

VOTE THIS MONTH! YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF THE B&MRRHS!

B&MRRHS VISITS THE CONWAY SCENIC RAILROAD

On Saturday, August 8, the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society joined with the 470 Railroad Club journeyed to the Conway Scenic Railroad in North Conway, NH for a day of sun and fun and railfanning! As usual, the weather cooperated, and we had sun and warm (but not too hot or humid) day.

Dwight Smith and crew once again went out of their way to make both groups welcome, and in addition to the regularly scheduled trains, an extra mixed freight, powered by Boston & Maine F7 4266 and the steam-powered Intervale Extra highlighted the afternoon!

After the return of the Intervale Extra, the now famous Supper Chief Express left for Conway behind Boston & Maine 4266. At Conway, we detrained and were treated to another delicious ham-and-bean supper served at the local church. During the supper, members from both groups were welcomed, door prizes were distributed and a good time was had by all!

After dinner, we strolled back to the Supper Chief to await the arrival of the Sunset Special (and to transfer Roger Robar's Supper Chief banner from the rear platform of the Gertrude Emma to the pilot of the 4266). After the Sunset Special left for North Conway, we boarded the Supper Chief for a trip up the Mount Washington Valley at sunset. Beautiful!

Upon our arrival back at North Conway, we adjourned to the Stall 4 Theater for a presentation by the 470 Railroad Club's Eric Robison and Niels Johnson. At the conclusion of the evening's entertainment, a night photo session was held, and interrupted by one of the black and white woodland creatures, which was a first for us! Needless to say, we let the little fellow go wherever he wanted!

Thanks go out to Dwight Smith and all the Conway Scenic personnel, who work while we play, the program committees of both organizations, and finally, to all the members and guests of both organizations who came out for the fun, a chance to meet old friends



Guess who belongs to this locomotive! It's Delaware & Hudson 7324, or is it? Lehigh Valley paint is coming through, to the point that there's less D&H paint than LV. A maroon, blue and yellow tribute to poor quality paint!

and make new. We're already looking forward to next August (something to keep you going during those cold winter months!)

MBTA RENOVATING RAILROAD BRIDGE

Although the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is undertaking a \$900,000 renovation of the old Merrimack River railroad bridge, no plans exist to reopen the structure to rail service. Crews began working during the first week of July, which has not been used since 1965. The Coast Guard had asked that the structure either be repaired or demolished to prevent it from becoming a hazard to traffic on the river. Stress over time, particularly from ice flows on the river, have weakened the bridge over time.

The John Mahoney Construction Company and several subcontractors will be working on the project, which is scheduled to be

completed early next year. Crews will remove old wooden railroad ties, rebuild the granite supports and fence off the bridge to restrict access to it.

The state had considered removing the bridge two years ago, but local officials protested, saying it would be needed in the event rail service to New Hampshire is restored. **From the Boston Globe via the Salisbury Point Railroad Historical Society Newsletter.**

Abbreviations on schedule:

- PY** Potomac Yard Alexandria, VA
- PO** Portland Rigby, Maine
- SE** Selkirk, NY
- AY** Ayer, MA
- BO** Boston, MA
- BU** Buffalo, NY
- FI** Fitchburg, MA
- ED** East Deefield, MA
- LA** Lawrence, MA
- NA** Nashua, NH

**GUILFORD TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES
MOHAWK TO RIGBY FREIGHT SCHEDULE**

TRAIN SYMBOL	MOHAWK	DEERFIELD	GARDNER	FITCH	AYER	LOWELL	LAW	DOVER	RIGBY
PYPO	OD 0300	0830/1000	1300	1400	----	----	----	----	----
PYPO	----	----	----	OD 1800	2000	2045/2145	2230	0001	0200
SEPO	OD 0830	1400/1500	1800	1900	----	----	----	----	----
SEPO	----	----	----	OD 2000	2200	2330/0030	0115/0215	----	0530
BFOA	OD 2100	0300/0400	0700	0800	----	----	----	----	----
AYSE	1600 XO	1000/1200	0800	0700	OD 0500	----	----	----	----
POBU	----	----	----	----	2315/0115	2245	2130/2215	1930	OD 1630
POBU	1215	0600/0800	0400	OD 0200	----	----	----	----	----
POPY	----	----	----	0330	0230	0045/0145	0001	2130/2215	OD 1900
POPY	1300	0615	0430	OD 0300	----	----	----	----	----
BOFI	----	----	----	0330	0145/0245	2300/0001	----	----	----
FIBO	----	----	----	0430	0530/0615	0645/0715	----	----	----
EDLA	----	OD 1000	1230/1330	1430	1500/1600	1745/1845	1930	----	----
EDNA	----	OD 2030	----	0400/0500	0545	----	----	----	----
LAED	----	1900	1600	1400/1500	1200/1245	1030/1130	OD 0900	----	----
NAED	----	0530	0130/0230	0030	2300/0001	----	----	----	----

Courtesy of Don LeJeune

B&MRRHS ANNOUNCES A MEMBERSHIP REFERRAL SERVICE

Back in the April 1987 Newsletter, we printed an editorial outlining the recurring dilemma that we face when we receive a letter from a member asking for a list of members in their area, or wanting to know if so-and-so is a member of the B&MRRHS.

We outlined the problems involved, (surprisingly, actually producing the list was the easiest part of the whole deal). The biggest problem is that we like to respect the rights of the membership to their privacy; after all, maybe you don't want your name given out to just anybody who may ask for it. But, on the other hand, perhaps you wouldn't mind having your name made available to other members, and would welcome the chance to meet with other members that may live in your area.

In the past, our stock reply was that the membership list was not available, and that we had to respect the member's right to privacy, but we still realized that this policy is counterproductive. In closing the editorial, we asked you for ideas, and we did, indeed, receive two or three responses. Since they all ran somewhat along the same lines, we'll combine the best points of all of the responses and place them together in this proposal. Included with the responses was an offer to assist with the work, which was gratefully accepted!

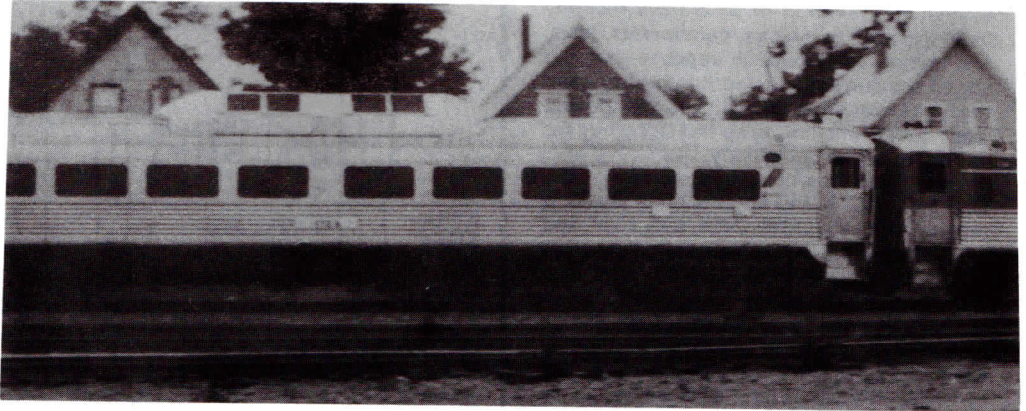
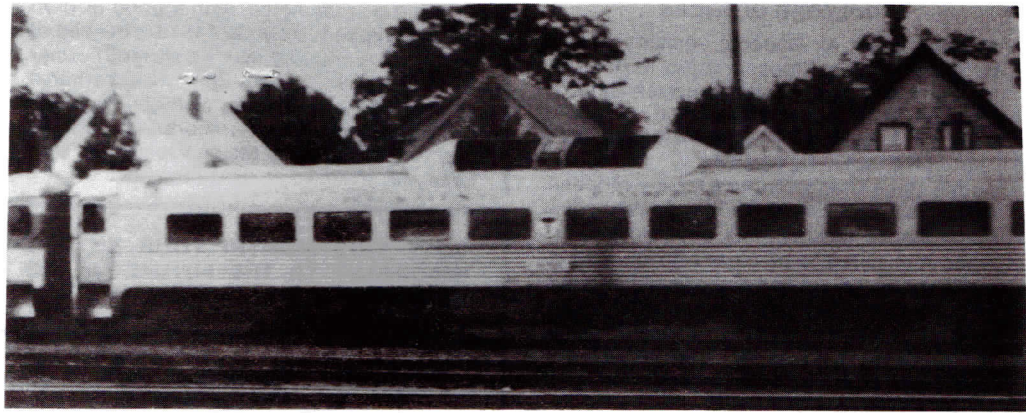
Beginning in this Newsletter, and repeating every three or four months, we will be printing the form which sits below. You may respond if you wish, or let it pass. The premise of this is to compile a listing of members who wish to exchange names for swapping notes, carpooling, railfanning, or whatever. **No** member's names will be given out that are not on this list, and if you choose not to respond, your name **will not** be released either.

There are a couple of points that we wish to make here. The first and foremost is that the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society **will not** in **any way**, shape or form be responsible for anything occurring as a direct result of any meetings produced from this list. You must use your own discretion in dealing with the people you meet. (We have to say this as a disclaimer).

Second, this list **will not** under any circumstances be made available to any commercial interests, however **be aware** that a member who may happen to operate a business could obtain a list and you **could** receive commercial information. We will do our best to screen these, and hope that B&MRRHS members that operate businesses would respect the members privacy too. Besides, commercial interests can get a mention by submitting copy to the Newsletter. But, please be advised that we **cannot** guarantee that your name will not end up on a commercial mailing list.

We estimate that it will be about two months before we can produce the first mailing list, and we will have to charge a small stipend for photocopy and mailing costs, but we will make every attempt to keep this reasonable. When the list is organized, it can be sent out to the requesting member as either a state-by-state list or an entire membership roster, at their option. The list will be updated periodically, how often will depend on the need, and you may withdraw your name at anytime by requesting it in writing. Availability of the first list will be announced in the Newsletter.

**Jeff Ursillo
Dennis Adams**



Bouncing Budds! The summer of 1987 has seen a proliferation of foreign Budds rolling on Boston & Maine rails. The top photo shows a Budd still lettered for Reading Company rolls through Lawrence yard. The lower photo shows one of the leased New Jersey Transit Budds, also at Lawrence yard. Other Budd lettering schemes still visible on the MBTA property include former CP Rail, several different styles of MBTA purple and yellow, and, if you're lucky, a few still lettered Boston & Maine!

FUNDS EXPECTED FOR IPSWICH COMMUTER RAIL

Funding for a commuter line between Newburyport and Ipswich will be included in a legislative version of a statewide transportation package, a ranking legislator says. Sen. William Q. MacLean Jr., co-chairman of the Committee on Transportation said the \$21 million will be included in a massive funding package for highway and mass transit projects.

An estimated \$21 million is needed to replace tracks, rebuild two bridges and build stations along the nine mile railbed, which will provide Merrimack Valley residents with direct train service to Boston.

Even if the project is included in the transportation package, it could take several years before trains start rolling. Current commuter rail priorities are improving existing service with new cars and locomotives as well as track and signalling improvements and restoring three rail lines into Boston from southeastern Massachusetts. **From the Beverly Times. From Samuel S. Sayward.**

The last remaining vestiges of the old 'Acton Branch' in Nashua have been erased from the local scene in late July. The one-quarter mile (or shorter) siding to Marshall Street was lifted and now there is no more rail remaining on the old roadbed. **From Dave Johnson.**

B&MRRHS MEMBERSHIP LIST INTERCHANGE APPLICATION

Name _____ Membership Number _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____

Use this form or a photocopy or facsimile
 I understand that the B&MRRHS makes no guarantee that my name will not appear on other mailing lists, although every attempt will be made to prevent this.

Signature _____ Date _____

() I would like my name removed from the B&MRRHS Interchange Listing
MAIL TO: B&MRRHS MEMBERSHIP LIST INTERCHANGE, P.O. Box 2362, Harwood Station, Littleton, MA 01460

