

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

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

SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

30 JANUARY 1974

Dear B & M Fans:

The January meeting of the Society was attended by approximately 70 members and guests who once again had the opportunity of seeing more of Mr. Stan Whitney's B&M publicity movies that were made for television viewing in the early 1950's. Following this, Henry Marrec showed movies of the Erie-Lackawanna and the D&H that were taken last summer.

The February meeting of the Society will be held at the FIRST UNITARIAN PARISH, corner of Winn Street and Pleasant Street, WOBURN SQUARE, at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9, 1974. (The Unitarian church is the church without a steeple.) The entertainment will be presented by Mr. Henry Marrec, who will present a movie program featuring the Canadian Pacific, Canadian National, Reading, and Lehigh Valley. For those taking the train to Woburn, the schedule is as follows:

Leave North Station, Boston: 7:20 p.m. - arrive Woburn: 7:41 p.m.  
Leave Woburn: 10:45 p.m. - arrive Boston: 11:06 p.m.

We gratefully acknowledge the donation of a 1931 B&M Rule Book to the Society's archives, through the generosity of Mr. Stanley C. Hope of New York City.

The B&M's 12 new GP 38-2's will all be named for famous New England citizens. Maine and Massachusetts will each name four of them, and amidst proper ceremonies, the state of New Hampshire named four of the locos earlier this month. They are as follows: No. 202 - Daniel Webster; No. 205 - Hannah Dustin; No. 209 - Styles Bridges; and No. 210 - Franklin Pierce. The names are carried on the cabs under the windows.

Unfortunate as it is astonishing, some cretin(s) recently stole the builders' plates from three (numbers unknown) of the new dash-2's while they were sitting in Dover, N.H., or Haverhill or Lawrence, Mass. - the locale seems to depend on the person relating the bad news.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Society: David D. Ashenden, Shelburne Falls, MA, and Rodney H. Peterson, Baltimore, MD.

Henry Marrec, 11 Overlook Road, Arlington, MA 02174, has 8X10 black & white glossy photos for sale at the reduced rate of three for \$1.00. To all B&MRRHS members, photos will be on sale at the end of the monthly meeting. For those who cannot attend the meeting, send 65¢ to Henry at the above address for a sample 8X10 photo plus a 15-page photo list. The list includes choice photos of B&M steam and diesel, plus many more eastern railroads.

Regarding the Snow Train article that appeared in the December 1973 B&M Bulletin, Mr. Elwin K. Heath, 21 Hilltop Avenue, Barre, Vermont 05641 sends us this nostalgia: "This account of snow trains took place January 21, 1938, and I was aided by Mr. Laurence I. Beake in working this up and completing the account. I was on U.S. Highway 302 and Laurence was on one of the three snow trains from Boston to Fabyans that nice, sunny Sunday. I had to make a motor trip to Portland, Maine, returning on the 20th. and 21st., and it was on the return trip that I ran across these snow trains

climbing the mountain to Fabyans. I became interested in them and stopped in the "Notch" to watch them ascend that steep mountain. With information gained from Laurence, and from what I could get, this turned out to be a very interesting set-up of these three trains. All three trains changed engines at Dover and at Intervale, or Bartlett, as follows:

Boston-Dover:

Train A - 12 cars B&M 3703  
" B - 10 cars " 3707  
" C - 8 cars " 3678

Dover-Intervale:

Train A - 12 cars B&M 3652 & 3703  
" B - 10 cars " 3678 & 3707  
" C - 8 cars " 3701

Intervale-Fabyans:

Train A - 12 cars B&M 3652 & MeC 621  
" B - 10 cars " 3678 & " 606  
" C - 8 cars " 3703 & B&M 3707

As you will note the three B&M pacifics leaving Boston on these trains made the entire trip through to The Fabyans. I stopped at The Fabyans and watched these trains turn on the wye and make-up for the return trip to Boston late that afternoon - a real sight to behold."

Best regards, *Dave Squires*  
David R. Squires, Secretary

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