

The Ghost Train Journal



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Sub Floor Completed in 4052



William Bouchelle on left and Duke York on right pound in the final nails of the sub flooring inside the Central Vermont Center Cupola Caboose number 4052. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Scouts Visit Museum



Scout Day at the Museum turned out to be pretty successful. In this photo Mansfield Bear Scout Pack 61 pose on train at Bridge St. Another group came in the afternoon – see inside. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 11/18/2012 – Monthly membership meeting 7PM Windham memorial Hospital – Entertainment – Bob LaMay Slide Show
- 12/2/2012 – Monthly business meeting at Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM
- 12/9/2012 – Train Show – Windham High School – Details Inside!!!
- 12/16/2012 – Monthly membership meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM

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Membership meeting of the Connecticut Eastern Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will be held at Windham Memorial Hospital on **Sunday, November 18, 2012 @ 7:00 PM**

Come See- Bob LaMay Slide Show- 2012 Night Shoot & More Please note! If you have photos, short articles, or just want to make a comment – please forward them to: Robert A. LaMay - Editor

2013 Dues Renewals

Mark Granville

If you have looked at your NRHS membership renewals, you may have noticed that the space for a charter donation is missing. There are two lines for 'Rail Camp Scholarships' instead. I am sure you are planning to join me in making a generous donation to the chapter and are wondering how to do it.

- 1 – Write a separate check, or
- 2 - Write the amount of your chapter donation in the box labeled- "This box intentionally left blank" or
- 3 – Cross out one of the boxes labeled 'Rail Camp Scholarships' and put your chapter donation amount in that box.

Roundhouse Compressed Air System – Continued Progress

Adrian Atkins

Progress is being made on the last rung of the ladder before we can finally start the roundhouse electrical distribution system. The compressor foundation is complete and the air compressor is sitting next to it. The compressor is in the process of being cleaned and painted. Bill Voorvaart has the distribution piping in and has

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finally located someone to loan us the equipment to cut threads in the piping. Most of the main air line has been mounted on the rear wall of the roundhouse. Now the underground laterals need to be installed into each of the six pits. When this system is complete we will have the ability to use air tools along each of the six pits.

This should make Bob Hassett happy. When the entire air system is completed and pressure checked, we can start on the electrical distribution system. This should make Bob even happier. If you can contribute knowledgeable talents to this project please contact Bob Hassett. Excellent work Bill Voorvaart.

Railroad Nick-Names

Paul Shamonis II

Alaska Railroad – Moose Gooser
Boston & Maine – Busted & Mangled



This photo shows the Compressed Air System air-lines along the back wall of the roundhouse. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Bill Voorvaart works on the Compressed Air Distribution System inside the roundhouse. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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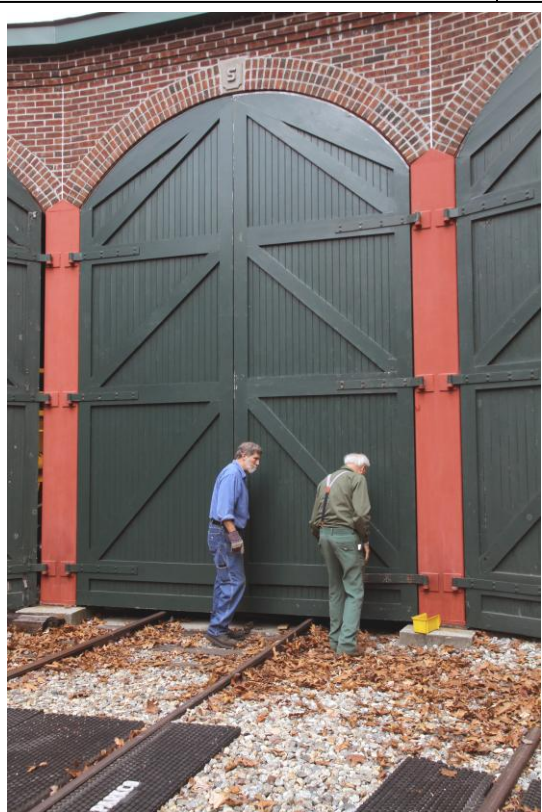
Scouts Visit Museum

Robert A. LaMay

October 27, 2012 turned out to be Scout day at the Museum. Two different groups visited the museum and took train rides to Bridge St. and back. The first group arrived in the morning. This was Bear Scouts Pack 61 from Mansfield, CT. The second group came in the afternoon after lunch. This group was Tiger Cub Scouts Pack 92 from Ashford, CT. Both groups got a complete tour of the museum followed by a train ride to Bridge St and back. Since both trains operated at other than its normal schedule both operated as Extras complete with white flags.



The above photo shows Ashford, CT. Tiger Cub Scout Pack 92 along with family and friends on the train at Bridge Street. (Robert A. LaMay Photo).



Both new prototype doors are now installed. Mark Granville & Dick Arnold take a good look. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



The above photo shows one of the Extras moving along the 'Air Line' on its way to Bridge Street. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

More Railroad Nick Names –
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western
 Delayed, Linger & Wait
Lehigh & New England – Loose
 Nuts Everywhere

Penn Central – Pathetic Connection
Bangor & Arsroostook – The Spud
 Drag
New York, New Haven & Hartford –
 Not Yet, No Hope, & Heartbroken

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Train Show

Date – December 9, 2012

**Place – Windham High School
355 High Street
Willimantic, CT.**

Time – 10:00AM – 3:00PM

Cost - Adults - \$6.00

Children (8-12) - \$1.00

Under 8 – FREE

DOOR PRIZE

\$25.00 Gift Certificate to

**Steaming Tender Restaurant –
Palmer, MA.**

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2013 Elections

Mark Granville

The current slate of officers has been nominated for 2013:

President – Mark Granville

Vice President – Duke York

Secretary – William Robinson

Treasurer – Jeff Laverty

Assistant Treasurer – Jean Lambert

National Representative – Ray

Axelrod

Elections will take place at the general business meeting on Sunday, November 18, 2012. Additional nominations can be made from the floor. **It is very important that we have a quorum at this meeting so the voting can take place.**

Save This Date – 01/20/2013

Our annual banquet will be held at 2:00PM on Sunday, January 20, 2013. We have changed several things this year! Our venue has been Fall -2012

changed to **Uncle D's Log Cabin Restaurant at 383 Trumbull Highway (Route 87) at Lebanon, CT.** This year we will be trying a buffet style meal in order to keep the cost reasonable. No decisions or choices or hassles. You now have it all. The next issue of the GTJ will have many more details about this event. So please stay tuned.

Next Business Meeting

11/18/2012

Sunday 11/18/2012 please come and see a great slide show - It will be about the recent night photo shoot and also will cover the four passenger trains that came through Eastern Connecticut. So please join us at our next membership meeting 7:00PM at Windham Memorial Hospital.



Our last 2012 train to Bridge Street turned out to be a Blacksmith Special. Shown here members of the Connecticut Blacksmith Guild enjoy their ride. (Bob LaMay Photo)



Adrian Atkins works on the roof our the museum's New Haven Coach to see what additional materials are needed to protect it from the elements over the coming winter months. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)