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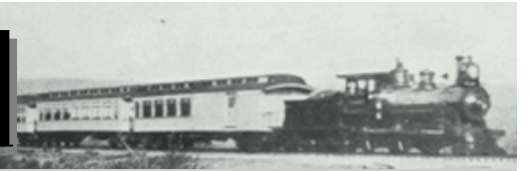
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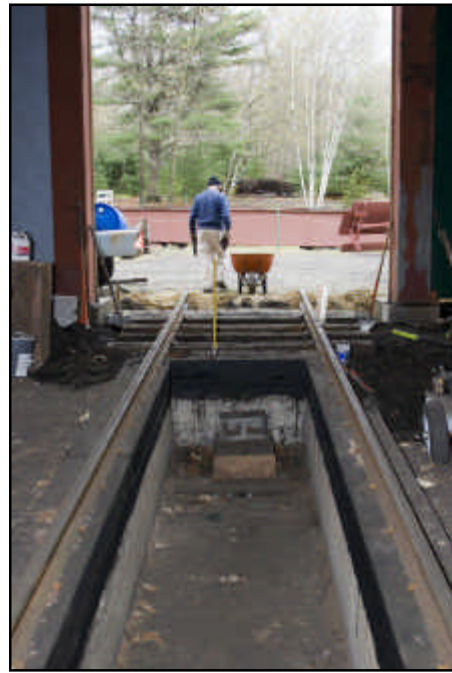
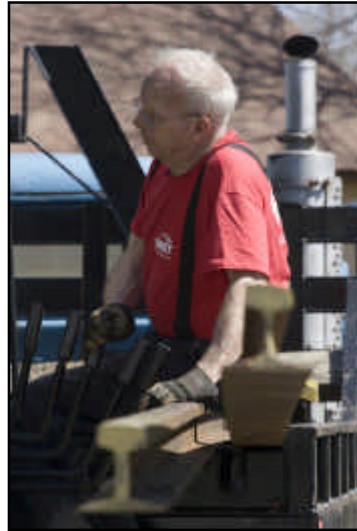
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Laying Rail In The Roundhouse

Photos by Thomas J. Nanos



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From The Editor's Desk

Despite the bad weather on recent weekends, work is progressing at the museum. This issue you'll see some of that work, as well as a photo overview of the Blacksmithing event that occurred on April 16th. We'll have a little bit of text with some recent happenings, but this issue will be mostly pictures. So sit back & enjoy the photos!

Ghosts of Willimantic

This is turning out to be a big production for the Willimantic area! The event is happening on May 14th and 15th, and is involving our museum, the Windham Textile Museum and the Windham Historical Society. Actors will be in Victorian era costumes, assuming Victorian era roles at each site. Diane Smith will also be doing a TV piece on the event!

Blacksmithing Event

April 16th we hosted a blacksmithing demonstration at the museum, and it was a great success! A number of blacksmiths from around the state set up shop near the turntable, and worked some metal. There's some photos in this issue, and more to be found on the Museum's website. If it can be worked out, this will become an annual event! Steve Melady also reported that there may be interest to have another Blacksmithing Event in the fall, perhaps in the October timeframe. Stay tuned for more details.

2nd Annual Night Photo Shoot

We've set the date of the 2nd Annual Night Photo shoot - Saturday June 11, 2005. We're opening up only 12 spots for this event, and expect it to sell out. At the time of writing, we

have 6 of the 12 spots already sold. Mark Player will be doing the lighting again, and is graciously bringing his antique Railway Express Agency box truck for inclusion in some of the shots! Last year's shoot was a great success, and we hope to build on it for this year's. We're planning on shots involving all of our motive power - yes, even the 25 tonner!

Walking Weekend

Quick note from Ray Axelrod - Walking Weekend this year is October 8 & 10, which is Columbus Day weekend. Stay tuned for more details.

New Members

Welcome two new members to the museum - Stuart Coleman of Moodus and Henry Hopkins of East Killingly. Welcome to the museum!

Thanks for reading & enjoy the issue!
-Tom Nanos & Bob LaMay

Calendar of Events

- May 14/15** *The Ghosts Of Windham* - Historical skits at various locations around town - watch for more details.
- May 15** Memberhsip Meeting
- May 22** Willimantic Riverfest - Watch for more details
- Jun 5** Buisness Meeting
- Jun 11** 2nd Annual Night Photo Shoot - Watch for more details soon
- Jun 19** Memberhsip Meeting
- Jul 3** Buisness Meeting
- Jul 17** Membership Meeting



Duke York works under the Groton Freight House replacing some rotted timbers.
Thomas J. Nanos photo

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Blacksmithing Demonstration - April 16, 2005



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The next scheduled meeting of the Connecticut Eastern Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will be at
Windham Community Memorial Hospital
112 Mansfield Ave., Willimantic, CT
on Sunday, May 15th @ 7:00 PM.
Please note: The monthly business meeting will be held on Aug 1st at the same location.
All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Working on laying engraved pavers in the Roundhouse floor
R.A. LaMay photo



Steve Melady welds the steps back on to the ex-NH caboose recently moved to the museum. R.A. LaMay photo



Our new crane truck works to move some rail into the Roundhouse.
R.A. LaMay photo



A recent view of the Roundhouse & Turntable
R.A. LaMay photo



Looking West from the top of the boxcar.
R.A. LaMay photo

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