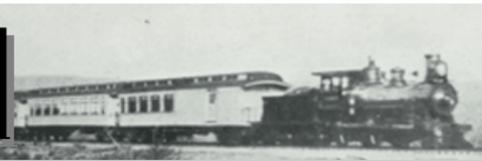


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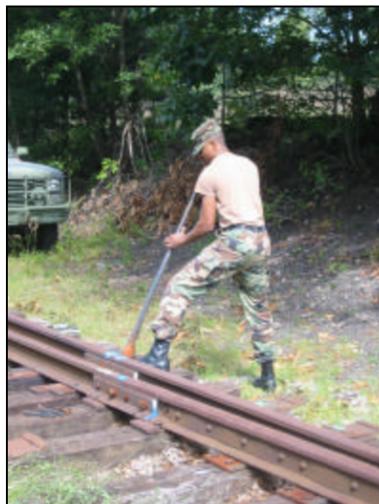
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New Lettering on the GTW boxcar



Art Hall works on getting the turntable ready for paint



National Guard soldier works on the #15 switch as part of his training.

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From The Editor's Desk

Fall is upon us - the chill is in the air, and the season is starting to change. Here's this month's update of what's going on!

2005 Calendars On Sale Now!

It's that time of year - 2005 Calendars are being distributed and are on sale! They are available at the museum's gift shop, as well as a number of retail locations. The list is too numerous to list here - but check out the website, there will be a comprehensive listing of all the retail outlets that will be selling the 2005 calendar.

Fall Excursion

Our Fall Excursion is upon us! The date of the excursion is Saturday October 2, 2004 on the Providence & Worcester Railroad. This year's trip will begin in Plainfield, proceed to Norwich to pick up more passengers (yes, this year you have a choice of boarding station), then head south to Red Top in Groton. From there, we'll head back north through Worcester and on to Gardner. A photo runby is planned weather and schedule permitting. For more information, reservations, and information about helping out on the train, contact Veronica Trudeau at 401-568-6202.

Fall 2004 Train Show

Unfortunately, the Fall 2004 Train Show has to be cancelled. This is due to the lack of dates available at Windham High School. It was decided that we'll try to book the Spring 2005 show as early as possible with the High School, and as a backup, we'll look into renting the Willimantic Elks Club's hall. A smaller venue,

but a viable alternative. Stay tuned for more information.

2004 Goods & Services Auction

With the demise of the Train Show, this gives us the opportunity to put all of our efforts into the 2004 Goods & Services Auction we do along with the Windham Textile Museum and the Windham Historical Society. We need donations for auctioning off at the event. Contact Ray Axelrod for more information on the auction.

Friends of the PA Railroad Museum Visit

On Saturday September 11th, the Friends of the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum brought a group of about 50 visitors to the museum. The group enjoyed the tours and our museum. Check out some of the photos in this issue!

Bylaws Revision

Stay tuned for a revision of the bylaws of the Chapter. Jeff Laverty wants to create an Assistant Treasurer's position for two reasons. First, it provides a good backup for the Treasurer if he's not available to sign checks. But also, Jeff announced that next year will be his last year as Treasurer, so this position will also be used to transition in the new Treasurer.

Nominating Committee Formed

The annual nominating committee has been formed for nominating officers. The committee appointed consists of: Art Hall, Jean Lambert, and Walt Dumas.

The Army Visits

The 1205th Transportation Battalion paid us a visit again to work on some track. Apparently they will be regular visitors to the museum on their monthly drills. This month they were working on the #15 switch.

New Members

Welcome to the newest members of the Chapter: Mike Oehler (Willington, CT), Andrew Fisher (Middletown, CT), Andrew Lemire (Groton, CT), and Scott Lent (Vernon, CT)

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

When Things Get To Swaying And Rocking

Article By Ray Axelrod

Over the July 4th weekend, a southbound Guilford Transportation Inc. freight train from White River Junction, VT to East Deerfield, MA derailed a number of cars in Hartland, VT. This was on the New England Central trackage that Guilford has trackage rights over. The cars that derailed were further back in the train, and were off the rails for five miles - cutting ties, crossings and the right of way.

Exactly, why the crew did not sense the problem until one of the cars hit a switch and tipped over will have to wait for the NTSB report. Though many people feel GTI should do more about locomotive and track maintenance - which is the only salient point of what I'd like to discuss.

The main point is that we as railfans, citizens, NRHS members, etc. have a responsibility to help the railroads be as safe as possible. If you were to see cars swaying severely on a train, consider calling 911. If you see vandalism - report it. If you see someone acting unsafely, whether it's a railfan or a general citizen, talk to them or report it, of course with consideration of your own safety first.

As a railfan: Make sure your own activities are safety conscious. Stay off railroad property and view from public places - unless of course you have permission from the railroad. Also, don't forget to talk about rail safety with your family and friends who may accompany you.

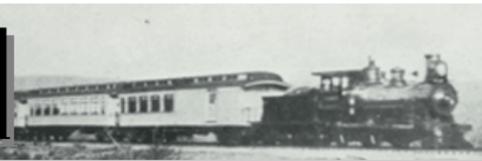
This is Operation Lifesaver at it's core. by promoting safety, railroads will be safer, and the companies will welcome us more.

Calendar of Events

- Oct 2 Fall Excursion on the P&W
Book your seats early!!!!
Contact Veronica to help out!!!
- Oct 3 Buisness Meeting
- Oct 17 Membership Meeting
- Nov 7 Buisness Meeting
- Nov 21 Buisness Meeting

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Friends of the PA RR Museum and The US Army Visit on 9/11/2004

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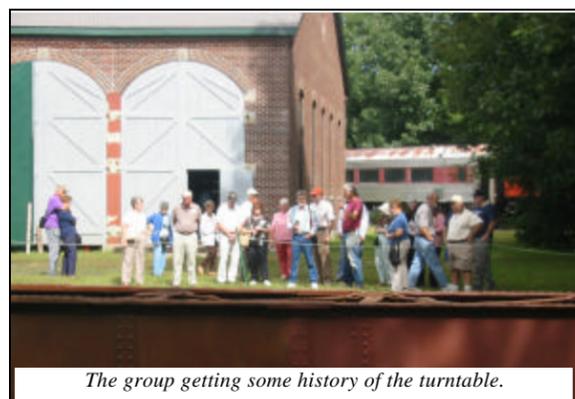
Bill Mihancki hands out information to the visitors from PA



Art Hall gives a bit of history to the group.



Jean Lamert leads a group at the western end of the museum



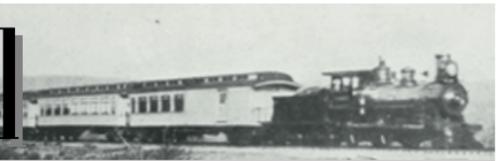
The group getting some history of the turntable.



National Guard troops work with Rich Cizik and Art Hall on the #15 switch



Visitors ride on the pump car



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Work progressing on the Freight House Siding



Work progressing on the Freight House Platform



Jeff & Rick spray the weeds on the Air Line



The finished Freight House siding



Bob Hassett mows the turntable pit



More spraying on the Air Line

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, October 17th @ 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!

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