

The Ghost Train Journal



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Let the Planting Begin! Numerous museum members and friends showed up to help beautify our parking lot area. When people visit us next year they'll be a lot of color to greet them. See article inside. (Photo by Robert A. LaMay)



History took another big step on Oct. 16, 2007 when a Builder's Concrete truck started pouring concrete for the ring rail pad in the turntable pit. Members, Dick Arnold, Rolf Johnson, Bob Hassett, Adrian Adkins, Adam Bycholski, and Carol Stanich were on hand to spread and form the concrete into a ring rail pad. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
 10/21/07 - Monthly membership meeting at Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
 10/27/07 - Member Appreciation Day at Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum - details to follow.
 11/4/07 - Fall Train Show - Windham High School - 10:00AM - 3:00PM
 11/4/07 - Monthly business meeting - Windham Memorial Hospital - 7:00PM
 11/16/07 - Combined museum's 'Goods & Services' Auction - Details forthcoming
 11/18/07 - Monthly membership meeting at Windham Hospital - 7:00PM

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Reminder - Fall Train Show

Once again the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum will be holding it's Annual Fall Train Show. The show will be held on November 4, 2007 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. It will be held at the Windham High School located on 355 High St. in Willimantic, CT. One of the attractive features of this location is there are no stairs. Air Conditioned and food is available on the premises. Please tell others about this great attraction and bring your friends and family.

The next scheduled meeting of the Connecticut Eastern Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will be at the Windham Community Memorial Hospital located at 112 Mansfield Ave., Willimantic, CT on

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007 @ 7:00 PM

Please note – monthly business meeting will be held on Oct. 7, 2007 at the same location at 7:00 PM. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Walking Weekend Photo



Ray Axelrod leads a group of enthusiastic weekend walkers along the museum road. He gave an on-going

narrative about the railroad history along the railroad line.

(Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Parking Lot Beautification Project

By Mary Lou DeVivo & Janet Atkins

We think we can, We think we can. Yes, it's an old adage from a children's book but it fits the concept of an improved parking lot and the ability of its volunteers to get the job done. Thank You, Thank You to Everyone.

About two-thirds of the enclosed areas of the parking lot have received a face lift. This has not been a costly project in dollars but is a tribute to man hours and sharing. It began when Mary Lou DeVivo and Janet Adkins agreed that we needed to do something about the parking lot. We had seen and pulled enough weeds and grasses. Adrian Adkins and Howard Raphaelson spent a long day hauling chips from Andover to the museum. The project continued with Bob Hassett's Tuesday crew spraying the weeds and grasses. This was followed by Adrian and Steve melody removing and replacing railroad ties. While this was happening phone calls came with donations of plants. What a wonderful gift to share your garden with others. With the promise of plant stock and the knowledge of consultant Patty Jurivaty; Mary Lou, Janet, and Patty laid out a planting system.

Saturday, Oct. 6th arrived with the predictions of hot, hot weather and all who worked that day will attest to that fact – It was very hot indeed! A work force consisting of Adrian, Art Hall Jr., Adam Bycholski, Walt Dumas, and Mark Granville

continued to replace rails. Mary Lou, Janet, Patty, Ann Johnson, Frances Dwyer, Carol Laverty, and Paul Wengloski planted, watered, and laid a weed barrier cloth. This was followed by the spreading of the chips. Earlier in the week Bruce Pennino planted his donation of stock with the assistance of Janet and Adrian. Ann, Howard Raphaelson, Bob LaMay, Adrian and Janet all contributed stock. Thank you Bob LaMay for taking numerous photos as the project progressed.

So – rain, rain come our way. We'll do our best to have daffodils, phlox, columbine, iris, day lilies, black eyed susans, honey suckle and Rose of Sharon blooming through the spring, summer, and fall.

Indeed, We thought we could – and We Did! – What a difference a day can make.

Don't forget – there is no rest for the weary – start thinking about another planting day in the spring. We need to complete this project. More information to come in the forth coming issues of the GTJ over the next few months.

Remember Appreciation Day

Remember Sat. Oct. 27, 2007 for a very important day – everyone who is a member is invited to attend – please come and share in the appreciation and see what great work and progress that has taken place since last year. Watch for more details in the next issue of the GTJ.



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Remember When.....



There used to be a little railroad office next to the Central Vermont tracks and Route 207 in the North Frankin of Lebanon, CT. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This photo shows various members moving the ring rail into position in the turntable pit. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This photo shows Bruce Pennini planting some of the stock he donated to the Parking Lot Project. (Janet Adkins Photo)

Turntable progress –

On Sat. Oct 13, 2007 part of the ring rail in the turntable pit was pit in place and bolted down. On Tuesday Oct. 16, 2007 concrete was delivered and poured to
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form the concrete pad upon the ring rail sits. Also during the day on Sat., the turntable bridge ties were being cut so they could be placed on the turntable bridge at a future date.

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Bridge Boss Carol Stanich, observes the installation of the ring rail at the other end of the turntable bridge. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

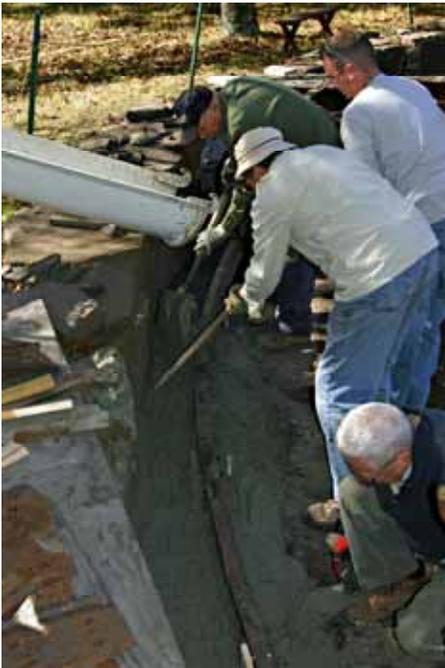


Carol Stanich puts the finishing touches with a new coat of paint on the turntable bridge plaque. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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Dick Arnold, Adam Bycholski, Rolf Johnson, and Bob Hassett help move the fresh concrete into position under the ring rail. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This photo shows Patty Jurovaty watering the freshly planted stock. (Photo by Robert A. LaMay)



The first of 30 rail speeders crosses the Yantic River in Yantic, CT. The cars were rolling north toward their final destination of Palmer, MA. The trip was part of a two day North American Rail Car Owner Assn. (NARCOA) trip on the New England Central In Mass. And Conn. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Track Work – one of our favorite pass times. Here Adam Bycholski places ballast into position so Andy Fischer can tamp in down. The museum's 25 ton switcher 'Lil Tugger' sits in the background. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)