

B&MRRHS CALENDAR

August 14, our annual visit with the 470 Railroad Club at *North Conway, NH* with all day events on the Conway Scenic Railroad, and the traditional pilgrimage to Conway on the "Supper Chief". Flyer for this event had been distributed in the May/June Newsletter.

September 11, is our combined meeting with the *Salisbury Point Railroad Historical Society*. The meeting will have a program from each group, and will be held at the Amesbury Town Hall.

October 2, is our annual meeting and election of officers. It is expected that the meeting and the program will be held at our usual meeting spot at the Mogan Cultural Center on French Street Extension in Lowell next to the Boote Mills.

October 16 is our joint trip with the *Salisbury Point Railroad Historical Society* from Meridith to Lincoln, New Hampshire. See accompanying flyer in this issue.

November 13 is our annual fun night with the gracious folks at the *North Shore Model Railroad Club*. More about this later.

December 11 closes our year with *Member's night* back at the Mogan Cultural Center. More about that later also.

STEAM OVER SCRANTON

The Steamtown Volunteer Association bookstore has sent word of the recent release of the "just published" special history study, *"Steam Over Scranton; The Locomotives of Steamtown"* in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The volume presents a complete guide to the Locomotives in the Steamtown National Historic Site Collection including the B&M's well-known Pacific, **B&M #3713**. Some members of the B&MRRHS supplied the National Park Service in Scranton with data and photos from the B&MRRHS archives to support this effort. **B&M #3713** is regarded as a good prospect to return to steam someday, although there doesn't appear to be any specifics yet about the possibility. The #3713 has a lot of company in the book, which includes details of each locomotive, physical fact sheet, historical photographs and historic record along with current photographs of the locomotives in the book.

The book will normally sell for \$24.95, but is currently available at an introductory price of \$19.95 per copy for an undisclosed period of time. There is a 6% Pennsylvania sales tax and a shipping cost of \$3.50 per book. Payment may be made by check, Visa or Mastercard with the appropriate card number, expiration date, and authorized signature. Important! Be sure to include a clearly-printed, self addressed mailing label to be used for mailing your copy. The label doesn't have to be gummed, but suitable for application with transparent tape.

Address your request to:

Steamtown Volunteer Association Bookstore
Steamtown National Historic Site
150 S Washington Ave
Scranton PA 18503-2079

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

When are your dues with the Society paid through? What is your membership number? How about your dues category? The answer to all these questions can be found on every newsletter and Bulletin you receive from the Society!

All of the mailing labels we send out contain the following information on the top line:

example: **93/06 BAS 3899**

This members dues are paid until the end of June 1993, he is a basic member, and his membership number is 3899. If you are not sure about the amount of dues for each category they are:

BASIC-	\$25.00/\$30.00 FOREIGN
BASIC + SPOUSE	\$27.00/\$32.00 FOREIGN
CONTRIBUTING	\$35.00
SUSTAINING	\$50.00
SUPPORTING	\$75.00
BENEFACTOR	\$100.00

This listing is also on page 2 of the Bulletin.

The B&MRRHS is eligible for matching donation programs, if your employer offers one, and any amount paid for dues OVER the \$25/30 level is a tax deductible contribution.

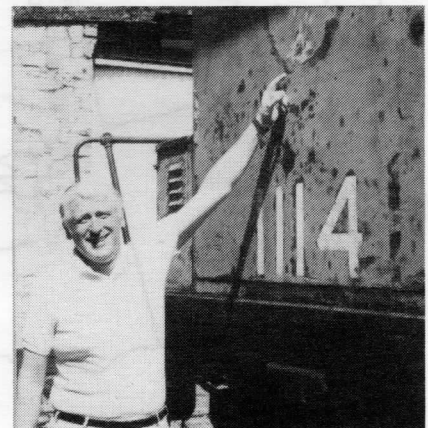
The Society's membership has chosen a wide mixture of the categories offered. The following is a breakdown of the mix.

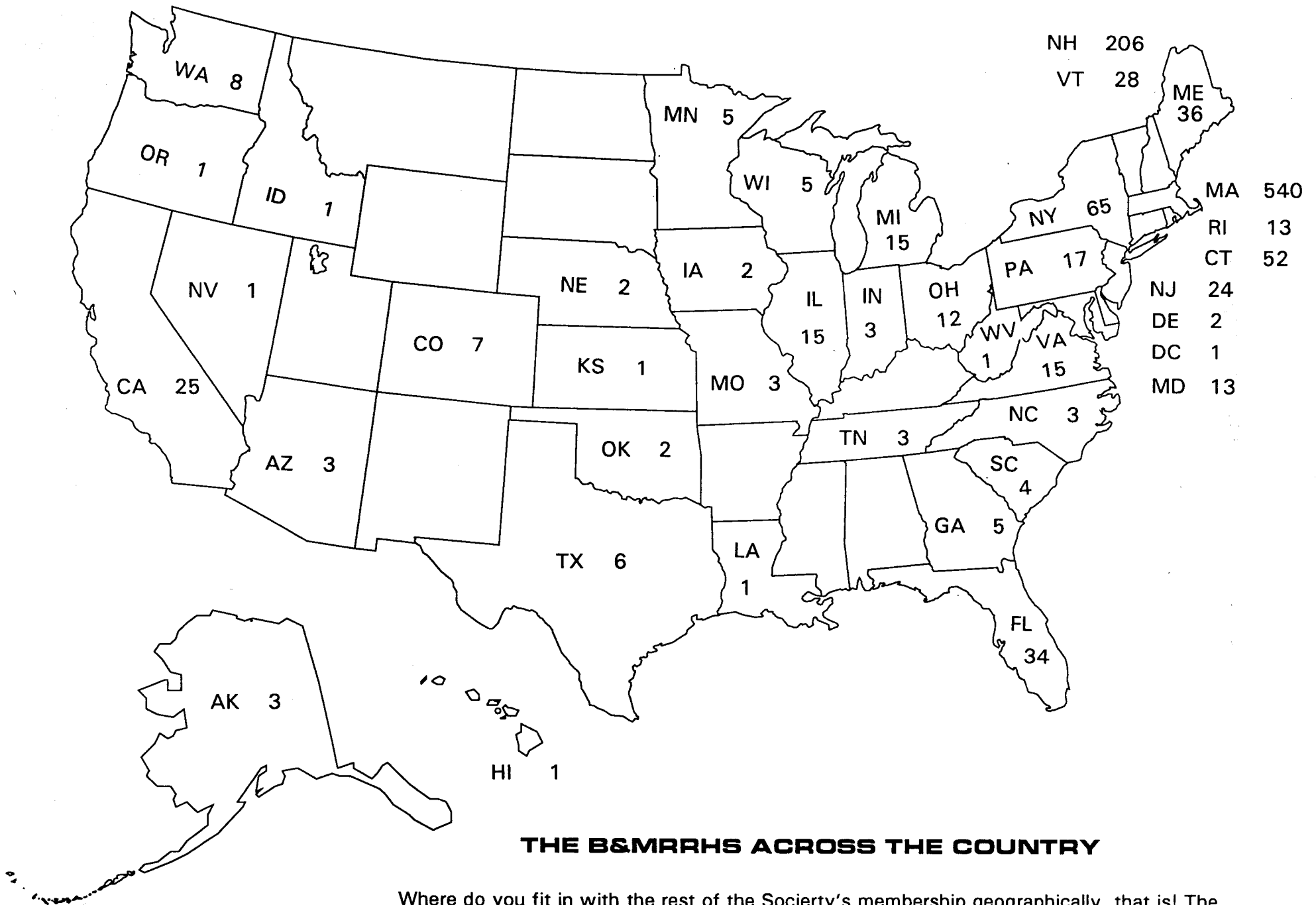
BASIC	807
BASIC + SPOUSE	79
CONTRIBUTING	131
SUSTAINING	39
SUPPORTING	4
BENEFACTOR	3

LATE BREAKING NEWS11 Stone Mountain, GA

6/28/93: On his way to Essex, CT this weekend to check out B&M SW-1 #1109, our illustrious President got on the wrong plane and found #1114 instead.

Story and photo submitted by Modeler's Notes Editor Bruce Bowden.





THE B&MRRHS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Where do you fit in with the rest of the Society's membership, geographically, that is! The membership numbers listed are accurate as of 7/15/93. In addition to the USA members, we also carry members in England, Switzerland, and Canada.

NOTES FROM THE JULY BOD MEETING

The July Board of Directors Meeting was held on Thursday evening July 8, 1993 as has often been customary during the summer months when there is no general member's meeting on the second Saturday. This has been also particularly helpful for the volunteers and their leaders engaged in the restoration of the B&M 0-6-0 switcher #410 who are often busy on Saturday afternoons when the BOD meeting would be held.

And speaking of the #410, the switcher is reportedly going to be moved on July 17th to its Dutton Street location up in front of the B&M combine, although at the BOD meeting, details were unavailable since final arrangements were not completed. It was emphasized rather strongly, however, that with the 410 on site, it did not mean that the restoration project is anywhere near complete. There will be some equipment missing, or on display elsewhere to prevent misappropriation, and there are many detail items that must be finished. So the message is, "Don't slack off on your volunteer giving, neither financially, or in body". The project has yet much work to accomplish, but the results of many, many hours of sweat equity and financial support are beginning to bear fruit. Both Jim Nigzus and Dan Hyde are to be commended for their tireless efforts in leading the Society's part of the restoration project, and the strained support of their locomotive widows. And we've got to be grateful for the Lowell National Historic Park, and the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior, without whom this undertaking would not have occurred.

Nominations for Society Officers and Directors for 1994 shall close at the end of our meeting at North Conway, New Hampshire on August 14, 1993 so that the ballot composed for distribution before the election.

The annual meeting is a week early this year. It is normally conducted on the second Saturday of October, but has been rescheduled to October 2, 1993 by vote of the Board of Directors in the hopes of having greater participation. The second Saturday in October has been a three-day weekend in recent years with Columbus Day on the Monday, when many members are often away for the last fling of summer.

Society members nominated so far include the officers currently serving and who are eligible for another year. These include President Allen Burdett-Thomas, Vice President Patricia Byron, Clerk Richard Nichols, and Recording Secretary Buddy Winiarz. For Treasurer, Mike Basile is a candidate. Several members of the Board of Directors are completing their terms; they include John Goodwin, Jim Nigzus and Dave West. In addition, Alternate Directors Buddy Winiarz and Jim Byington are

completing their terms. As mentioned, nominations close on August 14, 1993. This cutoff date is necessary to compose, print and distribute the ballots. nominations will be accepted up to the close of the North Conway meeting on August 14, 1993.

In other items covered by the BOD meeting, it was reported that some 30 of the last issue of the B&M Bulletin were misassembled at the printers, and most were turned in. If you have a defective copy, please turn it in to the Bulletin editor. Its much easier to get credit for it from the printers when they know the magnitude of the problem. And generally, the printer has made good with problems. This applies in the future as well. John Alan Roderick has done a great job as B&M Bulletin editor, and since acquiring the Mac, has saved the Society thousands of dollars while maintaining the high quality standard established many years ago. It is hoped that the Bulletin will soon be back on a more timely printing schedule.

A final item discussed is the formation of a committee headed by John Alan Roderick to investigate the feasibility of republishing the B&M Central Mass book which has been out of print for several years. That book continues to have a rather constant inquiry and request rate. If deemed feasible, the committee will determine the logistics of such an endeavor. Republishing the book, if undertaken, would be a major task. Estimating the costs and potential sales of republishing the book, establishing a price to sell which will cover reproduction costs, but is not too costly to the purchaser, yet sufficient to produce reasonable revenue for the Society is not an exact science. The there are the logistics of adding and/or correcting content without breaking the integrity of the existing repro, determining an appropriate quantity that the Society can reasonably be expected to sell consistent with certain volume price breaks, paying the publisher up front, receiving the volumes, storage in a secure and moisture-free space, and low-cost and effective means of distribution. So the developing committee has its work cut out for them. We wish them well. [ABT 7/15/93]

Just a reminder. The ballots for this years election are enclosed with this Newsletter. Please follow the instructions for voting on the ballot. This is our Society and we need as many voters as we can to help choose candidates that will steer the Society on a prosperous course in the next few years.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The following lists some of the other activities in the region of interest to B&MRRHS members. Activities listed here are believed to be entered correctly, however the B&MRRHS neither endorses, nor assumes responsibility for any errors or changes to activities. Have fun, but please respect railroad and other private property.

August 14-15, Wolfboro, NH, 17th Annual Model Railroad Show, Wolfboro Branch Railroad Club, Kingswood Regional Middle School RT #28, 10a-5p Sat; 10A-4p Sun; All scales, Adults \$2.00; Seniors \$1.00; Children 6-12 \$0.50; Children under 5 Free, Info: Dave Collinge, RR2 Box 500, Wolfboro, NH 03894, phone (603) 569-4876

September 11-12, Excursion:, Saturday, Rutland to North Bennington, VT and return; Sunday Rutland to Whitehall, NY and return, and Rutland to Bellows Falls (one-way) via Rutland and D&H now VT and GMRR, Info: Massachusetts Bay RRE, PO. Box 8136, Ward Hill, MA 01835

September 12 - Concord NH, 7th Annual Model Railroad Show, Concord Model Railroad Club, Everett Arena, Route #9, 10 Am.. - 4 P.M.; All scales, Adults \$2.00, Children under 12 w/adult free, Info: Keith Wallace, PO. Box 61, Concord, NH 03301, phone (603) 746-5710 after 6:30 P.M..

September 17, 18 & 19 - Scranton, PA, Railphoto '93, Steamtown Volunteer Association in cooperation with National Park Service Friday (17) Round trip RDC excursion to Pocono Summit, PA; Evening dinner train to Moscow, PA. Saturday. steam-powered passenger and freight to Moscow, PA, return by vintage diesel. Evening Banquet., Sunday, steam double-header w/runbys , Info: Railphoto '93, PO. Box 448, Chichilla, PA 18410-0448; phone (717) 346-0660.

September 18 - North Conway, NH, Annual Railfan's Day at Conway Scenic RR, Full day's activities 8:00A-10:00P includes rr flea market, night photo and rare mileage, Info: Conway Scenic Railroad, PO. Box 1947, North Conway, NH 03860-1947, (603) 356-5251.

Sept 18-19, Wakefield, MA, North Shore Model Railroad Club, 14th Annual Open House, 404Rear Princess Street 9:30am to 4:00pm, Adult \$2.00, Child \$0.75, Information, North Shore Model Railroad Club, PO. Box 183, Wakefield, MA 01880, phone (617) 245-4742 (Tues/Thurs eves)

Sept 18, Wakefield, MA, North Shore Model Railroad Club, 14th Annual Model Railroad Show, American Civic Center, Main St 9:30 Am.. - 4:00 P.M., Adults \$2.00, Children \$0.75, Seniors free, Family maximum \$5.00, Information, North Shore Model Railroad Club, PO. Box 183, Wakefield, MA 01880, phone (617) 245-4742 (Tues/Thurs eves)

October 16, Boston, MA, Excursion Boston to Albany/ Rensselaer NY over former NYC/B&A line. Amtrak train with luxury private car service, Info:Massachusetts Bay RRE,PO. Box 8136, Ward Hill, MA 01835, Phone : (617) 489-5277.