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NEWSLETTER

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— B&MRRHS CALENDAR —

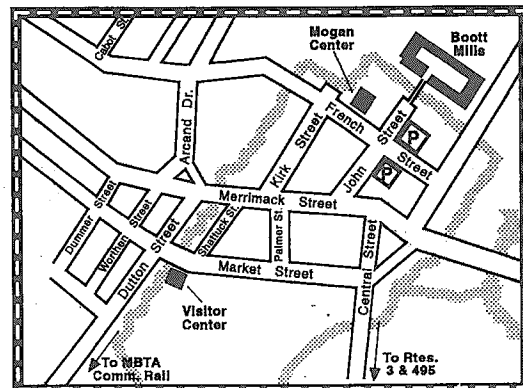
- JUNE 8** Paul Taylor from the Boston office of Operation Lifesaver will be giving us a presentation on railroad safety.
- JULY 27-28** Lowell Folk Festival NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING
- AUGUST** NO MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST
- SEPTEMBER 14** Rick Hurst will present railroading in and around Chicago, the Boston & Maine and Bangor & Aroostook in the 1970's.
- OCTOBER 12** Bob Poore will present a program on the Maine Central.
- NOVEMBER 9** Frank Ellis will be giving a presentation on the Boston & Maine.
- DECEMBER 14, 2002** Members night.

We apologize for the delinquency of this issue of the B&MRRHS *Newsletter*. Due to illness, our Newsletter Editor was unable to prepare the text for publication. An ad-hoc group was assigned to do so in an effort to maintain as much continuity as possible. Further, we hope for a more timely schedule to follow.

—Board of Directors, Officers and Staff, B&MRRHS

DIRECTIONS TO THE LOWELL MEETING PLACE—at the traffic light near the Mogan Center, take a right or left depending on which way you come down French St., go past the little guard shack (Parking lot is on right—Boarding House Park is to the left), Walk over the trolley tracks and bridge. Into the courtyard, bear to the right and go to the end. The doorway will be lighted. Also look for signs.

VISITORS MUST PARK IN THE LOT ON FRENCH STREET—NO PARKING IS ALLOWED IN THE COURTYARD.



MEMBERSHIP INFO

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Which address should you use? For membership payments, use the membership box in Lowell. For any correspondence concerning the Newsletter, use the Newsletter box in Gloucester. Everything else should go to the Derry address. This includes catalog orders and correspondence with the Archives, Historian, Bulletin, and Board of Directors. As always, include a SASE or postage if you want a reply to your correspondence.

Please remember to remit your dues within 90 days...after 90 days you will be removed from the mailing list. Check your Newsletter for the RED DOT...this is the last item you will receive from the Society.

Return payment in the return envelope with your check or money order...DO NOT send cash as the Society will not be held responsible if lost. Make checks payable to: B&MRRHS.

If you change your address please let the Society know by snail mail (USPS) or e-mail. When you do not let us know it costs extra for postage.....the first mailing, the return postage due and a second mailing to the correct address. Three mailing payments to one person.

E MAIL

Due to a slight problem with AOL, I am reverting back to the old E-Mail address of: CPC835@JUNO.com

This is for general information of the Society and membership status only. Archival and historical information should be sent to the Archives for now. Please go to the Society's web site for other addresses.

A REMINDER ...

Members are reminded to return any material that they may have borrowed from the Society once they are finished with it. It becomes very easy over time to forget that something that you have is borrowed rather than something that you own - or whom you borrowed it from. This will allow us to maintain the Society's material for the benefit of all members.

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PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

The Society is still in need of a Program Chairperson to plan presentations and arrange guests for the monthly meetings. This is not a particularly difficult job, but is so much better when it's done by one individual rather than by committee. Anyone interested should contact the B&MRRHS at Box 469, Derry, NH 03038 or via e-mail.

B&M MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

March 9, 2002

Gary Webster of the Conway Scenic Railroad presented a terrific program featuring slides of the Boston and Maine and other New England railroads from the 1960s and '70s.

The large crowd of members and friends were treated to a variety of railroad photos which can never be taken again.

Gary narrated the presentation with a number of truly unique anecdotes which gave even more color to the already-colorful display. His extensive knowledge of railroad operation was quite apparent throughout the show.

A number of people in attendance were at one time or another connected with Gary, whether as railroad employees or friends, and remembered many of the subjects leading to even more stories. A wonderful evening was had by all.

April 13, 2002

Mr. Richard Sanborn was the speaker at our annual Joint meeting with the Mass Bay Railroad Enthusiasts.

It had been over 20 years since his last slide show, and was well worth the wait. He took the capacity crowd that was present on an incredible journey of the Boston and Maine from the early 1900s up to the 1970s.

Dick has been collecting photos for many years. A number of the scenes he showed were of trains and locations which had never been seen before.

His articulate stories and descriptions kept the members entertained for almost 90 minutes. Many shots of New

Hampshire branchlines, among these the Manchester & Portsmouth and the Worcester, Nashua & Portland were quite a treat.

Dick also had slides from numerous Railroad Enthusiast and Mystic Valley Rwy Society excursions from days and trackage long gone.

We wish to thank Mr. Sanborn for an outstanding show and look forward to hosting him again.

In addition, the B&MRRHS wishes to thank all the members of the Mass Bay RRE for attending the joint meeting.

HARDWARE DONATIONS

The Society has received as a donation two B&M steam locomotive builder's plates and one front number plate. The triangular-shaped builders plates are both from engines built by Lima Locomotive Works: Class T-1-a 2-8-4 No. 4007, built in April 1928; and Class P-4-b 4-6-2 No. 3719, built in March 1937. The front number plate is from Class K-7-c 2-8-0 No. 2422, built by Schenectady in 1911.

The three plates will be added to the Society's hardware collection. The Society expresses its appreciation to the donor, who has requested to remain anonymous.

—Rick Conard

Books received—

We have recently received two books by Bill Gove.

J.E. Henry's Logging Railroads: The Story of the East Branch and Lincoln and Zealand Valley Railroads

187 pages 8"X10 1/2" 159 photos plus maps and charts. \$25.95

Chronicles the history of one of the most controversial and domineering timber barons in the history of the New Hampshire's White Mountains.

James Everell (J.E.) Henry invaded the valleys and mountainsides with the largest logging railroads ever built in New England to harvest the valuable virgin growth.

Logging Railroads of the Saco River Valley

152 pages, 170 photographs, maps, charts indexed. \$24.95

For over 50 years during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Saco River valley and its tributaries were the scene of intensive logging. This book examines the histories of the six logging railroads that once operated along or near the Saco River and the many controversial figures who were behind these labor-intensive operations. Among the lines covered are the Sawyer River, Swift River, Bartlett & Albany, Saco Valley, Rocky Branch and East Branch Railroads.

Either book may be ordered directly from the author at 127 Quarry View Road, Williamstown, VT 05679, tel. 802-433-9868.

OLD MODELER'S NOTES

We frequently get requests for a list of available back issues of Modelers Notes. At present, there is not a list compiled of what is available. Volunteers are needed to go through the boxes in storage and organize them. Hopefully this will happen some time this year and a list of available issues can be published. There are quite a few boxes of various years' worth or them.

410 GETS A VISIT...

Students from Mrs. Terrio's Fifth Grade class at the East Derry Memorial School pose in front of B&M 410. The 0-6-0 is being restored by a group of B&MRRHS members and friends under the stewardship of the Lowell National Historical Park.

—Buddy Winiarz photo



RAIL WORLD AFFILIATE SIGNS PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR BAR

Rail World, Inc.'s affiliate Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway signed an asset purchase agreement with James Howard, trustee of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Co.

The agreement provides for MM&A to purchase approximately 745 miles of rail line in Maine, Quebec and New Brunswick from B&A and its affiliates. Howard intends to file the agreement with the bankruptcy court as soon as the affiliate parties have signed and to request the court's approval to complete the sale. He indicated that it would take several months for the bankruptcy court to review the sale agreement and to consider comments of the creditors and other parties of interest.

B&A is currently under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy

statues, and its Canadian affiliate, Quebec Southern Railway, is under court-supervised administrative proceedings. The other B&A affiliates involved in the sale are Canadian American Railroad, Northern Vermont Railroad, Newport & Richford Railroad and Van Buren Bridge Co., all of which have filed under Chapter 11.

Rail World is a Chicago-based rail management and investment company with Edward A. Burkhardt as president. Investing with Rail World are Larry R. Parsons, president of Wheeling & Lake Erie; Jerry R. Davis, retired president of Union Pacific; and Frank Turner, retiring president of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Nominations for elective office in the B&MRRHS are now open to members in good standing. Closing date for Nominations is October 12, 2002 at the Society's BOD/Members meeting.

Please send all Nominees names to the Derry PO Box in care of Nominations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

June 29-30, 2002

Great American Train Show. Portland Exposition Building, 239 Park Avenue, Portland, ME. 11am-5pm both days. Adults \$7, Children under 12 free.

THANKS

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NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for the July-August Newsletter is June 7, 2002. Please send all items to the Newsletter address or E-mail. News items, especially local items not likely to be reported in Boston, will be greatly appreciated.