

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

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

SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

29 JULY 1974

Dear B&M Fans:

The August meeting of the Society will be held at the First Unitarian Parish Church, corner of Winn and Pleasant Streets, Woburn Square, at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 10, 1974. The entertainment will be presented by Mr. Richard Anderson, who will show a selection of his B&M slide collection. Those who have seen Mr. Anderson's slides know that this will be a fine program.

Please don't forget to remit your dues for the fiscal year that began on 1 July as soon as possible. Renewal forms were included in the last Newsletter. Annual dues are \$8.00, payable to the Boston and Maine Railroad Historical Society. Forward them to the attention of the Treasurer, Mr. Charles Smith, 6 Edgehill Road, Woburn, MA 01801. (This is contrary to the instructions in the 1 July Newsletter, but Mr. Smith has indicated that it would facilitate several matters if the renewals were sent to his home rather than to the Society's address.)

It is with pleasure that we welcome the following new members to the Society: David J. Albert, Waterville, ME; Nathan A. Roberts, Jr., Acton, MA; Malcolm M. Sedam, Middletown, OH; Ronald Clough, Waltham, MA; Donald A. Laplante, Jr., Newburyport, MA; Irving N. Blackburn, Antrim, NH; Harmon S. Smith, Jr., Springfield, MA; Ray Stokes, Hobart, IN; David Collinge, Newfields, NH; George L. Roberts, Kittery Point, ME; H. Bruce Leslie, Bristol, RI; Dennis R. Houle, West Roxbury, MA; Bruce P. Curry, Ottawa, Ontario; Edward M. Conley, Amesbury, MA; Eugene L. Anderson, Fort Sam Houston, TX; S.R. Stillings, Gardner, ME; Jonathan E. Meeks, Townsend, VT; Jay A. Cashook, Randolph, MA; Frank Kyper, Burlington, MA; Charles C. Power, Ipswich, MA; and Fred C. Freitas, Jr., Brockton, MA.

Back issues of the B&M Bulletin are available at \$1.00 each plus 40¢ for first class postage and handling. The following issues are available: 1972: September (very few), December. 1973: March, June, September. Also available are a few copies of the 1899 Hoosac Tunnel Route timetable at 25¢ each plus 10¢ postage, and the February 1932 Snow Train menu at 15¢ each plus 10¢ postage. If you buy both the timetable and menu, the postage charge is only 10¢.

Copies of the Society's by-laws are available to all members who would like to have them. Just send a postcard to the Secretary at the Society's address requesting a copy.

The Boston Engine Terminal powerhouse smokestack was very-professionally dynamited out of existence on Saturday, June 29, 1974. Reportedly, the smokestack had severe structural faults and was no longer necessary. Several of those who witnessed the demolition rescued some of the white tiles that once made up the "B&M"(s) on the stack.

Further to the note in the last Newsletter that the Norfolk and Western Railway had donated an ex-B&M coach to the Roanoke Chapter of the N.R.H.S., Mr. Thomas Heinrich, 1815 Greenwood Road S.W., Roanoke, VA 24015, tells us that it was originally B&M

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MEETING OF JULY 13, 1974

The regular monthly meeting of the B&MRRHS was called to order at 8:15 p.m. at the First Unitarian Parish Church, Woburn, by President Donald Robinson. Forty members and guests attended the meeting.

The reading of the Secretary's Report was waived.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None. (It had been previously decided that regular meetings of the Society would be held in July and August, but that they would be informal, and no business would be conducted unless absolutely necessary.)

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Following the business meeting, those in attendance inspected the display of HO equipment that Jim Ickes had brought to the meeting. After this, Mr. Don Hills presented an excellent entertainment program consisting of slides of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

Respectfully submitted,

*David R. Squires*

David R. Squires, Secretary

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coach No. 4803, the "Blackbird." (See Sept. 1972 B&M Bulletin.) It was sold to the Wabash Railroad and became their No. 1420, and then No. 1827 on the N&W. The Roanoke Chapter has numbered it 1210, and named it the "John M. Hancock", after an active member of that chapter. (Incidentally, they bought the car from the N&W - it was not donated as previously reported.) The car was used on the recent Fourth-of-July-weekend Independence Limited II excursion from Cincinnati to Alexandria, VA behind Southern Railway steam engine No. 4501, and several members of this Society who took the trip and rode on the "Blackbird" can attest to the fact that the car is in very fine condition. Mr. Heinrich mentions that he would like to purchase a complete set (3 large and 6 small) of B&M Conductor's (gold) and Trainman's (silver) uniform buttons, preferably in new, or like-new, condition. Please contact him at his Roanoke address.

- CHANGES OF ADDRESSES -

Please send them to us as soon as possible! Third class mail is not forwarded, but is returned to us first class, and we must remail it to you first class at considerable, and often unnecessary, expense.

Mr. Robert A. Farrenkopf, 55 Pennsylvania Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145, has for sale B&M steam photos taken during the period 1929-1956: 5X7 85¢, 8X10 \$1.70. Send him a stamped, self-addressed envelope for his list.

Mr. James H. Crimmins, 5 Bonnie Drive, Exeter, NH 03833, has for sale a Feb. 21, 1932 B&M Snow Train menu, six 3X5-inch pages. (Breakfast 40¢, Luncheon 75¢, Dinner \$1.) The price is \$5.00. He can be contacted at 603-772-5337.

Robert L. Eastwood, Jr., P.O. Box 41, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006, "is looking for slides and/or prints of ex-Reading Company coaches which were used in Boston and Maine service from 1946 until about 1952. Cars were coaches 1400-1482, and combines 3671-3696. These cars were later sold to the Korean Railroad by the G.S.A. Also, would like to obtain duplicate 35mm color slides (who would part with originals?!!) of B&M E units on passenger trains anywhere in western Massachusetts (i.e. N. Adams, Williamstown, Johnsonville, etc.), or Budd RDC's in the same locale. Who can assist me?"

Mr. George Drury (remember his article in the 29 April Newsletter?), 2535 North Prospect Avenue, No. 312, Milwaukee, WI 53211, is trying to locate photos of the B&M heavyweight coaches and combines that came after the high-window, narrow-letterboard Osgood-Bradley cars ca. 1921. The cars in question are the wide-letterboard, monitor-roof cars that preceded the American Flyer coaches. He would like to know what color paint matches B&M maroon - no halfway measures for this intrepid modeler. He will reimburse any costs for photos, etc. Mr. Drury notes that "good broadsides and end views, both slides and b&w, can be relayed to Herald King Decals in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. If anyone happens on a GP 38-2, one of the new boxcars, or one of those short Center-Flow covered hoppers, or can get copies of the lettering diagram, Al Miller and Don Manlick will probably be happy to add B&M to their decal roster."

The August Newsletter will probably be relatively short, as is this issue. In September, we anticipate having sufficient material and photographs so that we can resume printing larger issues, similar to the past several that you have received.

Best regards,

*David R. Squires*

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