

The Ghost Train Journal



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Something about Kids and Trains



A couple of avid train fans take a close look of a G scale circus train as it passes by. Layout belongs to the Central Connecticut G Gaugers Module Group. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Steam sits on Turntable



This excellent photos shows Steam 10 sitting on the turntable in front of Columbia Jct. Roundhouse. (Photo By Andy Fischer)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- 1/2/08 - Model Train & Die cast Show - 10:00AM Windham High School (Details inside)
- 1/1/2/08 - Business meeting not held due to train show being held same day
- 1/1/14/08 - Goods & Services Auction - Details inside
- 1/1/16/08 - Monthly combined Business and membership meeting - Windham memorial Hospital - 7PM

Election of Officers will be held at this meeting.

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The next scheduled meeting of the Connecticut Eastern Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will be held at Windham Memorial Hospital on

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008 @ 7:00 PM

Please note business meeting will be Sunday Nov. 16, 2008 at the Windham Memorial Hospital at 7:00 PM. Election of Officers will take place at this meeting.

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

From the Editors Desk

Just as another season draws to a close big happenings take place. We added two more pieces to our motive power roster. First it was a 45 ton side rod diesel switcher and then a steam engine. You heard that right – a steam engine. Sure it needs work but, you know what? This baby will run, not on coal mind you, but oil. Stay tuned for more on this one – you'll read how it operates, its history, and even more in future issues of GTJ.

Goods & Services Auction

The bi-museum annual Goods & Services Auction will once again be held on Friday, November 14, 2008. Doors will open at 6:30PM for previewing. It will once again be held at the Eldridge Auction House on 90 South Park St. in Willimantic, CT. The event is sponsored by Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum and the Historical Society. Please try to attend and support this very important fundraiser.

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Something New At Steaming Tender Murder Mystery Dinner Theater At Palmer, MA.



This photo shows entrance to NHRR 1909 Parlor Car where shows take place. (Photo by Robert A. LaMay)

The Steaming Tender Restaurant and the Colonel Mustard Theater group joined together to welcome friends and patrons to see a couple murder mysteries. People are invited to dress in period clothes for the dinner show. Currently there are two shows scheduled. They are Murder on the Diamond and The Wake of Timothy O'Toole. For further details please check their website at www.steamingtender.com/mystery.asp



Interior view of the restored NHRR Parlor Car. This is outside the Steaming Tender Restaurant in Palmer, MA. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Election of Officers- Next Meeting

The annual election of officers will be taking place at the next scheduled monthly membership meeting. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 2009;

President – Mark Granville
Vice-President – Duke York
Treasurer – Jeff Laverty
Asst – Treasurer – Gordon Key
Secretary – Bill Robinson
National NHRS Director – Ray Axelrod

Please note additional nominations will be taken from the floor during the election. Please attend so your vote will count.

More Train Show Pictures



This says it all—nothing separates a boy and his love for trains. A young child watches a G scale steam train pass by. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Blacksmith Shop Progress



The completed roof and other progress can be seen here of the museum's blacksmith shop. Note that work has begun on track which will go across the ash pit. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Pit 4 Restoration Begins



As seen in this recent photo – work has begun on the restoration and rebuilding of Pit 4. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Studebaker Drivers Club Visits



The Nutmeg Chapter of the Studebaker Driver's Club made a visit to the museum during their fall drive around eastern Connecticut. (Photo by Jean Lambert)

Blacksmith in Training



Veteran Blacksmith Bill Scheer looks on as fellow Smithy Parker hones his skills. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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More Work at Museum



Bill Mihancki carefully paints one of the museum's heavy lifting jacks a bright safety yellow. (Photo By Jean Lambert).

More Train Show



Look at that observation car on that New York Central train. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Gen Set in Willimantic



A N-ViroMotive model 3GS21B built by National Railway Equipment Co. sits in Willimantic yard waiting to be moved to Vermont for use by Vermont Rail Systems. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



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Steam 10 Inside

New England Blacksmith Guild

Annual Meet



Steam Engine No. 10 sits inside Columbia Jct. Roundhouse on track No. 6 basking in the sun coming through the side windows. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Members of the New England Blacksmith Guild with friends and guests gather for their annual 'Bring a friend' Day. This is where anyone interested in learning about or wanting to become a blacksmith gather to teach, share, and hone their skills together. This event happens the first Saturday in November. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

45 Ton Arrives



Once the NHT 45 ton arrived, the next step was to figure out what the next step was going to be. (Photo by Jean Lambert)

On Solid Ground



This photo shows the 45 ton shortly after it was off-loaded in the Bridge St. Yard. (Photo by Jean Lambert)

Max Miller Assists



Previous owner Max Miller oils the gears before Steam 10 heads for Columbia Jct. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

Steam 10 Readies for Off-load



Many hands make light work as Steam 10 is prepped to be off-loaded in the Bridge St. Yard. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

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