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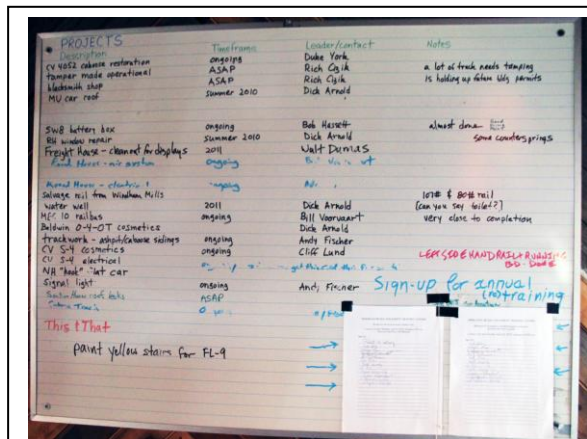
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Chamber of Commerce holds Expo



Jean Lambart talks to one of the many visitors who attended the popular C of C Expo held at Eastbrook Mall recently.. (Jeff Laverty Photo)

On-Going Projects Sign-Board



This photo taken inside the Section-house door showing the current projects taking place at the museum. If you have any skills in any of these please contact the museum or the newsletter editor. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 4/15/12 – Monthly General Membership meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM
- 4/28/12 – Town Wide – Town Pride Work Morning 9:00AM – Noon (Details inside)
- 5/5/12 – Museum Opens with Metal Fest – Details inside
- 5/6/12 – Monthly business meeting – Windham memorial Hospital – 7:00PM
- 5/20/12 Monthly membership meeting



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A membership meeting of the Connecticut Eastern Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will be held at Windham Memorial Hospital on **Sunday, April 15, 2012 @ 7:00 PM**

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

Safety Classes to be Held

By Jim Poor

Engineer/Conductor/Safety/ Track Gang Class will be held according to the following schedule;

Conductor/Track Gang Safety Class – Sat. April 21, 2012 – 9:00AM Sharp
Engineer Class – Sunday April 22, 2012 – 10:00AM Sharp

Note! All people attending Saturday class are strongly recommended to attend Sunday Class.

Town Wide Town Pride

Saturday April 28, 2012

The opportunity is back again!!!! It's time to freshen up the museum for opening day – May 5, 2012. Once again we have requested assistance from community volunteers through the Town Wide-Town Pride Program. In the past this has been a successful program for us.

We provide the equipment necessary for volunteers to rake, pickup sticks, stones and trash, prune some shrubs, spread some mulch and

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much more. The volunteers should be at the museum by 9:00AM and should work till noon. We would like members and their friends to join in our efforts. The conversation and work is always interesting and very productive.

Remember we are the only railroad museum in town! Let's help make it sparkle for our visitors.

Heritage Metal Festival Saturday May 5, 2012

This will be our 7th annual event which will include regional demonstrations in various metalworking techniques such as blacksmithing, pewtersmithing, ferriering, etc. There will also be live

music throughout the day. New this year we will be offering train rides to Bridge St. and return. Also at the museum will be members of the Connecticut Blacksmith Guild, Connecticut Chapter of the Artist Blacksmith Assoc of North America. So fill in your calendar on May 5th to visit our museum as it opens for the 2012 season. We will be open Sat and Sun from 10AM to 4PM until the end of October 2012. Please visit our website to see any special events throughout the season.

Around the Museum



Jim Poor works on replacing the brake shoes on the SW8 locomotive inside the roundhouse. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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Steve Melady prepares to kiss the ground after his infamous SHAKEdown cruise of the boom truck with Rolf Johnson (in the driver's seat). (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Dick Arnold on the right applies a protective coating to the steel super-structure that will be used when the roundhouse doors are rebuilt. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Preparing the roundhouse for water, air, sewage, and electricity takes a lot of preparation. Shown here Adrian Atkins our dirt and sand scientist pours water to assure a flat floor inside the roundhouse. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



In this undated photo a New Haven RDC number 24 pauses at the old Versailles railroad station that once stood at Versailles, CT. (Photo sent to me from Jim Poor)

Remember we open May 5, 2012 for our 2012 season with Metalfest – Come hear the music, watch the demos, and take a train ride.

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Shane Long of Willimantic holds his son Alejandro Long looking at one of the lay-outs at our Spring Train Show. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Sharon Ash of Princeton, MA. Watches model train pass with grandson Charlie Minio at the Spring Train Show. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This is the museums display booth and tables at the Spring Train Show. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Noreen Farrington of Columbia, CT. along with her grandson Mason Moran watch a quad-copter perform some maneuvers in front of them at the Spring Train Show. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)