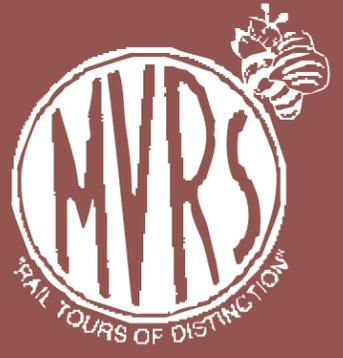


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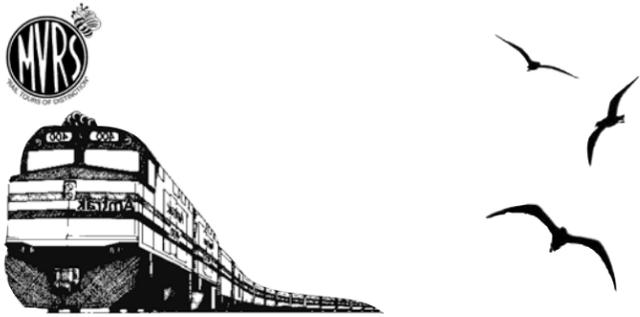


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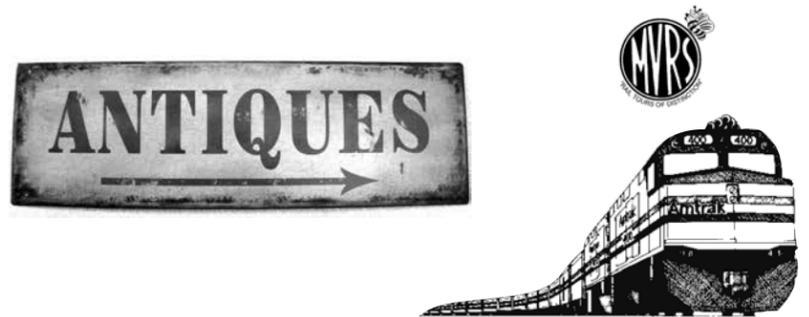
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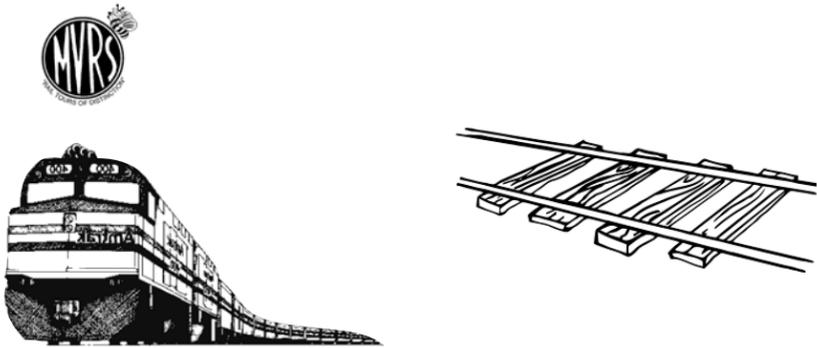
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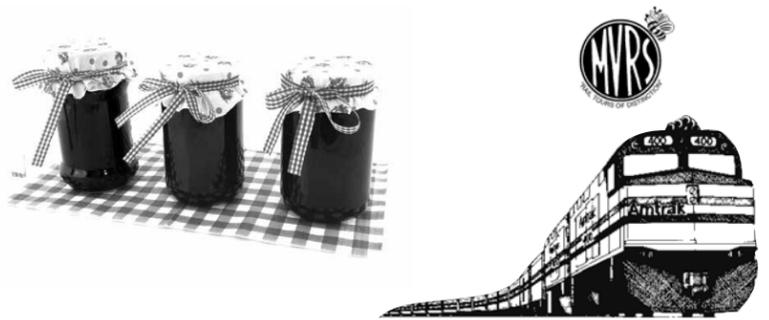
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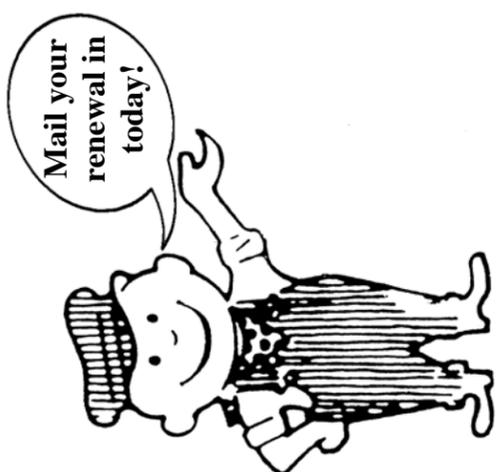
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**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL**
April 1, 2017 –
March 31, 2018



**Keep the Good
Times Rolling**

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From the President - Theresa E. Rylko

Thank you all for helping keep the MVRS on track by spreading the word. Please consider being active on the various committees. Trip Team needs your help to keep the trips rolling. The Waybill needs to have your input to get the word out.

If you have any comments for Member-

From the Vice President - Jeff Costello

Happy summer! The past few weeks have given Mystic Valley Railway Society members much joy and appreciation of what New England has to offer during the lazy, hazy days of summer. From Lincoln NH to Martha's Vineyard, the experiences and the friends we have met make our trips rewarding. If you know of a place we

o-Gram (maybe a favorite picture of yourself enjoying one of the trips, or a couple of sentences about a favorite trip) please send them in. Keep in touch with fellow travelers. We will not publish telephone numbers or addresses in this column.

If there are any suggestions of how we might improve your enjoyment of the Waybill, please

could visit or a restaurant we could enjoy please let us know. We need your input for the Trip Team to put together interesting, educational trips. For the fall season, Trip Team has planned some old favorites and some new yet-to-be-tried trips. If you would like to join us at MVRS in any capacity - Trip Team, volunteering, or

From the Membership Chairman - Nancy Jeanne Martin



I am the new chairman of the Membership Committee. This is not a typo - the proper word is chairman. There is no such word as chairperson. I have been an actual member for the last 38 years. My husband, son

and I joined in 1979.

I hope you have renewed your membership. The easiest way is to become a life member, as have about 200 others. I did this myself, meaning it is no longer necessary to remember to send in my money each year. I gave a life membership as a gift to my grandson, when he was about 10, because he too loves trains and the calendar. My husband died in 1993 and my son and family live

in PA, so I continue alone.

I hope I will see you on a trip soon. I have been working many trips along with Tracey Rylko and other board members. I think my favorite one was Clark's Trading Post as I love trains and animals such as the bears. If you have any questions feel free to call the club at 617-361-4445. There are lots of trains this fall. Have a wonderful autumn.

writing articles for the Waybill - let us know. Upcoming soon will be the Amherst Railway Society's Railroad Hobby Show. If you wish to donate any train-related items such as railroad books, hats, badges, stuffed animals or train sets, we will accept them to sell there in January at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds.

From the Waybill Editor - Roma Hertel

On the Friday before Memorial Day, after an intense business trip, we escaped Los Angeles on the Southwest Chief. After checking our bags in at Union Station, we stepped into the courtyard garden. This oasis of calm suddenly engulfed us in stunning nature and architecture. Back inside the fabulous Grand Waiting Room, we travelled to Scandinavia courtesy of "Nordic: A Photographic Essay of Landscapes, Food and People". We resisted the temptation of the glamorous formal restaurant knowing that, soon after our train departed, the call for dinner would sound.

Once aboard, after walking along to the dining car, we shared a table with interesting conversationalists. One, a resident of Flagstaff AZ, commutes by train every other week for a few days of business in Los Angeles, but works from the quiet of home the rest of the time. Convenient overnight travel in each direction

makes this feasible and enjoyable. The other was homeward bound, returning to Illinois after a regular couple-of-times-a-year trip to visit family on the West Coast. As the train climbed east into the dusk, it carried a band of travelers united in the leisurely company of others.

We woke to sunrise over the arid high-altitude sage brush of Arizona, and the new day brought fresh opportunities to meet fellow passengers. While the train underwent mechanical inspection at Albuquerque, there was even enough time for a quick visit to the farmers' market. Then we detrained in Lamy NM, met by the friends hosting us for the next few days. In less than 24 hours we had experienced cities but also gazed across vast open landscapes to far horizons. We glimpsed different ways of life through art, through talking with chance acquaintances, and through reconnecting with far-flung friends.

Long-distance train travel made all this possible. Admittedly Amtrak is not the fastest way to travel 991 miles but, as a day of cultural enrichment and discovery, this will be difficult to beat. Pacing the departure lounge of an airport then being confined in one plane seat just does not compare. Humans are social animals whose life is enriched by stretching the mind and senses, by moving beyond the normal sphere, by interaction with others, by testing ourselves. Maybe most days are more mundane than this, but each only comes once. We should aspire to grasp every precious opportunity to relish and sample experience. Amtrak is not perfect, but the continuance of long-distance train travel adds value to this enormous, diverse country. Striving for improved service and coverage is a worthy endeavor.

Board of Directors, Positions Held April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018

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Vice President - Jeffrey Costello (Jeff)
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Sally M. Avjian - Recording Secretary,
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You will see many of these volunteers as tour leaders on your trips.

It takes a team effort to have a successful volunteer organization. Please share your talents as a volunteer with MVRS and be rewarded by seeing your work in action. Call 617-361-4445 and a volunteer form will be sent to you.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Mystic Valley year runs from April 1 - March 31

Here's what's included:

- Our quarterly paper, *The Waybill*, filled with pictures and schedules of RR events.
- Exclusive members-only tours to unique activities and locations.
- Color Railroad calendar with 12 frameable prints (while supplies last).
- Annual Calendar Color Slide Contest for members.
- Railroad Socials.
- Membership card, The Mystic Valley Pass.
- Railroad films and guest speakers available upon request.

Membership Fees & Classes

1. **Regular Membership** (one person) \$10
2. **Family Membership**
Price of regular membership for one member plus \$4 per additional person living in the same house with regular member. All are full members with only one copy of every mailing mailed to the family address.
3. **Life Membership** (one person, U.S.A. only) \$125
4. For membership outside the U.S.A., please double the above fees (remit in U.S. currency only).

Calendars will be mailed to all current members as stated above and not necessarily presented at time of joining (while supplies last).

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New England
By Train!

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NEW RENEWAL
Regular Membership \$ _____
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organization are gratefully accepted.
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

If you join more than once in the membership year, it will be considered a donation. Please send a SASE, a #10 business size envelope. Cards will be mailed to you in 5-6 weeks. There will be a \$20 service charge for returned checks.

Name: _____

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Please include telephone number (with area code) _____

Email: _____

Family members (no separate mailings). Please list full names: _____

TRAIN SHOWS & EXCURSIONS

By popular demand! To publicize an event please mail details to Mystic Valley Railway Society - Attn: Train Show Column, P.O. Box 365486, Hyde Park MA 02136 or else email contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org. Publication deadline: see page 4.

• **Sat. 9-9-17, 10am-3pm: Train Show**, New Haven Railroad Historical & Technical Association, Valley Railroad, Essex CT. Admission: \$5 suggested donation. Info: nhrhta.org

• **Sat. 9-9 and Sun. 9-10-17, 10am-3pm: Pioneer Valley Live Steamers**, 108 Hillside Road, Southwick MA. Donation for parking: \$5 per person; \$15 per car. Free train rides. Info: www.pvls.org/new-events/

• **Sun. 9-17-17, 9am-1pm: NETCA Southern Chapter Meet**, Army Navy Club, 1090 Main Street, Manchester CT. Admission: \$5 adult; free under 12 (with adult). Info: Dennis Ingalls 508-285-3963, www.netca.org

• **Sat. 10-7 (9am-5pm) and Sun. 10-8-17 (10am-4pm): The Great Scale Model Train Show**, Cow Palace, MD State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd, Timonium MD. Info: gsmts.com

• **Sun. 10-8-17, 9.30am-3.30pm: 25th Anniversary Model Train Show**, New Haven & Derby Model Railroad Club, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Rd (Rte.152), Orange CT. Donation: \$5 adult; \$1 teen (12-18 with adult); free under 12 (with adult). Info: www.newhaven-derbyrailroadclub.org

• **Sat. 10-21 and Sun. 10-22-17, 10am-3pm: Open House (both days) & Train Show** (Sat. only), North Shore Model RR Club, Wakefield MA. Donation: \$5 adult; \$2 senior or child; free under 5; \$10 family maximum. Info: 781-245-4742 show@nsmrc.org, www.nsmrc.org

• **Sat. 10-28 and Sun. 10-29-17: Fall Model Railroad Open House & Show**, South Shore Model Railway Club & Museum, Bare Cove Park, Bldg. 51, 19 Fort Hill Street, Hingham MA. Admission: \$2 adult; free 4 and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Info: www.ssmrc.org

• **Sun. 11-5-17, 9am-2pm: Classic Shows, LLC - Train and Toy Show**, Zandri's Stillwood Inn, 1074 South Colony Rd, Wallingford CT. Admission: \$6 adult; free under 15 (with adult). Info: 203-926-1327, www.ClassicShowsLLC.com

• **Thu. 11-9 thru Sun 11-12-17, North-eastern Region - National Model Railroad Association, Annual Convention: Rails to the Gilded Age**, Newport RI. Sat.11-11: one-day registration available only at the door: model railroad show, vendors, photo and model contests. Info: littlerhoddydiv.org

• **Sun. 11-19-17, 10am-3pm: Cheshire High School Train Show**, Cheshire High School, 525 South Main Street, Cheshire CT. Admission: \$6 adult; free 10 and under (with adult). Info: Thomas J Kotulski 203-265-7527, Thomas_J_Kotulski@sbcglobal.net



West for Thanksgiving

Thursday November 23, 2017

Come celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends as we once again travel westward to the Log Cabin in Holyoke MA. Start with soups and salads, then move onto the main dinner tables where you'll find dishes to tempt your taste buds. Leave room for the dessert, choosing from temptations beyond your wildest dreams.

FEATURES:

Round Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
All-you-can-eat buffet



Fare: \$95 pp

TIMETABLE

<p>8:00am Wellington T (Rte 16 – Medford)</p> <p>8:30am Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)</p> <p>9:00am Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)</p>	<p>5:30pm</p> <p>5:00pm</p> <p>4:30pm</p>	
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Please make all checks payable to: Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc. and mail to: MVRS, P.O. BOX 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009. Thank you. Information for handicapped Accessibility will be provided upon request. Your tickets and itineraries will be mailed about 5 days prior to departure. Note: A service charge of \$20 will be assessed for returned checks.

Hobo Railroad Turkey Train 2016 – Gerard Sevigny

On Saturday September 20, 2016, I took a tour bus ride with the Mystic Valley Railway Society. This time it was off to Lincoln, New Hampshire for the Hobo Railroad Turkey Train.

After a bus ride of more than one hour, we arrived at the bus stop where we parked by a restaurant. At 64 Railroad Street in Lincoln, we saw the beautiful colors of many different kinds of trains. We went to the railroad gift shop and then we went outside. We waited for another train to arrive. We saw different kinds of passenger cars.

We boarded another train, an old-fashioned cranberry sofa seat car. This car was for our tour people. We were lucky because we each had seats. Each table already had water bottles, a tray of paper, spoons, forks, and a cranberry bowl. Beautifully colored plastic leaves were hung from the ceiling of each car.

Two crew staff brought a cart with food for us. One of them cut huge slices of turkey and another lady put several other foods on each plate. I was too busy to eat, looking at the view through the woods. I could see the lake. The staff poured lemonade in each cup.

As we made our way through the NH Lakes' Region, we passed Lake Winnepesaukee, Meredith, and Weirs Beach. We enjoyed seeing a lot of different cottage houses and big houses. They were close

to the train track, directly in our view. The houses behind them were by the lake, and many of them had porches and decks. A female train staffer told me that the taxes on these houses are \$11-15,000 a year.

Our tour brought us through a beautiful, colorful place. We could see green mountains, a lot of boats, and geese. I saw many geese along the shore of Weirs Beach, looking for food. On the shore, I saw a boat garage that served as the lowest level for a four-story condo or apartment building. I was surprised that in place of a basement they had boat parking! The people who live there, travel and enter this place and then climb the stairs up to their home. It was the first time I saw this kind of arrangement.

I saw old sign "Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Serving Northern" on the exterior of an old Pullman car on another track. It had beautiful luxury lamps next to the windows. It made me disappointed because I wished it ran service to most of the areas far away in Maine. It made me remember. More than three years ago John, who works as conductor, had showed me on his laptop computer how a long time ago the far area had the most passenger trains.

We enjoyed looking out at the beautiful views as we rode 17 miles round-trip. We were lucky to be there on a warm, sunny day. We had a nice time on this day.

International News by James Scannell

Premier of Season 7 Game of Thrones

On July 17th, to mark the premiere of Season 7 of the Game of Thrones TV series, London Underground customers experienced a little bit of winter as the series visited four central London tube stations and traveled along the Jubilee line. The Northern line ticket hall at King's Cross St. Pancras tube station was temporarily transformed to accommodate The Iron Throne, where customers could have their picture taken. The station also hosted a band busking the theme song and 1,000 lucky customers received a free Game of Thrones travel wallet. Images from the new series were on walls, columns and floor vinyls, as well as digital screens and escalator panels at King's Cross St. Pancras tube station. Public service announcements were made in a familiar Northern voice. Throughout the day, chaperoned White Walkers, Henchmen, and the Night King could be spotted at Waterloo, Paddington, Liverpool Street and King's Cross St. Pancras tube stations. The Transport for London (TfL) Film Office accommodated a film crew capturing a White Walker travelling on the Jubilee line. This activity was part of an experiential Sky Atlantic advertising campaign on the Tube booked through Hello London, the media partnership between TfL and Exterior Media.

Improvements to TfL's Oyster Card

From July 19th getting around London became even more convenient after a range of improvements to London's Oyster ticketing system were introduced. Passengers who top up their pay as you go credit or buy Travelcards using Oyster online can now collect their purchase from any Tube or rail station, tram stop, or River Bus pier when they touch in, rather than having to nominate a station when they make the purchase. The upgrade has also significantly reduced the time it takes for the product to be ready to collect - from up to 24 hours to just 30 minutes. By the end of the fall, these improvements will also be expanded to allow products to be collected directly on all 9,000 London buses.

The improvements to Oyster will

be followed by further upgrades to the system in the coming year. Later this year the new TfL app will launch, allowing customers to top up their Oyster card with pay-as-you-go credit and buy Travelcards wherever they are. The new app, which will be available to download for free via the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, will allow customers to use their smart cellphone to quickly add pay-as-you-go credit to their Oyster card. It will also allow customers to check how much credit they have on their Oyster card and also provide, for the first time, a 'Low balance' alert direct on their cellphone to help customers ensure they have enough pay-as-you-go credit before they travel.

Throughout 2017 and 2018, further improvements to the Oyster system will also be introduced, including:

- Expanding the Mayor's 'Hopper fare' to allow unlimited journeys on buses and trams within an hour
- Making Bus & Tram Pass season tickets available to purchase online and via the app
- Introducing Weekly Capping on Oyster to bring it in line with Contactless

The technological advances form a key part of TfL's action plan to address concerns raised in the London Travel-Watch report into the closure of ticket offices at London Underground stations, published last year.

Manchester, U.K. Metrolink marks 25th year with musical performances

July marked 25 years since Queen Elizabeth II officially opened the Metrolink network during a special ceremony at St Peter's Square, Manchester. To mark this significant anniversary, pop-up musical performances appeared across the tram network on July 17th to entertain passengers. In celebration of Metrolink's silver jubilee year, Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) joined forces with The Bridgewater Hall - which celebrates a 21st birthday later this year - to deliver an innovating and engaging musical project, Tram Tracks. The project, which culminated in two gala concerts, sought to truly reflect the diverse communities across Greater Manchester and how those communities' lives have been changed by the tram since its inception.

Steam - Diesel - Electric - Modern - Vintage Photo Contest for the 2019 New England Railroading Calendar



40th Edition - Cash Prizes!

Contest to be held on Saturday February 3rd, 2018
Deadline for photo submission is Saturday December 16th, 2017

CONTEST RULES:

- 1 Each participant must be a member in good standing.
- 2 All photos must be taken within the six states of New England: CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT.
- 3 No participant may submit more than 10 photos.
- 4 Photos printed in past MVRS calendars must not be resubmitted.
- 5 All photos MUST be in landscape (horizontal) orientation.
- 6 If a person's face is recognizable in the photo, written consent of that person must be included.
- 7 Photos can be submitted as 35mm slides or as digital images.
- 8 The following are not acceptable: copies of 35mm slides, prints on paper, or digital reproductions of either 35mm slides or prints.
- 9 Digital cameras shall have at least 6 megapixels (3000 x 2000), and should be set to the highest resolution and lowest compression (highest quality).
- 10 Digital photos should be submitted unaltered (as downloaded from the camera) in JPEG, TIFF, or RAW formats (if supported by the camera) on a recordable compact disc (CD-R, DVD-R) or USB flash drive.
- 11 Entries must be accompanied by a signed MVRS entry form. Entry forms will be printed in the December 2017-February 2018 Waybill (photocopy acceptable) or else can be downloaded from <http://www.mysticvalleys.org>
- 12 A caption must be supplied for each photo, and, if possible, submitted electronically (Word, PDF, or any other text file format).
- 13 Digital photo files must be numbered (1-10) so that photos and captions can be matched.
- 14 Entries must be postmarked no later than 11:59pm December 16, 2017.
- 15 A prize of \$150 will be awarded for the front and back cover; \$100 for each calendar month.
- 16 The final selection of photos for the Calendar is at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The decisions of the Board shall be final and non-appealable. The Board will be under no obligation to provide any reasons for its decisions.
- 17 Winning entries become the property of the MVRS, Inc.
- 18 Non-winning entries will only be returned if a self-addressed stamped envelope or package with correct postage was supplied at the time of submission.
- 19 The MVRS is not responsible for any loss or damage to items sent through the mail.

ENTRY FORM IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:

www.mysticvalleys.org click on CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST
Paper form available at www.mysticvalleys.org (see CONTEST RULES above)



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MEMBER-O-GRAM

Director Nancy Roney snapped this photo while visiting relatives in California. There's a great view from the pier in San Clemente, where the station is served by not only Metro-link commuter rail but also Amtrak trains travelling between San Diego and Los Angeles.



Here are some directors at a recent Board Meeting:



The Palma-Sóller antique tourist train in Mallorca

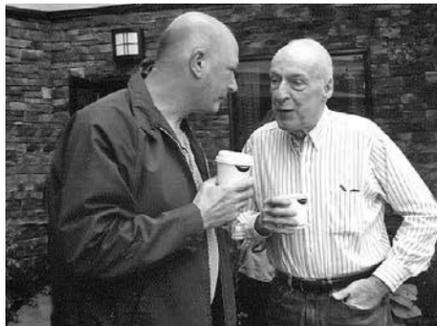


Judy Berson-Hoyt, Ellie Manning, Nancy Jeanne Martin and Lillian Garvey



Mary Verner and Marcia Pennington

In February and March of 2017, Mystic Valley Board Member Joe McDonough and his wife Carol escaped the New England winter by traveling to Europe. February's location was the small fishing village of Fuseta in the popular southern Portuguese province of the Algarve, while in March they visited Mallorca, one of Spain's Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean Sea. Warmer winter temperatures, spectacular scenery, delicious food and inexpensive local wines all made for an enjoyable trip. Plans are on-going for another adventure during the winter of 2018.



Jeff Costello and Joe McDonough



Joe & Carol in Lisbon, Portugal



The impressive cathedral in Palma, Mallorca

Booking Conditions



"We expect people to act respectful in a cordial manner. We also expect our passengers to follow instruction from supervised personnel on all transportation vehicles, i.e., trains, buses, boats, etc. It is important instructions be followed to maintain safety of all participants.

If any passenger is disruptive or refuses to follow direction they are subject to be prohibited from taking part in future trips. To be clear we consider non-compliance with safety directive to be a serious matter as well as use of foul language and disruptive conduct. Any of these behaviors will be grounds for prohibition of participation in future trips and events."

Handicapped Information

The Mystic Valley Railway Society, Inc., endeavors to provide its passengers with information regarding the accessibility of and facilities available for the benefit of our handicapped ridership. In doing so, we make inquiries of the facilities visited and equipment used on each of our trips. Accordingly, since we merely convey this information, we cannot be held responsible for its accuracy.

If you are not self-sufficient and have special needs, you must travel with a companion who can provide assistance to you. By making a reservation for a trip, you are certifying that you do not have any mental, physical or other medical/disability condition that could compromise your safety or that of other trip participants. If you are uncertain about the demands or difficulties of a particular trip or event, please call us for details.

RESERVATIONS

Please send a separate check and SASE for each trip. This way, if a trip did have to cancel, your check could be returned immediately. You will now find a separate coupon for each trip. If you want to come as a group, please list your group together in one reservation and sent to one address.

Calling all Members!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ACTIVITY??



NEW FRIENDS
TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES
REWARDING EXPERIENCES
WAYS TO HELP OTHER MEMBERS
or SHARE A CAREER SKILL??



ALL ABOARD with the Mystic Valley Volunteers – the activities are as varied as their locations. Auto transportation is essential for some events, but many are located on the MBTA routes and may gather at special locations or at members' homes. Is distance an impediment? **NO WAY**, for we have dedicated members in many states and foreign countries who complete their activity by letter or E-Mail. Remember: volunteering allows you to share your talents and interests with those who would benefit most.

TO JOIN THE FUN Please request a volunteer form by submitting your request & membership number to: **M.V.R.S. P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009** or visit our Website www.mysticvalleyrs.org.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? Your request is presented at our regular meeting so that you will be contacted by the appropriate chairperson. From there it is up to you how involved you wish to be, for the level of activity and variety of trips offered by the Society are solely determined by the level of participation supplied by our volunteer members. **WELCOME ABOARD!**



**HEAR YE!
HEAR YE!**
The Call Goes Out
To All Groups! 10 For 10



Group Sales Policy: 10 or more tickets purchased in ADVANCE by the SAME PERSON will be entitled to a 10% DISCOUNT subject to availability.

BLOCK SPACE may be arranged on any non-restricted event with Ticket Coordinator or Tour Director (when assigned) at least 50 days prior to departure. For further information, please contact the Mystic Valley Railway Society, 617-361-4445 or e-mail at contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org.

idea TRIP IDEAS!

Have you visited somewhere around New England that you think the Mystic Valley Railway Society's members and friends would enjoy as much as you did?

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Our Trip Team is always looking for new ideas, places to eat, things to see and do, train rides, museums, boat rides, etc.

With your help we can offer trips at a reasonable cost, that otherwise might have been overlooked.

Please contact us by e-mail at contactus@mysticvalleyrs.org or via regular mail at MVRS, P. O. Box 365486, Hyde Park, MA 02136-0009.

Please provide your phone number or e-mail address, so that we may contact you, should we need more information.

THE MVRS TRIP TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU! BE THERE FOR THEM!

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE
November 1, 2017**



WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

Trains and Boothbay Harbor

Saturday September 9, 2017 Fare: \$80 PP

This brand-new trip offers an early fall day Downeast. There'll certainly be scenery and maybe foliage too. First stop Boothbay Railway Village with train rides (sometimes behind a Henschel steam engine), Maine's Merci Car (a post-WW2 gift from the people of France), and many exhibits including blacksmith and artisan demonstrations. After lunching at the Boothbay Lobster Wharf, enjoy the harbor on your own.

FEATURES:

- Round-trip comfortable motor coach
- Boothbay Railway Village
- Explore Boothbay Harbor
- Boothbay Lobster Wharf restaurant



TIMETABLE

7:00am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	8:00pm
7:30am	Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)	7:30pm
8:00am	Wellington T (Rte 16 - Medford)	7:00pm

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BRIMFIELD FLEA MARKET

Sunday September 10, 2017 Fare: \$60 PP

Join us as we go to Brimfield Flea Market. Explore the country's oldest, largest and best-known outdoor antiques event. Browse to your heart's content. Maybe that rare object you have been searching for is here, or perhaps an unexpected treasure will catch your eye. Lunch is on your own (food courts near the dealers).

FEATURES:

- Round Trip Motor Coach
- Plenty of time on your own



TIMETABLE

7:30am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	7:00pm
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Trains and Boothbay Harbor

Saturday September 9, 2017 Fare: \$80 PP

MENU CHOICES:

- Grilled steak
- Fish and chips
- Chicken finger dinner

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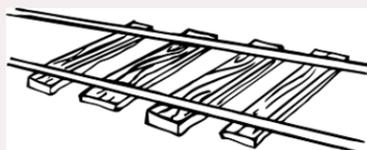
NH Turkey Train

Sunday September 24, 2017 Fare: \$87 PP

Ride the train around Lake Winnepesaukee. View fall scenery from your traveling dining room while enjoying a full turkey dinner, just like Grandma used to make. Then visit Moulton Farm where sustainable agriculture is practiced. Stock up on produce, plants, and other locally-sourced ingredients. Take home prepared items from the farm kitchen, or some Cider Bellies: warm cider doughnuts. There will be farm animals to visit and pet, plus free tractor rides and special events.

FEATURES:

- Round-trip comfortable motor coach
- Hobo Railroad
- Moulton Farm



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Brookfield Hills Foliage

Saturday October 7, 2017 Fare: \$88 pp

A short jaunt into central Massachusetts. Tour Saint Joseph's Abbey, home to a community of monks leading a life of contemplation. The bookshop offers religious books and gifts, as well as their Trappist jams and jellies. Then traverse the roads to Sturbridge for luncheon at the famous Publick House and afterwards visit the small shops in Sturbridge.

FEATURES:

- Round Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- St Joseph's Abbey
- Publick House Historic Inn



TIMETABLE

8:30am	Wellington T (Rte 16 - Medford)	5:30pm
9:00am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	5:00pm
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MENU CHOICES:

- Herb-roasted Chicken
- Yankee Pot Roast
- Butter Crumb Scrod

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A Day on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

By Dirk Hertel

The Tuesday after Memorial Day 2017 we arrived at the railroad yard in Chama NM. A steam locomotive was shunting a pair of wooden cabooses along sidings filled with what I – with my keen interest in pre-WW1 American railroads – found a mouthwatering display of ancient but beautifully-preserved wooden boxcars, cattle cars, gondolas, flat cars and tankers. Here and there the bright yellow of billboard refrigerator cars drew my attention away from their oxide-brown and black neighbors. My first impression was how well cared-for everything looked. Our friends who live near Santa Fe had brought us to the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad (C&TS) for the 10am departure to Antonito CO. The train of bright red wooden passenger cars was already waiting in front of the yellow clapboard depot housing the ticket office and gift shop. We bought a topographic map of the line and the “Ticket to Toltec – A Mile by Mile Guide” by Doris B. Osterwald. These turned out to be good investments, enabling us to follow the train’s progress through the varied and challenging mountainous terrain. We had seats in the parlor car at the rear of the train, so as to have access to the private observation platform. Soon the conductor called “All aboard”, and we were on our way to Antonito CO, 64 miles away.

The C&TS is one of only two surviving railroads from a once-vast network of 3ft narrow-gauge steam operating in New Mexico and Colorado. The other is the Durango & Silverton, formerly connected to Chama. Built in the early 1880s through extremely difficult mountainous terrain, the C&TS connected mines, logging operations, farmers and ranchers to their markets. Narrow-gauge was not only much cheaper, but could operate around sharper curves than standard

gauge (4 ft 8 1/2 in). Although this made for easier passage through the mountains, it did restrict traveling speed. The last of these narrow-gauge railroads operated into the 1960s when the automobile road network had become developed enough for trucks, buses and private cars to pull the rug from under them. In 1970 a group of dedicated volunteers was formed, later incorporated as the Friends of the C&TS Railroad, to save not only the rail line but also a large roster of historic steam locomotives, freight- and passenger cars, plus line-side structures, which together create the ambience of an authentic historic railroad. The same year the states of Colorado and New Mexico purchased the line between Chama and Antonito, and hired an operator to run tourist trains on a non-profit basis. However, as this arrangement only provided for the upkeep of the tourist train, valuable historic equipment and buildings soon fell into disrepair. The Friends developed the long-term goal of promoting the C&TS as a living railroad museum. This involved spending countless hours restoring locomotives, cars, track, and buildings, recovering equipment previously sold to other railroads or scrap, and, above all, raising funds. In 2000 the states fired the operator for breach of contract and, when no new operator could be found, the Friends voted to take over operations. Volunteers became professional railroaders. The results are impressive. The line is in excellent condition, the equipment immaculate, and the train crew makes the experience most enjoyable. Our parlor car attendant kept us supplied with refreshments while sharing her knowledge about the line and its surrounding geology, plant life, and railroad operation in general.



East- and westbound C&TS trains meeting at Osier Station.

The 64-mile eastbound journey begins with a steep climb up the Chama Valley through forests and alpine meadows, on grades of up to of 4%, across the 100 ft high Lobato trestle then loops around steep cliffs up to the high point at Cumbres Pass, over 10,000 ft above sea level. Here winter was not far away, evidenced by the remains of deep snowdrifts. Our long descent to Antonito started through the Tanglefoot Curve, where the engineer blew off steam to the delight of photographers, before continuing down a gentler 1.4% slope through the still-wintery Cumbres and Los Pinos Valleys. The conductor joined us on the observation platform to perform brake duties. He told us that his work is seasonal, and every year he must apply afresh for his position. After crossing the 137 ft-high Cascade Trestle we pulled into Osier CO for a lunch buffet. While waiting for the westbound arrival from Antonito, we got talking to the fireman about a piece of glossy black coal we had found near the track. He explained that this coal is mined in Colorado, and its glossy appearance shows that it is fresh. It turns out that exposure to air, sunlight and rain causes coal to ‘weather’. Oxidation not only makes it appear dull and gray but also reduces its quality, which is of critical importance when powering a train over a 10,000 ft pass on 4%

grades. During this interesting conversation the westbound train steamed in and we could continue eastbound along the precipitous edge of Toltec Gorge. Two tunnels give a glimpse into the difficulties of building a railroad through this terrain: while Rock Tunnel cuts through extremely hard pre-Cambrian rock, Mud Tunnel goes through deposits of soft volcanic ash and mud which erosion has formed into strange spires along the nearby Phantom Curve. After passing the Sublette Section House I noticed the landscape changing into gentler mesas and foothills, covered with ponderosa pine and sagebrush. The Whiplash Curves and Lava Loop take the line down into the semi-arid sagebrush plains surrounding Antonito, the terminus. From here a motorcoach took us back to Chama.

The narrow-gauge railroad once continued south along the edge of the Rio Grande canyon (and I was excited to later trace its route on Google Earth). It eventually reached the canyon floor at Embudo NM, where an old water tower marks the site of the station, before continuing to Santa Fe. This memorable journey not only gave me a window into the past of railroading but also demonstrated what dedicated volunteers can achieve.



C&TS train crossing Cascade Trestle.



Roma talking coal with the fireman.

Riding the Rails

By Robert A. LaMay



Acela 2163 passing boardwalk at Niantic CT



P&W works yard at Middletown CT



Train 190 rolls past Westerly RI



Acela Express 2163 at Westerly RI



Vets units rolls past Four Mile River, East Lyme CT

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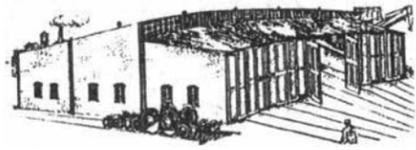
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The Roundhouse



A National Historic Landmark, the St. Charles streetcar line in New Orleans is acknowledged as the oldest continuously operating streetcar line in the world, dating back to 1835. Now a federal court law suit under the Americans with Disabilities Act is forcing some changes. Six stops will be modified to permit wheelchair access. One of the historic 1920s era streetcars will be modified to carry wheelchairs. [TRAINS].

An Amtrak conductor was shot and seriously wounded in Naperville IL. A judge ordered that the alleged shooter be given a mental health evaluation. [Chicago Tribune]

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker has announced that Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's (MBTA) Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) will extend its governance of the agency by two years. MBTA Acting General Manager and Chief Administrator Brian Shortleeve is scheduled step down from his positions on July 1 and join the Fiscal Control Board. [Progressive Railroad].

The Conway Scenic Railroad will be holding Railfan Days on the weekend of September 2 and 3. On Sunday, September 3 they will revive an old B&M train name, the "Day White Mountains", and run through Crawford Notch to Whitefield NH. The former B&M and Maine Central diamond crossing in Whitefield is still protected by an historic ball signal which has not seen much use in recent years.

Penn Station has been a major topic for all the New York news media this spring and summer. The station was built by the Pennsylvania Railroad in one of the most massive construction projects of the early twentieth century. It is now owned by Amtrak and also used by the Long Island Railroad and New Jersey Transit. Amtrak President Wick Moorman decided to do extensive track repair work from July 10 to September 1. His decision reverses an earlier plan which would have spread track work over several years. Both commuter railroads plus Amtrak are reducing the number of trains using the station. Some of the remaining trains will carry extra cars. Although New York commuter trains will be seriously impacted, Amtrak has said that the impact on Boston trains will be minimal.

Some New Jersey Transit trains which normally go to Penn Station will terminate at Hoboken. There will be extra rush-hour ferry service from Hoboken to Manhattan.

When Wick Moorman became Amtrak CEO last year after retiring from Norfolk Southern, he made it clear that he really wanted to retire and his time at Amtrak would be brief. The Amtrak board has chosen Richard Anderson, a former Delta Airlines CEO to succeed Mr. Moorman. The two will serve as co-CEOs until 12/31/17 when Mr. Moorman will assume an advisory role. [TRAINS]

In India Delhi Metro Rail has an-

nounced plans to operate electric trains without drivers on their Magenta Line starting in October 2017. India uses British railroad jargon so the word for the displaced employee is driver rather than engineer. [The Economic Times]

A while back we mentioned the replacement of the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge between Portsmouth NH and Kittery ME. The old bridge carried the Boston and Maine RR Eastern Route Main Line on the lower level and highway traffic on the upper level. Maine DOT has put some interesting details on line. There is an old B&M tunnel on the Maine side that is being demolished. Some railfan internet chatter says that what MDOT is calling a tunnel is more of a covered culvert. The new bridge will have rails in the highway median strip and on the rare times there is a rail movement to Navy Yard in Kittery the highway will descend to the rail level stopping all highway traffic.

On Saturday, July 1 Vermont suffered a series of flash floods. The New England Central Railroad (former CV) was hit with several serious washouts in the White River Junction area. The floods halted Amtrak's Vermonter at Windsor. Passengers were transferred to buses. The busing continued for several days while track was repaired. [Steel Wheels Photography and TRAINS].

On July 2, a grand re-opening event was held at Springfield Union Station. The station dates back to 1926 and is the fourth union station to serve Springfield MA. In 1926 the three railroads were New York Central's Boston & Albany subsidiary, the New Haven, and the Boston and Maine. Today all the trains are operated by Amtrak. The modern station is also home to several bus companies. It may get a second rail operator this year or next if Connecticut implements its plan for Hartford Line commuter service.

On July 4th Amtrak Northeast Regional Train 67 was damaged after hitting debris on CSX tracks near Charles City County VA. The train was en-route from Boston to Newport News VA. The 84 passengers on board had to wait five hours for buses. Passengers suffered in the heat as air conditioning functioned intermittently. [Richmond Times-Dispatch]

The New York Post ran an opinion piece on the state of the city's subway system. Here are some quotes: In 1982, the system logged 899 million rides. Last year, it was 1.7 billion rides. The busiest station in the system, Times Square, had 37 million riders annually in 1975 — and 66.4 million in 2015. This is apace with the population numbers. In 1980, the census found 7.07 million living in New York City. That grew to 8.5 million in 2016. The number of commuters coming into Manhattan has grown dramatically. It's right and proper that the politicians who run the transportation system — especially Gov. Andrew Cuomo — are getting raked over the coals. Cuomo is always ready to cut a ribbon. What needs to happen to save the city's transportation network is the opposite of that.

We have a decades-old maintenance deficit. Everyone involved in keeping the

system healthy has been more interested in showing off shiny bells and whistles than in the unglamorous scut work that keeps our multifarious marvel of urban engineering — New York's subways, trains, buses, bridges, streetscape, roads — on the move. In the end, it all comes back to the rails. Those 850 miles of subway track constitute the life's blood of the most economically powerful city in the world, a city that generates around \$1.5 trillion a year. Atherosclerotic plaque is slowing down that life's blood and causing daily bouts of commuter angina — and threatens to attack its beating heart and stop it dead.

We've created a political-dynamic in the region that is designed to shift blame: The MTA, which runs the subways and two commuter railroads, has 17 directors beholden to various political pooh-bahs. The Port Authority, with its bridges and tunnels and another commuter train, is run by two states, so any problems just lead to convenient finger-pointing both ways across the Hudson.

The buck has been passed forever. Now it's judgment time.

Positive Train Control (PTC) has been a major topic in the rail press for the last several years. Primitive forms of automatic train stopping systems have been in use on some railroads and transit systems since the early part of the twentieth century. Reading government press releases might give the idea that this idea is 100% new. It is not. However, PTC is now a federal mandate. Railway Age reports that the first modern PTC system to be used on a regular passenger train (not a test train) is on the commuter trains of California's North County Transit District (NCTD) on their San Diego subdivision. On a more local note the MBTA will be installing PTC on Lowell Line. From August 5 until October 1 buses will replace trains on weekends on the Lowell Line.

Starting October 31 it will be possible to travel by train from Boston to Roanoke VA. [TRAINS].

Railroaders at CSX Transportation will soon be responsible for purchasing their own safety boots and reflective safety apparel. As of Aug. 1, railroad officials say they'll end the company's safety boots and high visibility bundle program. CSX currently supplies safety boots and high visibility safety gear to its crews. This is an example of one of many changes made by new CEO Hunter Harrison. [TRAINS].

WALLINGFORD, Conn. — The long-anticipated commuter rail service on Amtrak's 62-mile New Haven, Conn.-Springfield, Mass., line is expected to become a reality in May 2018.

In a showing of his administration's commitment to public transportation, Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy was joined by Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman and state Commissioner of Transportation James P. Redeker for a media event at a new rail station in Wallingford on July 24. Malloy announced that the state had awarded a five-year \$45 million contract to operate the new service to a joint venture of TransitAmerica and Alternat Concepts. Officials also showed off

new station signs showing "CT rail."

Initial weekday service is slated to include 17 New Haven-Hartford roundtrips. Twelve of those roundtrips will continue to Springfield, Mass., which is just 6 miles north of the state line. The new operators' employees will run the trains, which will be provided by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. The equipment likely will come from the state's current Shore Line East diesel and push-pull coach fleet currently used over Amtrak and Metro-North between New London and Stamford, Conn. Agency officials once said that they may lease other equipment for the Hartford Line as well.

Key to the new services has been a three-year project of restoring double track to 38 miles of the route that lost its second track during an Amtrak centralized traffic control project nearly three decades ago. Prior to the startup next year, the 33 miles between New Haven and West Hartford all will have double track. Completion of double-track north of Hartford will follow. Malloy said that the previously planned January 2018 startup was being pushed back to allow Amtrak to add four additional miles of double track north of Hartford prior to adding the trains.

"Why do that and frustrate a lot of people when you're trying to build ridership?" Malloy said Monday.

For the foreseeable future, remaining single track over 3.8 miles through downtown Hartford will be a potential choke point for the added service. Redeker explained that an upcoming large Interstate 84 rebuilding project in the area likely will result in a relocation of the rail line, leading to the decision to postpone double-tracking at this time.

Line owner Amtrak continues to designate the route as its Springfield Line. The State of Connecticut is marketing it as the Hartford Line. Amtrak was an unsuccessful bidder for the new service. Company vice president of operations Michael J. Decataldo addressed the media on Monday, saying that Amtrak will work with the new service providers and will continue to operate its intercity trains on the line. That service consists of the St. Albans, Vt. to Washington, D.C. Vermonter, one Springfield-Washington through round trip (two on weekends), and five Springfield-New Haven shuttles.

Add freight trains from Connecticut Southern Railroad and Pan Am Southern, and the Hartford Line can be expected to be a busy corridor.

For now, maximum speed on the route will remain 80 mph, as it has been since CTC was installed in the 1980s. However, state officials anticipate that all of the track improvements made as part of this project will allow shorter running times over the route. And Redeker says that there will be segments over which trains will be able to operate at 110 mph.

Ticket and fare information was not available at press time. The new Hartford Line commuter trains will connect with both Metro-North and Amtrak Northeast Corridor trains at New Haven. [TRAINS]

Lines from Ireland

May to July 2017

By James Scannell

The Republic of Ireland does not have a police force like the United Kingdom's (U.K.) British Transport Police. That body has responsibility for law enforcement and policing in railroad stations, trains, and on railroad company property. But this could change in the near future, as a number of political representatives have called on the Irish Government to consider establishing an Irish Transport Police with responsibility for policing on trains, in railroad stations and LUAS. While private security guards travel on trains and the LUAS on a random basis, and at night, and also provide security in railroad stations and railroad property, they do not have the same powers of arrest and detention as members of An Garda Síochána, the national police force for the Republic of Ireland. This means that, at times, they have to wait for police officers to arrive at incidents to make arrests or expel unruly individuals. It's believed that if the Irish Government does not establish a Transport Police, the Garda Síochána will be asked to

establish a special Transport Division to undertake this role.

Testing of Dublin's new LUAS streetcar lines, which will connect the city southside Green line terminus with the northside Red line, is now underway in advance of the opening of this connecting line later this year. LUAS Cross City has now energized the overhead electric lines with vehicle testing and driver testing now in progress.

On July 20th An Post, the Irish Post Office, released a series of four postage stamps featuring Irish railroad stations across the Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail) network. Stations featured are Heuston Station, Dublin, a magnificent building designed by English architect Sancton Wood, originally known as Kingsbridge Station, and opened in 1846; Clarke Station, Dundalk, Co. Louth, designed by William Hamilton Mill and opened in 1849; Kent Station in Cork City, originally known as Glanmire Road Station, opened in 1893; and Bagenalstown Station (Muine Bheag) in Co. Carlow, also

designed by Sancton Wood.

Iarnród Éireann has applied to the Irish Government for permission to formally abandon a number of lines. Most have not seen service for a number of years, with some sections having had their rails lifted but still remain company property so Iarnród Éireann is still responsible for the upkeep of the fixed infrastructure such as bridges and tunnels. The lines effected are Ballingrane Junction to Foynes; Tralee to Ballingrane Junction; Tralee to Fenit; Waterford Abbey Junction to New Ross; and Navan to Kingcourt.

Iarnród Éireann is currently proposing to construct a new National Train Control Centre at Heuston Station, Dublin, to replace the existing Centralised Traffic Control centre presently located in Dublin's Connolly Station. The expected cost is in the region of US \$2M with construction time of 33 months.

In Belfast, the new proposed transport hub to replace the Europe Bus Station and

Great Victoria Street railroad station will be known as 'Weavers Cross' if approved.

Celebrating her 85th birthday this year is former Great Northern Railways (Ireland) V-class 4-4-0 steam locomotive No. 85 'Merlin'. She was built by Beyer Peacock in 1932 and is currently operated by the Railway Preservation of Ireland (RPSI). This organization operates the largest fleet of preserved steam locomotives over the Irish railroad network on steam train trips.

On Saturday July 22nd and Sunday July 23rd, extra trains were operated with an increased frequency on the DART system to facilitate the thousands of people who travelled to Bray, Co. Wicklow, 12 miles south of Dublin. The free 2017 Bray Air Display attracted upwards of 90,000 on both days, viewing flying displays and flypasts by a wide variety of aircraft. Extra services also ran after the air show.



WEEKEND DAY TRIPS

White Mountain Brunch

Sunday October 15, 2017 Fare: \$78 pp

Please join us on our return visit to North Conway NH for some foliage viewing and the spectacular Sunday Brunch at the White Mountain Hotel & Resort nestled in Hale's Location. Afterwards, we'll go downtown where there's plenty to see, shops to visit, and the possibility of riding the Conway Scenic Railway (at own cost).

FEATURES:

- Round trip comfortable motor coach
- Buffet lunch at White Mtn Hotel & Resort
- Shopping in downtown North Conway
- Option on your own Conway Scenic Railway



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Salem Cross Inn and Breezlands Orchards

Saturday November 4, 2017 Fare: \$100 pp

Visit the Salem Cross Inn, an historic 1705 farmhouse-turned-restaurant, for a Fire-side Feast. Explore the grounds in a horse-drawn wagon then come inside for cheese, crackers and cider by the fire. Browse the antiques collection. See your prime rib roasting in the open hearth. Use an antique apple peeler to help prepare deep-dish apple pie. Then we'll stop at Breezlands Orchards, run by the Tuttle Family for 5 generations, where New England history is baked into every apple pie.

FEATURES:

- Round Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- Original Historic Fireplace Feast
- Visit to Breezlands Orchards in Warren



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MENU CHOICES:



- Prime Rib
- Chicken Pot Pie

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Bright Nights

Saturday December 2, 2017 Fare: \$85 pp

We will experience the ambience of Christmas Days of long ago with a delicious meal at the Deerfield Inn, at an old-time country inn dating back to 1884. After lunch, we will travel to the Yankee Candle Village Store and see Fairy Tale Fantasies, Santa's Workshop and hands-on candle making. Our travels will then take us to Bright Nights in Springfield MA, where we will drive through three miles of spectacular Christmas Lighting.

FEATURES:

- Round Trip Motor Coach
- Deerfield Inn
- Yankee Candle, Deerfield MA
- Bright Nights, Springfield MA



TIMETABLE

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	9:00am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	9:30pm	
	9:30am	Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)	9:00pm	

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Yuletide in Newport

Saturday December 9, 2017 Fare: \$106 pp

Start the Yuletide holidays with a visit to The Elms, a National Historic Landmark modeled on a French mid-18th century chateau. This Newport RI mansion will be dressed in Christmas glory showcasing its lavish European furnishings. Following a seasonal lunch at the famous La Forge Casino there'll be time to visit the shops on Bellevue Street. Afterwards we will head for the dazzling Christmas lights of La Salette Shrine in Attleboro MA.

FEATURES:

- Round Trip Comfortable Motor Coach
- La Forge Casino, Newport
- The Elms, Newport
- Shopping on Bellevue Street
- La Salette Shrine in Attleboro



TIMETABLE

↓	9:00am	Wellington T (Rte 16 - Medford)	8:00pm	↑
	9:30am	Riverside T (Exit 22, Rte 95/128)	7:30pm	
	10:00am	Braintree T (Exit 17, Rte 3)	7:00pm	

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Bright Nights

Saturday December 2, 2017 Fare: \$85 pp

MEAL CHOICES:



- Baked Chicken Breast
- Apple-Brandy Pork Loin
- Shepherd's Pie

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