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# NEWSLETTER

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## — B&MRRHS CALENDAR —

- OCTOBER 16, 1999** Richard Sanborn will present "Railroading In New Hampshire--B&M Branchlines."
- NOVEMBER 13, 1999** Dwight Smith will present "Railroading in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont" on the B&M, MEC and other railroads.
- DECEMBER 11, 1999** "Members Nite"--bring a 15 minute video or 25 to 50 slides of your choice.

### **BALLOT ENCLOSED**

Your Ballot for Election of Officers in the B&MRRHS is enclosed with this NEWSLETTER.  
Please take a few moments to fill it out and return it to the P.O. Box in Derry.

### **PROGRAM CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

The B&MRRHS is posting a notice for a Program Chairperson. Needed is someone who will be willing to introduce and set-up potential presentors. Anyone interested in this position please contact the Society at the Derry PO Box. Outside of being at the meetings to introduce the presentor, the ground-work can be done from one's home by phone, mail or e-mail. There are currently presentations planned through the end of 1999, so anyone taking on the job will have a head-start.

### **MEMBERSHIP NOTICE**

Please bear with us as to information on your mailing labels. We are in the process of a transition of changing Membership Secretaries. Thank you Gerry Dube for your time as Membership Secretary. All membership payments go to the Lowell PO Box:

B&MRRHS-Membership  
PO Box 9116  
Lowell, Ma. 01852

### **NEW ADDRESS**

Please address all correspondence to the new address. This includes all catalog orders, correspondence to the Archives, Historian, Bulletin, Newsletter and the Board of Directors. Remember, when sending mail and you want a reply, please include either a SASE or thirty-three (33) cents in postage.

B&MRRHS  
PO Box 469  
Derry, N.H. 03038

Membership items should still go to the Lowell address.

## *From the Editor: A Few Words of Thanks... and Farewell...*

The Society is looking for a new Newsletter Editor. It has been almost six years since I took over the position and I feel that it is time for me to move on and let someone else do the job of Newsletter Editor. I am giving up the Editorail position and will be taking on the Membership Secretary position.

If there is anyone who would be interested in becoming Newsletter Editor please contact the Society at the Derry

address. John Alan Roderick has stated that he will gladly help the next person(s) who take over the Newsletter Editor position in getting the Newsletter "camera ready."

At this time I would like to thank all those who have helped make the Newsletter what it is, for without your contributions and time the Newsletter would never have been published.

Linda Weeks	John Goodwin	Harry Frye	Carrol Robbins (Dec.)
Paul Kosciolk	Jim Nizus	Ed Felten	Walter E. Link
Steve Cook	Peter Victory	Dick Symmes	Rick Conard
Justin Winiarz	Ellis Walker	Rich Soeldner	George Drury
Arthur Ellis	George Birse	Paul E. Smith	Brian Fons
Gerry Kelly	Alden Dreyer	Bob Wilner	Wayne Gebhardt
Scott Whitney	Ed Trembly	Joe Shaw	Carl Byron
Linda Kalloger	Thomas Pearson	Samuel Sayward	Robert Rose
Jim Shea	William Vial	Roger Bruns	Brian Manning
Gordon Howard	Alan Burdett-Thomas	Jay Barrett	Stewart Schnieder
George Merriam	Mike Lavin	Roger Robar	Preston Johnson
Dennis Snook	Dick Orpin	William Conner III	Bruce Curry
Don Robinson	Jonathan Miner	J.J. Garcia	Amos Newitt, Jr.
Robert Terhume	Dave Engman	Rick Nowell	Dave Wright
Robert Logan	Richard Muse	Bob Warren	Tim Gilbert
Elliot Spigel	Richard Durnin	Mike Basile	Theodore Wells (Dec.)
Howard Sands	Carl Faulkner	Jim "Gilligan" Byington	Bob Gadbois
Ted Manning	Maureen Hadley	Loring Lawrence	Chris Coyle
Matt Menzi	William LaPierre	Victor Zolinsky	Paul hadiman
Don Valentine	Arthur Aldrich	Bruce Bowden	Rod Bjelf
Brian Dame	Brian Manning	Don Morrison	John Osgood
Steve Myers	Scott Currier	Sanborn Whorthen (Dec.)	D.M. Rice
Shirley Burnham	Craig DellaPena	John Gamm	George Pickles
Al Dean	Roger Bruns	Charles Harrington	Wayne Sornbergon
Doug Barron	Don Provencher	Andy Wilson	Dave West
Leah Anne Weston	Glen Owens	John Roy, Jr.	Dick Nichols
Dave Gajda	Jack Armsrong	Paul Stephens	David K. Johnson
Don LeJune	John Young	TRAINS MAGAZINE	NERAIL
LAUREL LINES NL	Mass. Bay CALLBOY	SPRRHS	

And anyone else I may have missed unintentionally.

Special thanks go to the "Newsletter Crew" who sorted and mailed the Newsletters and also put stamps on them .Thanks go to Jeff Ursillo for his time as Production Manager and Mailing Manager.

And a big "Thank You" to John Alan Roderick;

without his help the Newsletter would not have been made camera ready and professional looking.

Once again I thank all of those involed in the Newsletter.

*Buddy Winiarz, Newsletter Editor*

### ***NEXT ISSUE***

The deadline for the Nov./Dec. Newsletter is October 23, 1999. Please send all items to the PO Box in Derry or via e-mail.

## FOR SALE

The Seashore trolley Museum in Keenebunk, Me. has three caboose for sale.

B&M #103002 43 ft. long, 10'3" wide, 13' 8" high, weight 56,400, built by Laconia 1912.

BAR C-40 46 ft. long, 10' 3" wide, weight 50,900 built by AFC in 1915.

LIRR #29 43 ft. long, 10' 3" wide, 13' 8" high, weight 400,000, built by Laconia in 1926.

If anyone is interested contact Phil Morse, Executive Dir. Seashore Trolley Museum.

## Items of Errata and Addenda from A Pinprick of Light

The following is to "A Pinprick of Light--The Troy & Greenfield RR and Its Hoosac Tunnel"

- A. Pg. vii Acknowledgement misspellings:  
Mrs. Bigelow Crocker  
Ms. Lisa Jarisch  
Mr. Paul Radtke
- B. Pg. 3 Misspelled Photo Caption:  
Mrs. Bigelow Crocker
- C. Pg. 8 Addenda:  
Richards, Munn & Company
- D. Pgs. 8 & 16 Misspelled Image Credits:  
Mr. Paul Radtke
- E. Pg. 96 Correction: The 2-6-6-2's retired before WW II
- F. Pgs. 98, 102  
and 104 Misspelling: Charles S. Mellen
- G. Pg. 124 Correction:

Budd car #6156 was the last passenger car through Hoosac Tunnel in regular service.

H. Pg. 14 Correction:  
Highlights of Eastern & Western Summits  
are above Tunnel floor at respective portals, not sea level.

Respectfully,  
Carl Byron

## NOTICE OF ARCHIVES HOURS

The B&MRRHS archives are located in the Patrick Mogan Culture Center at 40 French St., Lowell, Ma. They are generally open Mon.—Fri. 9 to 5 and Sat. 10 to 3. Closed Sun. and holidays. For further information and to see if they are open call 978-934-4997 or 4998.

## B&M 4265A FINDS A HOME

B&M #4265A left Bellows Falls, Vt. On July 2, 1999 and arrived at Berlin, N.H. on July 4, 1999 at 7:30 pm on SLR train #394. It was brought to Gorham, N.H. on July 7, 1999 and moved to a permanent siding on July 14.

Donations for the restoration of this engine can be sent to:

B&M #4265  
c/o Gorham Historical Society  
25 Railroad St.  
Gorham, N.H. 03581

## AROUND THE SYSTEM...

Erving, Ma.—Two teenage girls were in the hospital with injuries suffered when they were forced off a railroad trestle by a train bearing down on them. They were listed in good condition by hospital spokespersons.

The two girls, along with two boys were walking along a 300 foot long trestle over the Millers River when the train approached. One girl fell 25 feet to a cement piling and the other 30 feet to a wooden embankment. After the train passed by one boy ran to a phone while the other stayed with the girls. Officials took the girls to a local hospital around 10:30 pm.

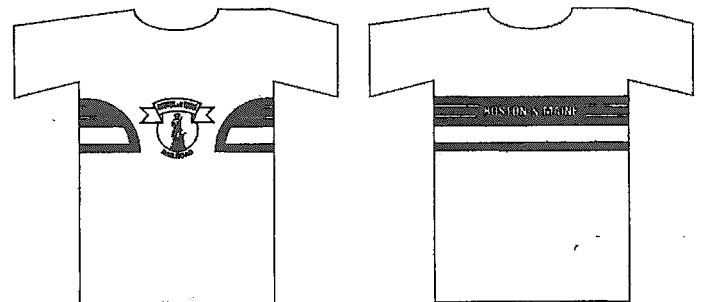
(Union Leader)

Bangor, Me.—A 26 foot section of steel rail jutting out from a train gouged the earth, knocked over a crossing light and damaged two automobiles according to police and witnesses.

The rail, being carried by a Guilford railroad train, apparently had been askew for miles as gouge marks were found as far back as Hampden, Me. The northbound train was carrying about five (5) miles of rails loaded on 31 cars.

(Boston Globe)

## NEW SOCIETY SHIRTS!!



The Society has new tee shirts for sale. They are maroon with the minuteman logo on the front and Boston & Maine on the back with gold stripes as on the "F" units. They come in size M-L-XL for \$13.00 and in XX-Large for \$14.00 plus \$3.50 for up to two (2) shirts. Shirts can be ordered by check or money order from: B&MRRHS, P.O. Box 469, Derry, NH 03038. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

## THE INTERCHANGE

### BOOK FOR SALE

The Salisbury Point Railroad Historical Society has a book by Tim Gilbert titled "Boston & Maine Caboose" A history of Development & Use from 1914 to 1955. The book is 23 pages long and has 75 photos. Cost of the book is \$14.95 plus \$3.50 for p&h. Send orders to:

Salisbury Point RRHS Inc.  
PO Box 499  
Amesbury, Ma. 01913

### DRAWINGS

If someone is interested in a drawing of a railroad station, contact:

Robert R. Smith  
3860 West Dunes Hwy.  
Pines, IN. 46360

I have no idea what the charges are or payment is made but anyone interested in getting a drawing of a B&M station, this gentleman will do it.

## MORE B&M GONE...

Salem, N.H.—Construction of a new strip mall in town has seen the severing of more tackage of the Manchester & Lawrence line. The developer of the mall paid to have the track removed and a new "run-around-track" built. As I rode through town I also noticed that the old "run-around-track" was taken up.

Talking with a few people that work for Guilford, I was told that they needed the tie plates. Eventually the more of the track will be taken up and a piece of New England railroading will be gone.

## 1999 LOWELL FOLK FESTIVAL

On July 24 and 25, the B&MRRHS participated in the annual Lowell Folk Festival. We filled the combine with items from our Hardware and Archives collections which is known as the "Making Tracks History of Railroading in Lowell." Society members fielded questions about all aspects of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Drawing much attention in front of the combine, looking splendid with her new cab sides and paint job was B&M 0-6-0 #410. Our own resident 410 insigna lettering expert, Sandy Shepard dressed the part of an engineer complete with oil can and wrench. He kept the crowds entertained along with Newsletter Editor, Buddy Winiarz, dressed as a hobo, to make quite show of the engine. Almost 2,000 people toured our exhibit and were quite pleased with it.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who made this weekend event possible, from cleaning the combine and engine, to setting up and manning the exhibit.

John Barr  
Rick Conard  
Allan Klatsky  
Richard Nichols

Fred Brown  
Wayne Gagnon  
Paul Kosciolk  
Sandy Shepard  
Peter Victory

Queesen Brown  
Dan Hyde  
Russ Monroe  
Buddy Winiarz

Jim Nigzus,  
Chairman

## INQUIRY MADE INTO STATION

Ossipee, N.H.—The former B&M railroad Ossipee station has been a topic of discussion at the local selectman's meeting. Ken Combs asked selectmen if there were any plans for the building as far as restoration is concerned. Combs said that if the town isn't interested in the station that he and some acquaintances would be.

Randy Lyman, who attended the meeting suggested that Combs contact Ossipee's conservation commission, since they may be able to help acquire grants for funding of the restoration.

The station is owned by the town of Ossipee and that if they did relinquish ownership it would have to be through a public auction.

(Granite State News)

## UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST...

- Oct. 16 & 17, 1999 25th Annual Fall Railfans Weekend at Conway Scenic RR in North Conway 8 am to 6 pm both days.
- Oct. 23, 1999 N.S.M.RR Club Model Railroad show at the American Civic Center, Main St., Wakefield, Ma.-9:30 to 3:30.
- Nov. 7, 1999 "Bedford Boomers" Model RR Exhibit at McKelvie School Libert Hill Rd. Bedford, N.H. 10 am to 4:00 pm. More info at: gsrho@aol.com
- Jan. 8, 2000 Model RR Show at the Winthrop School in Wenham, Mass. 10-4. Snow date Jan. 9, 2000.
- Feb. 5 & 6, 2000 Amherst Railway Society show in Springfield, Mass.