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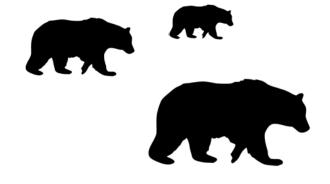


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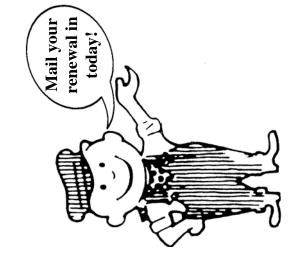
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From the President - Theresa E. Rylko

Happy New Year as we start our 53rd year. There have been a lot of changes, but one thing stays steady. That is your love for traveling with the club. Remember this is your waybill and the best way to communicate with other members. Thank you for your comments and concerns concerning your membership. Our membership year runs from April 1 to March 31. We use the first year of the membership for coding -So this year will be coded M23. Here is the Picture of the members of the Board.

From the Acting Vice President - Jeff Costello

April 2023 Mystic Valley Railway Society is 53 years old and we made it through some difficult times but we're doing our thing. Our annual was May1 and we welcomed a new director Gerard Sevigny a good friend and frequent traveler on our adventures. The trip team has presented a list of familiar but good trips. Clarks Bears, Wiscasset, Waterville, and Farmington Railway Museum in Alna Maine, boat cruises, and of course lots of good food and good friends. More in the Waybills. If you have any places of interest, good restaurants, contact the MVRS trip team and maybe



you'll see "your trip" listed. Back at home, I'm the happiest engineer. Train layout with at least 30 cars and accompaning engines up and running! Of course there is still more to do and gig dreams keep me going! Also big trains, Cape Cod Central Railroad in Hyannis has Mothers Day and Fathers Day trips with lunch. More trains I love it. My wife thinks I should have been an engineer! Mystic Valley Railway Society is still here and we hope all can join us on the upcoming planned trips. Of course as usual ideas from our members are welcome All aboard!

The End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Officially Ends - By Ms. Kimberly Calvi, Paralegal to Attorney Bradley C. Pinta of Pinta Law Group, LLC

It is probably safe to say that no one is sad to see the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Per federal mandates, the public health emergency will officially end on May 12, 2023. Massachusetts will end it the day before. After an abrupt start just over three years ago in March of 2020, the pandemic affected society in every single way—personally, professionally, technologically, socially, and financially—and resulted in some serious setbacks for businesses—the travel and restaurant industries, for instance. It also forced people to be adaptable and resilient, and those are skills that cannot be minimized. Medical experts state that the virus will still continue to mutate and resurface periodically, just like the flu, but the daily burden of accommodating it and factoring it into our lives will no longer be a preoccupation. Vaccines will still be available to the public and will still be funded by the government.

But what does this really mean for us in our communities? First, it goes without saying that life will not return completely to the way it was before the pandemic. Too much has changed and has become the 'new normal.' Hand sanitizers are everywhere, from eleva-

New England

By Train!

tor banks in buildings to entryways in smaller shops, to public places, such as libraries. In many restaurants, menus are only available by means of a QR code or looking at the menu on the restaurant's website, which means you must have your cell phone available.

Second, prominently displayed and a part of the tourism industry are new, contactless technologies. It was just a few short years ago that these were novel concepts, such as self check-in at the airport. The pandemic accelerated these technological advancements.

The upside, though, of no longer laboring under the cloud of a global pandemic—and with the warmer weather on the way—is that summer travel is something we can again look forward to and make more than tentative plans. It should be noted that people have been traveling for several months with limited restrictions, so traveling again isn't a recent development. But it is reassuring to know that there's a bit of freedom to be had, and enjoyed, knowing that we no longer have to remember to pack masks! Let's all finally look forward to a great summer!

Riding the Rails

By Robert A. LaMay



Ribbon Cutting Train at New Haven



A Night at the Museum Willimantic



A High Roller leaves Old Saybrook



Climbing through the Berkshires



Stopping for Chocolates at Wehtersfield



Snow Blowing at Palmer

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

For Our 2023-2024 Membership year 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.
- Discover : Membership card, The Mystic Valley Pass.
 Railroad films and guest speakers available upon request.

Membership Fees & Classes

1. **Regular Membership** (one person) 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

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Lines fr#m Ireland

On March 22nd Iarnród Éireann lodged a DART+ South West Railway Order application with An Bord Pleanála [The Irish Planning Board] to seek permission to extend the electrified DART network from Hazelhatch and Celbridge to Heuston Station and the South city via the Phoenix Park Tunnel.

The statutory public consultation period commenced on March 29th and will run for a period of seven weeks until May 16th Following the DART+West Railway Order (Maynooth/M3 Parkway to Dublin) being lodged with An Bord Pleanála in July 2022, DART+ South West is the second line in the DART+ Program to reach this stage.

Funded by the National Transport Authority, under Project Ireland 2040, the DART+ South West will provide a greatly enhanced and more sustainable transport option for communities in Hazelhatch and Celbridge, Adamstown, Clondalkin and Fonthill, Parkwest, and Cherry Orchard, a new station at Heuston West and Drumcondra. This will be achieved through infrastructure works resulting in higher frequencies and electrification, and new trains, to increase passenger capacity from the current 5,000 to 20,000 per hour per direction. The design phase of the project was supported by a grant from the EU Structural Development Fund.

The planned infrastructure improvements include:

20km of electrification and re-signalling of the Hazelhatch and Celbridge Line to Heuston and the south city via Phoenix Park Tunnel

Construction of a new station at Heuston West to serve the community of Clancy Quay and Island Bridge

Four-tracking of the rail line from Park West and Cherry Orchard Station to Heuston to enhance capacity

All civil, bridge and ancillary works as necessary to accommodate the project Upgrading of the Phoenix Park Tunnal

New electric DART carriages for the DART+ Programme will be deployed on Hazelhatch and Celbridge services

There have previously been two rounds of non-statutory public consultation on this project, with revisions to the proposals arising from feedback received. These changes included the provision of a new station at Heuston West.

Potentially directly impacted landowners and occupiers within the lands referenced in the Railway Order Application were contacted directly in advance of the lodgment of the Order on March 22nd.

Subject to receiving An Bord Pleanála approval and funding allocation it is anticipated that construction will commence in 2025 and be completed in late 2029.

Irish Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan T.D. [Congressman], was at Dublin's Inchicore Railway Works on March 29th for a preview of a life-size sample prototype of a new DART+ fleet carriage developed by manufacturers Alstom as part of the final phase of the design process. Throughout the process, from procurement to development phases, there was ongoing customer and driver consultation using focus groups. In total, 185 of the new carriages have been ordered to date, with delivery commencing in 2024 and entering service from 2025.

The prototype located in Inchicore Works demonstrates key new fleet features -

Prioritisation of independent access, with low-height doorway thresholds on all carriages equipped with an automatic retractable step and offering the potential for unassisted level access from suitable platforms, aligned with platform enhancements. In addition, improved dedicated wheelchair spaces will be provided

Improved facilities for families and for cyclists, with dedicated family areas, and bike areas.

Enhanced customer information, with large, high-resolution onboard displays providing real-time updates, including information from other public transport systems in the Transport for Ireland network, and other features designed for the needs of sensory impaired customers. The displays include features such as indicators for customers on busier areas of the train, advance notice of which side to exit the train.

Charging facilities throughout for connected customers on the move.

An advanced CCTV system with cameras throughout every carriage, to enhance safety and security for customers and employees.

Comfortable individual seating, reflecting longer distances which the DART+ fleet will operate, designed following customer focus group testing.

News from Britain

Centenary of the Flying Scotsman steam locomotive

Famous British steam locomotive

February to April 2023

By James Scannell

'The Flying Scotsman first entered service on February 23rd 1923 and broke records by hauling the first non-stop London to Edinburgh, Scotland, service in 1928 and became Britain's first locomotive to officially reach a speed of 100 m.p.h .six years later. Considered the world's most famous steam train, it has amassed crowds worldwide during tours throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. On February 23rd 2023 the occasion was marked by a special event at Edinburgh Waverley station with dancing and poetry. Poet laureate Simon Armitage read out a poem called 'The Making Of The Flying Scotsman' to celebrate its 100th anniversary year. Dancers from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society performed 'The Flying Scotsman' and the event was rounded off with a set by rock band the Red Hot Chilli Pipers. The train will spend the remainder of this year travelling across Britain to allow as many people as possible to see it.

The 97-tonne locomotive, costing US\$32000 to build in 1923, was designed by Edinburgh-born Sir Nigel Gresley, built in Doncaster, and was among the first 4-6-2 Gresley Pacifics created for the London and North Eastern Railway [LNER] and is the only locomotive of the class that has been preserved to the present day. The 70ft locomotive retired from regular service in 1963 after covering more than two million miles. It changed hands between steam preservation enthusiasts before becoming a working exhibit at the National Railway Museum in York in 2004. During its retirement from LNER, it toured throughout the United States and Canada from 1969 until 1973 and Australia in 1988 and 1989.

HS2 line between Birmingham and Crewe delayed by two years (March 9th)

British Transport secretary Mark Harper announced in early March that the Birmingham to Crewe leg of the HS2 high speed railroad will be delayed by two years to cut costs, blaming soaring prices and said he was "committed" to the line linking London, the Midlands and North of England. HS2 has been beset by delays and cost rises. In 2010, it was expected to cost US\$45 bn but is now expected to be US\$90bn.Mr Harper said "significant inflationary pressure" and increased project costs meant the government was to "re-phase construction by two years" but that it was part of

"controlling inflation and reducing government debt". The project is grappling with the rising cost of materials due to the high rate of inflation with the government hoping s that the delays will allow it to spread the cost over a longer period of time, making it more affordable by reducing annual expenditure.

Derby chosen as location for new Great British Railways rail HQ

Towards the end of March is was announced that Derby would be the location for the headquarters of Great British Railways (GBR), the new public body will own the rail infrastructure, procure passenger services and set most fares and timetables. Doncaster, York, Birmingham, Crewe and Newcastle-upon-Tyne were also on the final shortlist of possible locations. The selection criteria included alignment to transport connections, railway heritage and value for money.

In May 2021, former Transport Secretary Grant Shapps announced plans for GBR to be set up, saying it would replace an HYPERLINK "https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-57176858" "overcomplicated and fragmented" system and was due to be launched early next year but this date has been delayed.

Derby is already home to Britain's largest train factory, which employs about 2,000 people, and the former Railway Technical Centre in the south-east of the city - currently a business park - has been earmarked as a potential site for the headquarters.

London to Edinburgh train service named for King Charles III

The LNER's daily 11 a.m. train from King's Cross, London to Edinburgh Waverley, Scotland, will be known as the Carolean Express and will be launched on the east coast line on coronation day, Saturday May 6th. The weekday Flying Scotsman service runs in the opposite direction to London. The reign of King Charles III will be known as the Carolean period, the same name as the eras of Charles I and II.

Man jailed for attempting to throw woman in front of Tube at King's Cross, London

A man who drunkenly tried to throw a woman in front of a Tube train on August 29th last year as she travelled to Notting Hill Carnival was sentenced to 10 years in prison on April 24th at London Inner Crown Court after pleading guilty to attempted murder and will serve up to two thirds of his sentence in custody.

TRAIN SHOWS & EXCURSIONS

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 1.

- Sun 6-18: Pioneer Valley Life Steamers Father's Day Open House, 108 Hillside Rd, Southwick MA 01077. Info: www.pioneervalleylivesteamers.org/events-and-meetings.
- Sat 6-24 to Sun 7-02: 69th TCA National Convention to be held in Burlington, Vermont. Info: tcaconvention.org/
 Wed 7-05 to Wed 8-30, every Wednesday (5:30 7:30pm): Ice Cream Night at
- the Seashore Trolley Museum, 195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport ME 04046. Info: www.trolleymuseum.org.

 Sat 7-23 and Sun 7-24 (9:30am 4:30pm): Daniel Tiger visits Seashore Trolley
- Sat 7-23 and Sun 7-24 (9:30am 4:30pm): Daniel Tiger visits Seashore Trolley Museum, 195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport ME 04046. Info: www.trolleymuseum. org.
- Sat 8-12 and Sun 8-13 (9:30am 4:30pm): Dino Trolley at the Seashore Trolley Museum, 195 Log Cabin Road, Kennebunkport ME 04046. Info: www.trolleymuseum. org.
- **Sat 8-19** (9am 41:30pm): **Touch-A-Train 2023** sponsored by New England Steam at the Washington Junction Yard, 8 Railroad Siding, Hancock ME 04640. Info: www.touchatrain.org/, email hbrooks@newenglandsteam.org.
- Sun 8-20: 37th Annual Concord Model Railroad Show, Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Rd, Concord NH 03301. Info: www.trainweb.org/cmrc/, email rhfsaf@aol.com and 603-736-8061.

- Sun 8-17 (10am-3:30pm): 23rd Annual Model Railroad Show and Sale sponsored by the Old Colony Model Railroad Club at the Clarion Hotel (formerly a Holiday Inn), 700 Miles Standish Blvd., Taunton MA 02780. Info: Dennis Ingalls at 508-558-9883 or email dingalls@comcast.net.
- Sat 9-09 and Sun 9-10: The Great War Remembered: World War I Reenactment Weekend on the WW&F Join Maine's 103rd Regiment for Living History, at the WW&F Railway Museum, 97 Cross Road, Alna ME 04535: Info: wwfry.org, email info@wwfry.org, call 207-882-4193.
- Sun 9-24 (9am 2pm): Train show sponsored by the Southern New England Chapter of NETCA at Elks Club #1893, 30 Bissell St., Manchester CT 06040. Info: www. snechapter.org or email Todd Metcalf at trainsmore@aol.com or call 860-432-2124.
- Sun 9-24 to Sat 9-30 (9am 9pm): Visit the Cumberland Fair and see the 470 Railroad Club (at old Yarmouth Section House) and the Maine 3Railers O Scale Model Club (in the Agriculture Building), 197 Blanchard Rd., Cumberland ME 04021. Info: 470rrclub.blogspot.com/.
- Sat 9-30 to Sun 10-01 (10am 4pm): Railfair 2023 sponsored by the Nashua Valley Railroad Association, 242 Adams Place, Boxboro MA 01719. Info: nvrra.com or email showchair@nvrra.com.

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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!

CLARK'S BEARS

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023 \$95.00 P/P

Join us for a fun filled day @ Clark's, where you can enjoy numerous train trips being chased by the Wolfman. Tour five different museum /houses, and enjoy the black bear and acrobat shows.

FEATURES: Round trip motor coach A fun filled day



TIMETABLE

7:00 AM 7:30 AM 8:00 AM

BRAINTREE T(EXIT 17, RTE.3) RIVERSIDE T (EXIT 38 OFF RTE.128) 8:00 PM WELLINGTONT (RTE16, MEDFORD) 7:30 PM

All times are approximate and subject to change

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mailed about 5 days prior to departure. Note: A service charge of \$20 will be assessed for returned checks.

Newport Play House and Lobsterfest **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023** \$120.00 P/P

They are back both the Newport Playhouse and Lobsterfest. Come and enjoy a buffet lunch featuring Lobsters along with a funny play and a cabaret show.

All times are approximate and subject to change

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Enjoy the day in Scenic Vermont after a ride via the Hairpin Turn. Enjoy Lunch at the Publyk House in Bennington Vermont. With a choice of Meatloaf or Baked Cod. Then enjoy a visit to the Apple Barn Gift Shop.

MEAL CHOICES:

Meatloaf

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HOBO RAILROAD & MOULTON FARM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Come with us as we enjoy an early fall day in Meredith NH. Enjoy a Hot Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on the train as We enjoy the views from the Western Shores of Lake Winnipesaukee. Then we will travel to Moulton Farm, where their mouthwatering cider donuts are available.

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9:00 AM Riverside T (EXIT 38 off Rte. 128) 9:30 AM Wellington T (Rte. 16 Medford) 6:30 PM All times are approximate and subject to change



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