

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

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

SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

24 AUGUST 1973

Dear B & M Fans:

The August meeting of the Society was attended by fifty members and guests who thoroughly enjoyed Mr. Richard Baltulis' acquired films of B&M operations in the 1930's. These rare films will probably be screened at a future date judging by the audience's favorable response.

The September meeting of the Society will be held at the Reading Depot at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 8, 1973. You can be assured that the Entertainment Committee has arranged another fine program.

We are pleased to report that, as of August 19, one entire side of the "Mountaineer" has been sandblasted and primed, and, thanks to Larry Kemp, the rusted areas have been expertly filled and sanded. We are now past the halfway mark on the exterior, and a great deal of work has been done on the interior. So, while you still have a chance, come on up to Steamtown and help us out. No experience is necessary, just wear your old clothes and experience the joys of sandblasting (a productive way to vent frustrations), scraping, painting, etc.

You are once again reminded that we will vote on the proposed dues increase, from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per year, at the September meeting. The reasons for the increase are very real and necessary, witness the unanimous vote by the Board of Directors who, after all, must also pay dues (refer to the July Newsletter for details.) If you still haven't paid your \$5.00 dues for this fiscal year, please send your cheque or money order to the above address as soon as possible. You can also pay your dues at the September meeting. 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 back in Steamtown, and performed for the large gathering on August 11. The planned tripleheader was rather short-lived as engine No. 15 blew a flue soon after leaving Riverside. Veteran engineer Andy Barbera was rather badly burned by escaping steam, but appears to be recovering nicely and getting some rest at home. Except for this unfortunate occurrence, it was quite a spectacular day at Steamtown.

The President of the Society and the Chairman of the Board of Directors jointly agreed to the following policy statement and a copy of same was transmitted to the appropriate railroad official.

" Requests for material (in railroad possession) shall be made in writing to the responsible railroad official over the signature of the President of the Society or its Chairman of the Board of Directors. The request shall be specific in nature and, if permission is granted, one or the other of the two officers named above shall sign for the material both upon receipt and return of same. Under no circumstances shall any member of the Society represent himself as having the authority to make such a request."

Nothing in the above policy statement is to be construed that any railroad material in the Boston & Maine Corporation is indeed available at this time.

Best Regards, *D. R. Saurer*, Secretary