

The Ghost Train Journal



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Twin Forks Chapter NRHS Visits Museum



From left to right – Don Fisher-President Railroad Museum of Long Island, Duke York-VP Connecticut Eastern Chapter NRHS, Richard Gorddard-President Twin Forks Chapter NRHS, John Thompson III – Treasurer Twin Forks Chapter, Greg Kruszkeski- Secretary Twin Forks Chapter, and Neil Feldman- VP Twin Forks Chapter – (R. Hassett Photo)

Museum Holds 1st Rail Fair & Flea Market



Sunday, June 15, 2014 we held our first Rail Fair & Flea Market. While the number of visitors didn't meet our expectations, everyone who was there enjoyed their visit very much. We had a big tent to protect vendors from any weather events during the day. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

07/06/2014 – Monthly Business Meeting – 7:00PM - Windham Hospital
07/20/2014 – Monthly Membership Meeting – 7PM – Windham Hospital
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08/30/2014 – 3rd Annual Railroad day- Watch for more details.

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**Monthly Membership Meetings
Held 3rd Sunday each month.**
**Sunday, July 20, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
Windham Hospital**
Please note! If you have photos, short articles, or just want to make a comment – please forward them to:
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Long Island Chapter Visits Robert A. LaMay - Editor

Members of the Twin Forks Chapter NRHS and the Railroad Museum of Long Island Railroad Museum visited our museum on May 31, 2014. A great day was had by all in attendance. One of the primary reasons for the visit was to see our 44 ton GE number 0800. This locomotive was the only GE 44 ton the Long Island Railroad owned and operated. Long Island Railroad sold it to the Black River & Western, than it was picked up by the Valley Railroad at Essex, CT. and was renumbered 0800. In October 1996 it was donated to the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum.

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The museum's plans call for restoring this back into its original LIRR look

Chips for the Gardens

By - Adrian Atkins

We have had a great need for free wood chips for a number of years and several promised that never materialized. Finally, Northern Construction Services out of Palmer, MA. Agreed to donate and deliver a load of chips for our gardens.

Northern Construction Services is working on the Connecticut portion of a 345kv transmission line that runs from Lebanon, CT to Thompson, CT. When you clear a strip that long and 150 feet wide you will have a few chips to spare.

To Northern Construction Services a load equals 100 cubic yards in a trailer truck. These are clean hard wood chips which will serve us for years to come. We now have enough chips to cover the entire parking lots and the gardens several inches deep. THANK YOU Northern Construction Services for a great donation to our museum.



When you are up to your X&\$# in chips – Hope you can swim.
(Adrian Atkins Photo)



This undated photo shows LIRR 400 with train at unspecified location. Photo from Long Island Railroad Engine Roster – 1978 – www.trainsarefun.com



The above photos shows EX LIRR GE 44 ton sitting on the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum turntable at Columbia Jct. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



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Additional Electrical Completed in Roundhouse Plus

By Adrian Atkins

All of our electrical power in the round house comes through one of two transformers. The larger, a 30 kva transformer is expensive to operate and we only use this one when we are working at the museum.

The smaller, a 5 kva transformer is on all the time. We need this to operate battery chargers. We have added receptacles for this purpose. These are labeled '24-7'. One is located in the right rear of the round house, one in the round house, one in the diagonal corner below the duct bank, so we can charge the 25 ton locomotive, and on each column – B2, B4, and B6.

A new receptacle and line was put in the canvas tent where the smaller equipment is located. If power is needed to perform small repairs or other duties – just plug in.



Jim Brennan along with his son Mike installs a new line to the small equipment tent at the museum. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

The Endowment Fund

By Adrian Atkins

When the endowment fund was established the committee realized it would take time before the fund grew substantially, but we had to start somewhere. Initially the minimal funds were maintained in our regular treasury as a line item but with the donation from the David Hall Estate we had sufficient funds to set up a separate account.

The endowment fund's objective is to invest our funds over a long period of time obtaining a maximum return in a safe investment. We can live with the slight ups and downs as we will not be withdrawing the principal at any time soon. Therefore, we selected the Vanguard Star Fund.

We started on December 31, 2013 with \$32,022.00. By the end of the first quarter our account showed a balance of \$32,718.00. Hopefully, over the long haul the fund will grow through additional contributions as well as through investment income.

For further information regarding the endowment fund please contact Adrian Atkins, Clifford Lund, or Howard Raphaelson.

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Jean-Paul Violette volunteer from Colchester, CT provides excellent help in keeping Mother Nature under control. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Duke York on left and Art Hall Jr. turn the Armstrong turntable with the 44 ton locomotive. (R. A. LaMay Photo)

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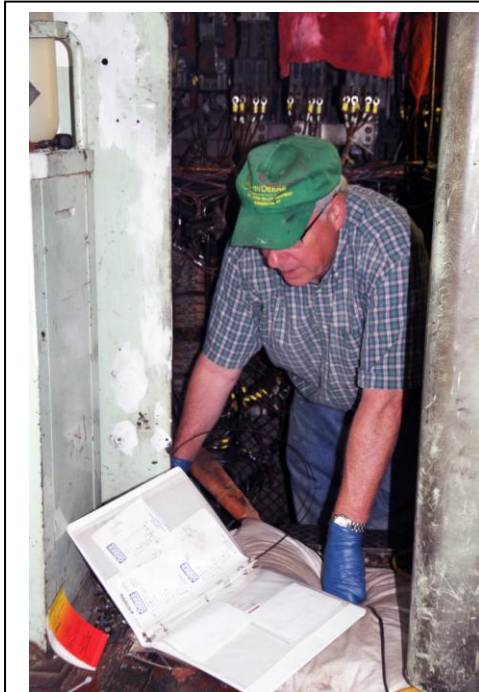
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Members of Twin Forks Chapter NRHS and Railroad Museum of Long Island gather around turntable to see ex LIRR 400 take a spin. (Jean Lambert Photo)



Old friends gathered at the 1st Annual Rail Fair & Flea Market. From left to right – Joseph Cerreto, Richard Arnold, and Adrian Atkins. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Cliff Lund looks over wiring diagram book he's put together to help re-wire the Central Vermont Alco S4 locomotive. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Museum's Hi-Rail truck takes a rail-Test run at the museum. (Jean Lambert Photo)



Museum's latest display is an overhead crane with a moveable trolley was used in a local factory. (R.A. LaMay Photo)

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