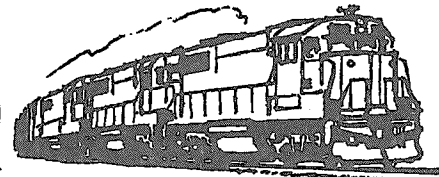
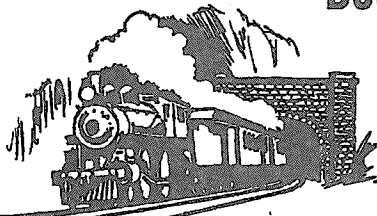


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Dear Boston & Maine fans:

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!(CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!)— The REGULAR June meeting of the B&MRRHS will be held at 8PM on Saturday, June 9th, at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Woburn Square, Woburn for the purpose of Election of Officers and regular business. Entertainment will be a Members Night, so bring your pictures (especially those of you going on the Lamoyille Valley trip).

The Cog Railroad Trip on Saturday June 16 is for pleasure only. — Joseph N. Shaw, Program Chm.

JUNE MEETING: June 16, 1979, the THIRD Saturday. Mt. Washington Cog Railway & environs.

DAY'S EVENTS

	TIME	PRICE
Cog Railway Museum & Shop Tour	10 AM	Tour AND ride
Noon Meal (brown bag, or your choice)	Noon	\$10.95 per person
Train Ride (3 hr. ride)	lv. 2PM, rtn. 5PM	
Dinner at Charlemont Restaurant	6 PM	Dinner (including tax & tip):
Meeting at Charlemont Restaurant	7 PM	\$7.50 per person
Adjourn	9:30 PM	

The program for the meeting will be presented by Don Bray, including a slide show.

DINNER MENU at the Charlemont: Choice of entree: Pot Roast or Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast and: Juice, Potato, Vegetable (fresh), Salad Bar, Bread & Butter, Dessert, and Beverage. Definite reservations for dinner must be in no later than JUNE 6 so the Charlemont will know the exact number of each choice to prepare. Send reservations to: Joseph N. Shaw, 888 Greenland Rd., Portsmouth NH 03801.

CABINS: Cabins at the Cog Railway for Saturday night, on a first come—first served basis, are available at \$10 per person, and must be reserved.

The Charlemont is located very near the Fabyans Depot on U.S. Route 302.

JULY MEETING: July 14, 1979, 8PM, First Parish Unitarian Church, Woburn Sq., Woburn, MA. Entertainment not known at this writing, but should be up to our usual standards.

AUGUST MEETING: Saturday evening, August 11, 1979, Stall Four, Conway Scenic RR round house, North Conway NH. Special CSRR events for the day: train departures Sat. (& Sunday the 12th) at 11AM and 1, 2:30, 4, and 7PM. A special fare of \$2.50 will apply all day Saturday to any card-carrying member of the B&MRRHS. If operating conditions permit, a steam double-header will be run on the 4 & 7PM runs on Saturday. Other surprises and special runs are in store; this meeting you won't want to miss!

BALLOT & voting instructions are at the bottom of page 5, vote for the candidate of your choice!

The Society's newest book entitled Moguls, Mountains, and Memories: A Gallery of New England Railroading North and West of Boston is rapidly nearing completion and should go to press around June 15 to be available by early September. This will be a 128-page softbound book in 8 x11" vertical format containing photographs of the Boston & Albany, BAR, B&M, CPR, CV, GT, MEC, and a number of shortlines from 1945 to the present. Covers will be full color plus there will be another two or three color plates elsewhere in the book. Featured will be work by Jack Armstrong, Ben Crouch, Stan Bolton, George Corey, Phil Hastings, Ron Johnson, Don Robinson, and others. Price will be in the \$10 to \$12 range with proceeds to support the publication of a book on B&M steam power in the spring of 1980. Keep your eye on the Newsletter for additional information on both of these publications.

ADVANCE SECTION RENEWAL NOTICE The formal Renewal Notice won't be going out until next month, but you can help relieve the renewal crunch on your Memb. Sec. by renewing early. This year we will have our fulfillment obligations out of the way by June 1 and other business well taken care of so membership cards will be gotten out much faster this year. Annual dues are \$10; conversions to life membership are \$100. Make checks payable to the B&MRRHS and mail your payments with your name & address to: T. R. Engel, Membership Secretary, B&MRRHS, Box 369, Belmont, Mass. 02178. Let me know of any needed corrections or changes of address. — TRE

B&Meeting The May 1979 monthly meeting of the B&MRRHS was called to order by President Leroy C. Hutchinson on Saturday, May 12 at 8:10PM at the Winnacumet High School, Hampton, NH. There were approximately 65 members and guests in attendance.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was waived.

President Hutchinson announced that the regular June meeting, which is the Society's annual meeting, will be held on June 9 at 8PM in the First Parish Unitarian Church, Woburn, Mass.

Dick Symmes announced that the Spring 1979 Bulletin is now in the mail.

Board of Directors Chairman H. Arnold Wilder reported that at the last meeting of the Society's Board of Directors it was decided not to acquire and restore the coach and baggage car from the Boston wrecker.

Eugene Prowten indicated that the purpose of his photo-taking project is to document lineside structures and that participants in this project do not need exceptional skill as photographers.

Nominating Committee Chairman Donald G. Hills then read the following list of nominees for election at the June meeting:

Board of Directors: Donald A. Clerke
Preston S. Johnson
President: Malcolm Houck
Vice President: John A. Goodwin
John A. Roderick
Treasurer: John C. Hutchins
Secretary: Forrest Mack

The floor was then opened for nominations. No nominations from the floor were received. Nominations for the annual election were then declared closed.

Program Chairman Joseph Shaw announced that the June 16 meeting scheduled for the Charlemont Restaurant near Mt. Washington will not be the regular monthly meeting for June. He indicated that the regular June meeting would take place on the second Saturday of the month at the regular place of meeting. He repeated his request for completed reservation forms for the Charlemont restaurant dinner.

The business portion of the meeting concluded at 8:28PM.

After the business portion of the meeting Ray Tobey and Chandler Cobb presented a slide program.

Respectfully Submitted,
(signed) Forrest Mack, Secretary

B&Members We welcome the following new members to the B&MRRHS: Roy A. Colella, D.D.S., S. Weymouth MA; Wayne E. Tremper, D.V.M., Kingston NY; Edwin W. Bridges, Medford MA; Robert M. Sironen, Chattanooga TN; James F. Reardon, Tewksbury MA; John L. Dunham, Brattleboro VT. Welcome aboard!

MISSING MEMBER: Robert R. Quagan, Scott AFB, IL. Send any info. to the Belmont Box. — TRE

B&Memos HELP WANTED - NO PAY — Trackside Buildings Recording Project — We still have openings for many of you to assist in our effort to get these buildings on film before they disappear. If you can take a snapshot you're eligible, we're not trying for portraits, just pictures. If you live near one of the branch or mainlines or abandoned branches you are in a good location. We have offers from twenty people to participate so far; many more are needed. For instance, it will take up to ten to cover Metropolitan Boston — to date we have only one. We must move quickly to stay ahead of the vandals and wreckers. Write to Gene Prowten, 132 Stow Rd., Boxborough MA 01719. Enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope, business size.

●●● Professor Charles J. Kennedy of the University of Nebraska and the Economic and Business History Associates has notified us that his book of essays on the early business history of the B&M will be published by the EBHA Press late in the fall to be available around Christmas. Anyone not on Professor Kennedy's mailing list can place his name on the list by writing Prof. Charles J. Kennedy at the Dept. of Economics, College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska, Lincoln NE 68588.

●●● The Museum of Transport in Boston is preparing a permanent exhibit called Boston - A City in Transit. They are in need of volunteer assistance in the preparation of this exhibit and have asked the B&MRRHS for support in completing it. They also need hardware and printed matter for use in the display and are seeking donations of such material. They are especially interested in acquiring a handcar (of the original hand-pumped variety), two-man rail lifting tongs, various track material such as tie plates and a short (four-foot) section of rail, and are looking into the possibility of acquiring and cosmetically restoring one of the B&M 0-6-0's at the Fletcher quarries in Westford (see latest Bulletin, Spring 1979). This ambitious project will require considerable volunteer assistance to be successful. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Mr. Peter Albin, Manager - Planning & Coordination, Commuter Service, Boston & Maine Corp., Iron Horse Park, North Billerica MA 01862. He can be reached by telephone at 617-667-8100 ext. 337 or at his residence, 617-861-0783.

AN URGENT APPEAL The Society's continuing rapid rate of growth has left us overloaded with necessary work and short-handed in several key areas not the least of which are the Bulletin and Newsletter which are the lifelines of our organization. We urgently need the assistance of more members if the Society is to continue growing and expanding the information and services it provides for all. Please look over the following list of tasks with which assistance is needed. None of them require previous experience or technical expertise, but all are essential functions. Ask yourself if you couldn't spare a maximum of 5-10 hours a month in one or more of these areas. If so, please contact the listed individual for whatever area interests you. Your participation would be most welcome in any of these areas.

TASK	FREQUENCY	PEOPLE NEEDED	CONTACT	MEMBERS IN NEARBY TOWNS
1. Bulletin Mailing	4 times/year	5-10	Joseph N. Shaw, 888 Greenland Rd., Portsmouth NH 03801 603-436-2663	78
2. UPS/Mail Shipping to Stores	4-6 times a year	3-5	H. Arnold Wilder, 46 Lowell Rd., Westford MA 01886 617-692-6649	38
3. Publications deliveries to stores in: Boston, S.E. Mass. Central & Western Mass. Connecticut S.E. Maine	4-8 times a year	5-10	John Hutchins, Nutting Road, Groton MA 01450 617-448-5339 (this is the pick-up location)	35
4. Manuscript writing or research	ANYTIME	Anyone who can help	J. Norman Longhi, c/o B&MRRHS P.O. Box 302, Reading MA 01867	1150 members
We would be especially interested in assistance from some of our active or retired railroaders who are members. Placing your experiences on recording tape for future printing would be of considerable assistance if you don't wish to write them down.				
5. Photograph hunting or submission	ANYTIME	Anyone who will help or contribute to the photo files	David K. Johnson, c/o B&MRRHS P.O. Box 302, Reading MA 01867	1150 members
6. <u>Bulletin</u> and book production	4-8 meetings a year	Anyone to assist in editing, typing layout preparation	Richard W. Symmes, 16 Frankwood Ave., Beverly MA 01915 617-927-2701	97
7. Newsletter mailing	monthly	5-10	Thomas R. Engel, 179 Lewis Rd., Belmont MA 02178 617-484-5911	50
8. Archives cataloging at the U. of Lowell	5-10 times a year	5-10	Forrest Mack, 262 Main St., Watertown MA 02172 617-924-8768	74 in Lowell area
9. Modelling	ANYTIME	Anybody	Don Clerke, 132 Laurel St., Windsor CT 06074 203-644-8993	21

COMPUTER WANTED We are in need of a computer to produce our mailing labels on; we have lost access to the system(s) we have used for the past five years. We are lining up programming talent and we know what our end product needs to look like; the hardware is our big problem.

We are willing and would be prepared to run batch (though on-line and interactive processing would be Nice). Our data base is on punch cards (3,525 of them) so the system we will use must have a card reader and a line printer.

So, your Membership Secretary would like to hear from people who could supply computer time for the Society for our label runs; we run off sets at 3-4 sessions a year, producing 4-5 sets at a time. Write him at the Belmont Box or call his number above. The B&MRRHS is a recognized tax-exempt non-profit education corporation, entailing tax deduction possibilities. The generation of mailing labels is at the heart of our mailing operations which is the lifeline of this organization; we need YOUR help.

EDAVILLE R.R. — 10th Annual "Rail Fan's Weekend", Saturday & Sunday, June 16 & 17, 1979. Edaville Railroad, Route 58, South Carver, Mass. Rail fan's admission: one day ticket \$6, child under 12 \$3; Two day ticket adult \$10, child \$5. Admission includes regular combination train & museum ticket & entitles one to ride any and all trains all day. Giant RR Flea Market (3rd annual) & model railroad show.

●● Send Newsletter items for the next issue to the Asst. Ed. at the Belmont box rather than to Concord ●●

SPOTLIGHT ON BOSTON & MAINE HISTORY (compiled by Ye Editor, from the Boston & Maine Railroad Employees' Magazine)

50 years ago JUNE 1929, Vol. 6, No. 3.. "Our Biggest Bridge Girders" by Benjamin W. Guppy, Eng. of Structures, illustrated article describing the new bridge over the Conn. River at White River Jct.; photos showing steps in placing these girders and one photo showing the bridge in 1913 with loaded cars on it and pulp wood jammed against it in the flood. New girders are 126' 7½" long, 11' ½" deep, and weighed 65 tons each.. "Boston & Maine Navy's Smallest Unit" - a 16' motorboat, equipped with hoses to fight fires underneath waterfront structures in the Boston Terminal area; photo of boat showing George Steele, former Safety Agent and Machinist Henry Mercier testing the hoses.. "Do You Remember?" photo of Tower B, ball signals used to control movements of Fitchburg, Eastern, and B&M RR's, ca. 1890.. "The Annual Fuel Convention", story on 21st annual convention of Int'l. Fuel Assn. in Chicago May 7-10th, 1st address by Sir Henry Thornton, President & Board Chairman of the CNR entitled "Electrification and the Diesel Locomotive" - the main purpose of the meeting: Save Fuel!!.. Rear Cover: "Newport NH, the Sunshine Town", on the Claremont branch of the Boston & Maine, the Newport railroad station with newly constructed yards and approaches, presided over by Agent George E. Brill, serves nine smaller nearby towns...

PUBLICATIONS The following publications are available postpaid (unless otherwise noted) by ordering direct from this address: Business Mgr., B&MRRHS, Box 223, Harwood Station, Littleton Mass. 01460. Publications orders sent to any other addresses will be subject to an automatic delay of at least two weeks. Do not include any other correspondence with these orders!!

B & M BULLETINS: Fall 1976, Winter 1976-7, Spring, Summer, Fall 1977; Winter 1977-8, Spring 1978, PRICE: \$2 @ to members, \$2.25 @ to others. Summer, Fall 1978, Winter 1978-9, Spring 1979, PRICE: \$2.50 everyone.

OTHER B & MRRHS PUBLICATIONS: 1932 Snow Train menu -25¢; reprinted Montpelier & Wells River/Barre & Chelsea RR employees' timetable #62B of January 22, 1928 - \$1.00

BOOKS BY OTHER PUBLISHERS: A Pinprick of Light by Carl R. Byron. A 72pp. 6"x9" softbound history of the construction and operation of Hoosac Tunnel by a well-known B&MRRHS member and former officer. Illustrated with photos, maps, and diagrams. \$4.95.

Vanishing Markers, a 128pp. illustrated description of Boston & Maine railroading 1948-1952 by a former B&M brakeman. This is a captivating account of B&M operations during one of the most interesting periods in the company's history. Members \$12.50; non-members \$14.95.

New England Diesels, Dave Alpert & George Melvin's photographic chronicle of the Diesel locomotive in New England from the 1930's to the present day. All class I roads as well as shortlines are represented in the 420+ photographs from New England's major rail photographers as well as some unknowns. The book is organized on a state-by-state basis including maps of rail mileage in each state. An excellent value! Hardbound, 232pp. Members \$24.00; non-members \$26.95.

Northern Rails - 1978 Edition: A 34-page illustrated guide to the railroads of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, their freight and passenger operations, locomotive rosters, yard and engine terminal locations, maps, and radio frequencies plus gazeteers of principal points of interest in each state. Includes all museums with equipment rosters. \$3.50

MODELLING ●●● We have received a request to determine how much interest there might be in producing a brass HO model of the Rutland L-1 4-8-2. If you are interested and/or could provide erection drawings, photographs, etc. of these engines, please contact our modelling editor, Don Clerke, at 132 Laurel St., Windsor CT 06074.

●●● Al Lawrence, President of the New Haven RR Historical & Technical Assn., Inc., advises us that SMP Industries is interested in issuing HO decal sets for the passenger cars used in the joint PRR/NH/B&M/MEC (Gull, State of Maine, etc.) services. They need information on the proper car names, road names, and numbers for equipment used in those trains. If you can help, please contact the modelling editor.

BOARD MEETING There will be a meeting of the Society's Board of Directors on June 21, 1979 (a Thursday) at 7:30PM at the First Parish Unitarian Church, Woburn Sq., Woburn, Mass. for considering any business that may come before the Society's Board of Directors.

NEWSLETTER NOTES 1) The B&MRRHS wants YOU to contribute to the B&MRRHS Newsletter! We're looking for a few good contributors, the more the better. We're at our best when we have lots of items from our members; there are many parts and facets of the railroad we rarely get to see (our time is limited and the B&M beat covers a lot of mileage). Each month we report on your Society's projects and activities, and we try to give you an idea of what's happening on our namesake railroad. But we need your help to do the job. 2) For the next (June-July) issue your Asst. Editor will be acting editor, so all contributions for that issue must be sent to the Belmont Box (Box 369, Belmont MA 02178, same address for all membership business). John will be back for the August issue.

B&Matters COMMUTER COMMENTS— Yes, the special train to Concord NH did run on May 5th, leaving Boston at 1PM and Concord at 4:30PM, and was enthusiastically received by all in New Hampshire — and in Massachusetts. Everyone was in good spirits and good will flowed from the assembled officials and politicians. F40PH #1009 and 4 Pullman-Standard push-pull cars did the honors. The day before a test train was run on the same route with B&M and MBTA officials on board; that time F10 #1103 was used with the Pullman-Standard cars. (Suncook Valley RR HS Newsletter)

The Pullman-Standard push-pull coaches now being built for the MBTA will, along with Amtrak's Superliners, be the last passenger cars built by Pullman. Pullman is quitting the passenger car business after those two orders are completed.

The Kendall Green Depot has been saved, Warren Vittum writes. Weston has approved the zoning by-laws changes to allow professional offices in the two town RR stations; as part of the arrangement a suitable waiting room will be provided at Kendall Green.

Commuter Equipment Notes — F10 deliveries stand at 9: units 1100-04 (Head end power) and 1150-53 (steam generator) are in service.. The 4200 series E8's have been withdrawn from service for the summer.. three sets of GO coaches are running; one each to Framingham, Reading, and Woburn. (Narragansett Newsletter) One of the GO coaches damaged in the Barton VT wreck on April 7 was cut up on the spot..

The Tender Offer is finally ON! The offer commenced May 3rd and will expire June 1st unless extended. A large ad was run in the Wall St. Journal announcing the offer and giving procedural details. The offer is for \$37 million principal amount of the series TT 6% bonds due 1970; price is \$80 per \$100 principal, with all interest waived. How is it progressing? Very well: the trustees announced that as of close of business May 18 bonds totalling \$24,590,500 had been tendered for purchase.

B&M GETS GOLD! The Boston & Maine has been awarded the Harriman Gold Medal for the best safety record among Class B railroads (5-20 million employee-hours worked annually). This award marks the fulfillment of a concentrated effort by all B&M personnel to reduce employee injuries. In 1972 the B&M safety record was the poorest of the 15 railroads in its class, but concentrated efforts have improved that record tremendously. The result is something every B&M'er can be proud of.

EARNINGS: The B&M's trustees have announced the B&M's first quarter 1979 railroad-only earnings on an ICC basis. Net loss of \$1,220,958 on revenues of \$25,152,964; 1st quarter 1978 figures were net loss of \$2,846,816 on \$21,026,477 of revenues. March 1979 showed net income of \$168,472; much better than March 1978's \$332,086 net loss.

Furthermore, the trustees have released the 1978 Consolidated Earnings; the figures include subsidiaries and leased lines, and also reflect favorable back tax settlements and settlement of a collateral loan. These audited figures are better than the initial figures in the ICC report released in Feb. The figures: (1977 in "()") On a Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) basis consolidated revenues were \$93,256,000 (\$88,563,000) with a net loss of only \$840,000 (\$4,421,000)! On a railroad-only ICC basis with revenues of \$91,489,652 (\$87,930,931) the net loss was only \$540,000 (\$5,654,394)!!

Sad News: It was reported at the May 3rd Thursday meeting of the Mass Bay RRE that the Wolfborough Railroad is expected to file for complete abandonment shortly. Supposedly notices of the intent to abandon have already been posted.

SYMBOL CHANGES: NY-10 & BM-7 cut back to Mc'ville, NY-10 lv. Mc'ville 0700; NY-10 & BM-7 now functions as a turnaround job.

Montrealer: still no final word; proposals to retain it and several other Amtrak trains are wending their way through Congress. It is nip and tuck; most observers feel that while the Montrealer is close to survival it is not yet out of danger.

+++++ OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR 1979 B&MRRHS ELECTIONS +++++

Vote by making an "X" before the name of the person you're voting for, detach, and either mail to: Election Dept., B&MRRHS, P. O. Box 302, Reading MA 01867, or bring the ballot to the June 9th meeting of the Society to be held at Woburn.

If mailed, do NOT include anything else with your ballot! All ballots must be received by June 9th in order to be counted. Be sure to include your name and address on the envelope, but do not sign the ballot.

OFFICERS: (Vote for not more than ONE per office)

PRESIDENT: _____ Malcolm Houck	TREASURER: _____ John C. Hutchins
VICE-PRESIDENT: _____ John A. Goodwin	SECRETARY: _____ Forrest Mack
_____ John A. Roderick	_____

DIRECTORS: (Vote for not more than TWO)

_____ Donald A. Clerke	_____
_____ Preston S. Johnson	_____