAY -8 /31/2013

Saturday – August 31, 2013, from 11AM to 4PM, the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Railroad Day at the railroad museum. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. Turntable and Gallows Signal demos, Blacksmith demos, museum tours throughout the day, Equipment displays, pump car rides, Live music from Noon on, Train rides along the Air Line to Bridge St. and back will take place for an extra fare.

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Remember all the fun starts at 11:00AM and gates open at 10:00AM. So come on down and spend a hour or two, or even spend the entire day. **(Please note – extra volunteer help is needed, so no matter what your expertise is please come down and join in the fun.)**

**Admission - \$5.00 for Adults, \$1.00 – Ages 8-12 years, and under 8 is FREE. Also NRHS and Museum Friends get in FREE!**