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## Planning For Electricity in Roundhouse



From left to right, Art Hall, Jr., Electrical Engineer Jim Smart, and Bob Hassett look over electrical layout plans for the roundhouse. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

## Something New at Columbia Jct.



Andy Fischer (upper left) tightens the lower signal board on the Gallows Signal. Both signal boards were put in place on Dec. 4, 2010. Assisting were Bill Bouchelle (lower left), Art Hall, Jr. (upper right), and Dick Arnold, Gallows Signal Design Mgr (lower right). (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**  
12/19 - Monthly Membership meeting 7:00PM - Windham Memorial Hospital  
1/1/2011 - Happy New Year Everyone!  
1/2 - Monthly business meeting - 7:00PM - Windham Memorial Hospital  
1/16 - Monthly Membership Meeting 7:00PM - Windham Memorial Hospital  
1/22 - Annual Banquet - Leventis' Restaurant - details inside.

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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, Jan. 2, 2011 @ 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**

### Annual Banquet – Second Notice

Adrian Atkins

The Connecticut Eastern Chapter's Annual Banquet will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 2:00PM. Once again the banquet will be held at Leventi's located in the Columbia Shopping Center on Route 66 just east of the junction of Route 6 and 66 in Columbia, CT.

Our menu choices and pricing will be the same as last year. Selections will be Baked Boston Scrod - \$26.00, Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast - \$26.00, or (a very large serving of) English Cut prime Rib - \$33.00.

Reservations should be made by sending your check payable to CERM. We need to receive the checks by **January 9, 2011**. Please mail your checks to:

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If you are concerned about the weather or your plans may change – Please give Jeff Laverty a call at 860-429-7961. However if you call after the 9<sup>th</sup> your choices will be limited to either the Baked Scrod or English Prime Rib.

Following the program, which will be described in the next GTJ, President Mark Granville will be presenting his annual review of 2010 at the museum. For those of you who have seen this in past years know it is entertaining and funny. Those of you have not seen it, may this is the time to see it. Please attend this great event as it is fellowship laughter, and a time to share good railroad stories and conversation.

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### Museum Website -

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### Annual Banquet Speaker

Robert A. LaMay

The speaker for the Annual Banquet to be held on January 16, 2011 will be the noted author and historian of railroad subjects. We know him as Jack W. Swanberg. His railroad career began with the New Haven Railroad, than Penn Central and he retired from Metro-North after a long and industrious career. He wrote the book '**New Haven Power**'. Anyone who has a copy of this book please bring it with you to the banquet and Jack will autograph it for you.. Jack also reviewed and edited the book I co-authored with Joseph R. Snopek, '**Diesels to Park Avenue – The FL9 Story**'. Jack was our speaker a few years ago and gave a very informative talk. Jack's photographic credits have appeared in many issues of the New Haven Railroad Historical & Technical Assn (NHRHTA) Shoreliner magazine. His talk should

prove to be very interesting, so please attend if you can.

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Andy Fischer works on cleaning up the Kendall Spur signal box. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Another view from the Gallows Signal shows a power line-up in the Columbia Jct village area. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

# The Ghost Train Journal



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This photo by Dick Sobielo shows what the Groton Freight-house looked like in March 1976. (Dick Sobielo Photo)



Bill Bouchelle holds onto guide rope as the upper sign board is lifted up to the upper platform where it will be installed see other photos within this issue. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Left to right, Mark Granville, Art Hall, Jr., and Dick Arnold carefully measure the railing supports which will go on the upper platform of the Gallows Signal. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Adrian Atkins sifts gravel to put a base of fine sand along the bottom of Pit number 2. (Robert A. LaMay



Rich Cizik applies his blacksmith skills while making a couple handles for the Gallows Signal. These will assist in raising and lowering the signal boards. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Bob Hassett in back of pick-up truck hands off a sandbag to Jeff Laverty. The sandbags are used to hold down the train show signs set up around the community each year. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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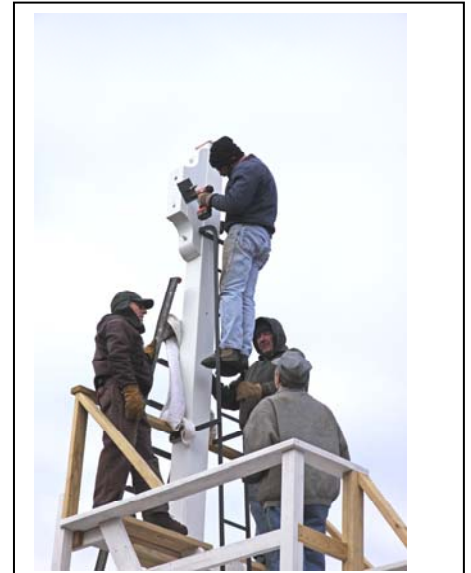
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From left to right – Bill Bouchelle, Andy Fischer, and Art Hall, Jr. work replacing some bad ties along the Groton Freight-house siding at Columbia Jct., CT. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Paul Shamonis II install a carburetor into the IH back-hoe just outside the roundhouse. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Andy Fischer tightens screws holding support plate for upper sign board on Gallows Signal. With him are Bob Hassett (L), below him on upper right Art Hall, Jr. and Mark Granville gets a closer look. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This photo taken at Essex, CT in Oct 1979 shows steam no. 10 while it was stored there. (Richard Sobielo Photo)



Art Hall, Jr. (upper left) assists Andy Fischer (upper right) align the lower sign board while down below Dick Arnold, lower left and Bill Bouchelle, lower right look on. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This is the view of the Village of Columbia Jct. from the top of the Gallows Signal. Just remember just a few years ago there nothing here except plenty of trees, scrubs, some well beaten paths, and nothing else. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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