

# The Ghost Train Journal



Photo Credit: Turner Railroad Collection/Connecticut Historical Society

## A Night Turn



This photo taken by Doug Scott shows Mark Granville and Rich Cizik moving the Armstrong powered turntable in preparation for a night move.

## A Night Discussion



In this photo taken by Dave Jodoin, Mark Granville and Rich Cizik discuss the events of the night after a busy day of railroading. Both of these photos depict the human interest very well.

7/19/09 - Monthly membership meeting - Windham memorial Hospital 7PM  
8/2/09 - Monthly business meeting - Windham memorial Hospital - 7PM  
8/16/09 - Monthly membership meeting - Windham memorial Hospital 7PM  
11/15/09 - Fall Train Show at Windham High School - more details forthcoming

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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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, July 19, 2009 @  
7:00 PM**

Bob LaMay will present a slide show – **Following P&W trains in and around Willimantic, also 2009 Night Photo Shoot.**

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**

## A Sample of the Night Shoot



This photo of the FL9 stopped at the Chaplin Station was taken at the very end of the shoot. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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Here's an excellent image taken by Tom Nanos, certainly a different take on this angle of view.



This certainly is a different take on the night's events. This photo by Joshua Oparowski shows the car mover moving across the turntable during some of the equipment moves. Also one of the museum members also walked across the bridge.

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Here is Scott Yeoman's well composed photo taken of the museum's FL9 with one coach sitting in front of the Chaplin Station at Columbia Jct., in Willimantic, CT.



This interesting photo by Nick Palazini shows Rick Cizik hard at work doing some night repair work on Steam No. 10 just outside the Columbia Junction Roundhouse.

## A Cry for Help!

We are in serious need of extra help – on Sundays' during July and August. Help is needed especially on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. Help is needed in the ticket booth, gift shop, and also tour guides. Please offer your assistance on - Saturdays 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, and 8/29. Also the following Sundays' – 7/12, **7/19**, 7/26, **8/2**, 8/9, **8/16**, 8/23, and 8/30. I've highlighted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in July and August.



On June 6<sup>th</sup> the Sunshine Singers from the Russell Mercier Senior Center of Hebron, CT. Performed just prior to the regular concert. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



On June 6<sup>th</sup> the Quiet Corner Fiddlers gave an excellent concert in the Columbia Jct. Village. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Members load NP Speeder onto Duke York's truck for the Boom Box parade held later that morning. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This little concert goer had just gotten off his locomotive to attend this concert. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Taken from the car mover this photo shows line up during the set up for the night shoot. (R.A. LaMay Photo)

Please note lighting provided by Tom Nanos and Fred Jones for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Night Photo Shoot.

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This view from across the turntable bridge shows how spectacular the night was in spite of the rain. Lighting provided by Tom Nanos and Fred Jones. (R.A. LaMay Photo)



Here is another excellent night view taken by Tom Nanos during the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Night Photo Shoot. Lighting for the Night Shoot provided by Tom Nanos and Fred Jones. (Thomas Nanos Photo)

## 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.

## Museum Receives \$1,000 Donation

Eugene Koss representing the Conn. Society of Ferroequinologists, an O-Scale group out of Manchester, Ct. presented the Museum with a \$1,000 check to help defray the cost of moving the Yankee Silversmith Coach to Willimantic, CT.

## Letter-Boxing Alive & Well at Museum

By Janet Adkins

The seven or more letterboxes at the museum have been updated and replaced at various sites within the museum. Come and enjoy the adventure of finding the boxes through clues and stamping your journal with our unique impressions.

Access to the clues can be accessed on the internet website at –

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[www.letterboxing.org](http://www.letterboxing.org) or through the CERM web page –

[www.cteastrrmuseum.org/letterboxing.html](http://www.cteastrrmuseum.org/letterboxing.html)

Once again we thank Sandra Listori and her husband for designing the stamps and placing the boxes. And yet – here is another way everyone can enjoy a fine museum. (Note from Editor – I just went to the website and read all the clues – WOW! Now I can't wait to get over to the museum.)

## Parking Lot Color Explosion

By Janet Adkins

You can't miss the parking lot improvements this spring and summer. Flowers have been coming into bloom on a regular basis since April. Come on camera buffs here's your chance to get nice close ups and some with bees on them. Please be careful. Slowly we are learning the tastes of our resident deer and we shall have great gardens in another year or two. We anticipate the burning bushes brought in from Manchester last fall will have exceptional color come September. Thank you to all who have contributed and continue to contribute plant stock. Our parking lot is making a difference to the entrance of the museum. If you have plant stock to donate – please call Janet at 860-423-5930.

## Chapter's New Key Policy

By Mark Granville

The Chapter has decided to change the locks at the museum. Over the past fifteen years, many members with keys have become inactive, dropped their membership, or have moved away without returning their key. The complexity of the current key system has made it virtually impossible to get new keys that work and many members have expressed concern over the lack of security and inaccurate list of people who have keys.

Three steps were discussed at the July business meeting to help us avoid this problem in the future: (1) Have members sign a memorandum of agreement when receiving a new key; (2) Collect a deposit of \$35 for the key; and (3) Have key recipients approved by the executive committee (the current policy). We will finalize our key policy at the July membership meeting.

**Remember.....  
Fall Train Show – Nov 15, 2009**