



## Members Appreciation Day 2004

Photos by R.A. LaMay



Members enjoy the 1st annual Appreciation Day



Chef Boy-R-Bob flips some burgers



Tom Nanos Photo

The Monthly Newsletter for the members of The Connecticut Eastern Chapter of the NRHS & the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum  
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## From The Editor's Desk

Here's the final issue of the year - Winter 2004. Museum is now closed, the leaves are falling, and the snow is (gasp) not that far off. And thank you for the congratulations - my wife gave birth to our second daughter on October 18th! Both are doing very well...

### Annual Banquet

Time for our annual banquet! Save Sunday, January 23, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.. We will be having the banquet at Leventis' Restaurant again this year. Leventis' is located on Route 66 in Columbia just east of Route 6. Our menu selections will be Prime Rib, Stuffed Chicken Breast, or Baked Scrod. Price will be \$25 including tip.

This will be the January Membership Meeting so a program will be planned. We could take bets on what Mark will pull out of the hat!

You don't have to lay rail, scrape paint, or paint windows on this afternoon. Just come and enjoy the meal, program and the friendship of other museum members.

Call Jeff Laverty at 860-429-7961 or Mark Granville at 860-456-3012 to make your reservations.

### November Membership Meeting

The next Membership Meeting (11/21/2004) will include the election of officers for next

year. According to our by-laws, a quorum is necessary. If you can make it, please attend this meeting, so the elections can be official.

### Spring 2005 Train Show

Mark your calendars - The date for the Spring 2004 Train Show has been set - March 20, 2005 at Windham High School. Like last time around, admission will be \$5 for the general public, \$4 for seniors, \$1 for kids 8-12 years old, and under 8 are free.

### Walking Weekend

Walking Weekend this year was a great success. The first walk had over 30 people at it! Check out some photos from the first walk in this issue.

### 2005 Entertainment Books Fundraiser

Time is running out! The 2005 Entertainment Books are here for only \$30 each and make great gifts! We currently have the Hartford edition in stock, but can get books for any state or metropolitan area in the country upon request. Each book is packed with hundreds of dollars worth of coupons and offers for a variety of businesses. Some of the offers include buy one get one free dinners at fine restaurants, family restaurants, and fast food eateries. Also are discount coupons for supermarkets, theaters and amusement parks. To get a copy for yourself or for a gift, contact Bob Hassett at 860-742-1640

### Member Appreciation Day

Our first annual Member's Appreciation Day was a great success! Many members came out and enjoyed some great weather, great company, and good eats. Next year we hope to build on this great thing, and include some sort of rail rides for the members. Mark your calendars - it'll be on the first Saturday in November.

### Entertainment at Membership Meetings

Any ideas as to what you'd like to see for entertainment at the

Membership Meetings? Do you have something you'd like to talk about or present to the members as entertainment at the meeting? Contact Mark Granville with your ideas or offers. We'd like to lay out a calendar of events well in advance so everyone concerned can have adequate notice to attend.

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

## The Lighter Side

By Janet Atkins

Are you of the opinion that the only work at the museum is heavy lifting, shoveling, and cutting trees? Well, I have learned from observation and experience that there really is much more that needs to be attended to and perhaps some of the following ideas will appeal to you:

- \* Painting - Windows almost anywhere and doors on the round house
- \* Raking - Leaves
- \* Mowing - Spring will return
- \* Pruning - Along the fences and on the grounds
- \* Planting - Do you have some plants to share, donate and plant?
- \* Pavers - Catalog/diagram placement of the donated brick
- \* Books - There are boxes of books that need to be sorted and shelved
- \* Artifacts - Records are needed of items donated to the group/museum
- \* Salesroom - Assist in selection of sale items and manning the MU Car salesroom
- \* Booth - Assist at exhibits/shows
- \* Admission - Assist in the booth when the museum is open
- \* Docent - Interpret the museum exhibit to visitors
- \* Promotion/advertising - Lots of opportunities - yearly calendar, auction, excursions
- \* Sweep/dust - Clean buildings and exhibits make for a nicer appearance
- \* Displays - Help develop displays for exhibits at shows and at the museum
- \* Programs - 30-45 minutes of sharing of information, guest speakers
- \* Auction - Solicit donations for auction - a real money generator
- \* Excursions - Plan, advertise, take reservations, greet travelers. Do they always have to be on the rails?

Yes, you have heard it before - Many hands make light work. When you evaluate your 2005 individual goals perhaps you can find a few hours for the museum and the organization. Help to make the Railroad Museum a viable asset to the community. Enjoy the friendship of others who appreciate the mission of the organization. It can happen - many hands make lighter work!



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## 2004 Walking Weekend

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Howard Raphelson leads the first group on a walk.



Howard continues explaining the history of the Air Line, as well as its construction techniques.



Alco S-4 sporting a new paint job. R.A. LaMay photo



Inliners International visit the museum along with their vintage Chevy and GMC cars & trucks. Tom Nanos photo



View of the Groton Freight House platform from the flat car  
R.A. LaMay photo



## Turntable & Roundhouse Work



Walter Dumas scraping inside the turntable bridge - R.A. LaMay photo



Mark Granville applying sealing compound to the roundhouse windows. R.A. LaMay photo



Turntable bridge with a new coat of primer paint. Jean Lambert photo



View inside Pit #6 R.A. LaMay photo

**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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