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The above photo shows many of the photographers who attended our 4th Annual Night Photo Shoot. This photo shows the Alco S4 and the 25 ton 'Lil Tugger'. More photos inside this issue of GTJ There were 17 photographers plus many museum members. (Photo by R.A. LaMay

On 5/26/07 this photo shows the museum's RMC McWilliams Spot Tamper working at the 4 track crossing at the eastern end of the museum grounds opposite the Versailles Ticket Shanty. Photo by R. A. LaMay

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

6/16/07 – Museum's 1st concert of the 2007 season - Quiet Corner Fiddlers – 4:30PM (More details inside)

6/17/07 – Fathers Day – NO Meeting

6/23/07 – Horizon Blue Bluegrass & Folk Concert – 4:30PM

7/1/07 – Monthly Business Meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM

7/14/07 – Bristol Boys – Bluegrass & Folk Concert – 4:30PM

7/15/07 – Monthly Membership Meeting – Windham Memorial Hospital – 7:00PM (Entertainment to be announced)

7/26/07 – Champlain Chapter NRHS visits museum – 2PM

11/4/07 – Fall Train Show – Windham High School – 10:00AM – 3:00PM

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The Night Photo Shoot

By Robert A. LaMay

On a rainy and overcast evening on 6/9/07 the museum held its 4th Annual Night Photo Shoot. There were 17 photographers from CT., MA., NY, and NJ. The lighting was provided by Steve Berry, Editor of Railfan & Railroad magazine. This years shoot primarily set up by Tom Nanos included 8 different photo set ups. The rain held off most of the evening and around 10:30 it became more steady but this didn't dampen the task that needed to be completed. The shoot was over around 11:30 and everyone of the photographers left smiling and with many new memories and some new friendships.

This view of FL9 no. 2023 in front of NHRR Section House with new railroad crossing sign to the right. (R.A. LaMay Photo)

A BIG THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who had anything to do with this very successful event. The Tuesday and Saturday work and track crews, the various members who posed during some of the photos, the train crew for moving numerous pieces of equipment around for the photos. The lighting provided by Steve Berry another important component. Without any one of you this event would have never taken place. Again – THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Member William Bouchelle starts to remove the chard lumber in the early restoration stages for the CV 4052 caboose. (Stuart Coleman Photo)

Here are a few chuckles from the Atkins family –

Body by Nautilas, Brain by Mattel
Boldly Going Nowhere
Caution – Driver Legally Blond
If you lived in your car, you'd be home now.

Headline Hijinks

Sometimes headines found in newspapers and magazines can say more than what was intended. Here are a few to think about –
Lingerie Shipment Hijacked – Thief Gives the Police the Slip

Patient at death Door – Doctors Pull Him Through

March Planned for Next August

Queen Mary having Bottom Scraped

Random Thoughts on Stress…..
We read an article that said the typical symptoms of stress are: eating too much, impulse buying and driving too fast...
Are they kidding? That's our definition of a perfect day!!

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President Mark Celebrates

Chapter president Mark Granville got a surprise when he was at the museum on Sat. 5/26/07. Around lunch time he was greeted with a birthday cake adorned with a photo of the museum's FL9 no. 2023 on it.

Happy Birthday! (Photo by R. A. LaMay)

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Remember When……..?

From the photo files here is another memory from years past.

May 1966 Canadian National's no. 6218 a 4-8-4 pounds along the Central Vermont Railway as it approaches Rte 207 in the North Franklin section of Lebanon, CT. (Photo by TJ MacNamara)

Rhythm on the Rails Concerts

The Rhythm on the Rails Concert series returns to the museum for the 2007 season. Eight great concerts are planned for the 2007 season where history, music, and fun join together for a very exciting afternoon. All concerts start at 4:30PM. Please feel free to bring a picnic with you to enjoy in our shaded picnic area. All concerts are free, but a $5.00 donation is suggested. All proceeds benefit the museum, which is a not for profit organization dedicated in preserving Eastern Connecticut railroad history.

Concert Dates to Remember –

6/16 – Quiet Corner Fiddlers – sponsored by Mountain Dairy
6/23 – Horizon Blue – sponsored by O.L. Willard, Inc.
7/14 – Bristol Boys – Sponsored by New Alliance Bank
7/28 – Charter oak Bluegrass
8/11 – Tara's Thistle – Sponsored by Fred's Brickhouse Café
8/18 – The Electric Trains – Folk & Train tunes
8/25 – Amy Gallatin & Stillwater Trio – Sponsored by O.L. Willard, Inc.
9/8 – Take Note – Sponsored by Windham Recreational Department.

In case of rain, concerts will be moved to Fred's Brickhouse Café, Gateway Commons, 1681 West Main St., Willimantic, CT. Except for Take Note concert will be held at the Windham Textile & History Museum at 411 Main St., Willimantic, CT.

Please remember schedules subject to change. Check our website at www.cteastrrmuseum.org of call Ray Axelrod at 860-228-3197 for updated information.

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Here's one for today's cell phone talking society –

HANG UP AND DRIVE!!!

When you visit our museum – please be sure to see this man – Bill Mihancki, he'll have your ticket for a great day at our museum. (Photo by R. A. LaMay)

Around the Museum

During Victoria weekend blacksmith Scott St. Lawrence was showing visitors the skills of making a door latch. (Photo by Robert A. LaMay)

More Ballast Please? Adrian Adkins drops ballast in the area of some new trackage at the museum. (R.A. LaMay Photo)

More Photos from the 4th Annual Night Photo Shoot – 6/9/07

Jeff Laverty poses with CV Alco S4 no. 8081 during the Night Photo Shoot. (Photo by Robert A. LaMay)

P&W Hi-Rail and Maine Central Rail bus pose in respective stall at Columbia Junction during Night Photo Shoot. (R.A. LaMay Photo)

New haven FL9 sits in front of NHRR Section house as night watchman Bob Hassett looks on from the section car. (Photo by Tom Nanos)

The 25 tonner 'Lil Tugger' strikes an impressive pose during the Night Photo Shoot. (Photo by Tom Nanos)