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Historical Society, inc.

NEWSLETTER

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September 16, 1975

Dear B&M Fans:

The October meeting of the Boston and Maine Railroad Historical Society, Inc, will be held at the First Unitarian Parish Church, corner of Winn and Pleasant Streets, Woburn Square, Woburn, Mass., at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 11, 1975. Following the regular monthly business meeting, there will be a flea market. Members are urged to bring anything they wish to trade or sell.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: The September meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Vice-president Bill Cashman. Reports were heard from the treasurer, and the editor and managing editor. It was noted the the last hardbound issue of the forthcoming book on the Central Mass. Branch had just been reserved. Mr. Richard Baltulis reported that the town of Clinton, Mass., was issuing a Bicentennial medalion, and one side of the medalion depicted a train on the Clinton high bridge. Mr. Donald Hills reported that our former meeting place, the Reading Depot, was being converted to a museum by a local group, and that the depot had been repainted red with white trim. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m., and the members and guests of the Society enjoyed a very nice presentation on the history of the Conway Scenic Railroad, put on for the Society by Mr. Dwight Smith, president of the Conway Scenic Railroad. His program was very well recieved and we wish to thank Mr. Smith for taking the time and effort to come down from North Conway to put on the show. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m. The meeting was attended by 67 members and guests.

DUES: Dues for the year June, 1975 to June, 1976 are past due. If you have not already sent in your dues for this fiscal year, you have two more months to do it, before you will be dropped from the Society's roster. Don't delay!! Send a check or money order payable to the Society to Mr. Charles P. Smith, Treasurer, to his home address, 6 Edgehill Road, Woburn, Mass. 01801, to save time in handling.

NEW MEMBERS: It is with pleasure that we welcome the following new members to the Society; Mr. Stanwood K. Bolton, Jr., Acton, Mass., Mr. Richard F. Dole, South Portland, Me., Mr. Raymond B. Leary, Lynn, Mass., Mr. Kevin R. Conley, Readville, Mass., Mr. Kenton R. Mudgett, Dover, NH, Mr. Robert Terhune, Houston Texas, Mr. Philip J. Hulsman, M.D., Louisville, KY, Mr. Forrest Mack, Watertown, Mass., Mr. George Merriam, Rindge, NH,

Mr. John C. Graichen, Hudson, NH, Mr. Donald F. Morrison, Wallingford, PA, Mr. Walter J. Anderson, Woodstock, NY, Mr. Paul J. Ballard, Winston-Salem, No. Car., Baker Library, Harvard Business School, Boston, Mass., Mr. David J. Lionett, Boston, Mass., Mr. Robert N. King, Needham, Mass., Mr. Sam Langley, So. Braintree, Mass. and Mr. Jeffrey N. Sisson, Boston, Mass. The Society now has 649 members!!!

PUBLICATIONS: The Winter 74-75, Spring, 1975, and Summer 1975 Bulletins are available to members for \$1.75 per copy, \$2.00 to non-members. Also available are Dick Symmes' drawings of gas-electric 181 at Claremont Jct. and 2-6-0 1470 at Milford, N.H., for \$.70 per copy; Jim Ickes plan view of Mogul 1388 at \$.70; reprints of the 1932 Snow Train menu and the 1900 Springfield Terminal Ry. passenger timetable for \$.25 each. All prices include postage. Please be sure to include your membership number with your order to avoid being charged the non-member rate on those items to which it is applicable.

THE CENTRAL MASS. BOOK: When you read this, the book will be within two weeks of going to the printer. Trial paste-ups of all pages are nearing completion as is the sizing of all the photos, maps, timetables and tickets. Thereafter only the final paste-up and inspection will remain. Our tentative publication date is December 15 for the softcover edition, January 1 for the hardcover. The difference is due to the fact that the hardcover books will not be back from the bindery when the softcover edition is ready for delivery. The hardcover edition is now sold out. Those who wish to order softcover books can do so by using the order form included with this NEWSLETTER. Be sure to include a check and your membership number. You will receive a card acknowledging receipt of your order.

HELP: Mr. Calvin L. Blaser, 67 King Phillip Drive, No. Kingston, Rhode Island, 02852, would like to obtain photos of the Haverhill Bridge station on the Georgetown Branch, back when it was a station and not just a shelter. Perhaps a fellow member can help him out.

FANTRIP: The Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc, P.O. Box 32, Mattapan, Mass. 02126, is sponsoring a two day outing on the B&M's Fitchburg Division from Boston, Mass. to Mechanicville, NY and return on October 12, and 13, 1975. Due to rising insurance premiums, this may well be the last fantrip on the B&M. On arrival at Mechanicville, NY, riders will be bused to Saratoga Springs, NY for overnight accommodations, and there are several choices for side tours the next day, including a tour through the D&H's Colonie Shops. Fare for the two day trip including hotel accommodations to the first 200 people, four complete meals, admissions to private auction of railroadiana & railroad movies, and all transfers & gratuities is \$85.00. Contact the M.V.R.S. for further details.

Best regards,

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