

The Ghost Train Journal



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Snow Slows Progress



Lots of snow and getting around was very slow. One of the reasons I am behind with newsletter. With all the snow and frigid weather not too many projects were worked on. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Works Continues on CV #4052



Warmer weather, which was really hard to find until now. Duke York is inside or out depending upon your view, measuring to put flashing on the cupola. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

04/06/2014 – Monthly Business Meeting – Windham Hospital – 7:00PM
04/20/2014 – Monthly Membership Meeting – Windham Hospital – 7:00PM
05/02/2014 – Museum Opens 2014 Season with ‘Metalfest’. - Watch for more details.
06/15/2014 – New Event – Railroad Faire & Flee Market – Details Coming!
08/30/2014 – 3rd Annual Railroad day- Watch for more details.



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**Monthly Membership Meetings
Held 3rd Sunday each month.**

**Sunday, April 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:
Robert A. LaMay - Editor
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2014 Season to Open!

Saturday, May 3, 2014 the museum will once again be hosting its Annual Opening Day along with Metal Fest. From 10:00AM to 4:00PM visitors will be able to tour the museum buildings and rolling stock, observe many blacksmiths demonstrating their skills, take a train ride to bridge Street and back (Extra Fare), help turn our 16 ton 60 foot Armstrong Turntable Bridge, ride our hand powered pump car, or listen to music throughout the day. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$1.00 for ages 8-12 years, and FREE for those less than 8 years. So, if you have time and want it with us – please stop by and leave as a friend. For more information, check out our website.

HELP NEEDED

During the museum’s 2013 season it became quite clear that some serious help was needed, especially on Sundays. Please everyone please check your schedules, especially on Sundays. So please dig deep and check your schedules and volunteer to help YOUR museum in this time of need. We will open Saturday May 3, 2014. Please contact the Chapter leadership to set up time when you can volunteer.

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This photo shows blacksmiths lined up along the turntable pit at Columbia Jct. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

3rd Annual Railroad Day being Planned

Saturday August 30, 2014 will be our 3rd Annual Railroad Day at the museum. We are currently working on the specifics and this should prove to be just as exciting as last year. So please look for more details both on our website and in the GTJ.



New Event being Planned

Sunday June 15, 2014 a new event is being planned. It’s called Railroad Faire & Flee Market. Basically the museum will be the grounds for hopefully a giant flea market with all other museum activities going on around it. Once all the details are in place I will report it to you in an upcoming GTJ.



15 Minutes Could Save 15 Months!!

Whenever you are at the museum please stop by Pit 1 of the roundhouse and ask for Duke York. Spend 15 minutes and you will save 15 months in restoration time. No matter your skill level, ask for Duke York.



E-mailing Newsletter?

We are considering having the Ghost Train Journal newsletter being sent out via e-mail rather than via the post office. Currently each newsletter costs about \$.79 for paper, printing, and postage. This equates to \$118.50 per month or \$1,422.00 per year. I would like to cut that cost by at least \$1,000.00 per year. If you would like getting your newsletter e-mailed to you, please send your e-mail to Bill Robinson at wer384@charter.net. If you still would like a hard copy each month please let Bill know that too. It

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would save us time and you would then get your newsletter in living color. If this works favorably a certain amount of newsletters will be mailed and also placed at key locations to pick-up.



Here is the business end of the museum's EMD dual-mode FL9 locomotive number 2023. Photo below – G&W (NECR) wait. At Willi. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



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Bob Hassett, right along with Rolf Johnson digs out Columbia Junction shortly after one of our many big storms. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This view shows one of our monthly business meetings. Notice the 3 chairs on the right. These belong to you – please stop by and listen in on the many activities we discuss each month. (Bob LaMay Photo)

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Right Photo – This shows from left to right, Steve Melady, Rolf Johnson, Art hall, Jr., Duke York, Bill Voorvaart, and Jim Poor involved in a major brain teasing strategy session around the warn pot-belly section-house stove. – Robert A. LaMay Photo



The above photo shows Steve Melady, right along with Rolf Johnson giving the trucks on the CV flatcar a closer look, before the museum opens in May. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



The above photo shows the latest exterior progress on the Central Vermont Center Cupola Caboose Number 4052

Left photo – shows Amtrak’s newest electric locomotive A ACS64 number 600 on its first westbound revenue run with Train 171 at Brook Interlock at Old Saybrook, CT.

Both photos by Robert A. LaMay



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