

# BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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

## SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

1 OCTOBER 1973

Dear B & M Fans:

The September meeting of the Society was another well-attended function, in spite of the fact that many of the members rode the trip on the Central Vermont Railway from White River Junction to St. Albans that day, and were unable to attend the meeting.

The October meeting of the Society will be held at the Reading Depot at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, 1973. Although there is another fan trip on that day (the RRE B&M Branch Lines Ramble), the trip is due back at North Station at 6:00 p.m. so members riding this trip should still be able to attend the meeting.

Work is progressing very nicely on the "Mountaineer", and by the time you read this the sandblasting and priming will probably have been completed. The car will then be ready for painting and lettering, while Steamtown employees will be responsible for seeing that the brakes and running-gear are in proper operating condition.

The Society's dues are now \$8.00 per year. The membership at the September meeting overwhelmingly voted the three-dollar increase, and this will, among other things, allow the editor of the Bulletin to proceed with his ambitious plans.

Mr. Richard Baltulis has suggested that the Society ought to begin some serious thinking regarding a permanent building or room(s) for our meetings, library, mementos, etc. This idea certainly has much merit, as we may soon outgrow the Reading Depot. At several meetings we have not had enough chairs for all of the members and guests. Several railfan groups do have their own meeting and memorabilia facilities; we would very much like to hear from you if you have some thoughts on this matter.

Mr. George W. Brown runs a "small but efficient" railroad model shop and will give substantial discounts to members. The discount is 20% on most items, and 40% on some items. He stocks brass items also, and the discount here is 15%. If Mr. Brown's suppliers have the item you want, he can get it for you. He is a Walthers and JMC-Concor Catalog shop. Contact him at Model Railroad Specialists, 24 Fuller Road, Cochituate, MA 01778.

Mr. Gerry Babyok of Granby, MA writes that the first of the B&M's 700 new 50-foot box cars were to have been delivered on 28 Sept. They are to be delivered at a rate of 6 or 7 per day. Mr. Babyok passed on several other items of interest to B&M fans: Trains on the White Mountain Branch now go only as far as Meredith due to a severe washout one mile south of Ashland. The WM Branch has only been getting a couple of cars per day. Only one train went all the way to Lincoln this year, and that was to deliver some cars loaded with steel. Service on the Franklin and Tilton Branch is finished, but all of the track is still in place, and the "upside-down" covered bridge is still there and in excellent condition. Only one through train per week, on Wednesday, operates between Concord and White River Junction.

Mr. David R. Williams, Hillcrest Manor Apartments, No. 203, Utica, NY 13501 has for sale for a B&M fan a used custom brass BL-2. It was stripped once with an ultrasonic cleaner and is in its original brass finish. It runs well and is priced at \$45.

Mr. Peter White, Box 294, Epping, NH 03042 would like some information about the last steam locomotive to run on the Lawrence-Dover local train. He particularly wants to know the number and type of this locomotive, plus any other data that can be supplied.

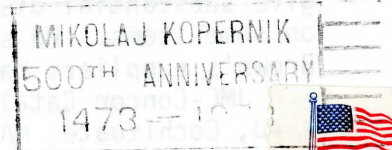
The B&MRRHS now has approximately 350 members. We are one of the largest railfan groups in New England!

Best regards,

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