

**BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

P.O. BOX 302, READING, MASS. 01867

SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

31 JULY 1973

Dear B & M Fans:

The July meeting of the Society was attended by fifty-five members and guests who enjoyed Mr. J. Leonard Bachelder's very fine slide program on Canadian railroading from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The August meeting of the Society will be held at the Reading Depot at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 11, 1973. Mr. Richard Baltulis of Weston, Mass. will show a film that includes some old and rare B&M steam scenes, plus the first run of the original "Flying Yankee."

Members are reminded that work sessions are being held at Steamtown, Bellows Falls, Vermont for the purpose of restoring the ex-B&M Diner-Lounge "Mountaineer." Please contact Leroy Hutchinson at the above address if you can lend a (much-needed) hand. Progress is good so far. How about helping things along.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, it was voted to raise the annual dues of the B&MRRHS from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per year. This proposed dues increase will be voted upon at the September 8 regular meeting of the Society by the members in attendance. The reasons for the increase are many, and include an improvement in quality and quantity (number of pages) of the B&M Bulletin, the publication (this fiscal year) of a diesel guide and the reprinting of the 1890 Fitchburg Railroad timetable, copyright expenses, and increased expenses for telephone bills, stationery, envelopes, postage, xeroxing, etc. The Board was unanimous in its decision that this dues increase is necessary if the Society is to continue to improve and expand as it has in the past. It was also decided to raise the dues for Life Members to \$75.

If you have not sent in your \$5.00 dues for this fiscal year, please forward same to the above address as soon as possible. If the proposed dues increase is voted affirmatively at the September meeting, the increase will become effective on October 1, 1973.

Ex-NKP Berkshire No. 759 is not only alive and well, but she pulled a special train from Hoboken, New Jersey to Scranton, Pennsylvania and return on Sunday, July 22. As usual, some selfish so-called railfans (read clowns) greased the rails on the tough hill on the return trip out of Scranton, and 759 required assistance from a brace of diesels. As of Sunday, July 29, the Berk was still quietly steaming in the yards at Hoboken, awaiting clearance to return to Steamtown. Latest word is that not only will she pull the October 27-28 special, but that it will go right into Montpelier (rather than just to the Junction) on the tracks of the Montpelier and Barre Railroad.

An illustrated history of the B&M's Old Orchard Beach-Camp Ellis line is available for \$2.00 from Elaine M. Peverly, 85 Eliot Road, Kittery, Maine 03904. The title of the book is "The Dummy," and it is 5 1/2" X 7 1/2", 48 pp with 55 illustrations, center-fold map, timetables, etc. A very good buy, according to Mr. Harry Frye.

Member Wayne Hills has been appointed as one of the two official photographers of the Steamtown Foundation (the other is Mr. John Krause.) Also, our President, Leroy Hutchinson, has been appointed to the position of Historian at Steamtown.

A steam tripleheader is being planned at Steamtown on Saturday, August 11. The locomotives to be used are the Nos. 15, 127 (now lettered D&H 653), and 1246. It is also planned to have No. 759 and an 0-6-0 switcher running by themselves that day.

It is with pleasure that we welcome the following new members to the Society:
Jay A. Winn, New Hartford, NY; Mark E. Sorenson, East Aurora, NY; Mager R. Greenough, Danvers, MA; Millard B. Howarth, South Portland, ME; George E. Balcom, Amherst, NH; Richard K. Hurst, Walpole, MA; James A. Belanger (Life Member), Lynn, MA; Normand R. Gamache, West Roxbury, MA; John W. Motyka, East Hartford, CT; John S. Bowles, Melrose, MA; Howard W. Topham, Wrentham, MA; David R. McCulloch, Elkhart, IN; Clyde E. Sessions, Walpole, NH; Robert W. Adams, Bellows Falls, VT; Edwin W. O'Brien, Watertown, MA; Richard A. Hoisington, Derry, NH; A.F. Callahan, Wakefield, MA; C. Brubaker, Arlington, VA; Douglas M. Rice, Granville, MA; Bruce C. Bowden, Stone Mountain, GA; David K. Redpath, Briarcliff Manor, NY; Robert C. Antcliff, Elmhurst, NY; Allan R. Barlow, Georgetown, MA; Kenneth A. Fedak, New York, NY; David R. Williams, Utica, NY; Peter White, Epping, NH; and Arthur H. Gerrish, Hampden, MA.

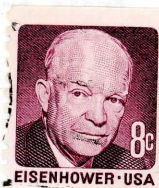
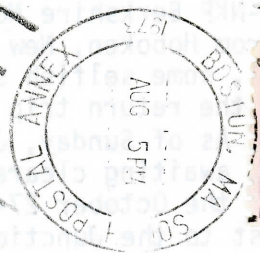
Best regards,

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