



Annual Banquet Speaker



Dr. Michael D. Breen gave a very inspiring talk about the rise and fall of the New Haven Railroad plus a very interesting slide show. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)

A Big Step for the Alco S4



Cliff Lund is putting the finishing touches on the rewiring of our CV Alco S4. He still has many things to complete but as this photo shows – a giant step for Alco Lovers has been taken. (Photo by Ed Sheckleton)

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

02/21/2016 – Monthly Membership meeting – 7:00PM - Windham Hospital
03/20/2016 – Monthly membership meeting – 7:00PM – Windham Hospital
07/17/2016 – Monthly membership meeting – 7:00PM – Windham Hospital

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Monthly Membership Meetings
3rd Sunday each month.

Sunday, Feb 21, 2016 @ 7:00 PM
Windham Hospital
Please note! If you have photos, short articles, or just want to make a comment – please forward them to:
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Happy New Year Everyone

Our first event for 2016 was our annual banquet which was held at Georgiana's at Bolton Notch, CT. Just over 30 people attended and all had an excellent buffet. Delicious hors d'oeuvres were served prior to the meal. Once the meal was completed our speaker Dr. Michael D. Breen gave an excellent talk with slide show followed by Mark Granville's excellent summary of what took place at the museum during 2015. Adrian Atkins was honored with the Golden Spike Award for his excellent and hard work with the completion of the Air Line Trail extension and its impact on the museum.



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The previous photo shows Jean Lambert and Mark Granville enjoying the goodies at the hors d'oeuvres table. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



President Mark Granville presents Dr. Michael D. Breen with museum hat and museum stick pin. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



This overall view shows the many members and friends that attended this year's Annual Banquet. Kudos to Adrian Atkins for setting up this event. It was well planned and the food was GREAT! (RA LaMay Photo)



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Around the Museum



On these cold and blistery days we try all sorts of ways to keep warm. We fire up the stove in the section house and this is where we make plans and decisions for what projects we will concentrate on during the cold off season weather. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Here Rolf Johnson brings in a wheelbarrow load of goodies to be sorted inside the WARM section house. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



Even your Ghost Train Journal Editor takes part in some occasional clean up. Here I am doing some of in the section house for our upcoming meetings during the colder weather. (Rolf Johnson Photo)

All About Railroads – {Well Almost...}

Mark your calendars everyone, you don't want to miss this. It consists of 4 different sessions and 2 field trips. Please join us at all of them or just decide the ones that interest you.

Session 1 – Introduction to Railroads & Railroad History – Ramsdell Transportation Collection – Tom Chase will be presenting this session and is a well qualified individual. Session 1 will take place at the Tourtelotte Memorial High School in the Auditorium Tuesday



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April 12, 2016 from 10:30AM – 12:00 Noon.

Session 2 – The Great East Thompson Train Wreck - Bob Belletzkic, a well knowledge historian will be presenting an excellent presentation on this famous train wreck. This will take place at the Tourtelotte High School on Tuesday April 19, 2016 from 10:30AM – 12:00 Noon.

Session 3 – Railroads & Industry in Northeast Connecticut – Bill Perasall, the municipal historian for the Town of Putnam, CT will be presenting a comprehensive view of how railroads and industry were co-dependent in the evolution of Northeast Connecticut. Session 3 will take place at the Tourtelotte High School auditorium on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 10:30AM – 12:00 Noon.

Session 4 – The Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum – The Where, What, and How – it came to be and where it is today. Ray Axelrod, museum member and historian will be doing this presentation at the Tourtelotte High School auditorium on Tuesday may 3, 2016 from 10:30Am – 12:00 Noon.

Field Trip 1 – The Ramsdell Transportation Collection and the Tourtelotte Treasure Room, Tourtelotte High School – People will gather here for a short trip to the site of the train wreck where a great presentation will take place. Details are to be arranged for this trip.

Field Trip 2 – A field trip is being planned to visit both the Connecticut Eastern Railroad Museum and the Willimantic Textile Museum (The Mill Museum) and these details are still being worked out.

Please look in future issues of the GTJ and on the railroad museum’s Facebook page for more details as they come about.

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Rolf Johnson on left along with Ed Shekleton sort the numerous electrical parts and inventory, than the sorted parts will be stored in an organized manner inside our wooden baggage car. Racks for storage were installed inside the car sometime last year by Adrian Atkins. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)



As I was leaving the museum I snapped this photo of the wooden fence being installed along the Air Line Trail along our driveway. This view looks toward the museum entrance. (Robert A. LaMay Photo)