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Dear Boston & Maine fans:

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Saturday, Sept. 8, 1979, 8PM, First Parish Unitarian Church, Woburn Square, Woburn, Mass. Entertainment will be put on by Dave Hutchinson who will put on a B&M show.

OCTOBER MEETING: Saturday, Oct. 13, 1979, 8PM, First Parish Unitarian Church, Woburn. Our B&M Modelers' Night. Also, Bulletin Technical Editor Don Clerke will conduct a modeling Clinic.

Our regular meetings are held the second Saturday of every month at 8PM in the above church, unless a different time or place is announced in these Newsletters. The Church, the only one in Woburn Square without a steeple, is at the corner of Winn St. & Rte. 38 several blocks north of the railroad stop.

DUES for the 1979-80 membership year are now DUE! Annual dues are \$10; conversions to life membership are \$100. Make checks, money orders, etc., payable to the B&MRRHS. Please let me know of any necessary corrections to name or address. Cutoff for non-renewal will be with the November Newsletter (meaning about Nov. 1); the Fall 1979 Bulletin will go only to the Renewed. Send your renewal payments to: T. R. Engel, Memb. Sec., B&MRRHS, P. O. Box 369, Belmont MA 02178.

Word Just In: Joe Shaw tells me the Fall 1979 Bulletin is running well ahead of its schedule in previous years and may be ready early. Word to Wise: Renew now. — TRE

ATTENTION: ANY EXTRA LITERATURE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETINS ARE YOURS TO KEEP!

B&Memos MOGULS, MOUNTAINS AND MEMORIES: As happened with the Central Mass., we've experienced some last minute delays in scheduling due to lack of time on the part of some of those working on the book. The book should now appear sometime in November so keep it on your Christmas shopping list! There have also been a couple of improvements. Color will be used within the book on a limited basis and more pages will be added. Keep your eye on the Newsletter for added developments.

●● INFORMATION & PHOTOS WANTED—Information and/or pictures on Dover, NH needed for a forthcoming article in the B&M Bulletin. Contact Chandler Cobb, 168 Wipple Rd, Kittery ME 03904 or Joseph N. Shaw, 888 Greenland Rd., Portsmouth NH 03801.

HELLP! Your Membership Secretary needs someone urgently to type membership cards for him. Also maybe some other membership and circulation work odds and ends. Persons not too long a haul from Belmont preferred. Contact T. R. Engel per "Urgent Appeal".

TRACKSIDE STRUCTURES 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.

COMING EVENTS
OF NOTE

SEPT. 15: Annual Railfan's Day, Conway Scenic RR, N. Conway NH. Steam trains depart 11AM, 1, 2:30, 4PM. Meets, double-header, photo run-bys, etc. Regular fares in effect. Slide & sound movie show 7PM in Roundhouse Theatre.

SEPT. 29: Trainfair 79, Model train layouts, dealers, films, slides, live steam, etc. 10AM-5PM, Greater Lawrence Voc-Tech School, River Rd., Andover MA, take exit 19 from I-93 east ½ mile to school. For info.: Trainfair 79, 9 May Court, Methuen MA 01844.

SEPT. 29: Portland-Island Pond, Vt. & return via Grand Trunk. Tix adults \$37, children \$26.50, order from Ron Johnson, 470 RR Club, P.O. Box 2468, Portland ME 04106. SASE

SEPT. 30: Portland-Gorham NH & return via GT. Tix adult \$34, child \$24.50, order from Kilton Andrew, 470 RR Club, 11 Smith St., Yarmouth ME 04096. SASE. Both trips leave 8AM from corner India & Fore Sts., Portland. This is the year to go!

OCT. 13 The Mass. Bay RRE is running their foliage trip this year to White River Jct. from Boston via Springfield. Here is an especial opportunity to inspect the B&A and the Conn. River line in an energy efficient and leisurely mode. Take your choice: visit Steamtown while it's still here, or go to WR Jct. with incomparable vistas—and the Claremont High Bridge. Heartily recommended, Don't Miss!

B&Meeting The August 1979 meeting of the B&MRRHS was called to order by Vice President John Goodwin on Saturday August 11 at 8:35 PM in the roundhouse of the Conway Scenic Railroad, North Conway NH. There were approximately 90 members and guests present.

It was voted to dispense with the business portion of the meeting.

Program Chairman Joe Shaw announced that the September meeting would feature a slide show by David Hutchinson, and that the October meeting would feature a modeling clinic conducted by Don Clerke. Both of these meetings will be at the regular meeting place in Woburn.

Conway Scenic Railroad President Dwight Smith spoke briefly, mentioning restoration of a wood RPO car which is intended to be on display in September.

Ron Johnson of the 470 Club then gave a slide program on recent MEC operations, followed by films showed by Alan Thomas on northern New England rail operations since 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Forrest Mack, Secretary

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 MA 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 (only a few left); Spring 1978 (very few left). PRICE: \$2.25 each. Summer, Fall 1978; Winter 1978-9; Spring and Summer 1979. PRICE: \$2.50 each.

OTHER B & MRRHS PUBLICATIONS: 1932 Snow Train menu -25¢; reprinted Montpelier & Wells River/Barre & Chelsea RR employes' 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 short-lines 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. Others \$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.

NEW! Railfan's Guide to New England (2nd Edition): Similar in content to Northern Rails but covering all six New England states in a more comprehensive manner including detailed freight and passenger schedules. Published by B&MRRHS member Jack Armstrong whose excellent photos have often appeared in the Bulletin, Rails Northeast, etc. 50 pages, 8½" x 11". \$4.95.

A COMPLETE INDEX to all B&M Bulletins, 75¢, including postage.

BACK BULLETINS: A few copies of the Spring 1976 Bulletin remain at \$1.50 each.

CRAWFORD HOUSE DEPOT The Appalachian Mountain Club now owns the railroad depot at the site of the Crawford House at the top of Crawford Notch in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The Club also owns the buildings and 26 acres which make up the hotel site on both sides of the MEC line. The Club is interested in restoring the depot to its former splendor for possible use as a visitor information center (and maybe even a railroad station some day). The work must be done by volunteers. Anyone interested in any phase of this restoration should contact Morrin Hazel, 109 Salem Street, North Revere, MA 02151, (617) 321-4107 evenings, 494-2651 days.

B&Marketplace We'll publish advertisements by members as space permits. Please keep them as short as possible and send them on a separate piece of paper. Don't forget to include your name and address with your ad! We reserve the right to edit ads.

WANTED: Pictures of Wells River, Woodsville, & Blackmount RR stations or information that will be helpful in building exact scale copies of these stations. Richard Sanders, 1730 Oxford Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. (907) 277-7348.

● Moving? Send all changes of address to Memb. Sec., B&MRRHS, P. O. Box 369, Belmont MA 02178 ●

AN URGENT APPEAL The Society's continued 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 functions:

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, SE Maine	4-8 times a year	5-10	John Hutchins, Nutting Road, Groton MA 01450 617-448-5339	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 especially be 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 Avenue 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 near Lowell
9. Modelling	ANYTIME	Anybody	Don Clerke, 132 Laurel St., Windsor CT 06074 203-644-8993	21
10. Membership Records	ANYTIME, (esp. July-Dec.)	Anybody	Thomas R. Engel, 179 Lewis Rd., Belmont MA 02178 617-484-5911	50

SPOTLIGHT ON BOSTON & MAINE HISTORY (from Boston & Maine RR Employees' Magazine)

50 years ago SEPT. 1929 Vol. 6, #6: Leading article: "president Awards Safety Trophy" 1st period won by Operating Dept.. "Rail a Minute Record set by B&M track layers" machines have speeded up track work, supervised by John Reilly of Gardner.. "Those Test Trains" article describes Dynamometer Car from Nickel Plate Road used testing T-1a 2-8-4 steam locomotives with several photos.. "Giraffes Prove Our Clearances" Publicity Dept. demonstrated new clearances at Hoosac Tunnel by announcing a pair of giraffes went through OK; shipped in crates loaded on transformer cars from Hudson NH to Detroit.. Center Spread: "What's Going on at the Boston Terminal" photos show Asylum Hill disappearing, foundations for new BET, "A" House receiving doors, cars spotted on tracks at "A" House, moving freight thru cars at "A" House, new 40-ton crane in yard 7 - auto plat., 0-8-0 switcher (also on p. 28), 40-ton crane at Worcester, 3/4's view of 0-8-0 switcher #654, showing 648 with tender boosters, new type "banana service reefer car block".. "Find Cannonball in Cobble Hill" by J. A. Crowley, Term. Div. Fire & Safety Agt., photo shows Charles B. Jolley, yard 4, who found cannonball embedded in clay near Asylum Hill, thought to have been there since Battle of Bunker Hill.

25 years ago

SEPT.-OCT. 1954, Vol. 22, #5, Front Cover: "Part of 56,000 bags of flour at Mystic Pier, awaiting shipment to West Africa from Canada".. "Hurt but not Crippled" leading article on results of two hurricanes: "Carol & Edna" from Carol: washouts at Hampton Falls NH and S. Ashland NH, from Edna washouts at North Andover MA and Kennebunk ME; freight house at Dover NH badly damaged; small slide near S. Acton MA, many trains rerouted, etc., 2 special trains chartered by Western Electric run to Maine. Operating, Mechanical, and Engineering Depts. did a great job to restore service as soon as possible.. Newspaper advertisement entitled "Commendation and Appreciation" B&M rr.. "Station Agent is a Real Salesman" Ernest Knox at Wells Beach ME has painted sides of his truck advertising "East Wind" and "State of Maine".. "Old Depot is Snack Bar" Brookline NH on former Brookline branch turned into snack bar on Rt. 13, RR abandoned in 1936 after flood, photos show station in use, now snack bar, and interior. "History of New England Rail Power Shown in Pictures" being displayed around Boston by R.R. Com. Com. of Greater Boston.. Retirements: H. F. Fifield, Eng. M. of W., Earl Richardson, T.M. Fitchburg Div., Photo of car Dept. employes at Lowell on tour of Harvard Brewing Co., also photo of section crew at Hinsdale NH, foreman Everett Field...

B&Members

We welcome the following new members to the B&MRRHS: Linda J. Portle, Marlboro MA; Carl Sylvester, Quincy MA; Msgt. Fred W. MacArthur, Jr., APO NY; Walter B. Reilly, Jr., Westford MA; Brian Richard Dame, Rochester NH; Frederick Allen, Jr., Lynnfield MA; Frank L. Reis, Jr., Walpole MA; Guy Papillon, Montreal, Quebec; Robert & Andrea Vibbert, Avenel NJ; James C. Lane, S. Deerfield MA; Gregg M. Turner, Willimantic CT; Wayne W. Duffett, Portland ME; Robert M. Abbott, Newbury MA. Welcome aboard!

WHA' HOPPEN? A Word of explanation of why this is a small Newsletter. Your Assistant Editor got sick (again); this time right in the middle of Newsletter time (usually the germs etc. get stove off until the Newsletter goes out). To get this one done before the long weekend we have cut much material. Thank you, though, for your contributions. What we are going to do is send the next one out early so what didn't make this one (a lot) will go in the next for an 8-page issue. Because the October Newsletter is going out so early please get your contributions to John Alden by Sept. 14th. That address for all Newsletter contributions: John C. Alden, Newsletter Editor, 11 Riverside Ave., Concord MA 01742.

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